



NEWSBRIEFS

Good PR

The Public Relations Department in the Socorro Independent School District has earned 19 Star Awards from the Texas School Public Relations Association for publications, campaigns, photos, and videos produced during the 2014-2015 school year. The Public Relations Department was recognized for its outstanding work using various media and featuring many programs in Team SISD. The PR team won 2 Crystal Merit, 10 gold, 5 silver, 2 bronze awards, and two Best of Category designations for its SISD-TV News and Achieving Success as a Team – LIVE! programs. TSPRA's annual Star Awards provide recognition for the outstanding education communications and projects of PR professionals who are members of the state organization. Independent, impartial judges evaluate each work and project based on set criteria and they award Gold, Silver and Bronze Star Awards, as well as Best of Category, Crystal Commendations and the Platinum Award for an all-encompassing, yearlong communications project.

– Christina Flores-Jones

Targeting seniors

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) warns seniors traveling abroad to beware of schemers who might trick them into smuggling drugs into the U.S., reports the Association of Mature American Seniors. The traffickers figure that customs officers are less likely to search baggage belonging to elderly travelers. ICE says that the bad guys entice them via social media and fraudulent telemarketers with offers of free travel and other perks. Special investigators said they saved one 97-year-old man from falling victim to the scam before he took off on what he thought would be a free trip abroad.

– John Grimaldi

Wanted

A Westside business is robbed at gunpoint by two men. The El Paso Police Department is asking for the public's help in find those responsible, through the Crime Stoppers. On the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 two men walked in to the Mesa

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Live so that when death comes the mouners will outnumber the cheering section.

– Quips & Quotes

Sanchez featured by Archaeological Society

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – History buffs, archaeologists, folklore collectors, and anyone else who likes to hear the stories of this region's colorful days of yore are invited to spend an afternoon with Irma Escontrias Sanchez as she recounts the myths and legends of her family's adventurous past.

Sanchez will be the guest speaker for the El Paso Archaeological Society's (EPAS) next program, which is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, March 19, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Sanchez is a descendant of Silverio Escontrias, who in 1898 purchased a ranch that was nestled in the desert lands surrounding the mountains that were formed by huge boulders and cavernous slopes. He bought the land from the Texas and Pacific Railway Company. The unique, massive piles of earth on his ranch land were referred to as Hueco Tanks, which is located about 30 miles east of downtown El Paso.

In those days, the acquisition of this property signified the first documented purchase of such land. The Escontrias family members built an adobe ranch house, that was tucked away amid those



– Photo courtesy of Irma Escontrias Sanchez

A FAMILY PORTRAIT – Silverio Escontrias (center) was the family patriarch who raised cattle on a ranch that was situated in what is now Hueco Tanks State Park.

mountain boulders, and operated their cattle business for many years.

The ranch came to represent a unique bridge between the Indian cultures and state ownership. For Hueco, which is Spanish for hollow, Tanks was where rainwater collected and stored in the rocks, creating an oasis in the Southwestern desert.

The Escontrias patriarch was a Texas Ranger and always got along well with the Indians, according to family members. Ranching in such an isolated area gave raiding Indians an easy target, so Escontrias relied on his powers of communication to secure peace. The

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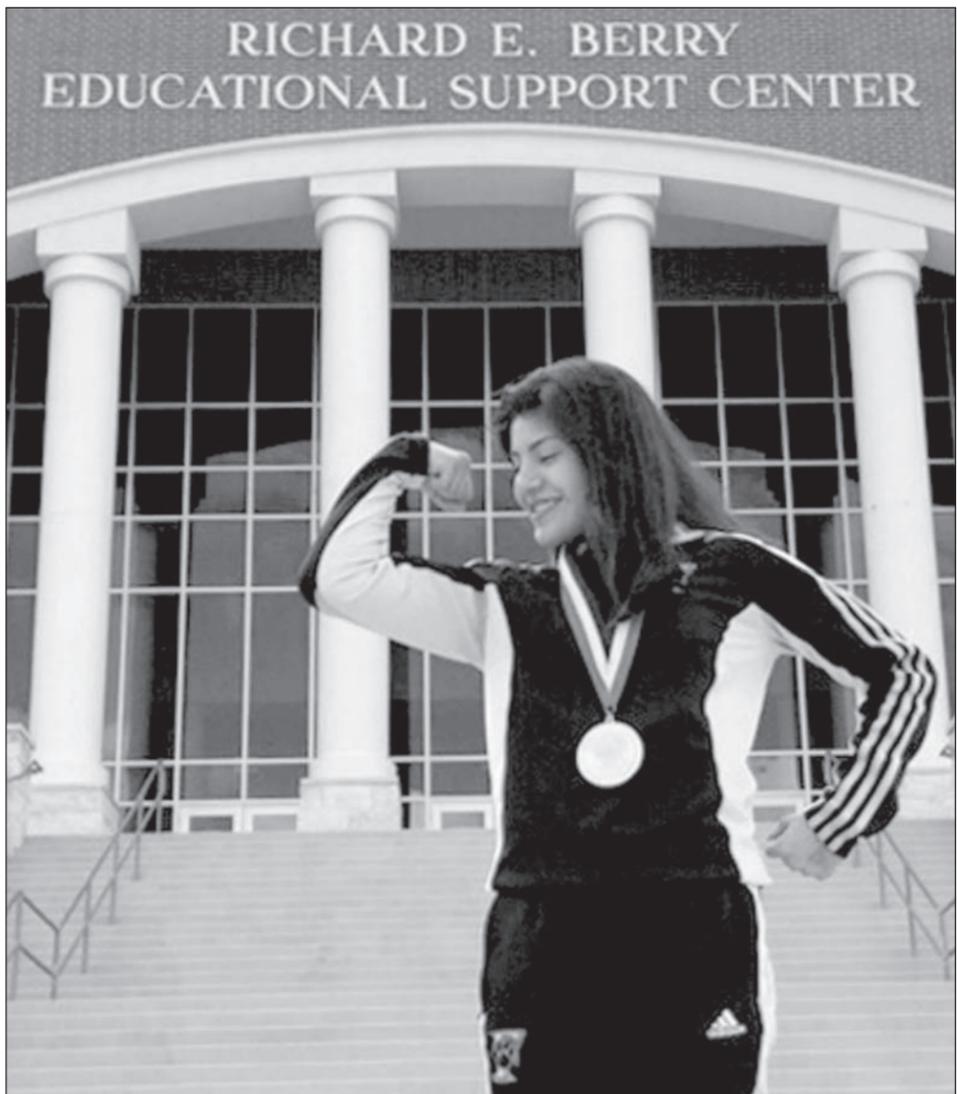
Avila finishes sixth at State for Fabens HS in 5-A wrestling

