



NEWSBRIEFS

Campus credit union

GECU, with El Paso Community College (EPCC), opened the first EPCC student-run credit union on Wednesday, April 26 at EPCC Valle Verde Campus Student Services Center. The new location is a full-service branch, including an added Virtual Office available for new account openings, loan applications and processing, and more. A team of existing GECU employees and EPCC student positions staffs the credit union. "The opening of the GECU branch on the EPCC Valle Verde campus reflects the important partnership between business and education by providing our students work experience in the financial industry, and at the same time offering accessible services to our community," said Dr. Myshie Pagel, Instructional Dean of Education and Career and Technology Education. The EPCC branch is open to the public, an added convenience to nearby members who live and work near campus. GECU is a strong supporter of community financial literacy and higher education with an annual \$10,000 scholarship donation towards El Paso Community College students.

— Jim Heiney

Move over, Tarzan

An unidentified pre-teen Indian girl has been found living with monkeys. Naked, emaciated and unable to speak, she was discovered by woodcutters in a remote northern Indian province, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. She was taken to a state run hospital where chief medical superintendent D.K. Singh said that when she was found she was "running on her arms and legs and eating food off the floor with her mouth." The monkeys chased the lumberjacks away when they tried to rescue the girl.

— John Grimaldi

Wanted

A store in El Paso's Mission Valley was held up at gunpoint. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the public's help in identifying this armed robber through Crime Stoppers. On the

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When a friend makes a mistake, don't rub it in — rub it out.

— Quips & Quotes

SISD student joins classroom via robot

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – A student at John Drugan School, who has been homebound for nine months, is now virtually part of her class again using VGo, a telepresence robot that allows her to be part of classroom instruction and activities while she is at home recovering from a chronic illness.

The initiative was made possible after the Socorro Independent School District's Technology Services Department worked with the campus to find a way to better accommodate the needs of the student and offer her a classroom experience.

"Our district is always looking to be innovative and find new technologies that we can provide for our students," said Miguel Moreno, the district's instructional technology coordinator. "We are opening doors to so many possibilities of how to bring people together. In this case, there is no bond



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

VIRTUAL PRESENCE – A long-term homebound student is now able to interface with her classmates through technology. She has been ill since the start of the school year and now can hear, see and talk with teachers and other students.

like that of a classmate who has been out of school and peers wanting that student to be part of the classroom again."

The instructional technology team and

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Fabens ISD offers path to early college success

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

FABENS – At 19 years of age, Jennifer Gonzalez, of San Elizario, has a lot to be proud of as she prepares to graduate from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) May 13 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Gonzalez, daughter of Elizabeth Anchondo and Mario Gonzalez, is certainly counting her blessings. And, she said that the catalyst for her educational success was the Cotton Valley Early College High School (CVECHS) program offered by Fabens Independent School District (FISD).

"Ever since I was a small girl, I knew what my life would be. Seeing my mom's everyday struggles and stress was all the motivation I needed to set my mind into what I have become today," Gonzalez reflected recently.

"My mom encouraged me to apply to CVECHS when I was in middle school, and she told me that I should always take advantage of opportunities. Now, I am glad I took advantage of this opportunity. I graduated from El Paso Community College (EPCC) with an Associate of Arts degree at age 14 as a junior, then I graduated from Fabens High School (FHS) at age 17 as the Valedictorian," Gonzalez stated.

"Not only will CVECHS always remain in my gratitude, but I will always represent this amazing school. CVECHS has been a sumptuous fundamental factor for my college education that prepared



— Photos courtesy of Cotton Valley Early College High School

GETTING A HEAD START – From left, Jennifer Gonzalez, Samantha Ramirez and Joel Mapula all took advantage of Cotton Valley Early College High School classes, graduating with an Associate of Arts. All three advanced to UTEP to study nursing.

me with every necessary contrivance required. CVECHS showed me to never give up, and how your life roots don't matter in your applied future. The school's atmosphere and quality staff was a great aid for every single student regardless of the challenges," Gonzalez said.

"The opportunities CVECHS had to offer suited all my needs in an incredible facet. Success is all I desired and CVECHS was always there to fulfill my necessary potential," Gonzalez asserted. "I will always remember how one of my instructors would always motivate me to do my best. Mr. Avalos would always tell me 'THE SKY IS THE LIMIT'. After meeting him, not only did I understand that in order to be successful you don't need to be smart, but you have to have the tenacity to

become someone better," she stated.

"I am glad that I made the decision to attend CVECHS six years ago. CVECHS helped me achieve all my goals and relieved my mom and I from any financial burden. After graduating from high school, I received a UTEP Presidential Excellence scholarship and the Valedictorian scholarship which helped me graduate from the university debt free. Not only am I graduating with a BSN, but also I am graduating with honors. I am proud of what I have achieved at this young age, and I am really glad I attended an early college high school," Gonzalez related.

