



NEWSBRIEFS

Realtors, SISD meeting

The Socorro Independent School District (SISD) is inviting Realtors, real estate agents and real estate industry professionals from East El Paso, the City of Socorro and Horizon City to its 2018 Realtor Meeting on March 16 at the SISD District Service Center, Rooms C & D, 12440 Rojas Dr. The meeting starts with lunch at 11 a.m. and a formal presentation at 11:30 a.m. Participants will learn more about Bond 2017 and new elementary school boundaries in the Pebble Hills area. SISD will provide real estate agents useful information they can share with potential new homeowners about district schools, boundaries, enrollment, and opportunities. For more information about the SISD Realtors Meeting, or to RSVP, please email bgonza515@sisd.net or call 937-0284.

— Christy Flores-Jones

On the beach

The beach house that 44-year-old Marcio Matolias built for himself in Rio de Janeiro 22 years ago is, in fact, a super-sized sand castle, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. He told reporters recently that while people pay dearly for their seaside residences, “I do not have any bills and have a good life.” Matolias admits that it can get pretty hot inside the sand castle at night and that he sometimes resorts to spending the night at a friend’s house or out of doors on the beach.

— John Grimaldi

Taxes

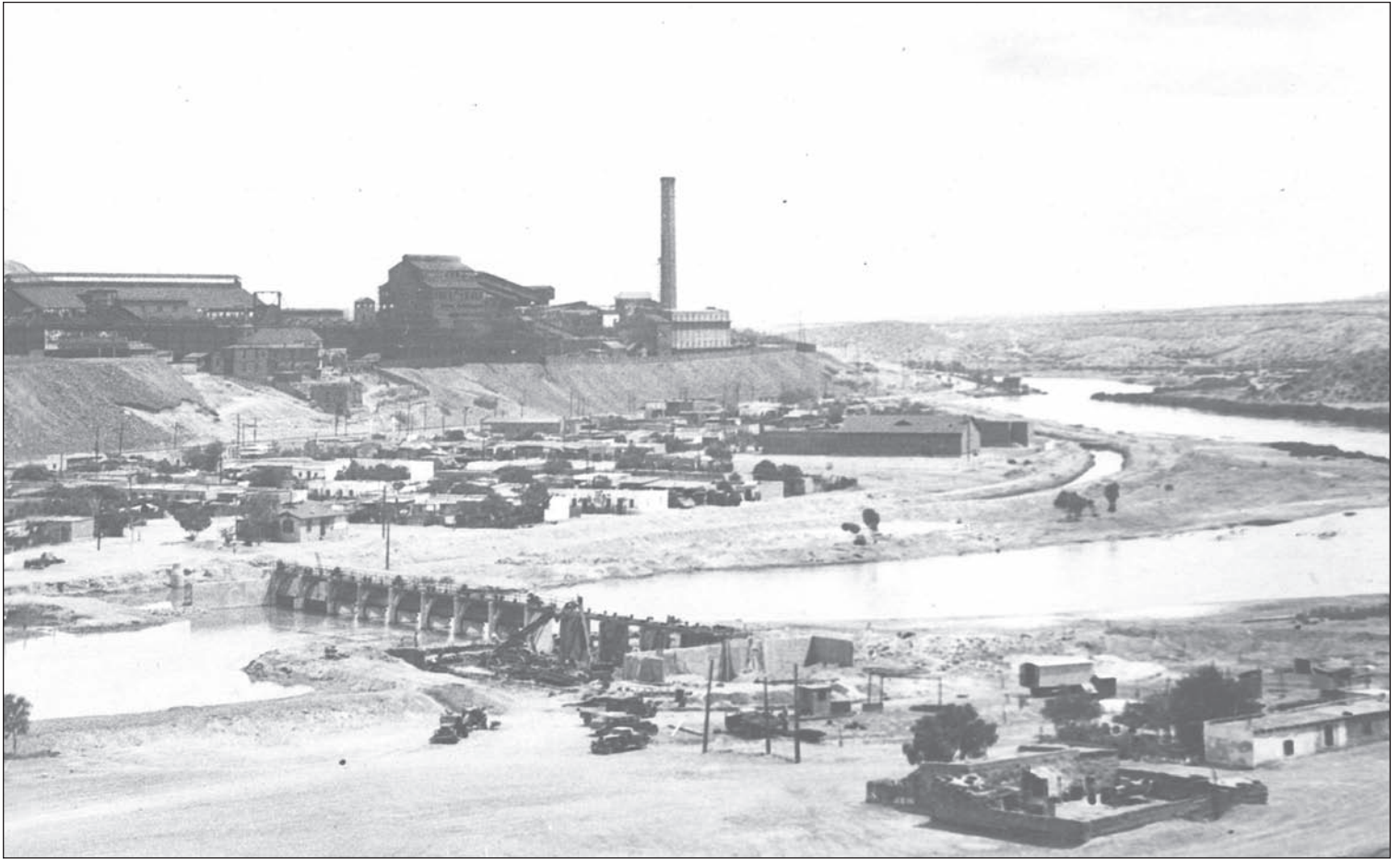
Each year, the average American household spends \$2,197 on real-estate property taxes plus another \$436 for residents of the 27 states with vehicle property taxes. With such high costs, it’s no surprise that more than \$14 billion in property taxes go unpaid each year, according to the National Tax Lien Association. In order to determine who pays the most relative to their state, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its *2018 Property Taxes by State* report that compares home and vehicle taxes across the nation and features insights from a panel of experts. Texas ranked 6th highest in the report.