By Denise Peña
Special to the Courier

FABENS – Freshman Marlene Avila of Fabens High School made history at the 2016 5-A State Wrestling competition held February 19-20 at the Berry Center in Cypress, TX. The 110-pound weight class wrestler placed 6th in the tournament, making her the school's first female State Medalist.

Avila attributes her success to the support from her family. "My dad wakes me up at 5 a.m. each morning to lift tires," Avila said. "He's the reason I have made it this far. He motivated me enough to make varsity as a freshman, and now he has gotten me to the state level competition."

It's been about 10 years since the last time a Fabens wrestler made an appearance at the State tournament and the first time since Head Coach Arrieta took over the team three years ago. "I think it shows that the kids from this town are hungry for success and are willing



– Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

See AVILA, Page 3 NO LIGHT WEIGHT – Marlene Avila works out at 5 a.m. each morning to stay strong.

Finances By Nathaniel Sillin

Growing summer savings in your garden

Have you ever thought about growing your own fruits and vegetables at home? For experienced gardeners, the

cold months are when their imaginations get fired up; seed catalogs seem to blow in with the arctic blast, accompanied by companion mailings from gardening accessories and equipment retailers. But where can amateurs start?

To maintain a garden as a legitimate financial alternative to store-bought food, it's important to understand the underlying costs involved. Some gardeners spend substantial bucks on fancy tools, equipment, gardening clothes, deluxe fertilizers or supplies, which sounds counter-intuitive to a money-saving alternative. Investing in home gardening requires frugal spending and a desire to learn – very few people wipe out their entire produce bill without a little preparation, knowledge and most important, trial and error.

There are plenty of studies (<http://www.garden.org/>) on how much people are investing in home- and community-based gardens, but very few reliable guidelines on how much money you can actually save by gardening. That's because it's tough to generalize results based on geography, climate and skill sets.

Nevertheless, if you still want to get your hands dirty, here are some general steps to take before you dig in:

Harvest as much local gardening knowledge as you can. The word "local" is very important. Planning a home-based edible garden in a sunny West Coast backyard is very different than planting a series of clay pots on a Midwestern terrace. Start with a close look at your climate and growing conditions before buying anything.

Plant only what you'll eat. If you want a salad garden, stick to lettuce that can be planted and harvested repeatedly in one season. Maybe you'll also want to plant a tomato plant or two. If you generally buy a lot of a particular vegetable, try and grow that first. The more you want to eat the food you're planting, the more interest you'll take in making it a success.

Keep your first effort as inexpensive as possible. Generally, the cheapest way to grow plants is from seed you start growing indoors. Some people have special lights and shelving for indoor seed starting, but if you're planning on only a few plants, it's best to start modestly. Consult experts about the most effective and frugal way to start your desired plants from seed at home and set a growing schedule that culminates in actual planting outdoor. Sometimes it's better to stick with a few borrowed

or garage sale hand tools and recycled containers that will work just fine for seeding and drainage.

Keep learning as you go. When you start gardening, even if it's only a pot or two where you're growing from seed, start an annual garden journal that details what you've purchased (with prices), what's worked well and all questions and answers you've gathered along the way. You might even discover new plants you'd like to grow next year. Re-reading your journal before you start your gardening planning in winter is a great way to shape your growing and cooking priorities for the coming year.

Bottom line: Homegrown food usually tastes better for two reasons – it's fresher than anything you can buy and you have the pride of growing it yourself. However, making an economical home garden takes know-how, knowledge and as minimal initial investment as possible.

This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It's always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

VA budget numbers just don't add up

The Department of Veterans Affairs' proposed budget for 2017 is \$182 billion. That's roughly broken down as follows: \$78 billion for discretionary spending, of which \$68 billion is for health care, and \$103 billion for benefits such as compensation and pensions.

Somewhere in the \$182 billion budget is \$12 billion for care in the community, \$1 billion for telehealth, \$515 million for women's health care, \$836 million for new health-care facilities and \$900 million for new cemeteries.

The budget includes \$54 million for 300 employees for claims processing. (That comes to \$180,000 per employee.) And because it can take upward of five years for an appeal to reach completion, VA officials are requesting \$156 million for 922 full-time employees. (That's \$169,000 per employee.)