Gonzalez is not the only CVECHS alumnus who will graduate from UTEP this year. Samantha Ramirez, 21, of

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Finances By Nathaniel Sillin

Secrets to saving on your summer city vacation

Cities attract people for different reasons, which is partly why cities are such popular vacation destinations. Summer is one of the best times to visit, as the long days give you extra hours of sunlight for exploration and many cities host a variety of

free activities. The busy season can mean rising prices, but there are a few city-specific savings tactics that can take some of the strain off your budget.

Look for insiders' knowledge about the city. Many major cities are covered by bloggers who focus on how to enjoy the city on the cheap. You could start your planning by researching online with the keywords "free or cheap" and the city's name. Some of the well-organized websites will even let you filter events by date, cost and your interests.

Also check the city's local newspaper sites for lists of free or cheap events. During the summer, many cities have free outdoor concerts and movie screenings; you can pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the warm weather and show.

Get around the city like a local. It might make sense to take an occasional cab, but some cities have robust public transportation systems. Take a few minutes to study the city's layout before arriving and don't be afraid to ask locals for advice or directions.

If you're in town for more than a few days, look into time-based public transportation passes. For example, you can get a seven-day Unlimited Ride MetroCard for subway and bus rides in New York City for \$32. (There's \$1 new-card fee if you're not refilling an existing card.) You can even use it on the crosstown buses that can

quickly get you from one side of Central Park to the other.

Explore new cuisine. One of my favorite parts about visiting a city is trying the restaurants. Whether you save up and enjoy one of the city's finest eateries or find a hole-in-the-wall hidden gem, there's something for everyone.

Luckily, many cities' must-try foods are on the inexpensive side. Chicago's hot dogs, Portland's doughnuts and Austin's tacos all often cost less than \$5. You can also look for lists of cheap and delicious eats alongside the free-entertainment tips from frugal bloggers and local papers.

High-end restaurants will inevitably be pricey, but if it's on your "must-do" list, there could be ways to save. Some restaurants offer less expensive brunches or early evening tasting menus, or you might be able to grab a small bite and a drink at the bar rather than a full meal.

Find the deals if you're going to shop. Some people see shopping as an intrinsic part of a vacation, and cities are often home to chains' flagship stores, boutiques and specialty shops. The wide variety of options could tempt you to overspend, but it also means there are plenty of opportunities to save.

If you're in the luxury market, look for sample sales where high-end brands might be charging (relatively) less for products formerly on runways

or showroom floors. Trying to stick to a tight budget? Look for large retailers' clearance sales, particularly if you're visiting when stores are clearing seasonal items off their shelves.

Think outside the box when it comes to lodging. Most people know that hotels in the heart of tourist areas are often the most expensive, and many turn to home-sharing sites as cheaper alternatives.

Another trick is to look for availability at hotels in the city's financial district. Holidays and weekends can bring vacancies at these properties, which may mean lower rates. Hotels right outside the main city, but accessible by public transportation, can also cost less.

Bottom line: Cities can be expensive, particularly during the busy summer, but there's a reason they're such popular vacation destinations. Whether you're interested in museums, shows, food, historic sites or all of the above, there are ways to save and make the most out of your summer in the city.

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

PTSD lawsuit seeks honorable discharges

Some 22,000 Iraq/Afghanistan veterans have been discharged with less than honorable ratings due to misconduct. It's estimated that 20 percent of Iraq veterans have PTSD, along with 11 percent of Afghanistan veterans. Misconduct often goes hand in hand with PTSD as the veteran struggles to keep a balance.

A recent class-action lawsuit by Yale Law School's Veterans Legal Services Clinic seeks to address the failure of the Army Discharge Review Board to do as they were instructed in 2014: give special consideration to appeals to upgrade the discharge levels of veterans with PTSD, per instruction from then-Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel.

Part of the lawsuit details the experiences of Steve Kennedy. His path is one followed by many other veterans: the surfacing of his PTSD symptoms, attempts to self-medicate with alcohol, having suicidal thoughts, not seeking help because he'd seen how others became targets for seeking assistance. The final

straw (his "misconduct") came when Kennedy was denied leave to attend his wedding, even though that leave had been approved over a year earlier. He went AWOL.

When he returned he was sent to a psychologist, who misdiagnosed him in a single appointment and suggested he be discharged. Kennedy was then sent to a psychiatrist, who gave him pills for two months but no treatment. Kennedy was then given a choice: join a new unit that was going back to Iraq – or take a General discharge. He made the decision to get out and seek help. Eventually both Department of Veterans Affairs and civilian doctors diagnosed Kennedy with PTSD.

Kennedy's application to have his General discharge elevated to Honorable was turned down – twice – contrary to the 2014 Hagel memo. To read the whole class-action document, go online to law.yale.edu/clinics/vlsc and search for Kennedy veteran lawsuit.

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View from here By Kris S. Held, M.D.

Make insurance affordable again

Republicans may take another stab at getting rid of ObamaCare, better called the Unaffordable Care Act. But most Americans will hold their applause until they find out whether this next attempt will improve their situation, or make insurance even more unaffordable and further restrict their ability to even have a say in their choice of doctors and treatment options.

