



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Health grant

Project Vida Health Center has received \$350,000 to expand integrated oral health care at its Northeast Dental Clinic and Mobile Dental Clinic. The grant is part of \$156 million to health centers nation-wide from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to help reduce barriers to high-quality dental care. Project Vida Health Center's CEO Bill Schlesinger notes that more qualifying patients now will be able to receive preventive dental care and dental treatment than in the past. HHS funding also will allow the Mobile Dental Clinic to provide services in the Montana Vista area of far east El Paso County. Oral health problems can be a sign of illness occurring elsewhere in the body. Foregoing routine and preventive dental care can result in costly emergency dental and medical conditions and treatment. The new HHS funding will help Project Vida Health Center Dental Clinic patients avoid complications due to lack of access to oral health care. The funding also will help continue integrating oral health care with primary care in the Health Center's medical clinics. Project Vida Health Center's Dental Clinic is located at 4875 Maxwell at Dyer. Hours are Monday and Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday through Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For appointments, call (915) 533-7057, ext. 450. For more information on expanded oral health services at Project Vida Health Center's Northeast and Mobile Dental Clinics, contact Bill Schlesinger at w.schlesinger@pvida.net or (915) 533-7057, ext. 207.

— Joyce Davidoff

### Delaying retirement

Interest rates have remained static and low since the Fed first reduced rates to near-zero in 2008. It may have been a good thing to do for the economy, but for seniors — many of whom rely on their lifetimes of saving — it has been an added burden, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. How come, then, can the government claim that elderly Americans are making more money today than they were ten years ago? One obvious reason is that many seniors have given up on retirement and are spending their days working

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*Knowing what is none of your business is just as important as knowing what is.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Westside July Fourth parade attracts long list of entries

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — “Proud to be an American” is the theme of West El Paso's Rotary Club upcoming 20th Annual Independence Day Parade, and a long list of parade entries are ready to take to the streets.

So far, numerous organizations, businesses, individuals, and groups have signed up to participate. Entries include the Department of Homeland Security, Flags Across America, 6 Guns & Shady Ladies, VFW #9173, Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc., Westside Democrats of El Paso, Assisteens, Rosa's Cantina, Exit West Realty, Western Hills Methodist Church, Camaro 5, Westside Community Church, Rotary Club of West El Paso, Mariachi Frontera, Star twirlers, West Texas Young Marines, El Paso Chihuahua's, Mount Franklin Christian Academy, Rotary Club of El Paso, WTF Raptors, El Paso County Republican Party, United Bank of El Paso del Norte, TXDPS, Oscar Ugarte, Big Media, and Judge Laura Strathman.

Other entries include Sun Bowl Sun Court, Rayados El Paso Soccer Club, Marcos Chavez Campaign, A Smoke Free Paso del Norte, Miss El Paso USA/Teen/La Feria, GiGi's Playhouse, Santa Teresa Marching Band, American Heritage Girls Active Duty Military

Units, El Paso Sheriffs, Mathnasium West El Paso, Chaparral Motors, Casadiara Enterprises, El Paso Sunrise Rotary, Homegrown of El Paso, Hospice El Paso, Ocean Pools, RC ELP Operations, Harry Gray Jr., Reginald Berry, Regency of El Paso, Siria Rocha, Asylum Comics, Candlelighters, La Union Maze, and Amigo Airshow.

For nearly two decades West El Paso's biggest parade of the year has been the Independence Day Parade sponsored by the West El Paso Rotary Club. The parade will start at 9 a.m., at the Western Hills Methodist Church (530 Thunderbird Street). It will turn left onto Thunderbird, then left at Shadow Mountain Road, right on Mesa Street, and then proceed to Coronado High School.

“With the financial support of community parade sponsors like the Rotary Club of West El Paso, City of El Paso, Lone Star Title, Western Refining, United Bank of El Paso, Cafe Central/Famous Dave's, Pets Barn, United Blood Services, Hotel Indigo, and Village Inn/Corner Bakery/Applebee's this year's parade promises to be another fun family event,” stated Rick LoBello, one of the parade organizers.

For more information, visit the parade's website at [july4parade.com](http://july4parade.com), or call Carey Beamesderfer, at (915) 239-3116, or visit its Facebook page at [facebook.com/rotaryjuly4parade](http://facebook.com/rotaryjuly4parade).