Also buried in there is \$180 million for the electronic claims processing system and \$143 million for VCIP, the program that converts medical records to digital images. It also requires \$4.3 billion for cybersecurity and info

technology.

Although the numbers of homeless have come down, officials are asking for \$1.6 billion for programs.

The Choice Act, giving veterans fast access to care in the civilian community, needs \$5 billion for in-house staff and \$10 billion for a temporary Choice program. (Which is confusing because Choice is a done deal, not temporary.) In another place, the budget explains that they'll need \$1.4 billion and \$853 million to hire 9,700 medical staff for Choice. In yet another place it mentions taking \$969 million from the 2014 Choice Act.

Confused yet?

If you've run these numbers as you've read down the column, you'll see that they don't really add up. And if you want to take a sharp look at the details, go online to www.va.gov/budget and look for the FY2017 budget request. Then look at the official press release at www.va.gov (search for news release 2746) and compare the numbers.

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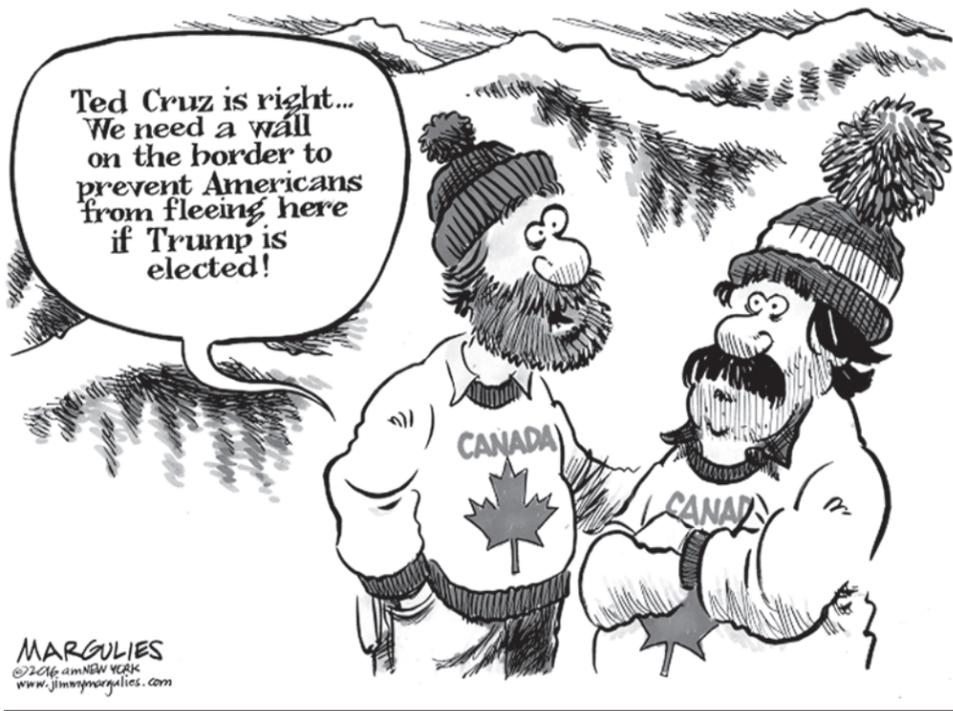
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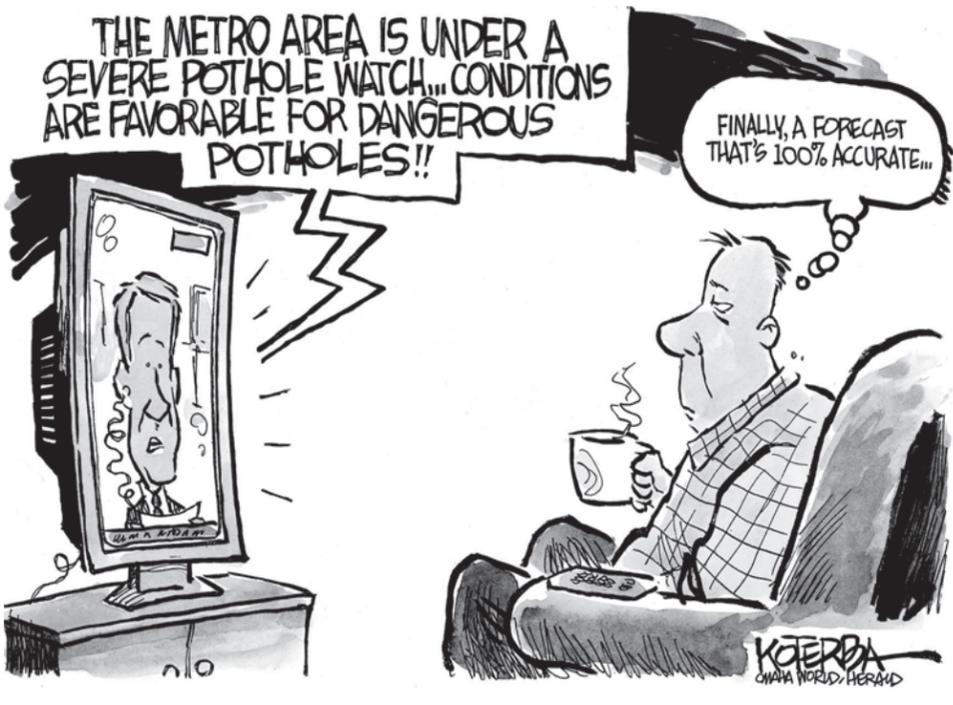
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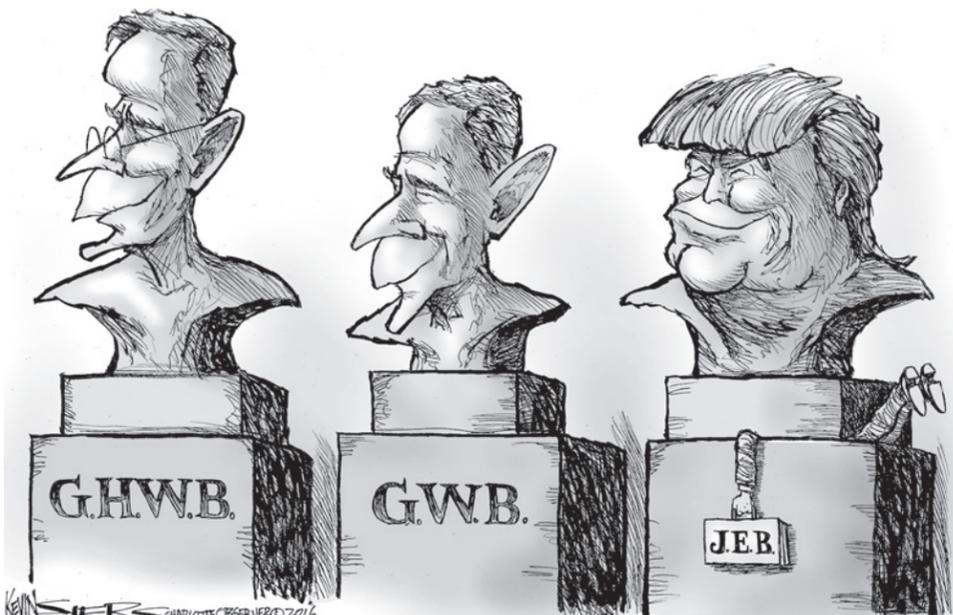