RyanCare, better called ObamaCare 2.0, would have led to another 15 percent to 20 percent increase in premiums, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). Based on CBO's history, that's probably an underestimate. A weatherman with such unreliable forecasting would undoubtedly get fired.

How on earth could the GOP bill be more expensive? And why in the world would the Republicans try to ram it through anyway?

The Ryan bill would have repealed the individual mandate – the tax penalty for being uninsured (being fined for not buying a government product). But, if people didn't want to buy the Obamacare then, why would they want to buy it now, when it's even more expensive and there's no penalty for refusing to buy it?

What do people normally do when they experience sticker shock? They snicker, "No, thank you!" and jolt past the overpriced car loaded down with expensive options that they don't want.

In a normal free market, people can look for a less expensive car or a different dealer. But ObamaCare outlawed the insurance products that millions of people had and were satisfied with. No more "bare bones" policies for instance. The leather seats and built-in entertainment "option" are no longer optional. And no heading to the dealer across the street – or the state line – who'll make you a better deal. The government has fixed the prices, the products, and the dealers.

You may be shocked to hear that "free-market" Republicans didn't fix that. They'll let you do without the car, but you can't get a cheaper one. After all, the Obama car features are immensely popular.

They are certainly popular with certain groups:

People who don't have to pay the full price for the car because of the taxpayer subsidies, called tax "credits," that are given even to people who don't owe taxes, paid for by taxes of people who don't get the credits;

People who get the equivalent of a Lexus for the price of a Honda because of some pricing rules that work like community rating for insurance;

People who "need" the entertainment option that those who abstain from illegal drugs, excessive alcohol, or promiscuity manage to live without;

The manufacturer of the expensive car;

The suppliers of the options;

Twenty-six-year-olds who are still dependent on their parents.

The Republican leadership is so far adamant about retaining the "guaranteed issue/community rating" features that always and everywhere send premiums

into the stratosphere. This means insurers can't price their product by risk level. They can't "discriminate" against bad risks. So the good risks say, "No, thank you," and premiums go higher still.

Ann Coulter suggested a simple option: Let insurance be sold on a free market. She just wants coverage for things like broken bones, cancer, and heart attacks. She does not want to pay for sex-change surgery, infertility treatment, or drug rehab. There are probably many millions of Americans who would snap up such policies. Insurers could develop a whole range of innovative products – such as health status insurance or premier cancer coverage for low-risk people who unexpectedly get cancer.

The result would probably be an explosion in the availability of insurance products, and a dramatic decrease in the price of medical goods and services – once they are not bundled into enormous insurance premiums but have to show their worth to consumers who have choices. Disruptive innovation and creative destruction would abound.

There would no doubt be some people with pre-existings, through no fault of their own because of decades of misguided government policy. But when problems come up, we should find targeted solutions, instead of wrecking the insurance market, grossly inflating the cost of all medical care, and driving out doctors and facilities that can't cope with the tsunami of regulations that attempt to substitute for the natural adjustments of a free market.

The greatest distress would be felt not by patients and taxpayers but by third party parasites – the swamp dwellers siphoning off a huge cut of some \$3 trillion passing through the third-party payment system each and every year.

We hear a compromise between conservatives and "moderates" has been suggested: allow states to apply for a waiver of the guaranteed issue/community rating rules. In other words, permit islands of freedom. We might see what such a controlled experiment would show.

Republicans must honor their word to repeal Obamacare. Retaining its inherent flaws while upping premiums and creating a new subsidy will prove as effective as painting it red, upping the sticker price, and adding spinners and neon. We must address the entrenched flaws that keep the costs up. We must continuously remind ourselves that the goal is survival of our patients, not the survival of big insurance corporations, political careers, and special-interest parasites. We need an ambulance not a Monster truck, and most importantly we must drain the swamp.

Kris Story Held, M.D. is a board certified ophthalmologist and ophthalmic surgeon. On October 1, 2015 her practice became completely third party free. Kris is actively developing an "alternate universe" with a group of San Antonio physicians, where physicians can practice through a direct patient care model called BridgeTwoHealth.com.

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UTEP awards San Eli students with scholarships

By Hector Gonzalez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Three San Elizario High School seniors received a good chunk of change to help pay for college this Fall.

Caress Riddell, Isabel Parada, and Angel Olivas were awarded with a scholarship courtesy of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Stephanie Flores, University Recruiter, stopped by the high school to present the students with their scholarship.

“We love awarding students with scholarships because it gives them an incentive to look forward to going to college,” said Flores. “It is a way of letting them know that UTEP cares for them and their continued education.”

Angel Olivas, recipient of a \$4,000 scholarship, is grateful of this opportunity and already knows what he plans to do with the money.



