

NEWSBRIEFS

SISD grant

The Socorro Independent School District (SISD) has been awarded a \$5,000 grant by the PepsiCo Foundation to assist its Volunteer After School Sports Program (VASSP). PepsiCo representatives and State Rep. Mary Gonzalez awarded students in the VASSP program with the donation during a special check presentation on Monday. VASSP is an intramural sports and community outreach program designed to provide after-school physical activity for students, provide volunteer parental involvement, and help students attain more interest in their school grades. The program is open for all male and female students in pre-k through sixth-grade. “This generous donation will help us purchase needed equipment to enable SISD students to participate in the after-school soccer and track and field program,” said Dr. Carmen Olivas-Graham, Director of Administrative Services. Items to be purchased include soccer nets, balls and small generators to light the fields.

– Christy Flores-Jones

Vets’ conference

El Paso Community College (EPCC) Contract Opportunity Center will hold its 12th Annual Veterans Business Conference, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center, 11199 Sergeant E. Churchill, Fort Bliss. This conference is open to all businesses, contractors and vendors interested in contracting with government agencies with a focus on Veteran and service-disabled Veteran-owned businesses. Providing a venue for local and regional veteran-owned businesses, federal agencies and their prime contractors will become aware of their existence and capabilities. “Historically, this conference has been an important event for the business communities in El Paso County, West Texas and Southern New Mexico,” Pablo Armendariz, Program Manager of the EPCC Contract Opportunities Center said. “It has also presented an opportunity for government agencies and government prime contractors to extend their outreach.” The registration fee for the Veterans Business Conference is

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If half of your wishes came true, your troubles would probably double.
– Quips & Quotes

Vogt replaces Escobar as county judge

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Ruben Vogt was sworn in recently as El Paso’s county judge for El Paso County. Vogt, former County Judge Veronica Escobar’s chief of staff for the past 11 years, was selected after a 4-1 vote by commissioners a few days earlier with Commissioner Vince Perez casting the sole no vote. He chaired his first meeting this week.

Vogt, 33, stated publicly that the process was tough for the Commissioners Court to go through because replacing the current judge was not an easy choice. He added that he was extremely honored by their willingness to think outside of the box and appoint someone who was not an elected official. Vogt was among a handful of candidates commissioners had been considering for the past six weeks.

The new county judge, who will serve through December 2018, said that he has a passion for community service and that he loves El Paso. Before going to work

for the county, Vogt worked for then-state Senator Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso.

Vogt, a graduate of Canutillo High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and English and a Master of Arts degree in intelligence and national security studies from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).

Escobar announced in August that she was running for Congress. She is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 16th Congressional District seat being vacated by U.S. Rep. Beto O’Rourke.

The congressman, who is seeking the Democratic nomination to run against



– Photo courtesy of El Paso County

SWORN IN – Ruben John Vogt was recently named El Paso County Judge. He will serve out Veronica Escobar’s unexpired term through December 2018.

incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, has endorsed Escobar.

Escobar stated that Vogt was a good choice because he is a good communicator and will provide stability. “The nomination of Ruben was really inspired. We were talking about continuity and stability and the desire to have someone as familiar with county government as possible to keep things moving,” she stated in a recent news report.

Perez said that there was a good pool of highly qualified candidates who could have filled the duties and responsibilities of

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Bad booze stopped at border ports

TABC officers keep Texans safe by seizing illicit alcohol

By Chris Porter
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – A recent warning by the U.S. State Department regarding possible tainted or counterfeit alcohol purchased abroad is helping to raise awareness of a common issue witnessed by Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) officials working at the Texas-Mexico border.

Tax Compliance Officers (TCOs) from TABC’s Ports of Entry Division seized more than 1,000 containers of illicit or dangerous alcohol brought by travelers crossing into Texas from Mexico during the 2017 fiscal year. “Illicit alcohol” includes any alcohol products which are not properly labeled or are carried in improper containers. Such products may also contain dangerous or illegal additives, making them unsafe for human consumption.

TABC is charged with collecting the required taxes on any alcohol brought into the state via the Texas-Mexico border. According to TABC Ports



– Photos courtesy Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

SMALL – TABC Ports of Entry officers seized this jar filled with mescal in El Paso June 8. TABC inspects and taxes all alcohol products carried by travelers entering Texas from Mexico.



MEDIUM – A fuel stabilizer bottle filled with whisky is one example of the dozens of illicit alcohol products seized by TABC Ports of Entry officers each month.

of Entry Chief John Reney, officers frequently encounter individuals trying to bring in illicit alcohol.

“It’s not uncommon for our TCOs to identify alcohol in unmarked containers, such as a gasoline container or water bottle,” Reney said. “These products, if allowed to enter Texas, could prove dangerous to consumers. For that reason, we seize the products and destroy them before they can enter the

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Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

Ten open enrollment mistakes to avoid

How much time do you spend reviewing your benefits before open enrollment each year?

If your answer is “not much,” you’re not alone. A recent survey by insurer Aflac (<http://workforces.aflac.com/about-the-study.php>) says that 90 percent of Americans choose the same benefits year after year and that 42 percent forego up to \$750 annually by making poor choices.

Rushing through annual benefits updates or making such uninformed decisions in insurance, retirement or other workplace-based benefits are actually part of a bigger story. Open enrollment is just one part of an overall financial plan: Unfortunately, too many employees see it as the only

financial planning they have to do all year.

In reality, a safe financial future depends mostly on the savings, investing and spending decisions you make outside the workplace. As many employers are looking to shrink or discontinue the retirement and health benefits they offer, it’s time to take a fresh look at open enrollment.

Here are 10 benefits mistakes you might want to avoid:

1) **Not having an overall financial plan.** Your company may offer excellent benefits now. However, the Labor Department reports that average worker tenure at U.S. companies is only 4.6 years, so the biggest open enrollment mistake might be assuming your current benefits assure your financial future. It’s

important to work alone or with qualified advisors to determine the right work-based benefits as part of overall spending, savings and investment activities throughout your lifetime.

2) **Making choices at the last minute.** Your benefits are important and deserve time for consideration. Put your open enrollment dates on your personal calendar with a reminder a few weeks ahead of time to coordinate with qualified advisors if you have them.

3) **Forgetting to coordinate with your spouse or partner.** Many employers are planning big changes to spouse/partner benefits. While the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) lets parents keep children on their health plans until age 26, more employers are instituting “spousal surcharges” or excluding spousal coverage altogether if they already have access to employer health insurance.