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View from here By John Grimaldi

There's confusion on the left and right

"The Presidential Primary Campaigns have created an atmosphere of confusion on both the right and the left. The popularity of Socialist contender Bernie Sanders has certainly taken Liberal Hillary Clinton by surprise in the Democratic races. For Republicans, the search is on for the candidate who is the real Conservative," according to Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens.

AMAC doesn't endorse candidates but it does endorse the concept of Conservatism "and after eight years of an ultra-Liberal administration, the country appears to want to steer the ship of state to starboard, to set us on the right course." But it may not be so easy to tell who the real Conservatives in the 2016 field are, he says.

Robert Charles, a veteran of both the Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations, recently published an essay on Townhall.com entitled *How Should a Conservative Vote?* in which he offered his views on how to sort out the Republican candidates.

Charles, who is a senior consultant to AMAC, believes that you can't go wrong by taking the advice of Russell Kirk whom, he says, is the Father of Modern Conservatism. In 1953, when the Conservative Movement in the U.S. was in its infancy, Kirk published his book, *The Conservative Mind*, which described the "existence of a coherent, connected tradition of conservative thinking, going back at least two hundred years," according to Lee Edwards, Ph.D., a prominent historian.

Based on Kirk's philosophy, Charles suggests that we ask ourselves these questions to determine whose ticket you'll be punching at the ballot box: "Are you thinking hard about what you are doing, not just feeling the satisfaction of slashing at what is despised? Are you thinking about who can work within our complex constitutional system, to thoughtfully change what we do not like? Are you thinking about who personifies prudence – not the mad dash to a seemingly simple answer? Are you a real conservative, drawing your convictions from faith and duty, patience and history? Or are you just another French Revolutionary, willing to take the boat over the falls, destroying what we all value in the process? In short, are you thinking about who may lead wisely, not just with passion?"

Weber says that his colleague's advice is sound, particularly in this year's primary campaigns marked by "bombast and name-calling" and little in the way of thoughtful positioning. As Charles put it in his article, "keep your eyes on long run consequences and not just temporary advantage or popularity." Why? Because "liberals and radicals... are imprudent. You will know their nature because they dash at their objectives without giving much heed to the risk of new abuses worse than the evils they hope to sweep away."

Briefs

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Smoke Shop at 4300 N. Mesa. One of the men was armed with a handgun and immediately pointed the gun at the store employee and three customers inside the business. They demanded money from the store and one of the suspects went behind the counter to grab money from the cash register. They took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the scene toward the back of the shopping center. The first suspect is described as a Hispanic male, in his late 20s, bald, approximately 5'8" in height, and weighing between 160-170 pounds. This suspect was wearing a blue bandana to cover his

face, a black hoodie, black sweat pants and black shoes. The second suspect is described as a Hispanic male, in his late teens, short, with a thin build, approximately 130 pounds. He was wearing a royal blue hoodie and blue jeans. Investigators are certain that someone knows the identity and whereabouts of these robbers. Anyone with information on the identity of the men involved in 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).

- Javier Sambrano

Avila

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to put forward the effort to achieve it," Arrieta said. "Marlene is a prime example of what Fabens kids are capable of if they work hard and make good decisions in their life. I am so proud to be a part of this school district."

Some other honorable mentions include sophomore Precious Cadena who qualified as a State Alternate in the

138-pound weight class and sophomore Chris Muzio who, as a first-year wrestler, won the title of District Champion in the 152-pound weight class and placed 6th at the Regional tournament. Junior Adrian Sanchez won the District Championship title in the 220-pound weight class ending the season as a Regional Qualifier, while junior Alan Sanchez also qualified for Regionals in the 195-pound weight class.