DIVVY IT UP – SEHS seniors, from left, Isabel Parada, Angel Olivas, and Caress Riddell are heading to UTEP with scholarships totaling \$28,000. Parada received \$12,000; Olivas, \$4,000; and Riddell, \$12,000.

“This is a blessing,” said Olivas. “This money is definitely going to help me pay for my first semester at UTEP. I am really looking forward to being part

of the Miner family and I am excited about pursuing a career in Music Education.”

The University plans to award a total of \$7-Million

in scholarships by the Fall of 2017. The amount each student receives is based on academics, SAT scores, and overall GPA in high school.

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Fabens and daughter of Cynthia and Sef Ramirez, will also be graduating from UTEP with a BSN degree in May. And, Joel Mapula, 19, of Fabens and son of Oscar Mapula and Susana Mapula, will be graduating from UTEP with a BSN next December. Two other former CVECHS students graduating from UTEP in May are Alexys Candelaria and Lorraine Garcia (both Class of 2014).

Ramirez said that her main motivation to attain a college education was her family, especially her parents. “My parents have always supported me in everything I have done. I would not be standing where I am today if it were not for them. They have given me every tool

I needed to be successful in my educational career and in life. I will be receiving my BSN this May for my family, who has been a part of every step in my journey,” she stated.

Ramirez said that CVECHS benefitted her in numerous ways. “One of the ways it helped me was by showing me how to make the transition into a four-year university easier. I was able to experience ‘real college’ life at a young age which helped me prepare for my higher education career,” she stated.

“CVECHS gave me the opportunity to reach my educational goals quicker by giving me the opportunity to take basic college courses that I needed to be able to enter

the nursing program at UTEP. Overall, CVECHS was a great opportunity for me which has led me to success and has opened many doors in my educational career. I am grateful I was given the opportunity to attend CVECHS,” Ramirez explained.

“This is a tremendous opportunity, and we encourage any students from the Cotton Valley area including students from the communities of San Elizario, Clint, Tornillo and Fort Hancock to submit applications for Cotton Valley Early College High School. There are no barriers to acceptance. If students have college goals and aspirations, a positive attitude and are willing to commit to completing the program, then Cotton Valley is for them. We are now accepting applications for the (current eighth grade) Class of 2021. Current freshmen may also apply.”

– Dr. Sam Hogue
Principal of Cotton Valley Early College High School

Mapula, who is scheduled to graduate after the upcoming fall semester, said that his main motivation to attend an early college high school was that his

father and mother always worked hard to give him what he needed and so he wants to reciprocate their efforts.

“They sacrificed so much for me, and the best I could do in return was to become successful so that their sacrifices would not

be in vain,” Mapula said. “I chose the nursing profession because I want to be able to help people when they are at the most vulnerable parts of their lives, and in my own little way help change the world,” he added.

Today, CVECHS Principal Dr. Sam Hogue is urging more students in the lower valley school districts to take advantage of the program’s opportunities

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was French novelist – and, more significantly, journalist – Emile Zola who made the following sage observation: “One forges one’s style on the terrible anvil of daily deadlines.”

- You might be surprised to learn that, among readers from families with incomes of at least \$100,000, The Reader’s Digest reaches more people than The Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Inc. and Business Week combined.

- Have you ever heard of the Clarke-Asimov Treaty of Park Avenue? Unless you’re a fan of science fiction, you probably haven’t. Legend has it that two of science fiction’s Big Three, Isaac Asimov and Arthur C. Clarke (poor Robert A. Heinlein missed out, it seems), were sharing a cab in New York City when they reached an agreement: Each author would publicly refer to the other as the world’s greatest in his specialty. This meant that Asimov touted Clarke as the world’s best science-fiction writer – reserving second place for himself – while Clarke acknowledged Asimov as the world’s best science writer – also putting himself in second place. Evidence of the agreement is found Clarke’s 1972 novel “Report on Planet Three”; the dedication reads, “In accordance with the terms of the Clarke-Asimov treaty, the second-best science writer dedicates this book to the second-best science-fiction writer.”

- Those who study such things say that cannabis has been used to ease childbirth pains in a variety of cultures, ranging from the Middle East to Northern Africa to East Asia – and the evidence dates as far back as 2000 B.C.

- It was the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, who first allowed the public to enter the White House. He also made sure the presidential abode was well-provided with spittoons – at least a dozen of them.

Thought for the Day: “It’s surprising how much memory is built around things unnoticed at the time.”
– Barbara Kingsolver

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Moments in Time

The History Channel

• On May 15, 1942, gasoline rationing begins in 17 states to aid the U.S. war effort. Rationing soon took effect in all 50 states, and coupons became a hot commodity on the black market.

• On May 16, 1960, following the downing of an American U-2 spy plane by the Soviet Union, Russian leader Khrushchev lashes out at the U.S. during a Paris summit meeting with President Dwight Eisenhower. The outburst angered Eisenhower and doomed any chances for successful talks.

• On May 17, 1954, in a major civil-rights victory, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down a unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional.