4) **Ignoring your state’s Health Insurance Marketplace.** Even if you have employer health insurance, things change. If you lose a job or cannot stay on your spouse or partner’s health plan, it might be worthwhile to familiarize yourself with your state’s ACA-mandated health insurance marketplace ahead of time.

5) **Underestimating how big life events might affect your benefits.** Salary changes, marriage, divorce, serious illness

or starting a family are big signals to check your benefits, preferably well in advance of open enrollment. Think through every potential situation you

might face and ask questions about how those changes might affect your benefit selections.

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Pin-Ups for Vets

It was with great irritation that I learned about a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital cancelling a previously scheduled visit from a group called Pin-Ups for Vets, without (apparently) doing its homework. After a hue and cry on the hospital’s website, it finally said yes, and the visit was on again.

Pin-Ups for Vets, a kitchen-table startup that has been quite successful in supporting veterans, was created in honor of a grandfather who served during World War II. Since 2007, the group has visited more than 60 military hospitals and 20 military bases (some overseas), and have been welcomed at each one. They donate funds for veteran programs, deliver care packages, support homeless veterans and military wives, make hospital visits (wearing their vintage dresses) and chat with the veterans, and that’s just a partial list.

At each visit they also hand out nostalgia calendars with 1940s pin-up girl themes. The calendars are extremely

well done. There are images of lovely ladies wearing retro dresses, high heels and hairstyles of that era, posing with great vintage vehicles (planes, trucks, tractors) – all appropriate images. The clincher for me: Nearly all the women in the calendar are themselves military veterans.

Check for yourself at www.pinupsforvets.com. The 2018 calendar features 21 veterans and costs only \$15. You’ll also find posters, mugs, totes, signs and more on the website shopping page.

With the holidays looming, consider buying a half dozen or more calendars and delivering them to a ward at your nearest VA hospital. (Hook up with a recreation therapist or voluntary services at the hospital.) Wear a Santa hat. Spend some time there talking to the patients, especially the older ones who either served or were children during World War II. Ask questions about those years. Get them talking.

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Notice of Public Meeting
To Discuss Canutillo
Independent School District’s
State Financial Accountability
Rating (FIRST)

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 7, 2017 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

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

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– Photo courtesy Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

LARGE – Three fuel containers containing 45 gallons of pulque were seized by TABC Tax Compliance Officers at the Laredo international port of entry July 25.

Alcohol

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marketplace.”

TABC serves as the first line of defense against such products, said A. Bentley Nettles, TABC Executive Director.

“One of TABC’s primary duties

is upholding public safety,” Nettles said. “While most people think that only involves our law enforcement operations, a huge piece of that mission includes keeping dangerous products like these out of Texas. We have people at the border crossings trained to identify and seize any illicit alcohol products which could prove harmful to Texas consumers.”

Briefs

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\$35. To register or obtain more information, visit <http://www.elpasococ-events.org> or call (915) 831-7749.

– Jim Heiney

Free trees or ...

The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by offering 10 free autumn classics trees or five free Crapemyrtle when you join the organization in October. The free trees are

part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation’s Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees. Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive five free crapemyrtle trees or 10 free autumn classics selected for your area. The 10 autumn classics include: two sugar maples, two red maples, and one each of scarlet oak, sweetgum, northern red oak, silver maple, white flowering

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was German dramatist, poet, philosopher and statesman Johann Wolfgang von Goethe who made the following sage observation: “Too many parents make life hard for their children by trying, too zealously, to make it easy for them.”
 - At one time in Ireland, a traditional Halloween activity was predicting future romance. It was one of the few times of the year when young men and women could mingle, and fortune-telling games to predict who they would marry were popular.
 - Those who are experiencing money-related relationship issues might be interested to note the results of a survey conducted by TD Ameritrade. When asked who manages the household budget, 87 percent of women said they did, while 81 percent of men claimed that responsibility.
 - Until Alfred Hitchcock’s iconic psychological horror film “Psycho” premiered in 1960, no American film had ever shown a toilet being flushed.
 - Buick is one of the oldest automobile brands in the world, so you might expect that the company’s founder did pretty well for himself. Unfortunately for David Dunbar Buick, who incorporated the company in 1903, that wasn’t the case. In less than a year, the company was sold. Buick stayed on as a manager and worked on engine development, but only for two more years. When he left his namesake company in 1906, he sold his one remaining share of Buick for \$100,000. That was a rather hefty sum at the time, but he lost it all in a series of unsuccessful ventures. At the time of his death in early 1929, he was virtually penniless.
 - It’s been reported that a shaved guinea pig bears a remarkable resemblance to a tiny hippopotamus.
- Thought for the Day: “Absolute faith corrupts as absolutely as absolute power.”
- Eric Hoffer