The future looks bright for the Wildcats.

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Horizon Fire Department stays busy



– Photos courtesy Horizon Fire Department

TRAINING – On February 17 the Search and Rescue team of Horizon Fire Department spent some time at Hueco Tanks State Park. Team members were oriented to the mountainous terrain where wildlife, weather and unknown territory are factors that are often considered when rescuing someone. The team was guided by a State Park representative who educated the team on the topography and types of rescues that have occurred in the area. Team members, from left are Chief Kris Menendez, Capt. Daniel Ames, FF* Sergio Gonzalez, FST** Gilbert Ramirez, FF Bobby Bautista, and FST Ben Manriquez.

(*Firefighter; **Fire Suppression Technician)

ON THE JOB – On the afternoon of February 20, Horizon firefighters quelled a blaze in house in Horizon City. Neighbors called about smoke coming from the air conditioning unit. When units arrived on scene they found heavy smoke and fire in the kitchen. The firefighters controlled the fire in under 12 minutes. The cause of the fire is under investigation. FF Aaron Sandoval looks over the aftermath in the kitchen.

– Kris Menendez



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – The Escontrias Ranch House was built around 1904 by Silverio Escontrias who owned the land from 1898 to 1956. It now serves as the interpretive center at Hueco Tanks State Park. A Hueco Tanks campground host and volunteer guide stands in front of the house.

Escontrias

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accessibility of water greatly outweighed the risk of raids.

The Escontrias family owned and operated the cattle ranch until 1956. The Escontrias family also had a farm in Socorro, Texas and donated land for the town's first school.

In her Saturday afternoon talk, Sanchez will share her family's experiences on their ranch and their rich legacy to this area through a PowerPoint presentation which will include an array of historic photographs.

Sanchez, who is the granddaughter of Silverio and Pilar Escontrias, will also share excerpts from her book, "The Escontrias Family Legacy: A Very Personal Journey". She stated that she hopes that this will inspire everyone to write the story of their own family and their own life story.

Sanchez, who was the first person in her family to attain a college degree, graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and taught for twenty-nine years before retiring. Among her personal achievements as an

educator are Teacher of the Year awards during her stints at Valley View and Desert View middle schools in the Ysleta Independent School District, as well as several other teaching accolades.

The featured speaker is just another in a series of monthly presentations hosted by EPAS, which was founded in 1922 as a non-profit group. Membership is open to individuals and organizations interested in anthropology, archaeology and in the preservation of prehistoric and historic cultural resources.

Currently, EPAS members have been taking part in archaeological tours and volunteer field work organized by the non-profit Jornada Research Institute of Tularosa, New Mexico (JRI). JRI's mission is to study the archaeological, ethnohistoric, historic and natural resources of the northern Chihuahuan Desert of Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and adjacent regions. For more information about JRI visit its website at <http://jornadaresearchinstitute.com/>.

For more information about Sanchez's upcoming presentation call (915) 449-9075 or send email to Fernando Arias at nando79935@yahoo.com. For information about EPAS membership, visit the EPAS website at <http://epas.com/membership.htm>.

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Golden State, Curry, are both good and entertaining

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

With the Golden State Warriors getting closer and closer to breaking the Chicago Bulls record of 72 wins in an NBA season, talk has come up about how they would have done back in the day.

There's even been talk about the play of star guard Stephen Curry and whether he's just benefiting from rules changes.

First of all, there is absolutely no doubt that what Curry has done the last couple of years has been astounding. And a bunch of fun to watch.

There are times when he just stops and throws up a three-pointer without even appearing to aim at the basket. Which reminds me a lot of those video games that look so unrealistic but the ball goes through the hoop.

Many of the former NBA stars claim that Curry is the beneficiary of rules changes that allow him to virtually roam untouched anywhere on the court for an open shot.

And you can't deny that from the 70s to 90s players were holding and pushing and tugging on one another without a foul being called.

Today, Curry glides to the basket for a layup virtually untouched. A couple decades ago he would have limped to the free throw line after being hammered by a big guy or two. And he would have thought twice before trying that move again.

That doesn't mean that Curry wouldn't be an amazing shooter, but there is some truth to what the older guys are saying. They know what they're talking about – they lived it.

It's like quarterbacks and wide receivers in the NFL today. Records are being set all over the place because defenders aren't allowed to touch a receiver going down the field and if you even cough near a quarterback you'll be flagged for roughing.

If you've seen any video of football twenty or thirty years ago, it was anything goes.

There's also been a lot of talk comparing this Warriors' team to the best NBA

teams of all time. And everybody has an opinion.

Most people are aware that it's very hard to compare teams from different eras because there are so many factors to consider.

And which are the best of all time?

The Celtics teams of the 60s and 80s, the "Showtime" Lakers and the Michael Jordan-led Chicago Bulls teams are always the first to be named as the best.

Are the Warriors the best of all time? Too early to tell. Are they among the best of all time – absolutely.

You can't win as impressively as they have over the last two years and not be at least in the conversation.

But it'll take a couple more years of this kind of play to be seen as the best.

I have to disagree with former NBA superstar Oscar Robertson. This past week he said that the only reason Curry is thriving is the rule changes, bad defenses and bad coaching.

Again, I don't deny the rule changes and bad defense. I don't know about the bad coaching. But I do not agree that it's

only because of any of those reasons.

What Curry can do on the court has never been done before, not the way he's doing it.

He just set the all-time record for 3-pointers in a season with about 25 games still left to go. And of course, the record he broke is his own, the one he set last year.