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The most expensive way to make money is to spend your entire lifetime doing nothing else.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy of Mark Howe and U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC)

EARLY INDUSTRY – The American Dam, built in the 1930s, facilitates the channeling of Rio Grande water into the canal that feeds the City of El Paso’s water system. In the photo above, taken on August 20, 1937, gives a southeastern view of the dam (foreground) with the El Paso Brick Company in the background. Smeltertown, which grew alongside the dam and canal, began with the building of the smelting refinery in 1887 by the Kansas City Consolidated Smelting and Refining Company.

Howe to highlight Smeltertown history

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Recent reconstruction work to the American Dam and Canal is uncovering a history of the old Smeltertown area that is gradually

being forgotten.

Where once lived a humble community in its adobe homes and wooden buildings is now an empty patch of river bank land with stretches of asphalt roadways, cement barriers, and steel border fencing. The area is also currently being dug up to reinforce the aging dam and canal.

Smeltertown, or *La Esmelda* – the name residents gave to the area surrounding the smelter grounds – was established in the 1880s, according to local historians. Located on the banks of the Rio Grande River, generations of migrants came

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Avila enjoys a hometown following

By Denise Peña
Special to the Courier

FABENS – After bringing home a State Championship medal in Girls’ Wrestling, Fabens High School junior Marlene Avila has gained hometown celebrity status. So when Ms. Cheryl Mischen-Liano’s first grade class at Fabens Elementary School showed interest in the star athlete, she thought it would be a great opportunity to promote literacy in her classroom.

Every year to celebrate the National Education Association’s Read Across America Day, Mischen-Liano invites parents, grandparents, even 2nd graders to come read to her students. She decided to invite Marlene this year since the class had been following her success on social media and news broadcasts. “The kids



— Photo by Josh Sustaita

GIVING BACK – Wrestling champ Marlene Avila reads to first graders at Fabens Elementary School.

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The White House ‘Exitus’

There’s a lot of talk about the Trump presidency unraveling. Big mistake. That assumes it was ever raveled. Now, however, it is about to be Hopeless.

Yes, that’s a cheesy pun to note that Hope Hicks, who has been among the most trusted of Donald Trump’s aides since even before he became a candidate, is departing the pressure-cooker White House. Although still in her 20s, Trump leaned heavily on her as his only front-stabber in a sea of intrigue. She ended up as communications director, but she’s not the first one to bail or be bailed from that spot.

Remember Sean Spicer, who provided one of the primo embarrassments on the first full

day? During his crazed, unkempt news conference, he browbeat reporters, demanding that they hew to POTUS’ fantasies about his inaugural crowd size. He showed a superhuman willingness to be both nasty at the same time he was being publicly ridiculed by his boss, the meanest demeanor of all. He took it for six full months. Then, along came Anthony Scaramucci, and Spicer left in a huff. “The Mooch” lasted all of 11 days before his bizarre behavior and profane rantings proved too much for even this administration. Now, it’s Hope Hicks – so unlike Scaramucci that it’s hard to believe they are the same species – who’s throwing in the towel.

Hicks is just the latest high-level staffer to fly the White House coop. About half of those

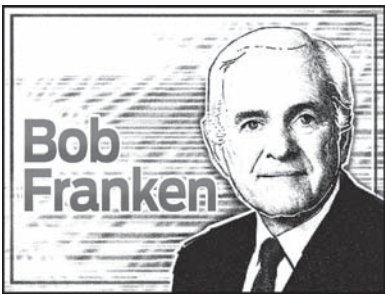
who were there on opening day are not now. Where do we start? Reince Priebus, the first chief of staff, is long gone. So is Steve Bannon, Priebus’ competition to be top of the heap. Robert Porter, staff secretary, which is a vital position, is out, consumed by accusations of spousal abuse. That story was made even more convoluted by the fact that he was dating Hope Hicks at the time of his demise.

Now top White House economic adviser Gary Cohn has resigned after losing the fight over tariffs. Who knows who’s next to go?

By rights, Jeff Sessions should have demonstrated personal pride and said “See y’all” many moons ago. President Trump has made it a part of his routine to scathingly insult Sessions, but Sessions

either loves to be abused or takes vindictive pleasure in thwarting the president’s intentions to mess with the Mueller investigation. With Sessions gone, the president would have an easier time throwing impediments in Robert Mueller’s way. All he does now is angrily tweet about the lurking investigators and particularly the FBI, as the walls slowly close in on him.