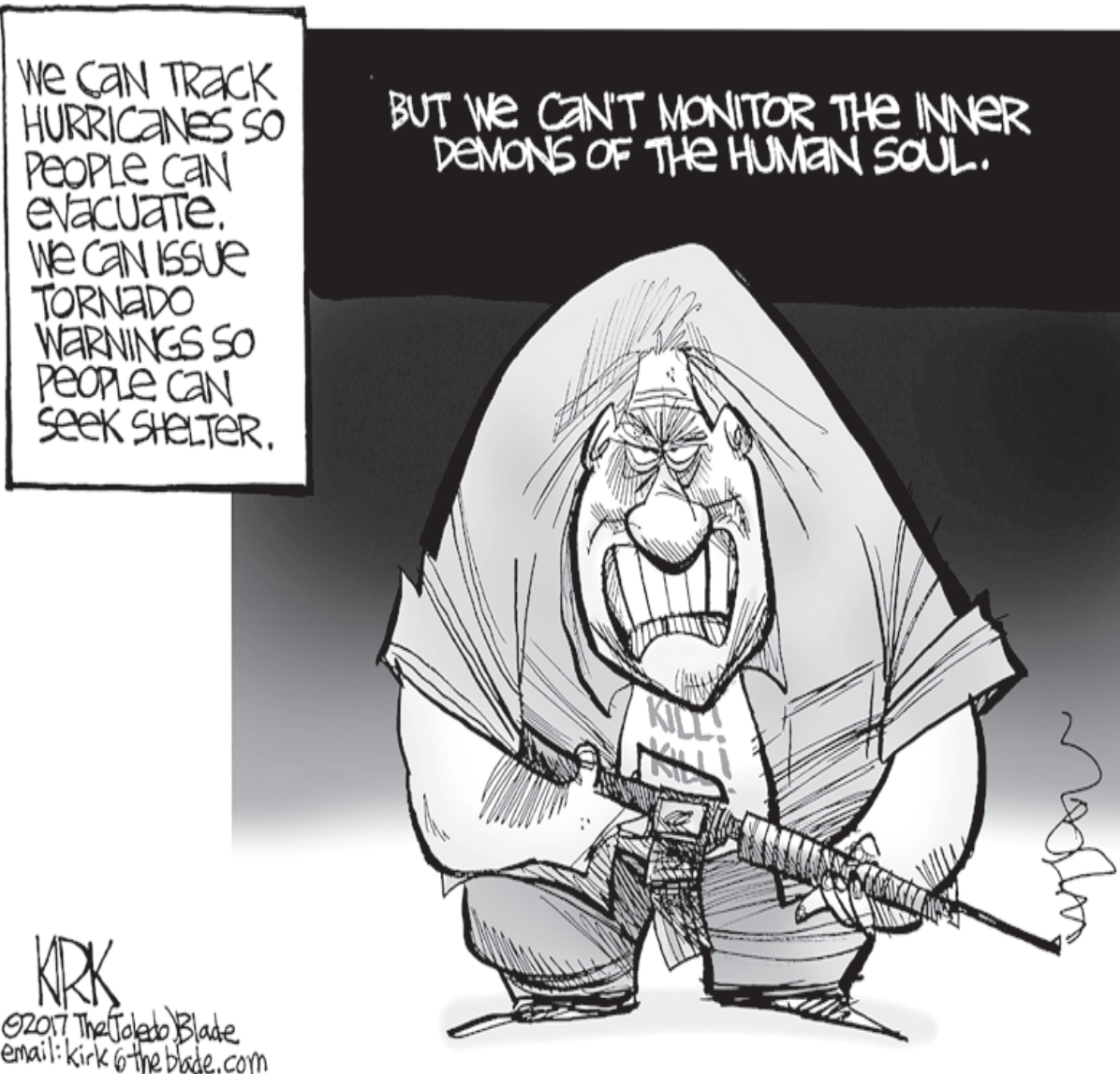
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Moments in Time

The History Channel

- On Oct. 30, 1991, as a “perfect storm” hits the North Atlantic coast, the fishing boat Andrea Gail and its six-member crew are lost at sea. The disaster spawned the best-selling book “The Perfect Storm,” by Sebastian Junger, and a blockbuster Hollywood movie.
- On Oct. 31, 1892, “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes,” by Arthur Conan Doyle, is published. The book was the first collection of Holmes stories, which had been published in magazines since 1887.
- On Nov. 1, 1959, Montreal Canadien Jacques Plante becomes the first NHL goaltender to wear a full facemask. After four broken noses, a broken jaw, two broken cheekbones and 200 stitches, Plante wore the mask, against the coach’s wishes.
- On Nov. 2, 1947, The Hughes Flying Boat – the largest aircraft ever built – is piloted by designer Howard Hughes on its first and only flight. The wooden aircraft had a wingspan longer than a football field and was designed to carry more than 700 men into battle.
- On Nov. 3, 1976, “Carrie,” a horror film based on Stephen King’s 1974 best-selling first novel, opens in theaters. “Carrie” is considered one of the best big-screen adaptations of King’s work.
- On Nov. 4, 1922, King Tut’s 3,000-year-old tomb is discovered by British archaeologist Howard Carter in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. The tomb contained a stone sarcophagus with three nested coffins. Inside the final coffin, made of solid gold, was the mummy of the boy-king Tutankhamen.
- On Nov. 5, 1605, King James I of England learns that a plot to blow up the Parliament building with some 20 barrels of gunpowder was been foiled. Guy Fawkes was taken into custody and revealed that he was part of a conspiracy to annihilate England’s Protestant government. Every year Fawkes is burned in effigy in remembrance of the plot.

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Canutillo Independent School District
Public Notice

Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public hearing to consider the results of the District’s Accelerated Instruction Program Evaluation – EHBC (Legal) as part of a regular School Board meeting which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at the Canutillo Administrative Offices Board Room, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, TX 79932. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call 915-877-7481.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo
Junta Pública

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tendrá una Reunión Pública para informar sobre la aplicación del distrito para el plan para para considerar los resultados de la Evaluación del Programa de Instrucción Acelerada del Distrito – EHBC (Legal). El reporte será parte de la reunión de la Mesa Directiva del distrito programada para el martes, 24 de octubre del 2017 a las 6:00 p.m. en la sala de junta de las oficinas Administrativas de Canutillo ubicada en 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, TX 79932. Todos los interesados están invitados a asistir.

Para mas información, favor de llamar al 877-7481.

WTCC: 10-19-17

Village of Vinton, Texas

Notice of Election / Aviso de Elección

TO THE REGISTERED
VOTERS OF VINTON, TEXAS

A LOS VOTANTES
REGISTRADOS DE VINTON,
TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on November 7, 2017 for voting in a Municipal Election, to elect a Mayor and Alderman for Place 3, Place 4 and Place 5 for full (3) year terms.

Notifíquese, por presente, que las Casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el martes 7 de noviembre de 2017 para votar en la elección para elegir el Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo, posición 3, posición 4 y posición 5, cada puesto es por un periodo de (3) años.

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.

LOCATION OF POLLING
PLACE FOR ELECTION DAY
VOTING:

UBICACIÓN DE LA CASILLA
ELECTORAL EL DIA DE
ELECCION

Precinct/Precinto 002
El Paso County
Northwest Annex
435 E. Vinton Road
Vinton, Texas 79821
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Precinct/Precinto 003
Canutillo Middle School
7311 Bosque Rd.
Canutillo, Texas 79835
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ON ELECTION DAY
EL PASO COUNTY
COURTHOUSE OPEN
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
ONLY FOR ADA and
65 YEARS OF AGE
and OLDER

LOCATION, DATES AND
HOURS OF OPERATION
OF POLLING PLACES FOR
EARLY VOTING:

DIRECCION, DIAS Y HORAS
HABILES DE LAS CASILLAS
ELECTORALES PARA
VOTACION ANTICIPADA

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas en el Anexo A adjunto al presente.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations including mobile voting locations within El Paso County at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning Monday, October 23, 2017 and ending on Friday, November 3, 2017.