Remember the "Greatest Show on Turf" St. Louis Rams of a decade ago led by quarterback Kurt Warner? They were must-see TV for any football fan.

That's the way the Golden State Warriors are viewed today. Whether you love them or hate the, they are must-see TV.

As for all the comments trying to knock them and Curry down a peg or two, I say just sit back and enjoy the show. Then when it's all said and done, the results will speak for themselves.

The old-timers will try and defend their turf until it's obvious, even to them, that the argument makes no sense anymore.

But the Warriors, and Curry, still have more winning to do before that can happen.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

I will not watch you nae-nae

One day, during the Reagan administration, my father put on a college football game. The quarterback was a hotshot by the name of Boomer. Boomer was tossing touchdowns, cheerleaders were flinging all about and the stadium was going accordingly wild.

"That's why you want to go to a big college," my great, successful father, told me.

Not one ever to quarrel with any edict passed down by my parental guidance, I made them proud by attending just such a school, attaining mediocre heights. And I remember my very

first football game as a member of the student section.

I remember the first key play of the game. Why? Because there was this one dude standing on a riser in plastic shades shaking his car keys, admonishing us through megaphone technology to go ahead and shake our own keys! That cheer, I am guessing, would have been made more effective if we had, indeed, more than one solitary key and a flaccid, laminated dining card on

our keychains.

Then, as we made annoying little fwappy flapping sounds with our key and card combo, we were offered this cheer: "Four and four is half of sixteen... all for [the team], do the lean, lean!" And then we all leaned to the right and then we leaned to the left. We did this for little apparent reason or effect, because whatever we were doing wasn't helping the team we leaned for, unless our game plan was to get destroyed by Florida State.

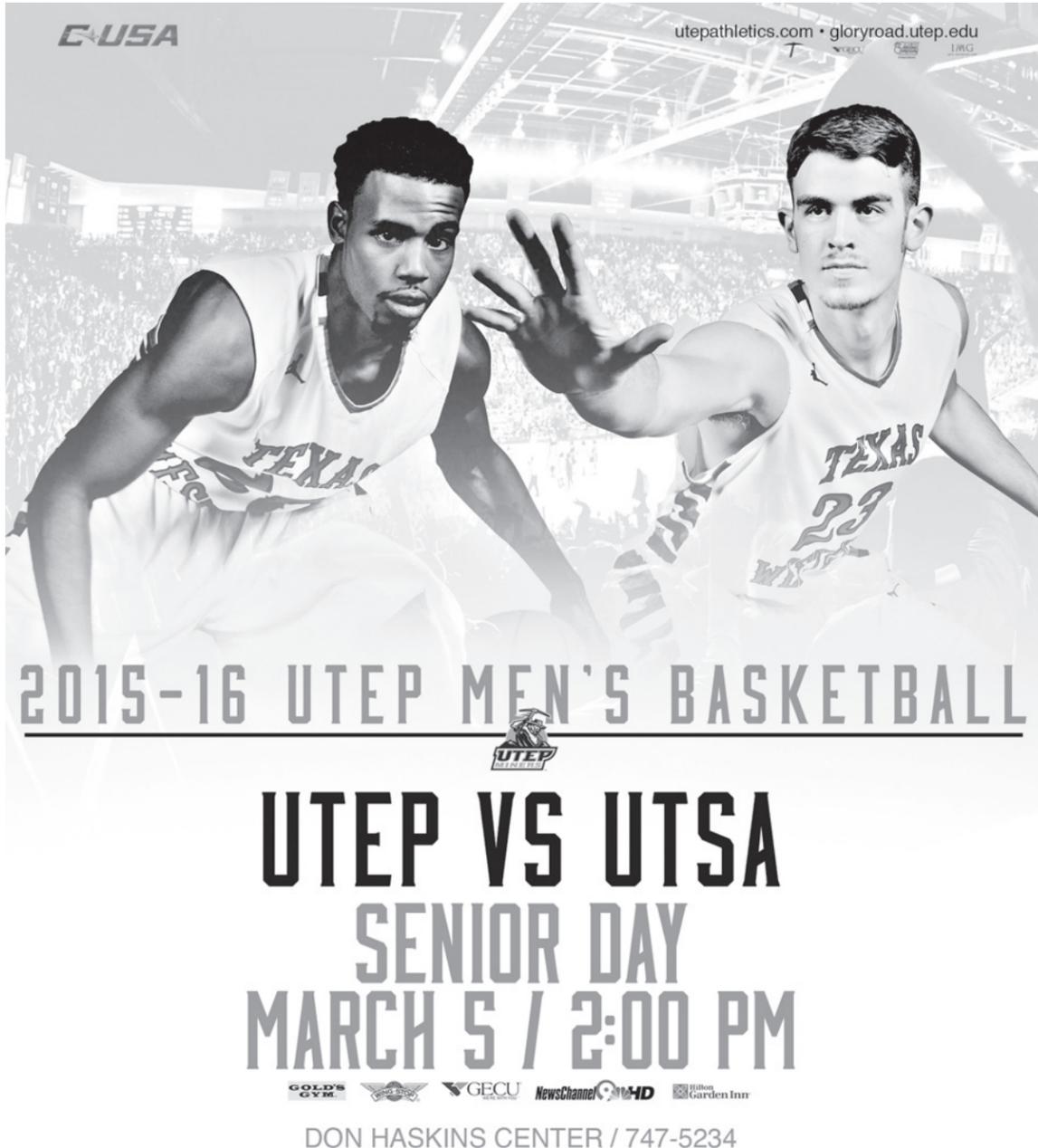
But that was then, and it was nothing a little Winona Ryder flick on the VHS couldn't cure. Fast-forward to today, and it's a whole new world. Student sections are all the rage, and

while that's kind of cool in theory, in practice it often is not.