Of great interest is the current focus on son-in-law Jared Kushner. Will he be the next to go, since he’s had his security clearance reduced? That makes it impossible to handle all the assignments he was unqualified to do. What if he decides, unlike Sessions, that he can’t tolerate being so brutally mocked? Not only is there the diminished security mortification, but the underlying questions raised about his business practices. So will he “resign”? If he does, will



wife Ivanka Trump join him, leaving behind her influential role as assistant to her father, the president?

Hope Hicks often is described as “like family.” Ivanka and Jared are family. It’s perversely fascinating to watch. Of course, the political enemies insist that their real entertainment would be the drama surrounding the removal of President Trump himself.

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Public Notice Land For Sale

The Clint Independent School District is seeking Proposals for: 090-17 Sale of Real Property Land (Proposal will close Tuesday 3/27/2018 @ 2:00 PM) to view the requests and download the proposal documents please go to <http://www.clintweb.net> and click on the bids link. Questionscontact:Business Services Purchasing Office of Clint Independent School District, (915) 926-4094, bidsreview@clint.net, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, TX 79928. The Owner, Clint Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all solicitations and to waive any and all technicalities.

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The agony of Sessions

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has been attacked and belittled by President Donald Trump more than Vladimir Putin has.

Trump has had rough patches with most of his top officials, but there is a particular poignancy in his humiliating treatment of his own attorney general, who got on board the Trump Train early and supports the president’s policy instincts as much as anyone.

But Sessions is not personally loyal, at least not in the way Trump expects, and so the man who looked past Trump’s erratic temperament when he decided to support him now routinely feels the brunt of it. Trump bangs on Sessions in public, the only purpose of which seems to be venting his own spleen and personally discomfiting Sessions as much as possible.

For Sessions, a dignified man who would never treat anyone else the way the president treats him, it has to be painful, and all the more so because of the irony of it.

Just a few short years ago, Sessions was the odd man out in the U.S. Senate. He fought rearguard actions on immigration (successfully), inveighed against free-trade orthodoxy and argued the GOP should be a party of workers when few were inclined

to listen.

Endorsing Trump was a crazy gambit to effect a revolution in the party, and it worked. You would have expected Sessions to be the ideological conscience of the administration and a close partner of the president, the Ed Meese of the Trump administration.

Instead, he is assiduously at work implementing the Trump agenda and gets beaten about the head and shoulders for his trouble.

Sessions’ recusal in the Russian investigation set in motion events leading to the appointment of Robert Mueller, and Trump will probably never forgive him. He considers his attorney general weak and disloyal on the one question that matters most to him – protection of himself and his family.

His anger toward Sessions isn’t leavened with institutional knowledge, hence his strange blast at Sessions over the fact that, appropriately, the DOJ inspector general is going to look at allegations of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act abuse. Sessions felt compelled to push back against the president in a public statement, and yet again, the civics textbooks will have to be revised to account for how government works in the Trump era.

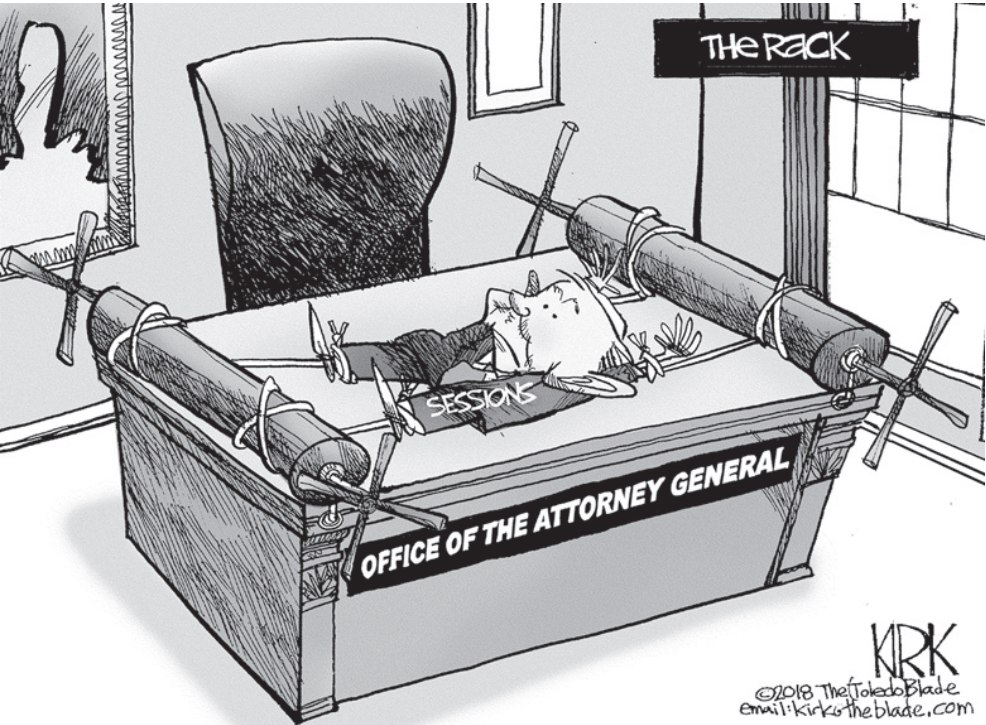


The ongoing spat with Sessions is another reason the administration gives off a sense of teetering on the edge of a crisis, not because of exogenous events (we’re experiencing peace and prosperity), but because of the ultimate endogenous factor – the president of the United States, without whom the administration wouldn’t exist in the first place.