Para votar anticipadamente puede acudir en persona de

Lunes, 23 de octubre 2017 al Viernes, 3 de noviembre 2017, a cualquier centro de votaciones inclusive las casillas moviles del Condado de El Paso donde el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado realice votaciones anticipadas.

Mobile/Additional Early Voting locations are established by the El Paso County Elections Department and are subject to any necessary change(s).

Casillas Moviles/locaciones adicionales para votacion adelantada en persona estan establecidas por El Departamento de Eleccion del Condado de El Paso y estan sujetos a cualquier cambio(s) necesario.

Applications for ballot may be emailed to ballotrequests@epcounty.com; faxed to (915) 546-2220 or mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada pueden enviarse por email a ballotrequests@epcounty.com; fax a (915) 546-2220 o por correo a:

The County of El Paso
Elections Department
Early Voting Clerk
500 E. San Antonio, Ste. 314
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 27, 2017

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el viernes, 27 de octubre 2017.

Issued this the 31st day of August 2017.

Emitida este día 31 de agosto 2017.

Jessica Garza
Village Administrator

EXHIBIT A

Early Voting Locations
Locaciones para
Votacion Anticipada
October 23, 2017 -
November 3, 2017

El Paso County Courthouse
500 E. San Antonio Ave.
3rd Floor., Back Lobby

October 23 to 27, 2017
(Mon. - Fri.)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

October 28, 2017 (Sat.)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 29, 2017 (Sun.)
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, 2017
(Mon. - Fri.)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

OTHER LOCATIONS,
UNLESS NOTED*

October 23 to 27, 2017
(Mon. - Fri.)
Regular Hours

October 28 and 29, 2017
(Sat. - Sun.)
12 (noon) - 5 p.m.

Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, 2017
(Mon. - Fri.)
Regular Hours

Ann M. Garcia-Enriquez

Middle School
12280 Socorro Rd.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bassett Place
6101 Gateway West, #620
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Bowling Family YMCA
5509 Will Ruth Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*CLOSED Oct. 29, 2017

Canutillo ISD
Administrating Facility
7965 Artcraft Rd.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Carolina Rec. Center
563 N. Carolina Drive, Class A
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Chayo Apodaca
Community Center
341 N. Moon Rd.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Clint ISD Early
College Academy
13100 Alameda Avenue
Admin. Building, Rm. 112
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dorris Van Doren Library
551 Redd Rd.
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*CLOSED Oct. 29, 2017

EPCC-Northwest Campus
6701 S. Desert Blvd.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*CLOSED Oct. 29, 2017

El Paso County
Eastside Annex
2350 George Dieter Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

El Paso County
Northwest Annex
435 E. Vinton Rd.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

El Paso County
Sheriff's Department
3850 Justice Dr.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Esperanza Acosta
Moreno Library
12480 Pebble Hills Blvd.
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*CLOSED Oct. 29, 2017
Marty Robbins Rec. Center
11600 Vista Del Sol Drive
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mountain View-Rae Gilmore
Rec. Center
8501 Diana Dr.
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Nations Tobin Sports Ctr.
8831 Railroad Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Veny Webb Drive
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pavo Real Rec Center
9301 Alameda Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Rogelio Sanchez Center
1331 N. Fabens
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunland Park Mall
750 Sunland Park Dr.
Lower Level Near Elevators
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tornillo High School
430 Oil Mill Rd.

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

YMCA - East
10712 Sam Snead Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

YMCA - Northeast
9135 Stahala Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wellington Chew
Senior Center
4430 Maxwell Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Zaraplex Center
1700 Zaragoza Road, #137
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Early Voting Mobile
Locations
Locaciones Móviles para
Votar Temprano

ALL LOCATIONS,
UNLESS NOTED**

October 23 to 27, 2017
(Mon. - Fri.)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

October 28 and 29, 2017
(Sat. - Sun.)
12 (noon) - 5 p.m.

Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, 2017
(Mon. - Fri.)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 23, 2017
YISD Central Office
9600 Sims Dr.

Canutillo Nutrition Center
7351 Bosque Rd.

El Dorado High School
12401 Edgemere Blvd.
**7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017
El Paso City Hall Breezeway
300 N. Campbell St.

Anthony City Hall
401 Wildcat Dr.

Eastlake High School
13000 Emerald Ave.
**7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017
UTEP - Union East 1st Floor
Andesite Room 102B
500 W. University Ave.

Del Valle High School
950 Bordeaux Dr.

Socorro ISD
District Service Center
12440 Rojas Dr..
**8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017
Bienvivir Day Room
2300 McKinley Ave.

EPCC - Valle Verde
Campus Cafeteria
919 Hunter Dr.

Pebble Hills High School
14400 Pebble Hills Blvd.
**7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27, 2017
Las Palmas Life Care Center
Classroom C
3333 N. Mesa St.

VibraLife of El Paso
3421 Joe Battle Blvd.

Socorro High School

10150 Alameda Ave.
**7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017
Montana Vista Fire Rescue
13978 Montana Ave.

St. Teresa Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center
10350 Montana Ave.

Socorro ISD
District Service Center
12440 Rojas Dr.
**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017
Chapin High School
7000 Dyer St.

Nolan Richardson Recreation
Center
11350 Loma Franklin Dr.

Montwood Middle School
11710 Pebble Hills Blvd.
**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 30, 2017
Sun Plaza Housing - Lobby
1221 E. San Antonio Ave.

EPCC - Transmountain
Campus - Mall Area
9570 Gateway North

Americas High School
12101 Pellicano Dr.
**7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017
Cascadas Ballroom
1071 Country Club Rd.

El Paso County
Ascarte Annex
Second Floor, Rm. 211
301 Manny Martinez Dr.

Socorro ISD
District Service Center
12440 Rojas Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017
EPCC – Mission Campus
Rm. A134
10700 Gateway East Blvd.

Gary del Palacio Rec Center
3001 Parkwood St.

Montwood High School
12000 Montwood Dr.
**7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017
Clint ISD Central
Administration Building
Rm. 705
14521 Horizon Blvd.

Eastside Senior Center
3200 Fierro Dr.

Socorro Activities Complex
13000 Joe Battle Blvd.
**12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3, 2017
Mission Valley Regional
Command Center
9011 Escobar Dr.

La Fe Culture and Technology
Center Auditorium
721 S. Ochoa St.