• On May 18, 1989, in Beijing, 1 million protesters take to the streets calling for a more democratic political system. On June 3, Chinese armed forces stormed Tiananmen Square, killing thousands and arresting over 10,000 protestors in what became known as the Tiananmen Square Massacre.

• On May 19, 1997, a 3-year-old boy dies of avian influenza in Hong Kong. By the time the outbreak was controlled, six people were dead and 1.6 million domestic fowl were destroyed. The virus later mutated, becoming extraordinarily lethal, and killed 62 people in Asia before spreading to Europe.

• On May 20, 1862, the Union Congress passes the Homestead Act, allowing an adult, male or female, to claim 160 acres of land from the public domain. Homesteaders had to cultivate and improve the land by building a barn or house and live on the claim for five years, at which time it became theirs with a \$10 filing fee.

• On May 21, 1927, Charles Lindbergh lands at Le Bourget Field in Paris, 33 hours after leaving New York, successfully completing the first solo, nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

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early morning hours of Monday, April 24, 2017 the suspect walked into Seven-Eleven store located at 7150 Alameda. The suspect walked in with a handgun and a black bandana covering his face. The suspect demanded money and threatened the clerk with the handgun. The suspect fled the scene

with an undisclosed amount of cash, running southbound on C.R. Croom. The suspect spoke Spanish, was wearing a black bandana over his face, white long sleeve shirt, grey gloves, blue denim jeans, and grey and black shoes. Anyone with information on the identity of this armed robber should call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message

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— Javier Sambrano

Rock-a-bye baby

New moms have a new tool at their disposal to help put their newborns to sleep, reports

the Association of Mature American Citizens. No more having to take a car ride around the neighborhood to induce slumber now that the Ford Motor Company has introduced a sleep-inducing crib that simulates the ride in the comfort of your home. The company has named it the Ford Max Motor Dreams, and it replicates the motion, sounds and lights of a car ride to help babies fall asleep.

— John Grimaldi



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

ROAD TEST – The Socorro ISD tech team maneuvered the VGo robot through the John Drugan hallways on a test spin prior to going live.

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robot-stand-in which can stream two-way video and is equipped with audio capabilities so she can quickly go back to learning in the classroom.

"This student has been ill since the start of the school year, and due to the nature of her

illness she has been at home," said Adalberto Garcia, principal at John Drugan School. "In the past, her connection to the school was only her homebound teacher so this will allow her to interact with students and be part of our school again. It's an amazing opportunity for her and another example of our district offering endless opportunities to our students."

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San Elizario Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The San Elizario Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following SEISD Programs funded by Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Migrant Program
- Title II, Part A – Improving Teacher and Principals Quality
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

The meeting will be held:

Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Public review of the Federal Application for Educational funding for San Elizario ISD will be in the San Elizario ISD Administration Board Room at 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., San Elizario, Texas.

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San Elizario Independent School District AVISO PÚBLICO

La Junta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa para Estudiantes Migrantes
- Título II, Parte A – Mejorando la Calidad de Maestros y Directores
- Título III, Parte A – Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segundo idioma

La junta se llevará a cabo:

Miércoles, 17 de Mayo, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

La Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para el Distrito de San Elizario se llevará a cabo en el Salón de Juntas en las oficinas administrativas localizada en 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd.

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The mouth without an off switch

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

North Carolina pulled away from Gonzaga in the final moments to claim the 2017 college basketball championship, ending another chapter of March Madness.

The NCAA basketball season has been over for about a month now, but one individual has been busy keeping college hoops on the front of the sports pages.

No, it's not a player who is being called the next Michael Jordan. No, it's not a coach who is considering making a move to a bigger college. In fact, this person has no direct contact with college basketball whatsoever.

However, he does have direct contact, some might call it a smothering chokehold kind of contact, with some former and future college basketball players.

Of course I'm talking about the poor man's P.T. Barnum of college hoops, LaVar Ball.

Ball is the father of former UCLA point guard Lonzo Ball and incoming UCLA

recruit LiAngelo Ball and high school junior to-be LaMelo Ball.

Or as daddy might like to refer them... God's gifts to basketball.

There's no doubt that all three are basketball stars, and dad never lets more than 15 minutes go by without reminding everyone of that fact... again.

Now while it's certainly true that every dad has the right to be proud of his sons – how can he not be – but there's a certain grace in humility and a quiet confidence.

What was that line Denzel Washington uttered in the movie American Gangster, "the loudest person in the room, is the weakest person in the room."

And there's little doubt that LaVar Ball will always be the loudest guy in any room.

Daddy Ball made headlines all season long. One of them was when he compared Lonzo to the two-time reigning NBA MVP Stephen Curry. Well, he didn't really compare the two, he said his son was actually better.

After UCLA's loss in the tournament to Kentucky, Ball said the team lost because his son suffered a hamstring

injury during the game and was quoted as saying, "realistically you can't win no championship with three white guys because the foot speed is too slow."

I have to admit that I've made some "slow white guy" basketball jokes in the past but, right or wrong, making comments like that doesn't do any favors for his son's relationship with his teammates.