If Trump were to fire Sessions, which seems unlikely, or to eventually push him over the edge into quitting, he probably wouldn’t be able to get another attorney general confirmed. Who would be acceptable both to Trump, who wants more personal loyalty, and to the Senate, which isn’t going to approve a crony? And what graybeard with independent credibility would sign up to serve?

So, Sessions isn’t going anywhere. Whether the attorney general considers that a reprieve or a punishment, only he knows.


Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2018 by King Features Synd., Inc.



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To share information about some of these discoveries, the El Paso Archaeological Society (EPAS) has invited Mark Howe to be guest speaker for its next monthly meeting, which is scheduled to begin, at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. The presentation is free and

EPAS members are presently taking part in archaeological tours and volunteer field work organized by the non-profit Jornada Research Institute of Tularosa, New Mexico. JRI's mission is to study the archaeological, ethno-historic,

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– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

For more information about

the Howe's presentation on
about EPAS, contact Fernando
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After reading *Sam Who Never Forgets* by Eve Rice, Marlene passed out autographs to the class. First grader Samantha Anaya plans to keep the picture in her room. “She’s my favorite,” she said. “Every time I watched her wrestle she

Marlene has been overwhelmed by the support of her community – that included an airport welcoming the day she returned from the State championship. She is the 2017-2018 Girl's Wrestling Texas UIL State Champion in the 110-pound weight class. "I didn't expect my success would have an impact as big as this," Marlene said. "It feels good to know that I'm being a role model that kids can look up to. It opens doors for them to see that it's possible not just to participate, but to win it all."

CryptoQuip Answer

Whenever I go in to deposit my weekly checks, everybody keeps looking at me with bank stares.



Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver


- It was French poet, journalist and novelist Anatole France who made the following sage observation: “The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread.”
- If you’re planning a trip to North Carolina in June, try to make it to the small town of Spivey’s Corner for the annual Hollerin’ Contest. If you’d like to participate but are worried about straining your vocal cords, you can always enter the conch-blowing contest instead of one of the ones that involves actual yelling.
- You might be surprised to learn that famed British author Aldous Huxley, best-known for his dystopian novel “Brave New World,” was a consultant on Disney’s 1951 animated film version of “Alice in Wonderland.”
- After the vows have been said in a traditional Korean wedding, the groom formally introduces his new wife to his parents. The bride’s father-in-law then pelts the bride with red dates, which is supposed to ensure fertility.
- Jazz musician Glenn Miller was the recipient of the first gold record ever awarded, for the big-band hit “Chattanooga Choo-Choo.”
- You might be surprised at some of the things that arouse passions in people. In the 1960s an evangelist named Jim Brown took issue with the theme song for the television show *Mr. Ed*. He claimed that when played backward, the tune contains the message “the source is Satan” and “someone sang this song for Satan.” His preaching on the subject was so persuasive that members of a church in Ironton, Ohio, made a bonfire of recordings of the song.

Thought for the Day: “Men of genius are often dull and inert in society, as a blazing meteor when it descends to earth, is only a stone.”

— Henry W. Longfellow

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**Moments
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- On March 26, 1997, police in Rancho Santa Fe, California, discover 39 victims of a mass suicide. They were members of the “Heaven’s Gate” religious cult, whose leaders preached that suicide would allow them to leave their bodily “containers” and enter an alien spacecraft hidden behind the Hale-Bopp comet.
- On March 27, 1912, two Yoshina cherry trees are planted on the bank of the Potomac River, as part of a gift of 3,020 cherry trees from Japan to the United States. After World War II, cuttings were sent back to Japan to restore the Tokyo collection that was decimated by American bombing attacks during the war.
- On March 28, 1814, the funeral of Guillotin, the inventor and namesake of the infamous execution device, takes place in France. The machine was intended to show the intellectual and social progress of the Revolution: By killing aristocrats and journeymen the same way, equality in death was ensured.
- On March 29, 1999, the Dow Jones industrial average closes above 10,000 for the first time, at 10,006.78.
- On March 30, 1775, King George III formally endorses the New England Restraining Act, requiring New England colonies to trade exclusively with Great Britain. Another rule banned colonists from fishing in the North Atlantic.
- On March 31, 1836, the first monthly installment of “The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club,” by 24-year-old writer Charles Dickens, is published under the pseudonym Boz. Only 400 copies were printed, but by the 15th episode, 40,000 copies were printed.
- On April 1, 1984, Motown singer Marvin Gaye is shot and killed by his father as a result of a longstanding feud. The father, a preacher, was a hard-drinking cross-dresser who envied his son’s success, and Marvin Jr. clearly harbored unresolved feelings toward his abusive father.