We get it. You're young and enthusiastic. You need things to occupy your time 45 minutes before tipoff and 4.5 years before you occupy Wall Street. Nobody begrudged you that one week you all went viral and poured milk on your heads or did the Harlem Shake. But come on, lighten up a bit.

When ESPN does a remote from your prestigious college home court four hours before tipoff and you're screaming like a banshee in face paint, you do not have to keep claiming that you're No. 1. First of all, you're

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I would like your urologist that something, probably surgical, needs to be done quickly. My primary-care doctor sent me for a blood test and said my PSA number was too high, then sent me to a urologist. He said my bladder is not emptying and that I am having urine retention in the bladder. After one week of medication (Rapaflo), I had a catheter inserted for another week. He measured the urine in the bladder, and it was 880 ml. Now he is suggesting surgery. Is he going too fast? What are your thoughts on the procedure and side effects? Will this correct the problem? – D.G.

The bladder is drained via a tube called the urethra, and in men, the urethra runs right through the middle of the prostate. As men get older, the prostate commonly enlarges, and this can cause resistance to flow. The symptoms can range from mildly annoying to complete obstruction. Complete obstruction is an emergency, since the kidneys will fail within a few days of being unable to drain urine at all.

But the obstruction does not need to be complete in order to cause kidney damage. It's the high pressure in the urethra, bladder and ureters (the tubes that allow urine to flow from the kidneys to the bladder) that causes kidney damage. Placing a catheter allows the urine to drain at low pressure if the problem is in the urethra.

Normal bladder capacity is between 300-400 ml. At 880 ml, you would experience very abnormal bladder drainage and would be at high risk for ongoing kidney damage. Thus, I completely agree with

It's not completely clear to me whether your inability to drain the bladder is due to obstruction from enlarged prostate, even though an elevated PSA suggests that this might be the case. It also is possible that there is something wrong with the nerves that go to or from the bladder. I suspect your urologist has done additional bladder tests to help sort this out.

The booklet on the prostate gland discusses enlargement as well as cancer. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 1001W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have weaned off Zoloft, and I noticed a swelling of my fingers – I can't get my rings on. Do you think it is related? – E.P.

Discontinuing an antidepressant such as sertraline (Zoloft) certainly can cause symptoms. Dizziness, fatigue, muscle aches, anxiety and irritability are common. It happens more frequently if the drug is suddenly stopped versus tapered down over weeks. Paroxetine (Paxil) seems to have the highest incidence of symptoms on stopping.

However, I haven't seen swelling as a result of stopping sertraline. It may be related, but I doubt it. Is it possible that

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Super Crossword

- PERFECT PRESENTATION ACROSS**
- 1 Sag down
 - 6 "Your Business" channel
 - 11 Solo seen with Chewbacca
 - 14 Snapshot
 - 19 Meet with fellow grads
 - 20 Classic name in arcades
 - 21 Santa _ Zoo
 - 22 Biblical king in Matthew
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 "I come from _ down under" (1981 hit song lyric)
 - 27 English king called "the Conqueror"
 - 28 Sunrise side
 - 29 Concerning kidneys
 - 30 Airline to Lod
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 36 1987 NFL MVP John
 - 38 Some tournament rounds, informally
 - 39 "There _ god!"
 - 40 Comply with
 - 43 Ore-_(maker of Crispers!)
 - 44 Sticky stuff
 - 47 Vainglory
 - 50 Riddle, part 3
 - 55 Down time
 - 56 "Eh" grade
 - 57 Very old Olds
 - 58 Choir female
 - 59 High-school grad, e.g.
 - 60 Stick (to)
 - 63 Catch sight of
 - 67 State-of-mind missions, in military slang
 - 70 Riddle, part 4
 - 74 Diving result
 - 75 Not casual
 - 76 Lead role in "La Cage aux Folles"
 - 77 End in _ (finish evenly)
 - 78 Oceano filler
 - 80 Thai language
 - 82 Little peeve
 - 83 Part of DOJ: Abbr.
 - 84 Riddle, part 5
 - 91 Certain poem
 - 92 Check casher, say
 - 93 Kicker Groza
 - 94 Seeks some answers
 - 95 Brand of brake fluid
 - 96 "Greetings"
 - 98 Calyx part
 - 102 End of the riddle
 - 110 Firework part
 - 111 City near Giza
 - 112 Holy likeness
 - 113 Prehensile-tailed fish
 - 115 Fight
 - 116 Riddle's answer
 - 120 Nobel winner
 - 121 Immense time span
 - 122 Subparts
 - 123 Penetrating
 - 124 Was nervy enough
 - 125 007, for one
 - 126 Ballerina's skill, in Paris
 - 127 Actress Witherspoon
- DOWN**
- 1 Bank in a check transaction
 - 2 Replenish the stock of
 - 3 Make illegal
 - 4 "He's a priest," per Ogden Nash
 - 5 Gilpin of "Frasier"
 - 6 Molten rock
 - 7 Giant step
 - 8 No, in Ayr
 - 9 Lingerie garment
 - 10 Op. _ (abbr. in a footnote)
 - 11 Responses to jokes
 - 12 "_ of robins in her hair": Joyce Kilmer
 - 13 Three-nation pact of '94
 - 14 Old Jewish sectarian
 - 15 Capital of Montana
 - 16 Bornean ape, briefly
 - 17 Relating to musical pitch
 - 18 In an unusual way
 - 24 Spa reaction
 - 25 100-yr. stretches
 - 32 Ballet bend
 - 33 Verdi work
 - 34 Apple option
 - 35 _ and kin
 - 37 Kobe cash
 - 41 Florida birds
 - 42 Driver's peg
 - 44 Medusas' counterparts
 - 45 At a boat's back
 - 46 "It's hard to _ Trane"
 - 47 GOP symbol
 - 48 Fights noisily
 - 49 Have title to
 - 50 Bankbook ID
 - 51 Put back on the roster
 - 52 Certain organ part
 - 53 Bygone bird
 - 54 Long-eared leapers
 - 59 Little city
 - 61 Qualified
 - 62 By means of
 - 64 Hang in there
 - 65 Prized violin, for short
 - 66 Fidel's friend
 - 68 Pabst beer
 - 69 "_-haw!" (rodeo cry)
 - 71 Of ill repute
 - 72 Golfer Sandy
 - 73 Filmer terrier
 - 77 Big whoop
 - 79 "Shucks"
 - 81 Sly-fox linkup
 - 84 Bought the film rights to
 - 85 Performs like Snoo Lion
 - 86 Makeup of Hawaii
 - 87 Noodlehead
 - 88 Waikiki wiggling
 - 89 Accepts
 - 90 Send in troops, e.g.
 - 95 Holy place
 - 96 Innuendo
 - 97 Inceptions
 - 99 Chase
 - 100 Frozen or liquid things
 - 101 "Joan of Arc" star Sobieski
 - 102 Pungent
 - 103 Dr. of radio
 - 104 Winter coat feature
 - 105 Hill helpers
 - 106 Inside story
 - 107 Singer Bono
 - 108 Tantalize
 - 109 Snead of golf
 - 114 Frosty coat
 - 117 "Slung" stuff
 - 118 _ steady basis
 - 119 Wine, in Paris