## Archaeology group holds potluck picnic

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The El Paso Archaeological Society (EPAS) announced will hold its annual potluck picnic for members and prospective members, beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road.

The potluck picnic is meant to bring together EPAS members, close friends and relatives as well as those who are interested in becoming members. The informal gathering will be held at the EPAS lab in the museum.

Interested participants are asked to bring a main dish, salad, side dish, hors d'oeuvres, or dessert to the picnic. EPAS picnic organizers will provide the plates, napkins, utensils, cups and iced tea. Individuals who prefer soft drinks, are asked to bring their own.

“The picnic will be a great time to become reacquainted with old friends, make new ones, and join EPAS,” stated Marilyn Guida, an EPAS member.

EPAS, founded in 1922, is 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. Membership

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## Mesa to intern with EP Electric

By Hector Gonzalez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Juan Mesa, an upcoming senior at San Elizario High School, was one of 14 lucky high school students selected to be part of the El Paso Electric's 2016 Summer Internship Program.

According to EP Electric, they had approximately 400,000 student applicants for this year's internship program. The electric company went on to identify fewer than 100 students to begin the interview process with Juan being among those students.

The interview panel was quite impressed by Juan's personality and professionalism throughout the interview. After intense deliberation, EP Electric staff decided that Juan deserved to be part of their Summer Internship Program along with 13 other students from the El Paso region.

Juan is both excited and proud to be



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**SUMMER GIG** — Juan Mesa, center, will spend part of his summer interning with El Paso Electric. Crystal Montoya, left, is an HR Generalist for EP Electric and Michael Rodriguez is San Elizario ISD's Career Technical Education Coordinator.

representing San Elizario ISD in this exclusive internship program from one of El Paso's well-known companies. He said that opportunities like these do not come

often and is looking forward to giving it his best and learning as much as he can in hopes of landing a job with the electric company in the near future.

## Finances By Nathaniel Sillin

# How to research and reduce healthcare costs

Whether you're planning a future procedure or navigating care after a sudden illness or accident, smart consumers have a plan in place to avoid hidden costs and billing errors common to our ever-changing healthcare system. You should too. The Affordable Care Act (<http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/>)

(ACA) made it possible for all Americans to get some form of healthcare coverage regardless of their medical history. That's the good news. The bad news is that everyone's personal health circumstances and solutions are different, and we're still far away from the day when the coverage we buy – either individually or through our employers – can prevent us from getting unexpected bills for services and procedures our insurer didn't cover or errors made in the billing process.

It's also important to know that many health insurers are adjusting to the reality of universal coverage by narrowing the assortment of doctors in their networks, leaving more patients at risk of "surprise" (<http://kff.org/private-insurance/issue-brief/surprise-medical-bills/>) bills if they are treated by practitioners outside their insurer's network.

There are some helpful resources – both public (<https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/surgery-estimating-costs.html>) and private (<https://healthcarebluebook.com/>) – which have emerged that price health procedures. Using those resources can help avoid some major out-of-pocket healthcare expenses. It's also essential to determine what practitioners may be in or out of network, particularly if it's an emergency.

So what can you do to prevent these unexpected health costs? If you are not on Medicare, (<https://www.medicare.gov/what-medicare-covers/index.html>) which tends to have more standardized pricing and coverage, you need to question practitioners (or their billing departments) and price-comparing procedures the way you would any major purchase. Depending on your local medical resources, you may have the option to conduct your research online. Here are some ways to begin.

**Know how you're covered for both emergencies and non-emergencies.** It's easier to plan for a hip replacement you'll need in six months than for emergency

surgery after an accident or sudden illness, but it's important to think through how your coverage works in both situations:

- **Emergency:** Emergencies are a challenge to price because it's tough to know which practitioners and services you'll actually need. The key is to make a plan for emergencies. Speak to your insurer now – and consult your primary care physician – to confirm that you have a good range of in-network emergency doctors at the hospital of your choice. If not, you might want to think about switching plans during your next enrollment period. Put an easy-to-find "in case of emergency" card in your wallet next to your health insurance card that makes your preferred hospital visible to first responders or other helpers. Also, list your primary care doctor's and your health care power of attorney's ([http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/personalfinance/experts/practicalmoneymatters/columns\\_2016/0606\\_Estates.php](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/personalfinance/experts/practicalmoneymatters/columns_2016/0606_Estates.php)) contact information. Finally, make sure the person you designate as your health care power of attorney has access to your insurance and physician network information so he or she can guide your care more affordably if you're incapacitated.