Muhammad Ali made a career of constantly opening his mouth – but he could back it all up.

LaVar Ball said he would beat Michael Jordan in a 1-on-1 match.

After commenting on LeBron James' sons on a radio talk show, LeBron told LaVar to, "keep my kids' names out of your mouth."

Ball also created a controversy when he made the statement that his son Lonzo would only play for the Lakers. Ball has also had public feuds with ESPN's Stephen A. Smith and Charles Barkley.

The over-zealous father has even stretched his tentacles deep into his other two sons' high school team, where he's notorious for going to games and shouting instructions to his sons and the team that

contradict the coach.

After one game, the high school's assistant coach said LaVar got the Chico Hills high schoolers out of their motel room and told them that it was his system that won. That they're doing what he says. He was quoted as saying, "I run Chino Hills! I run UCLA, about to run the NBA."

Ball has gone as far as forming Big Ballers Brand, which is his own marketing brand for his son's merchandise.

But it appears that daddy's mouth may finally be getting the best of him.

Because of his rhetoric and unrealistic demands, Nike, Under Armour or Adidas have announced that they will not offer an endorsement deal to his son Lonzo.

Does that bother Dad? Of course not. He's proclaimed that his Big Ballers Brand will be the next Nike and will ultimately be more successful.

LaVar Ball feels the need for bombastically over-hyping his kids.

But with Lonzo leading UCLA the way he did, with his other two talented kids headed for UCLA, one of which scored 92 points in a high school game, the truth is they would have been famous any way.

What Daddy didn't accomplish in his youth, shouldn't be his kids' problem.



– Photos courtesy of Cotton Valley Early College High School

MAKING THE GRADE – Jennifer Gonzalez, left, and Samantha Ramirez will both receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from UTEP on May 13. The young women cite their families as motivation to attain higher education.

College

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for earning a university degree. Hogue, who has been the CVECHS principal for the past four years, said that the innovative program started with a freshman class of 75 students who became its first graduating class of 2014. The current enrollment at CVECHS is 258 students in grades 9 through 12.

"CVECHS is now graduating our fourth class in 2017. Each year we strive to increase student success, and we project to have 84 percent of our present senior class to receive their associates degrees with an average of over 55 college hours per student," Hogue stated.

"Since CVECHS doors

opened in 2010, our students have successfully completed over 15,000 hours of college credit combined," Hogue said. "Another item to note is that many of our students complete their associates degrees early and are able to begin work on their bachelors' degrees at UTEP through the Early College High School scholarship program," he said.

CVECHS is now accepting applications from current eighth grades students (Class of 2021). CVECHS is managed by FISD in partnership with EPCC, Fort Hancock ISD, and Tornillo ISD.

Hogue stated that even though Tornillo and Fort Hancock are phasing out of formal participation, student enrollment at CVECHS is being maintained,

and even has increased, through an open-enrollment process offered by FISD. The principal explained that students from the communities of San Elizario, Clint, Tornillo and Fort Hancock, as well as other surrounding communities, continue to be afforded the opportunity to attend CVECHS through FISD's open-enrollment process.

"We are very proud of Jennifer, Samantha, Joel, Alexys, and Lorraine for their accomplishments and hard work, as well as being great role models for our students to follow. We are also looking forward to seeing more and more CVECHS students finishing up their bachelors' degrees and moving into their chosen careers or graduate work," the principal stated.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

And so it goes...

It was Ted Turner who said (and I'm paraphrasing) that if you ever have a chance to own a baseball team, you should go ahead and do it because it's a lot of fun.

It's hard to argue with Ted when he's making sense. This from a guy who owns an estate larger than the state of Connecticut, brought buffalo back to the dinner table and who once eloquently brushed aside criticism of his wife by declaring he had not, in fact, married "Hanoi Jane," he was simply making out with Barbarella on a nightly basis.

To be sure, owning a baseball team puts you in an elite club. There are only 30 of them, so you don't really have the luxury of comparison shopping. When one comes up for sale, if you've got the money and you still have a little bit of the boy (or girl) who collected baseball cards in a shoebox left in you, you make the deal. A quick look at the backgrounds of the current crop of MLB franchise owners shows them to be captains (or sons of captains) of industry, legal whizzes or savvy investors.

But as they often do, things got weird in Miami. The owner of the Miami Marlins, Jeffrey Loria, is considered by most observers of the game to be the worst owner in baseball. Remember the Billy Joel song, "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant"? It's a song that details the life of Brenda and Eddie. At one point, they manage to decorate their first home with a couple of paintings from Sears. Billy didn't know it at the time, but he was singing

about Loria... he was the guy in charge of buying the paintings for Sears. From there, he bought the Montreal Expos, killed them, bought the Marlins and despite winning a championship in 2003, has done nothing but insult the intelligence of Miami fans ever since. After NFL owner Dan Snyder, there is no more reviled owner in American sports.