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EPCC gets \$100,000 for safety education

By Jim Heiney
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Texas Mutual Insurance Company is awarding a \$100,000 grant to El Paso Community College’s (EPCC) Risk Management Institute, which provides workplace safety courses for community employers, workers and the general public. Scott Bain, Texas Mutual’s regional manager of safety services, presented the grant on March 7 to the Risk Management Institute.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Texas Mutual, the state’s leading provider of workers’ compensation insurance, has given a \$100,000 grant to the college to support the risk management program. The program was established with Texas Mutual’s first donation in 2015.

“Our Risk Management Institute has greatly complemented our job training programs available at EPCC, with a focus on workplace safety,” EPCC President William Serrata, Ph.D., said. “We’re grateful to Texas Mutual for this continued partnership, and our community has embraced the opportunity to make our city, its companies – and their employees – safer.”

Texas Mutual has awarded \$6.6 million in safety education grants since 1999. El Paso Community College is one of 10 community colleges in Texas that provides safety classes via funding from Texas Mutual.



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

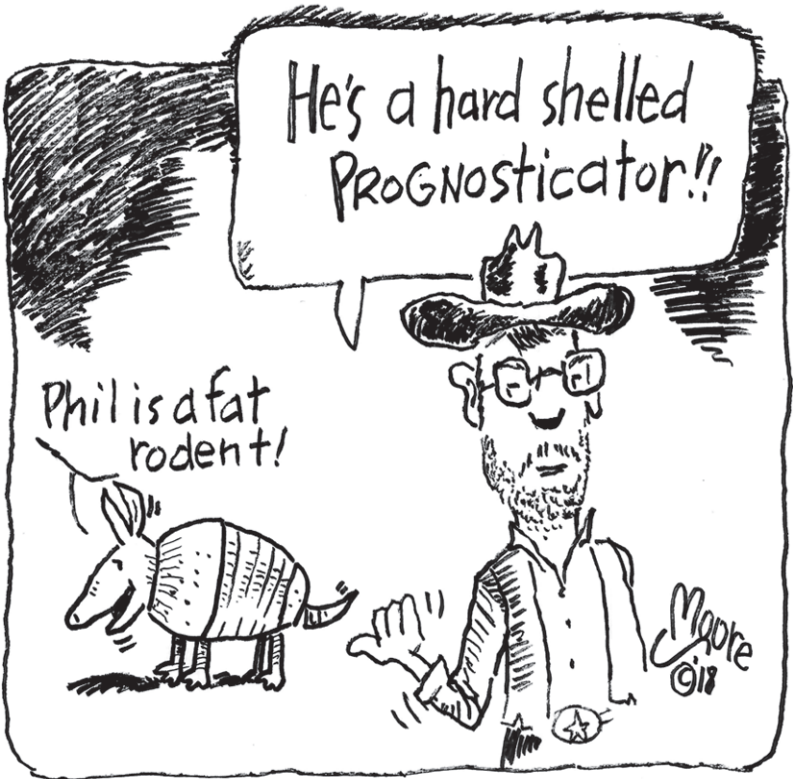
CHUNK OF CHANGE – EPCC President William Serrata applauds a \$100,000 grant for safety training.

EPCC created its Risk Management Institute to offer seminars on workers’ health and safety for employers and employees. A wide range of courses relative to the El Paso area are available through the program, including back safety, ergonomics, fall protection, and OSHA standards, among others.

“Workplace safety education has always been and will continue to be a sound investment, and we are happy to partner with El Paso Community College again to make safety programs a priority in the area,” Bain said. “The courses that will be available to area employees, along with other safety institutes around the state, help workers across Texas be safer and more successful on the job. These grants and the other safety programs from Texas Mutual demonstrate our commitment to ensuring millions of workers get the education they need to work safely.”

For more information about the El Paso Community College Risk Management Institute visit www.EPCC.edu/ContinuingEd/RiskManagementInstitute/Pages/default.aspx or call (915) 831-7122.

Moore Texas by Roger Moore Feb 2 , Bee Cave Texas: Instead of a groundhog some creative folks use a Texas Armadillo to forecast the end of winter.



Canutillo Independent School District – Public Notice

In accordance to the TEC Section 12A.002, the Board of Trustees shall hold a public hearing to consider whether the district should develop a local innovation plan for the designation of the district as a district of innovation.

On March 27, 2018, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees, which will begin at 5 PM in the Canutillo ISD Central Administration, Board Room, located at 7965 Artcraft El Paso, Texas 79932.

At the conclusion of the public hearing or shortly thereafter of the public hearing, the Board of Trustees may:

- Decline to pursue designation of the district as a District of Innovation; or
- Appoint a committee to develop a local innovation plan in accordance with the TEC Section 12A.003 of the Texas Education Code.

Individuals with disabilities or that require auxiliary aids and wish to attend this meeting should contact the Canutillo ISD Public Information Office at least 2 days before the meeting at (915) 877-7482.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo – Noticia Pública

Conforme al reglamento 12A.002 del Código Educativo del Estado de Texas, la mesa directiva tendrá una audiencia pública antes de la junta regular para decidir si el distrito desarrollará un plan innovador local para la designación del distrito como un distrito innovador.