- **Non-emergency:** If your doctor is recommending a particular in-hospital or outpatient procedure in the coming weeks or months, you've got time to plan, so do it. Query your physician or his or her billing department about the cost of the procedure and what other practitioners (such as an anesthesiologist) might be involved. Then spend equal time speaking with your insurer about what you've learned and how extensively the procedure in question will be covered. Make sure you understand if your insurer covers the procedure on an inpatient (hospital) or outpatient (office) basis – some insurers are reportedly cutting back ([\[push-limit-of-obamacare-by-excluding-outpatient-surgery-in-plans/2016/01/21/94537954-bbc5-11e5-99f3-184bc379b12d\\\_story.html\]\(http://push-limit-of-obamacare-by-excluding-outpatient-surgery-in-plans/2016/01/21/94537954-bbc5-11e5-99f3-184bc379b12d\_story.html\)\) on outpatient coverage.](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/employers-</a></li>
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**Know your deductible.** The latest annual Kaiser Foundation employer health benefits survey (<http://kff.org/health-costs/press-release/employer-family-health-premiums-rise-4-percent-to-17545-in-2015-extending-a-decade-long-trend-of-relatively-moderate-increases/>) indicated some whopping figures for health care deductibles – the out-of-pocket total you have to pay before the bulk of your health coverage kicks in. For example, if you have a \$3,000 deductible that you haven't touched this year, that's the initial out-of-pocket amount you're going to have to pay for any big procedure. Keep that figure in mind as you continue your research on medical options. That's why it's important to keep such amounts in an emergency fund or, if you have the option, set aside in a health savings account (<https://www.irs.gov/publications/p969/ar02.html>) where you can keep funds not only for the deductible, but for other potential out-of-pocket health costs.

**Review bills closely.** One recent study (<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/story?id=127077&page=1&version=meter+at+1&module=meter-Links&pgtype=article&contentId=&mediaId=&referrer=&priority=true&action=click&contentCollection=meter-links-click>) has reported significant errors in medical bills, particularly for hospital stays. Keep in mind that the price-comparison exercise doesn't stop on the way in to a procedure. You need to keep an eye on pre- and post-procedure bills from practitioners, hospitals and your health insurer for accuracy. If you see an error, contact the appropriate party or parties immediately to correct the problem.

**Bottom line:** There are very

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## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### Faulty TBI screenings

It's believed that 24,000 veterans didn't get the traumatic brain injury screenings they should have received, all because of misunderstood instructions. Those screenings, dating back as far as 2007, were part of the exams given in connection with disability claims.

Only four specific medical specialties are allowed to give TBI screenings – psychiatrist, physiatrist, neurosurgeon or neurologist – but it seems that others misread the "guidance documents" that specified which medical specialties were allowed to do those screenings.

Now those 24,000 veterans will be sent a letter to inform them of the glitch. They'll also be invited to have a proper screening within one year.

At least those incidents happened within the Department of Veterans Affairs. The other issue is supposed "experts" reviewing cases and making determinations for the VA. It only takes a little digging to unearth the wrongs that can occur when an alleged expert is brought in from the outside.

A news station in Minnesota did its own investigation and came up with 300 veterans who hadn't been examined by qualified medical personnel. One veteran was examined for knee, ankle and back problems and had the claim turned down ... by an OB/GYN "expert." In another case, a doctor cut and pasted information from Wikipedia and put it in a veteran's file... after carefully deleting one word so the phrase matched what he wanted it to say.

Some veterans are having their claims finalized by those who give medical opinions only (reading the files), rather than doing actual physical exams. Other veterans are hiring their own independent medical examiners to review their cases.

If you've moved and the VA doesn't have your current address, make a call to your closest regional VA medical center. Verify whether you're on that list of those who didn't get a correct screening.

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**View from here** By John Grimaldi

**Seniors going back to work to rebuild their retirement nest eggs**

Seniors who went back to work after retirement used to do it to keep busy, but the Great Recession has made it an economic necessity for more and more older Americans, according to Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens.