Socorro Activities Complex
13000 Joe Battle Blvd.
**12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Finances

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6) Passing on flexible spending accounts (FSAs) and health savings accounts (HSAs). FSAs are workplace-based accounts that allow you to set aside money on a pre-tax basis to help you pay for healthcare and dependent care expenses during the calendar year. HSAs, if you qualify, also allow you to set aside pre-tax dollars in a qualified investment or savings account for long-and-short term medical expenses not covered by insurance. They don't require you to spend out those funds every year. Your workplace benefits counselor, qualified

financial advisor and Internal Revenue Service Publication 969 can assist with eligibility, types of accounts, contribution limits and tax issues associated with these choices.

7) Leaving retirement selections unchanged. As the Aflac data indicates, many individuals don't change their investment focus in self-directed retirement plans for years. That's why reviewing options in advance is essential.

8) Overlooking wellness options. Many employers pay for exercise, cholesterol screenings, weight loss, smoking cessation, immunizations or related benefits that can make you healthier, save money and possibly lower health premiums.

9) Bypassing transportation breaks. If you drive or take public or company-sponsored transportation to and from work, you may qualify for specific discounts or tax deductions. IRS Publication 15-B covers these programs and how to use them most effectively.

10) Forgetting education benefits. If an employer is willing to train you to advance in your career, don't pass it up. However, get advice on the possibility of tax liability for these benefits. Separately, check out employer-sponsored education grant or scholarship awards for you or your kids – that can be free money.

Bottom line: Open enrollment is just one piece of a well-organized financial puzzle. Make sure your employer

provided benefits choices compliment savings, investing and spending decisions you're making on your own.

This article – from September 11, 2015 – is intended to provide general information and should not be considered health, 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.

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Village of Vinton, Texas

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD on Monday, November 20th, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Vinton City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas, to discuss the Village's proposed project to construct a citywide wastewater system. One of the purposes of this hearing is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it. The total estimated cost of the project is \$23,508,582.00

Residents currently do not have a wastewater bill. The estimated monthly bill for a typical resident will be \$33.08 plus an additional fee of no more than \$30 per month for loan repayment. In addition, an application fee of \$65.00 will be required by El Paso Water Utility.

An application for financial assistance for the project has been filed with the Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, TX 78711-3231. This project involves construction

in the 100-year floodplain. Alternatives to construction in a floodplain, potential impacts on floodplain and proposed mitigation measures will be addressed during the public meeting.

An Environmental Information Document for the project has been prepared which will be available for public review at Vinton City Hall at 436 E. Vinton Rd. between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. for 30 days following the date of this notice. Written comments on the proposed projects may be sent to Attn: Wastewater Project, 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821 or to the Texas Water Development Board.

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915) 886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or service for this meeting should contact City Hall at least 48 hours before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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New faces in new places

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Whenever a corporation makes any kind of tweak to its product it is dubbed as “new and improved.”

The 2017-18 NBA season got underway this week and though we’ll have to wait a while to see if it really has improved, there’s no doubt that it’ll seem totally new.

It’ll be new in the way that fans will truly need a program to know which team many of the star players are now playing for.

I can’t remember a time when this many players decided to change their addresses at one time.

And I don’t just mean bench players who you’ve never heard of; these are big name guys who can actually change the course of a franchise.

It seems that every team is trying to copy the Golden State Warriors’ plan of simply grabbing as many all-star players that you can and build a super team.

Everyone has heard of the four all-stars on the team, Stephen Curry, Klay

Thompson, Kevin Durant and Draymond Green.

I guess it’s gotten to the point that NBA franchises have taken an “if you can’t beat them – copy them,” approach.

It may take some time to get used to seeing some of these guys in their new uniforms, but here are a few examples.

Wearing the green of the Boston Celtics will be former Cleveland Cavalier Kyrie Irving and former Utah Jazz all-star Gordon Hayward.

Former L.A. Clipper J.J. Reddick is now playing for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Jae Crowder, Derrick Rose, Dwyane Wade and Isaiah Thomas will be exchanging their old uniforms for Cleveland Cavs jerseys.

Former L.A. Clipper point guard Chris Paul jumped ship for the Houston Rockets.

Former New York Knick Carmelo Anthony and former Indiana Pacer Paul George will join Russell Westbrook and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Former Chicago Bull Jimmy Butler and former Atlanta Hawk Jeff Teague will now be wearing a Minnesota Timberwolves

uniform.

Former Atlanta Hawk Paul Milsap is now with the Denver Nuggets.

Former Houston Rocket Patrick Beverly is now a member of the Los Angeles Clippers.

And longtime former Boston Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo will now wear a New Orleans Pelicans jersey.

Not only will all these moves make it tough for fans to get used to, but it may also take a toll on the NBA’s even weaker Eastern Conference.

Except for the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Boston Celtics, it seems like all the stars from the East made the move to the Western Conference.

It just makes sense that all this movement will make it that much easier for the Cavs and Celts to make it to the Eastern Conference finals.

This move to the West may make things harder for Golden State to defend its title.

It appears that Golden State and Houston and Oklahoma City and San Antonio and Memphis and the Clippers will be as tough as always. But it looks like the Utah Jazz will be replaced by the Minnesota T-Wolves as a new contender for the playoffs.

Of course it may take these “new” teams a while to get acquainted. It stands to reason that they will be a little sloppy in the early going.

It’ll take some time for these players to mesh with each other.

It’ll be interesting to see how Kyrie Irving does without LeBron James, how the Clippers do without Chris Paul – and whether Paul will make Houston even better than they were last year.

How about the MVP, Russell Westbrook? Is there any possible way he can have as many triple-doubles with scorers like Carmelo Anthony and Paul George now on the team?

And how in the heck are a group like LeBron James, Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade, Jae Crowder, Kevin Love, Derrick Rose and Kyle Korver going to distribute shots.

Maybe that’s a good problem to have.

One more thought, although their organization is seen as a joke now, the Los Angeles Lakers are always intriguing, and it will be interesting to see how newcomer Lonzo Ball does.

Not because I think he’s going to improve the team at all, but to see how far his dad will go to further embarrass himself.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Kiss my glass

The game has changed – all of them – and it’s now up to ownership to understand the risks that fans are now being subjected to for no apparent reason.