Not too many players own franchises – Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky being the exceptions. Two years after his last hit, Derek Jeter collars Jeb Bush and ponies up \$1.3 billion in investment capital and suddenly the weed-cracked, empty parking lots in Miami are about to teem with new life. The fans get a team that will try to win, baseball gets their most bankable superstar back and the Bush family gets to make a few more headlines.

How quickly can a Jeter/Bush-owned Marlins team turn it around? Let's put it this way – the quickest way Jeb will ever see the inside of the White House will more than likely come via the hands and baseball mind of Jeter, and not any political action committee or otherwise wealthy donor. One can imagine that Jeb would not relish visiting the White House, current occupant considered, but you'd also have to think he'd have to feel a bit proud of the fact that he succeeded where both his older brother – a terrible owner of the Texas Rangers – and Donald Trump (who single-

from Sears. Billy didn't know it at the time, but he was singing

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Comix

Your good health By Keith Roach, M.D.

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 80 years old, and have been bothered by frequent urination for many years. My urologist was constantly recommending a surgical procedure, and was performing diagnostic tests to determine what I already knew – that I do not void fully. I sometimes must urinate three to four times at night. I have not seen this urologist for more than two years. My question is: What are the risks of doing nothing? I was on Flomax and found it to be of no benefit. – W.B.

I have yearly checkups and blood tests. After looking over my yearly bloodwork, which we do at work, my white blood cell count is usually low, according to my hematologist. He had me do a total body X-ray and several blood tests over a three-month period and found nothing wrong with me. I did not mention the above to him. Can you tell me what can possibly be going on in my body? – A.N.

Difficulty urinating is a common problem for older men, and for many men, the symptoms themselves make them want to be treated. It sounds like you are asking if there might be additional downsides besides the symptoms. The major risk is that there might be a cancer, especially of the prostate, so seeing the urologist to look for cancer is important. Prolonged blockage occasionally leads to kidney damage, if the blockage is severe enough for long enough. Finally, having “stale” urine in the bladder predisposes you to infection. If your doctor finds you have good kidney function, no cancer and no infection, you don’t need to get treated. That being said, there are other treatments besides Flomax that might help your symptoms

Since it has happened only twice in three years, and since you have had an evaluation without finding anything, it may just be one of those things that happens that we don’t get an answer to. In fact, I think that is the most likely outcome. However, whenever I hear about warmth all over the body, I worry about conditions that cause a release of substances that act on the blood vessels. Carcinoid syndrome and pheochromocytomas are two rare conditions that can cause a temporary flushing sensation, and you certainly should mention this to your doctor. Neither of them is likely, but you don’t want to miss either possibility. Sudden onset of weakness is a warning sign of a TIA or stroke, but your situation doesn’t really sound like that. Still, giving your doctor the most information will help him decide whether this needs to be looked into further.

DEAR DR. ROACH: About three years ago, I was walking from the parking lot to church (not a long distance) and was overcome with a feeling of warmth and weakness throughout my body. I almost dropped my purse, but it stopped almost immediately. About three weeks ago, the same thing happened. I did not feel ill, and it passed almost as fast as it came on. I am 65 years old, exercise regularly and eat a healthy diet.

Dr. Roach regrets that he cannot answer all letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2017 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