“There are those who say we’re coming out of the Great Recession, and there are others who predict a new recession is on the horizon. Either way, the U.S. economy is not what it used to be and neither is the prospect of an early retirement. Not long ago the financial services company, Northwestern Mutual, conducted a poll that found more than 60% of respondents admitted they would be working beyond that traditional retirement age of 65 due to necessity. Nearly 80% of them said they could not retire because of insufficient savings,” Weber said.

The AMAC chief also cited a recent Gallup survey. It found that there are more post-retirement job seekers out there than ever before, mainly because they don’t have enough money. “The historically destructive recession that started as President Obama took office and his inability to speed up the recovery have seniors scrambling for ways to salvage what’s left of their retirement. Bear in mind that while the net worth of all Americans has declined sharply during this period, seniors have been hardest hit.”

Another Gallup poll concluded recently that the biggest financial concern for Americans “is funding their retirement, with 61% worried about having enough money for that. This worry has been exacerbated by the recession’s aftermath, which has perhaps caused more seniors and baby boomers near retirement age to remain in the workforce and postpone retirement until they have replenished their nest eggs.”

Gallup also reported that confidence in the U.S. economy has suffered, Weber said, quoting a Joint Congressional Economic Committee report predicting that “the recession’s impact on retirement security will persist even as the economy continues to recover. Older workers may delay retirement, while many prime-aged workers face the daunting prospect of rebuilding lost home equity and saving for retirement despite persistently slow wage growth.”

Weber said that the recession put the country into a deep hole, so deep that we’re not out of it yet. As the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities put it: “In the first quarter of 2016, the demand for goods and services (actual GDP) was roughly \$407 billion less than what the economy was capable of supplying (potential GDP). This output gap, which is manifested in excess unemployment and idle productive capacity among businesses, is the legacy of the Great Recession.”

*The Association of Mature American Citizens (<http://www.amac.us>) is a senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today.*



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instead of playing golf or relaxing in their backyards. According to the pollsters at Gallup fewer of them are retiring at age 65 or younger. Thirty-seven percent of workers who are approaching what used to be known as “retirement age” are keeping their jobs as long as they can.

– John Grimaldi

**Wanted**

A man is recorded by security cameras burglarizing a Central El Paso grocery store. Investigators from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the public’s assistance in identifying this burglar through Crime Stoppers. The burglary took place on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 11:30 p.m. at the Ben’s Grocery located at 601 S. Mesa. Investigators found that the man had broken a window to the front door of the business. The suspect, then crawled inside of the business and began to grab various items. Investigators learned that the man stole cans of beer – Budweiser Clamatos – and a package of cigarettes. The man was seen by witnesses crawling out of the business through the broken door window and then ran southbound on

Mesa. He is described as a Hispanic male, 5’10”, bald, in his late 20s, and weighing about 130 pounds. He was wearing a light colored t-shirt and blue jeans. Anyone with information on his identity is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org) or you can send a text message by entering the key word “CRIME1” (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

– Javier Sambrano



Do you know him?

# Canutillo HS math team finishes third at State UIL



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**CALCULATE THIS** – The Canutillo HS math team members are, from left, David Ogaz, Gabriel Carrillo, Armando Burciaga, Ricardo Corona, Analiese Ludwig, Tiffany Knox, and Ashley Bowman.

By Andrew Reynoso  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Eagle Math Team has solved a formula for success and dominated the region to become a state powerhouse in Mathematics. The team placed 3rd in the State UIL calculator applications competition for the second time in three years. This team is also the reigning regional champion three years in a row and district champion four years in a row.

Rudy Medina, CHS mathematics teacher, is extremely proud of the team's accomplishments.

“No other El Paso School has ever won regionals three years in a row in a math competition,” Medina said. “Additionally, we are the only El Paso city math team to

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted 20th-century English historian A.J.P. Talyor who made the following sage observation: “Conformity may give you a quiet life; it may even bring you to a University Chair. But all change in history, all advance, comes from the nonconformists. If there had been no troublemakers, no dissenters, we should still be living in caves.”

- Those who study such things say that the typical raccoon weighs twice as much in September as it does in March, at the end of the long, lean winter.

- Standard Oil of Louisiana opened the first gasoline superstation in 1912 in Memphis, Tennessee. It offered 13 pumps and a maid who served ice water to customers. On opening day, a gallon of gas cost \$0.29.