When slap shots started to dent people’s heads in the NHL, things like helmets and plexiglass came into vogue. It took a few deaths before baseball moved to wearing helmets at bat. Football is struggling to figure out how to protect its players, but the NBA’s plexiglass backboards have worked pretty well insofar as not obstructing a fan’s view or sending a splinter into someone’s arm.

But we have a problem in

Major League Baseball. Times have changed, and the danger that modern athletes wielding supercharged bats at superfast balls is literally ruining lives. A Cubs fan is suing because he took a foul off his eyeball, blinding him and subjecting him to a life of migraines. A little girl was smashed in the face at a Yankees game during the pennant race. Busted bats are stabbing people in the stands. Hey baseball, this has got to stop.

The game has fundamentally changed. Baseball is now a power game where seemingly everybody is swinging maple bats and pitchers are blowing

100 mph-plus fastballs with astonishing regularity. This was never the case before. Fans used to cheer bunts. Slow balls covered in tobacco spit were splattering off of catcher’s gloves. There wasn’t even a net behind home plate. It was, literally a different ballgame.

Then in the 1980s, strikeout king Nolan Ryan was clocked throwing faster than anyone ever before by judges at the Guinness Book of World Records. By the ‘90s, he was still throwing 100 mph on the mound as pitchers like Greg Maddux posted ERAs that rivaled Cy Young’s. An anomaly would be a guy like Mark Wohlers, Kyle Farnsworth and Neftali Perez... guys who could throw 100 mph with regularity but had a hard time keeping the ball over the plate and in the park.

Today, that’s not the case.

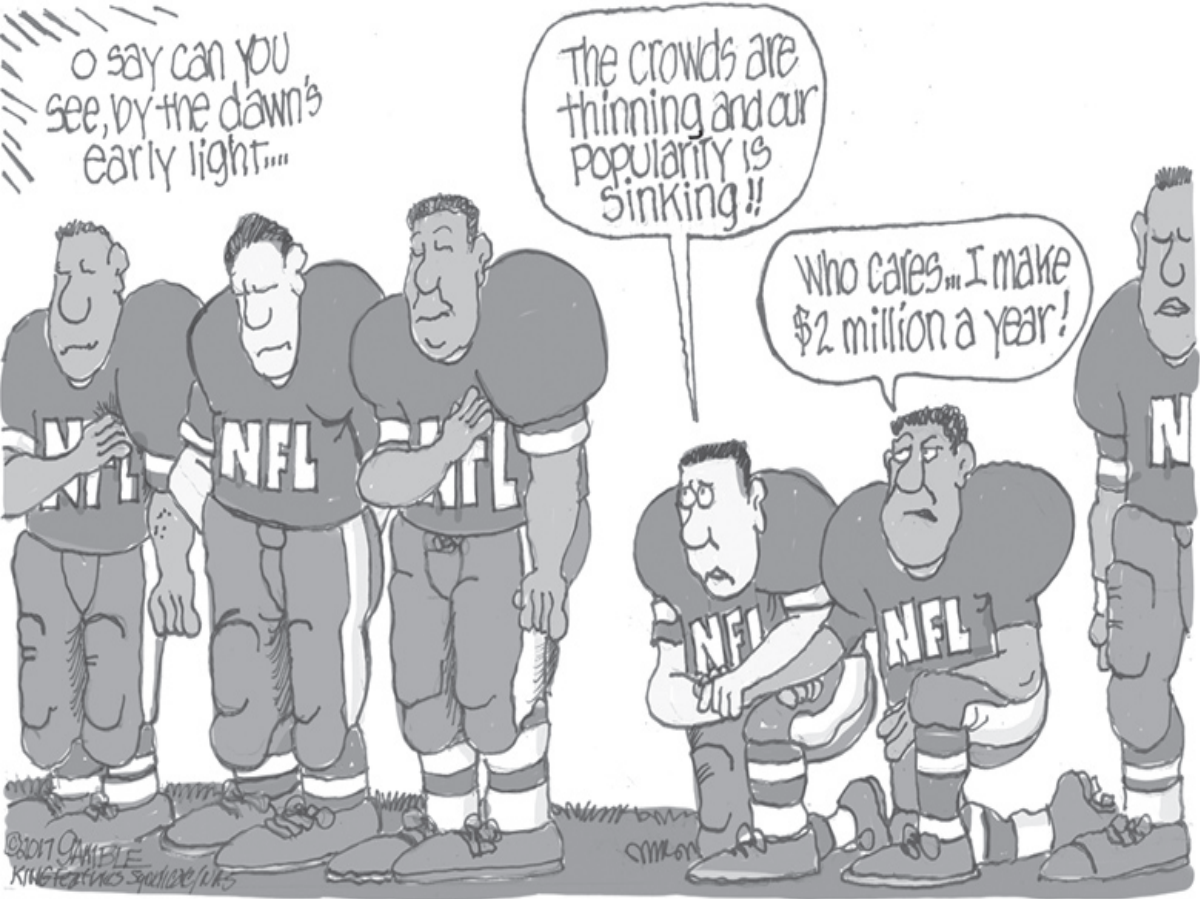
Seemingly everyone and their little brother throws 100-plus mph. Take Luis Severino for the Yankees, throwing 103-mph fastballs after 130 pitches in the playoffs this season, only to give way to relievers who also threw 100-plus mph fastballs. A deflection is enough to maim anyone in the stands for life.

Yet baseball, soooo open to change (yeah, right), can’t seem to figure out how to protect fans. A guy is going blind, babies are getting smashed to the face, but baseball is worried that netting will “ruin the view.” Here’s a clue for you owners: plexiglass. The NHL figured that out decades ago. Guess what? That won’t

ruin the view, and it will solve your problems and probably save lives as players get bigger and stronger each passing year.

When Todd Frazier ripped that foul ball with an exit velocity of something like 108 mph into a toddler’s face, baseball players literally put their hands to their mouth, took a knee and cried. Do I even need to say it? THERE’S NO CRYING IN BASEBALL. Fix it before someone fixes it for you in a court of law.