La audiencia pública será el 27 de marzo de 2018, y empezará a las 5 PM en sala de juntas de la mesa directiva ubicada en las oficinas administrativas del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, 7965 Artcraft de El Paso, Texas 79932.

Al final o poco después de esta audiencia pública, la mesa directiva podrá:

- Declinar el proceso del nombramiento del distrito como un distrito innovador; o
- Elegir un comité para desarrollar un plan innovador local conforme al reglamento 12A.003 del Código Educativo de Texas.

Personas con discapacidades o que requieran asistencia auxiliar y que gusten asistir a esta junta, favor de llamar a la oficina de información pública del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo por lo menos 2 días antes a (915) 877-7482.

It’s your right as a fan to fill out your bracket

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

In America, we are so lucky to have the right to vote for anyone we want. Not every other country can say that. It’s our right to either privately, or publicly, choose candidates from a ballot and hope that we’ve made the right decisions. And even though the eventual winner may not be the one we voted for, we reluctantly accept the results and hope for better things next time. Don’t get me wrong, living in a political democracy is pretty awesome too, but I’m talking about filling out your NCAA Basketball Tournament ballots. You know – your brackets. It’s here, the most tense and thrilling weekend in American sports – you know what I’m talking about – the Big Dance – March Madness. After those annoying play-in games on Tuesday and Wednesday, the remaining 64 teams will battle it out starting this Thursday for the chance to be crowned NCAA champions for 2018. Okay okay, we all know that by the time we get down to the final eight teams, all the little guys have pretty much been escorted off the dance floor.

But during the first and second rounds, the Cinderella teams are given something they never get during the season – a chance. A chance to knock off the big guys they always see on TV. One chance to shock the college basketball world and watch themselves slaying the monster over and over on ESPN. And that’s the most difficult part of filling out your tournament bracket sheets. You know there are going to be some incredible upsets – but which games? Nowadays there are digital brackets everyone can fill out and the software will track the choices and even compare them to the millions of other bracketologists around the world. It’s pretty cool to see how much smarter you are than everyone else – or how much dumber. Either way, it makes the opening weekend of the tournament a lot more fun. So the question remains, who is Cinderella going to be this year? We can’t even guess who has the best chance to surprise everyone. If we did, then they wouldn’t be Cinderella. But there are teams who are playing their best basketball coming into the tournament. The teams who look pretty formidable

right now are Kansas, Gonzaga, Virginia, Villanova, Wichita State and Duke. But watch out for the hottest team in the country right now – the Michigan Wolverines. Michigan has won nine straight, including three against top ranked opponents Ohio State, Michigan State and Purdue. Of course, now that I’ve said that they’ll go out and lose in the first round. Locally, the Miners didn’t exactly have the kind of season we were all hoping for so they won’t be dancing... again! But the NMSU Aggies will be dancing... again! And that will generate a little more interest around these parts. Who will have the guts to choose the Aggies to win their first-round game? Second round? Of course the ultimate goal when filling out these brackets is to choose all 63 games correctly. Which has never been done. According to many sports outlets, the number of brackets filled out every year has reached between 60 and 100 million. What are the odds of filling out a perfect bracket? Let’s just say you have a much better chance of being stung by a lightning bolt on your way to work today, or on a happier note – winning the lottery. The odds are estimated at 1-in-128 billion. Some experts say the odds are really about 1-in-9.2 quintillion. I didn’t even know there was such a thing as a “quintillion”. Anyway, let’s just say it’s easier to dribble a football than to choose a bunch of winners. And though most of us will be tearing up our sheets by the end of the first weekend, the disappointment will be lessened by all the upsets and near upsets and buzzer beaters and thunderous dunks and cross over dribbles and cold-blooded three-pointers, that will fill our screens. So go out this week and do your civic duty – fill out a bracket, or two, or three, and vote for all of your favorites... it’s the American way.

Game on

With March Madness upon us, the personal-finance website WalletHub has its *NCAA Tournament Stats & Facts infographic* as well as its report on *2018’s Best Cities for College Basketball Fans* to help get hoops lovers psyched for this magical time of year. To find 2018’s top spots for NCAA hoops, WalletHub crunched the numbers on more than 280 cities using nine key metrics. They range from the number of teams per city and the winning percentage of each to stadium capacity and social-media engagement. El Paso ranked 21 among large cities.

Top 10:

- 1 – Chapel Hill, NC;
- 2 – Lawrence, KS;
- 3 – Los Angeles, CA;
- 4 – Durham, NC;
- 5 – Lexington, KY;
- 6 – Philadelphia, PA;
- 7 – Storrs, CT;
- 8 – Bloomington, IN;
- 9 – East Lansing, MI; abnd
- 10 – College Park, MD

Other stats:

- The Villanova Wildcats have the highest current winning percentage among college basketball teams, 89.35%, which is 5.3 times higher than the Central Connecticut Blue Devils, the team with the lowest at 16.87%.
- Hamilton, NY has the least expensive season tickets, starting at \$45 – 24.4 times less than a season of hoops in Lexington, KY at a \$1,100.
- Thanks to John Wooden and UCLA, Los Angeles is home to the country’s most national championship banners (11), while Philadelphia has the most regular season titles (105).