- You might be surprised to learn that Cirque du Soleil, the largest theatrical producer in the world, was founded by two street performers who never completed high school.

- Iconic actress Marilyn Monroe spent much of her childhood in foster homes and an orphanage, and her troubled life has been much publicized. Considering her struggles with depression, anxiety and addiction, it should not be surprising that Monroe's will named the Anna Freud Center, a mental-health research, training and treatment center dedicated to helping children, as a beneficiary.

- A global survey of people's vacuuming habits finds that more than 60 percent of vacuumers in Colombia, Mexico, Brazil and Chile listen to music while performing that chore – more than anywhere else in the world. Only a third of Americans listen to music, though; according to the survey, the favorite pastime of vacuumers in the United States is just to think about vacuuming.

Thought for the Day: “When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.”

– Jimi Hendrix

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**Math**

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have qualified a team for UIL state in the last three years. No other El Paso city math team has gone even

once in that time span.”

Individually, two students became regional champions the last three years – Enrique Padilla in 2014 and 2015, and Tiffany Knox in 2016. CHS has sent a math student to UIL state for the

last four years

The talented mathematicians have also competed in the Texas Math Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) and placed second in 2014 and third in 2015.

**Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs at Clint Independent School District for 2016-2017 School Year**

1) Clint Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Architecture and Construction, Business Management and Administration, Human Services, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security, Science Technology, Engineering and Math, and Transportation. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Clint ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.

2) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of Education amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4) Clint ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Rene Chavez at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 and/or Section 504 Coordinator, James Littlejohn, Chief Academic Officer, at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

**Notificacion de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnica Clint ISD por el año escolar del 2016-2017**

1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint esta ofrece programas de Educación Técnica y Carreras en Agricultura, Recursos Naturales y Alimenticios, Arquitectura y Construcción, Arte, Tecnología Audiovisual y Comunicación, Manejo de Negocios y Administración, Servicios Humanos, Tecnología Informativa, Leyes, Seguridad Pública, Seguridad y Correcciones, Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas, Transportación, Distribución y Logística. Ingreso a estos programas son basados en el numero de matriculas en el distrito escolar de Clint, y cumplimiento de requisitos que sean necesarios antes de entrar al programa.

2) El Distrito Escolar de Clint no discrimina por razones de raza, religión, color, origen nacional, sexo, género, edad o discapacidad al proveer servicios de educación, actividades, y programas, incluyendo programas vocacionales, de acuerdo con el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, y enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, enmienda.

3) El Distrito Escolar de Clint no discrimina por razones de raza, religión, color, origen nacional, sexo, género, edad, discapacidad, o cualquier otra base en sus practicas de empleo, de acuerdo con el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, y enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; la Acta de discriminacion por edad de 1975, enmienda; y la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, enmienda.

4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y partipacion en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.

5) Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Rene Chavez, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, James Littlejohn, Director acedémco, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

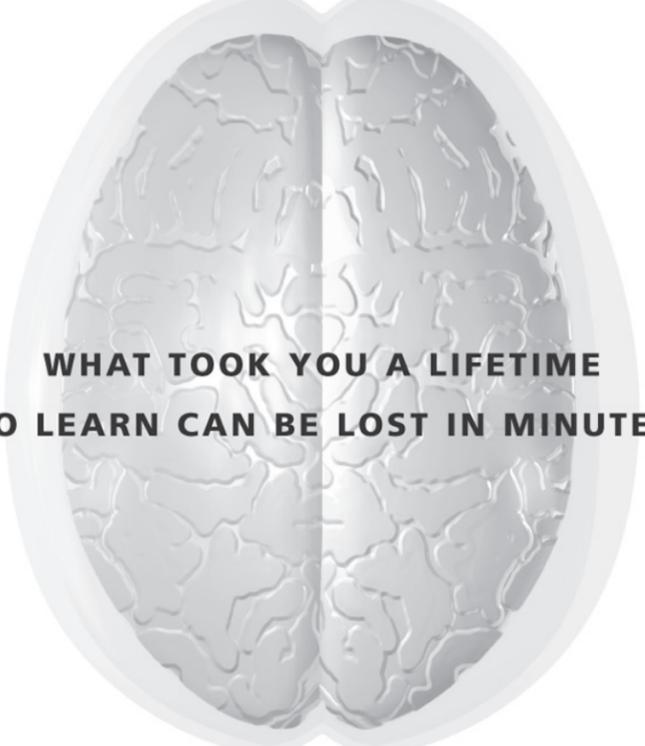
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# Biggest game changer in Rio de Janeiro is ‘Murphy’

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Murphy’s Law is commonly described as a condition that sets up the scenario where everything that could possibly go wrong... does.