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



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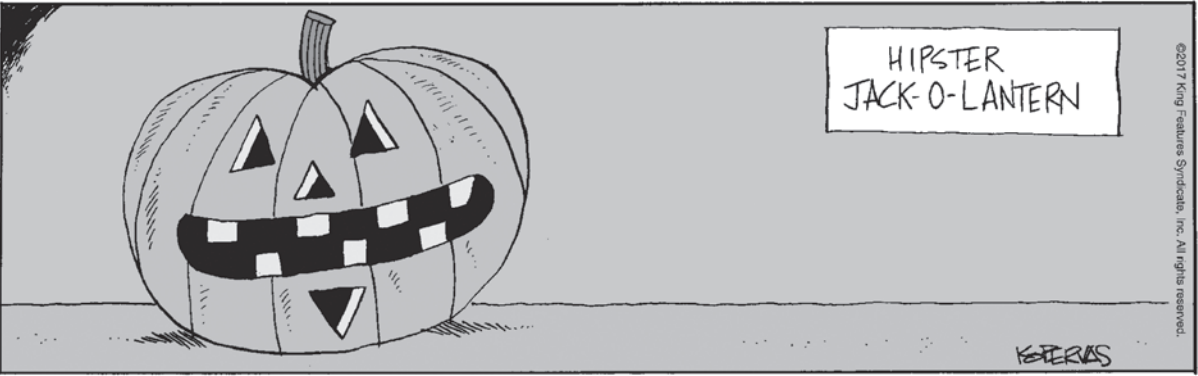
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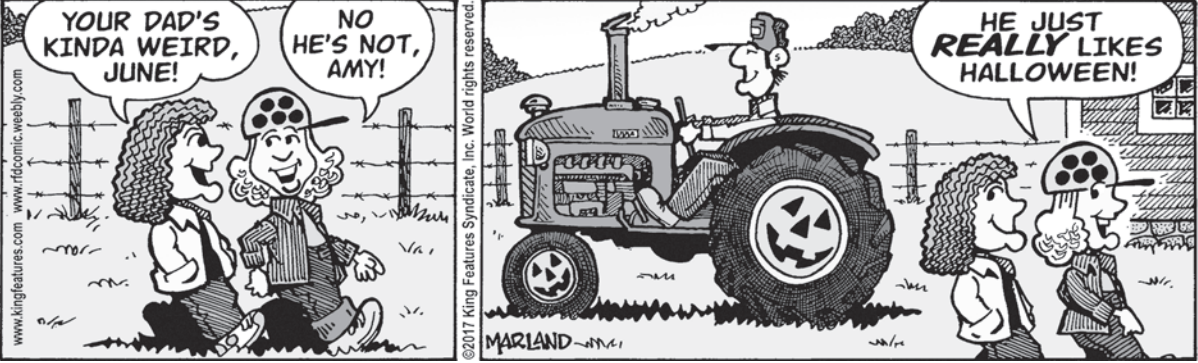
THE SPATS

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Your good health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Is there a cure for keloids? My husband is 56 and has several keloids on his body, but there is one on his chest that has gotten considerably larger over the years and causes the most problems. He has experienced pain and discomfort, and it also bleeds at times. My husband would prefer not to have surgery. He was born with a keloid on his ear. At a very young age it was operated on, and it returned larger in size. He has tried numerous types of remedies, but none has prevented the keloid from growing or bleeding. – J.B.

fall on ice and suffered a severe concussion.Iwasunconsciousfor several minutes. At the hospital, I had a CT scan, but there was no damage. Two months later, I had an episode where I became disoriented and the room was spinning. I was taken to the hospital, given Antivert without success and kept overnight. A physical therapist came the next day, did some vestibular rehab that helped some, and I continued it at home as needed. The episodes are getting worse, and neither the Antivert nor the exercises are helping. Could this be due to the fall? My ENT says no. – G.M.

A keloid (from a Greek word meaning “tumor-like”) is a complication of scar tissue. In some people, when the skin heals from a cut or a burn, the healing cells keep growing, creating a variably sized, disfiguring, sometimes painful lesion called a keloid.

You clearly have vertigo, but whether it is due to the fall isn’t clear. Certainly, people with postconcussion syndrome get dizziness and vertigo, but in most cases I have seen, it starts soon after the trauma: Two months is longer than I have seen. Headaches also are common in postconcussion syndrome, but their absence doesn’t mean your vertigo is NOT due to the fall.

The best treatment in people who are predisposed to keloids is to avoid them by avoiding any unnecessary surgery (including ear and other body piercings). Once a keloid has formed, there are several possible treatments. Unfortunately, the longer a keloid has been there, the harder it is to treat.

I have seen great results from silicone gel sheeting. This is particularly effective when used immediately after surgery, but may have some effectiveness on your husband’s chest keloid. Another potentially effective treatment is injection of steroids, which help flatten and shrink keloids up to 75 percent of the time.

Meclizine (Antivert) is an antihistamine commonly used for vertigo; however, prolonged use (more than a few days) prevents the brain from adapting to the changes in the balance system that caused the vertigo. Thus, it’s concerning that you may still be taking it. I have seen many people taking meclizine long term and having persistent vertigo.