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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

Feb 28, 1948 : A couple dozen cowgirls meet in San Angelo to form the Girls Rodeo Association.



Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I plan to retire soon. When will my monthly Social Security benefits paid?

A: Social Security benefits are paid each month. Generally, new retirees receive their benefits on either the second (days 1-10), third (days 11-20), or fourth (days 21-31) Wednesday of each month, depending on the day in the month the retiree was born. If you receive benefits as a spouse, your benefit payment date will be determined by your spouse's birth date. For a calendar showing actual payment dates, see the *Schedule of Social Security Benefit Payments* at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/calendar.htm.

Q: I prefer reading by audio book. Does Social Security have audio publications?

A: Yes, we have many helpful publications you can listen to. You can find them at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs. Some of the publications available include *What You Can Do Online*, *How Social Security Can Help You When a Family*

Member Dies, Apply Online for Social Security Benefits, and *Your Social Security Card and Number*. You can listen now at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Q: Can I get both Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security benefits based on my disability?

A: Many people eligible for Social Security disability benefits also may be eligible for SSI. The disability decision for one program is the same for the other, but you must meet additional resource and income limits to qualify for SSI benefits. Learn all about SSI and whether or not you may qualify by reading the publication, *You May Be Able To Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI)* at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

likelihood it will improve. Your award notice tells you when you can expect your first review using the following terminology:

- Medical improvement expected – If your condition is expected to improve within a specific time, your first review will be six to 18 months after you started getting disability benefits.
 - Medical improvement possible – If improvement in your medical condition is possible, your case will be reviewed about every three years.
 - Medical improvement not expected – If your medical condition is unlikely to improve, your case will be reviewed about once every five to seven years.
- For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

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.

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.

	+		÷		7
x		-		x	
	÷		+		6
÷		x		-	
	x		-		11
14		4		9	

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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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: L equals W

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LPI'U HBLHXU LHAX HMY

SRHAYKY? PKAATMS IM DPK

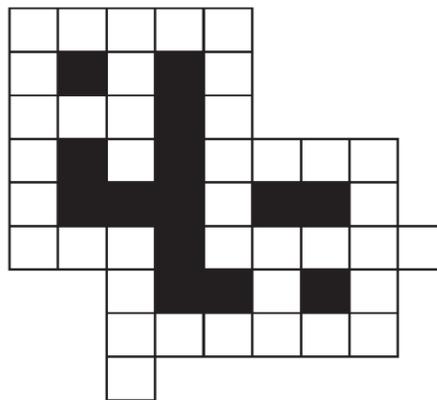
UTYK IO NHRDTIM.

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- DOC
- ♥ SUELOT
- ♥ NOGRA
- ♥ OTDE
- GANCCO
- ILN
- ♥ IRDE
- ♥ TADCE
- ♥ GTO
- ARLNAG
- ♥ RELNO
- ♥ ASGL



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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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Sports

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not No. 1. Put your finger down. Secondly, you're freaking out as if you took the brown acid every time the camera cuts to you. It's high time (no pun) to reassess.

Can't you let up on the throttle a bit and just enjoy the game? Cheer like crazy, sure, but if you are cheering full force for six hours on a Sunday at a Catholic university, you've got to be either off-your-meds crazy or on crazy meds. You're at least suspect.

I'm tired just watching you whip, but watching you nae-nae, too? I'd rather watch the game.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

Health

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you are consuming more salt? That's the most common reason for increased fluid in the fingers over a short time.

I would see your doctor if it doesn't go away in a week or so.

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