Visit <http://wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-for-college-basketball/32944/to> read the full report and to see where your city ranks

– Diana Popa

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– Diana Popa

Goat coordinator

If you are looking for a new job and

are good at setting up “meet and bleat events,” you may want to head north to Edmonton, Alberta.The Canadian town is looking for a Goat Coordinator at a pay rate of \$43 an hour. The position was established when the city of Edmonton created its GoatWorks program last year. Your job would be to herd some 170 goats assigned to the task of chewing up weeds in Rundle Park, a principal recreational area with trails, a man-made lake and lots of grass. The “meet and bleat” get-togethers are for the benefit of the citizens.

– John Grimaldi

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1 Bible book	73 "... Mac _ PC?"	1 Goldie of "Foul Play"	39 Tobaccoless smoke	85 Monogram, e.g.: Abbr.
between Zephaniah and Zechariah	76 Buddhist discipline	2 Turkish chief	40 Sitarist Shankar	86 Japanese fish dish
7 Largest New Deal agcy.	77 Letter after pi	3 Campbell of country	41 Like a child	87 Used a bench
10 "The Wizard _"	78 Pass along, as an email: Abbr.	4 Full chromosome set	42 Toad feature	92 Involve in conflict
14 In the slightest	79 Male deer	5 Car-towing org.	43 Jason's ship	94 Pig's place
19 Radiant	80 Riddle, part 5	6 Gigantic	44 Reverse of NNW	95 Honey
20 Vacillating response	87 Minestrone, e.g.	7 One of the Judds	50 Boxing ref's ruling	97 Loving ones
22 Olive-green bird	88 Moo _ pork	8 Shar_ (dog breed)	52 Be sure the job is done	98 Drowsy
23 Start of a riddle	89 Pewter metal	9 "With God _ witness"	54 Docket	99 Made sense
26 iPod model	90 Reformer Sinclair	10 Phrase on a thin coin	57 Spoils	102 Part of 44-Down
27 Musician Brian	91 Wide open, as a mouth	11 New Deal prez	58 "_ longa, vita brevis"	103 Trojan beauty
28 From Jan. 1 until today	93 Wide-mouthed fish	12 Add_ (extras)	59 Big maker of SUVs	104 Move past carefully
29 Disagreeing (with)	96 Lassos	13 Wildlife park	60 Mr. Capote, to pals	108 Place
30 Tomorrow, to Jose	100 Co. name ender, often	14 Incarnations of deities	61 Tartan cap	109 See 76-Down
33 Essen article	101 End of the riddle	15 Jazz great Puente	62 Neither Rep. nor Dem.	110 Send forth
35 Santa _ winds	105 Imitate a wolf	16 Very dry	68 "I'm talkin' to you!"	111 Latin "year"
36 Riddle, part 2	106 "_-haw!"	17 Advance, as money	69 Munic. law	113 "Think nothing _"
45 Former WB rival	107 Morally base	18 Captains' journals	70 "Quiet down!"	116 One_ jack
46 Classical music record label	108 Lipstick messes	21 More fitting	71 Little newt	117 "99 Luftballons" group
47 Coup d'_	112 "Evil Woman" gp.	24 "For want of _, the shoe was lost"	72 "So adorable!"	118 J.D. holder
48 Rises rapidly	114 Riddle-me_	25 Half of Mork's sign-off	73 Ear malady	120 NFL players who pass
49 Overjoy	115 Actress Rowlands	31 Poker stakes	74 Kid-lit "pest"	121 Mentalist Geller
51 Grafton's "_ for Evidence"	119 Riddle's answer	32 Feel likewise	75 Part of NSA	122 Swimming star
53 By way of	125 Lopez of pop music	34 Insect snare	76 With 109-Down, one of five famed comedic brothers	123 Blushing hue
55 Impel	126 More smart	35 Be part of, as a film	79 Big name in fuel additives	124 _ big way
56 Riddle, part 3	127 Straight, as an arm or leg		80 For takeout	
63 Within: Prefix	128 Praise		81 Red Scare gp.	
64 Weapon	129 Trig calculation			
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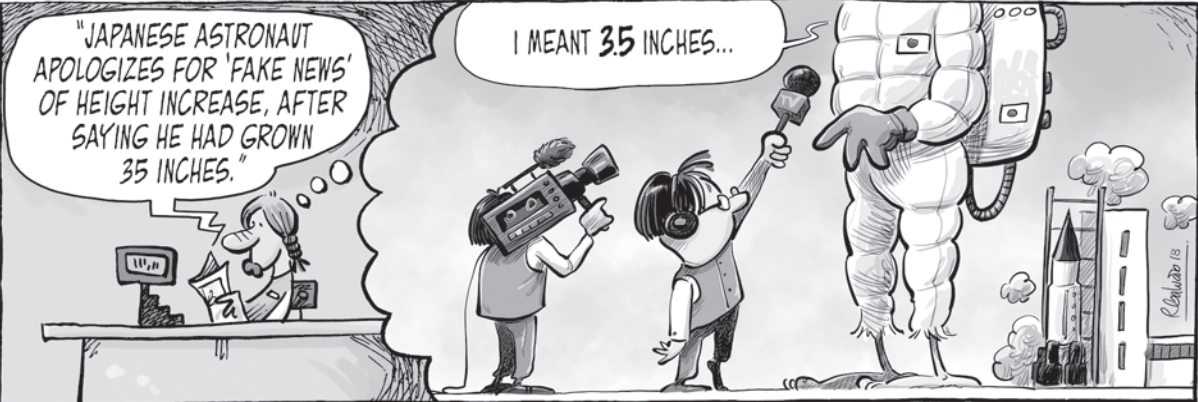
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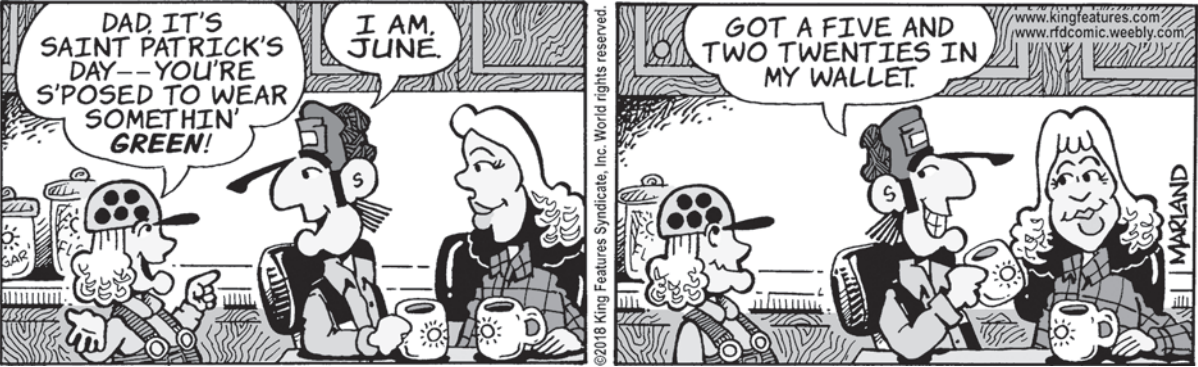
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Unnecessary procedure on terminal patient