- FOWL TASTING ACROSS**
- 1 Kitchen head
 - 5 Sail holders
 - 10 Belt locale
 - 15 Swedish auto
 - 19 Verdi slave
 - 20 Greek market of old
 - 21 Act announcer
 - 22 Big, wild cat
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 See 129-Across
 - 27 In a way, informally
 - 28 Tour crew member
 - 29 Awaiting
 - 31 Sit-up muscles
 - 33 Below zero: Abbr.
 - 34 Cozy retreat
 - 36 Ear-related
 - 37 Cheering words
 - 40 Riddle, part 2
 - 45 Et _ (and others, in Latin)
 - 46 Like _ of sunshine
 - 47 Like half the integers
 - 48 “_ culpa”
 - 49 Nation south of Kenya
 - 51 _ tai (cocktail)
 - 53 Feline zodiac sign
 - 55 Titanic call
 - 58 Riddle, part 3
 - 63 “The Good Wife” ainer
 - 65 Bucks and bulls
 - 66 Attach
 - 67 Lt.’s underling
 - 68 Bandit-hunting band
 - 69 Keys hitting piano
 - 71 Heckling
 - 73 Giggle sound
 - 74 Scoundrel
 - 75 Sharp left or right in a ring
 - 76 Carry-_ (plane totes)
 - 77 Shearable male
 - 78 Little kitchen raider
 - 79 Riddle, part 4
 - 84 Well-suited
 - 85 Special time span
 - 86 Hurly-burly
 - 87 Masses near tonsils
 - 90 Big tippler
 - 92 Ring king
 - 94 Students at Yale
 - 95 Small cut
 - 96 End of the riddle
 - 102 Like quiche
 - 103 “No men” palace area
 - 104 Longtime delivery co.
 - 105 Wrestler’s win
 - 106 Alley-_ pass
 - 108 Cuts into the surface of
 - 110 Juarez wife
 - 113 “The Lorax” author
 - 117 Concealed
 - 118 Riddle’s answer
 - 122 “Citizen” of film
 - 123 Pass on
 - 124 Slip away from
 - 125 Gillette brand name
 - 126 _Pei (kind of dog)
 - 127 ISP customers
 - 128 Fix, as a bow
 - 129 With 26-Across, skills of the past
- DOWN**
- 1 Raven calls
 - 2 Old Ritz rival
 - 3 German river to the Fulda
 - 4 Daydream
 - 5 _jongg
 - 6 Stress or sun, to some
 - 7 Big Apple district
 - 8 Hooky-playing
 - 9 Smoothing machine
 - 10 Existed
 - 11 Grant with six Grammys
 - 12 I, to Hans
 - 13 Perceiving
 - 14 Memphis loc.
 - 15 Patty flipper
 - 16 Northern lights, e.g.
 - 17 Acela offerer
 - 18 In a low way
 - 24 Diner’s bill
 - 25 Prefix with byte or watt
 - 30 In no peril
 - 32 Welsh city and county
 - 34 Pulled off
 - 35 Opposite of crosswise, archaically
 - 37 Traitor type
 - 38 Menu phrase
 - 39 Retrospect
 - 41 Ovine zodiac sign
 - 42 Coal-rich German region
 - 43 Make null
 - 44 With frenzy
 - 50 More wan
 - 51 Fashioned
 - 52 Rival of iOS
 - 54 Canon shooter line
 - 55 Gliding like a supermodel
 - 56 Gridiron great
 - Merlin
 - 57 Clay target sport
 - 59 Judo-like cardio fad
 - 60 Anxious
 - 61 Hypothetical missing links
 - 62 Trouble
 - 63 Magna _ (document of 1215)
 - 64 Weakly hit fly ball
 - 70 Give a line to
 - 71 Many a Net game
 - 72 Grooving on
 - 73 Likes at once
 - 75 Rattle
 - 77 Base of a number system
 - 80 Crumbly cheese
 - 81 Drizzle, e.g.
 - 82 Barn bundle
 - 83 Sachet bit
 - 88 Cutting barb
 - 89 KGB figure
 - 90 Actor Rod
 - 91 Resistance measures
 - 93 “_ Miserables”
 - 94 Make heroic
 - 96 Scrambling kitchen tools
 - 97 ESPN’s Storm
 - 98 Mysteries
 - 99 Shoves
 - 100 Duel blade
 - 101 Evening meal
 - 107_Kosh B’Gosh (clothing brand)
 - 109 Pale tan
 - 110 “The _ the limit!”
 - 111 Lick soundly
 - 112 German auto
 - 114 Until
 - 115 Quaint letter starter
 - 116 See 120-Down
 - 119_de-France
 - 120 With 116-Down, a tot travels in it
 - 121 “Well, I’ll be!”

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore

April 22, 1540: Spanish explorer Coronado began his search for Cibolo, the cities of gold. He gave up in 1542 – but he did discover Palo Duro Canyon.



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil
Social Security on the road

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Here's a Tip
 By JoAnn Derson

- "Use a large hair clip to hold your dish towel on the oven door handle."
 – M.W. in Iowa
- "An easy way to save money is when you write a check [or make a debit or check-card purchase], round it up to the nearest dollar in your checkbook register [or spreadsheet]. We saved over \$300 in no time using this method. It works great for unexpected expenses like fixing a car or paying the copayment when you have to go to the emergency room."
 – S.W. in Arkansas
- "Erase permanent markers from countertops: Rubbing alcohol will dissolve the marker back to a liquid state so you can wipe it off."
 – B.D. in Virginia

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 Answer Page 4 ◆◆◆ 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: F equals S

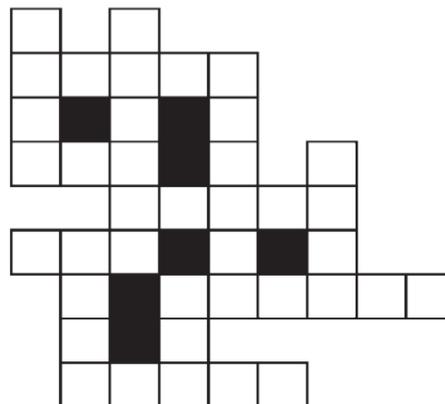
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- YEL
- RATLIO
- KAPOL
- ♥ HICN
- ONKREB
- TKI
- PLOA
- ♥ GENIH
- ♥ OBN
- TACPEC
- ♥ COIPT
- NAKY



Answer Page 4

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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handedly killed the USFL) failed miserably.

None of that matters in Miami. To the fan, they just got handed a real franchise with a real owner for the first time in a long time. As Ted would acknowledge... that's a much better way of looking at things.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.