I don’t know who Murphy was, but I’ve certainly had days in my life that have absolutely proven his law as fact.

Anyway, I guess it isn’t rare for an individual to suffer through Murphy’s Law, but I’ve never heard of it happening to an entire country.

The 2016 summer Olympic Games will get underway in less than two months and it appears that the guys in charge of it all are the same guys that were charge of our San Jacinto Plaza project.

Rio de Janeiro is hosting the games, which start in early August, and things are so bad that some nations are still deciding whether or not to attend.

It’s not just one or two things that are causing all the chaos, it’s a multitude of unfortunate events that would make Murphy cringe.

First of all, the Brazilian state of Rio is on the verge of financial collapse.

Things are so bad that the state’s official Gazette newspaper is now warning of “a total collapse in public security, health, education, transport and environmental management.”

But officials have stated that the games will go on.

That’s funny – usually cities that host the Olympics go bankrupt after the games, not before.

It all started many years ago when studies showed that the pollution of the area’s waterways was approaching dangerously high levels. And of course when they saw how expensive it would be to clean things up, very little was done.

The drinking water has been affected and there’s great fear by athletes who compete in water sports to, well, go in the water.

Then there was the recent impeachment of President Dilma Rousseff, who was accused of “cooking the books” in an attempt to hide just how bad things are in her country.

And because Murphy is such a jokester, just 10 days after taking office, the county’s new planning minister, Romero Jucá, announced that he would “go on leave” following the release of

a secretly taped telephone conversation revealing his attempts to push the impeachment.

Usually the first thoughts of Brazil are of the beaches, the sun and the partying. But the truth is that the games have also been plagued by the region’s surprisingly notorious crime rate. Brazil currently ranks as the murder capital of the world.

Then to prove that some big scares come in very small packages, the Zika virus outbreak has prompted many people and athletes to stay away. The mosquito-spread virus has infected over 120,000 Brazilians in 2016 alone.

But like the old adage states, the games must go on – right? Well not so fast.

To prove that Murphy wasn’t completely satisfied, as unthinkable as it may seem – the entire Russian track and field team has now been banned from the games.

The Russians have always been among the most accomplished athletes in the world. And that’s why they have been banned. They cheated.

The International Association of Athletics Federation suspended Russian athletes from international competition back in November after an investigation

by the World Anti-Doping Agency found widespread use of banned substances among the country’s athletes and cover-ups by its sports officials.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has been up in arms about the unfairness of the federation’s actions.

Maybe he should ask the people of Ukraine and Crimea about the unfairness.

With Russia out of the mix, that will certainly leave the games without one of its star nations.

Other than that, things are going swimmingly – pardon the pun – in Rio.

There could be more last-second withdrawals from countries as news keeps coming out that things in Brazil are worse than what has been reported.

And I think the chances are pretty good that the leaders are wishing they had lost the bid that brought the games to their country.

After all the financial nightmare stories coming from cities that have hosted the games in the past, one would wonder why any city would bid for them in the future.

But there’s no law prohibiting any city from attempting to do a better job – except maybe Murphy’s Law.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Mr. Hockey

There are a lot of things to celebrate and look forward to these days in the world of sports, but sometimes you are reminded of the past. A former mayor of New York once said that “weddings are optional but

funerals are mandatory,” and it’s with that spirit we briefly look past the Pittsburgh Penguins and superstar Sydney Crosby’s dominant Stanley Cup run and instead look to the past in honor of Gordie Howe.

Death, as they say, is a part of life. One week after the death

of the great Ali, we are again reminded of this fact. It’s a morose subject to be sure, but some people just make huge impacts and leave legacies that appear impossible to match. One such athlete was Gordie Howe.

It strains the limits of incredulity that Howe isn’t in the world right now, having passed at 88 years of age. He wasn’t the Ali of hockey – he was the

Gordie Howe of hockey. He was “Mr. Hockey.”