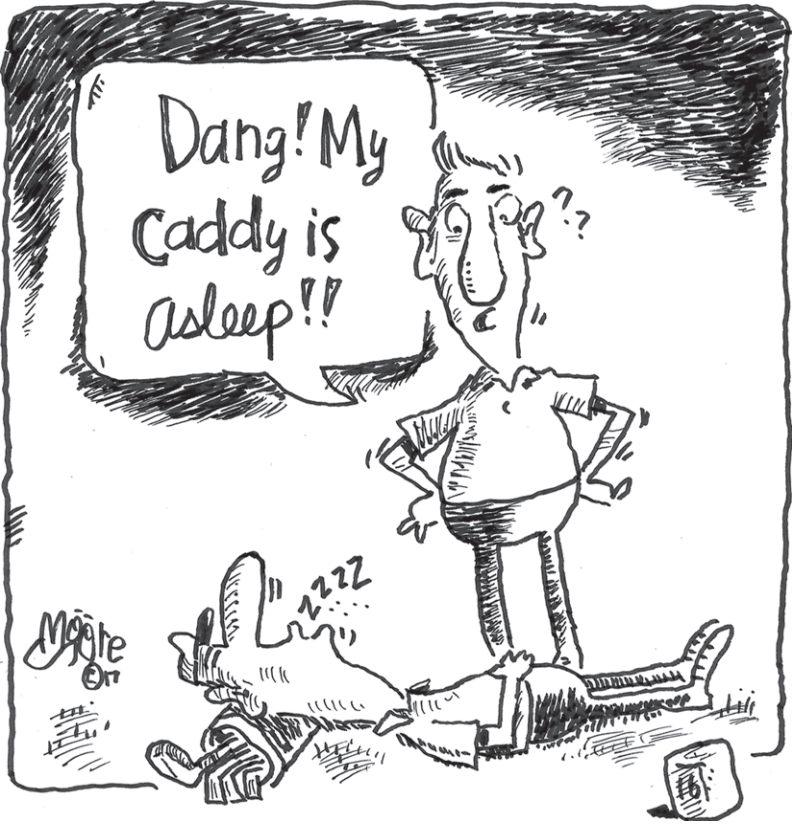
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Super Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Stole, e.g.
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- 11 Many a yellow ride
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- 19 Pertaining to pitch
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- 22 Pointer
- 23 "Cleopatra" star
- 26 "E pluribus unum," e.g.
- 27 Horse-race bet taker
- 28 Defeater of Al Gore in 2000
- 30 Orator called "The Great Pacificator"
- 33 Knitting supply
- 34 Crooner Johnny
- 36 Camera part
- 37 Stew holder
- 39 H lookalike
- 41 Genoa gold
- 42 Abbr. that saves space
- 43 "Dallas" actress
- 51 Triscuit alternative
- 52 Liking a lot
- 53 Bert who had a lion's lines
- 54 "East of Eden" actor
- 59 Walked over
- 61 Mexican dish
- 65 Vocalist Menzel
- 66 Close-fitting, bell-shaped hat
- 68 Keeps repeating
- 70 Wee, briefly
- 71 "Concord Sonata" composer
- 73 Bit of ink art
- 74 Put on the air
- 77 "3 Women" director Robert
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- 87 Advance
- 89 Go out
- 90 "Lucy Gray" poet
- 96 Booster for a rock band
- 99 Punk rock variant
- 100 China's Chiang _-shek
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- 102 Ending for buck
- 103 Dirty mark
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- 7 Act the fink
- 8 Guitar wood
- 9 Mine shaft
- 10 Like a ham
- 11 With 6-Down, circular diagram of the spectrum
- 12 Decorator
- 13 Arctic mass
- 14 Latin dance
- 15 Game fish
- 16 Place to buy paintbrushes
- 17 Tax shelter named for a U.S. senator
- 18 Binary base
- 24 Brand of 4-Down
- 25 "For" vote
- 29 Gives out
- 30 Hurry, old-style
- 31 Well-chosen
- 32 "-hood"
- 35 Note below la
- 38 Prefix with angle
- 40 Up to, in brief
- 43 MasterCard rival
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- 47 Stationary
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- 49 Burn a bit
- 50 Food writer Rombauer
- 51 Pal of Stimpy
- 54 Drops callously
- 55 "Later, Luc!"
- 56 Prefix with second
- 57 Off to _ start
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- 60 Armless sofa
- 62 Cobwebby storage site
- 63 Extract by percolation
- 64 Perfumer Lauder
- 67 Uproar
- 69 Bill equal to two fins
- 71 Toyota or Kia
- 72 "_ bad boy!"
- 75 Abbr. ending many a list
- 76 E._ (bacteria)
- 78 _ Tzu
- 79 Pig, to some
- 82 _-mo
- 84 Interoffice phone no.
- 86 Doc's org.
- 88 Secret org.
- 90 Director Craven
- 91 Dunk
- 92 Most noisy
- 93 Refuses to
- 94 Typing meas.
- 95 "... man _ mouse?"
- 96 "A" or "an"
- 97 Sponged
- 98 "_ favor"
- 102 Star-related
- 104 Uncool type
- 105 Long-winded
- 107 Auspices
- 108 "My Gal _"
- 109 Juror's event
- 111 Artist Dufy
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Oct 14, 1959: James J. Johnson started his record setting 24 hours of golf (363 holes) at Abilene Country Club.



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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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: ◆◆◆

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Answer Page 5 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Judge
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county judge. “I had very strong reservations of picking a member of the county judge’s staff to succeed her,” he stated publicly. “I think it gives the appearance to the public that the court prefers to work with someone who they know and are comfortable with.” Nonetheless, Perez added that he respects the court’s decision and will move forward.

Vogt said that he believes he can be effective and that his confidence comes partially from 11 years of experience working for the county, but also from the strong work ethic that he learned working every day alongside his immigrant parents on their farm in Canutillo.

“I may not be the smartest person in the room, but I will definitely work my heart out to understand the issues and to do what I think is right,” Vogt stated after being sworn in by District Judge Anna Perez.

“I have found that you can have someone extraordinarily smart, but they may not have the willingness to do the work that it takes to get something done,” Vogt asserted. “I am willing to invest the time and energy to understand the issues, to talk to people, to collaborate, and to hear both sides,” he added.

Briefs
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– Danny Cohn

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: P equals B

PDTOGFD Y’I SDQN POM OE
JQDJOQYUB ZXOMF XC TZXELDF
CXQ ZOGUMQN, MX Y LOSD
FXQETXIYUBF?

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FEAR KNOT
By: rj johnson
DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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♥USGN
♥REDPU
♥ASW
TOECAN
USGNE
DAPI

Answer Page 5

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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Here’s a Tip
By JoAnn Derson

- If your razor has seen better days, try running it over a pair of jeans. The material can sharpen and realign the blades to get a little more life out of your razor.
- Use a small, lidded plastic container to store the following items in your vehicle through the cold winter months: flashlight, portable USB battery pack (charged, with charging cable for your device), blanket(s), road flares, first aid kit, ice scraper, sand or other traction-creating material, bottles of water and some snacks, a weatherproof poncho/jacket and a pair of walking shoes with socks.
- The National Sleep Foundation says that exercise can contribute to better sleep. Work out at least 4-5 hours before you expect to hit the hay, though, because exercise can keep the heart rate elevated and give you energy for hours after you are done. Afternoon workouts are the best, but morning sessions are great, too.
- “For a successful morning, prep breakfast and clothing, and go over your to-do list the night before. Have your kids do the same. Since we started doing this, mornings are so much easier to bear, and we all get to sleep in a little longer too!”
– N.L. in Ohio
- Hand-held heat. Fill an old sock (no holes) with uncooked rice and knot at open end. Pop in the microwave for no more than 2 minutes for a long-lasting heater-upper.
- “Prevent outdoor padlocks from freezing up by covering the keyhole with a small piece of duct tape, and then put the whole lock in a sandwich-size baggie to seal.”
– G.O. in New York

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Health
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there isn’t another cause for the vertigo.

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