Can you imagine? If you were a “war baby” born in 1946, the best player in hockey was playing until you were 34. He played from the Truman administration straight through to Reagan (and that’s not counting his Minnie Minosa moment in the ‘90s when he played a shift for the Detroit Vipers).

Perhaps Howe’s greatest ability was his talent for letting the game come to him. He was so efficient in his movement that he kept moving longer than any other player in NHL history. Through sheer muscle memory, Howe had an uncanny knack at being in position for the great play. Also, he was ambidextrous and could beat you silly from the left and the right.

People like to say that he wasn’t the best at any one thing ... he was “just” great at everything. He could skate, but he wasn’t the fastest. He didn’t have the hardest slapshot, but he had the most goals. He wasn’t the best fighter, but nobody dared to say that to his face. It didn’t matter because he was the complete hockey player, a champion and an MVP many times over.

Also, he was a great guy. While he didn’t earn the type of wage that today’s hockey stars command, he was always there for the charity event. He may not have donated millions in cash, but he made others millions just by stroking his signature across a stick, and he was always willing to do it. Stories abound of him

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### Picnic

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For more information about the upcoming picnic, contact EPAS media specialist, Fernando Arias, at (915) 449-9075, or send email to [nando79935@yahoo.com](mailto:nando79935@yahoo.com).



# MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

In the 1930s cattle rustlers started butchering cattle and transporting the steaks all over the country.



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

Q: What is a Social Security Statement, and how can I get a copy?

A: Your online *Social Security Statement* gives you secure and convenient access to your earnings records. It also shows estimates for retirement, disability, and survivors benefits you and your family may be eligible for. You can get your personal statement online by using your own *my Social Security* account. If you don't yet have an account, you can easily create one. To set up or use your account to get your online statement, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). We also mail statements to workers attaining ages 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and older, three months prior to their birthday, if they don't receive Social Security benefits and don't have a *my Social Security* account. If you don't want to wait for your Statement, you can access it online, whatever time of year you need it.

Q: My wife didn't work enough to earn 40 credits to qualify for Social Security retirement benefits. Can she qualify on my record?

A: Even if your wife has never worked under Social Security, she may be able to get benefits if she is at least 62 years of age and you are receiving or eligible for retirement or disability benefits. If your wife qualifies on her own record, we will pay that amount first. If the benefit on your record is higher, she will get an additional amount on your record so that the combination of benefits equals that higher amount. The same is true for any spouse, regardless of their sex. To learn more about spouse benefits go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/yoursouse.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/yoursouse.html).

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

## 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: B equals O

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BPPQSQN TO Z JZSUQ

AZJCPBSWCZ ACMO: "MDQ

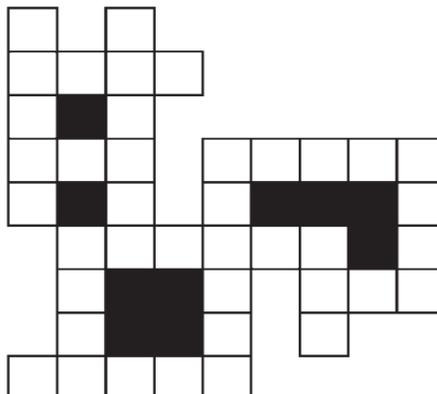
MSQZML BP LZW PSZWACLAB."

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- ♥ SHELSA
- SULHB
- ♥ TABE
- LABMEC
- SID
- MHRA
- AMLIC
- ♥ AMT
- ♥ SEARIB
- ♥ TEASH
- ♥ ESLA



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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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## Finances

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## Sports

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coming to the aid of people in tough situations when they didn't even ask. Like on the ice, he just had a uncanny way of being there. Maybe that's why they named an international bridge for the guy.

A famous novelist once said that no matter what a writer says, whatever they just wrote is the very best they can do at that moment. Howe never had a moment of doubt.

"You find that you have peace of mind and can enjoy yourself, get more sleep and rest when you know that it was a 100 percent effort that you gave – win or lose," Howe used to say.

Howe never cheated himself, his teams, his family or the fans for even one minute, and that is why he will always be remembered.

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

## Health

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some of us listened to music that was too loud at some points in our lives.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com), or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2016 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.