DEAR DR. ROACH: My mother has stage 4 cancer. She just went to a dermatologist, who performed Mohs surgery on her nose. I am BEYOND upset by this unethical behavior. The country is already deeply in debt, and Medicare is paying for this? Unconscionable! Not to mention the pain and suffering of my mother, who is now at risk of a secondary infection. I was sickened by the entire ordeal. – J.B.



I agree with you completely that often patients with terminal diseases receive unnecessary care. There have been studies clearly documenting this. However, the studies don't answer why, in a particular case, a physician performed these treatments, which add only pain, anxiety and expense.

I suppose it is possible that the motivation is simple greed; however, I still have enough faith in my colleagues that I think that is a very unusual reason; I think it's far more likely that a specialist just doesn't see the big picture. There's an old expression that when all you have is a hammer, the whole world looks like a nail, and I think some specialists see a problem and fix it without realizing that the problem they are fixing isn't likely to ever cause symptoms.

For example, primary-care doctors order unnecessary tests, especially screening tests. I see mammograms ordered for women with advanced colon or ovarian cancer who are in palliative care, and this makes no sense. I have heard some physicians mention that insurance companies monitor the frequency of "quality indicators," such as mammograms, which affect their ratings and reimbursement. That's an example of a well-meaning system motivating wrong behavior.

I should emphasize that not all care for terminal patients is useless. If the goal is to improve quality of life or reduce suffering, then I am all for it, after a consideration of the costs (pain and inconvenience as well as dollar costs).

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have heard of yeast infections, but I don't know what causes them. How do they affect the body, and what can be done to get rid of them? – C.R.

Certain yeasts, but especially the Candida species, are found on our skin, mucus membranes and GI tract. They normally live in balance with the 100 trillion or so bacteria we carry around. However, yeast can cause disease that ranges from fairly mild, like thrush of the mouth or vagina, to life-threatening, like a blood-borne, widely disseminated invasive infection.

Candida infection of mucus membranes is usually caused by changes in our bacteria, especially after the use of antibiotics. The antibiotics kill the bacteria they are supposed to (hopefully), but they also may kill the healthy bacteria that assist us in digestion (leading to diarrhea or worse), and this allows the other bacteria and yeast to grow.

Some people with genetic faults in their immune system are predisposed to chronic candida infections. These are uncommon but can be severe, and may require treatment by specialists, such as infectious disease doctors and immunologists.

The life-threatening yeast infections generally happen in people with severe illness and with poor immune system function.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2018 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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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: **V** equals **E**

FBVSVUVC K QI KS OI

ZVWIHKO RD FVVMPD GBVGMH,

VUVCDYIZD MVVWH PIIMKSQ

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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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Looking out for number one

VETERANS
★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

All across the country there are veterans who might be ill and not know it. The reason: They don't have the results of their medical tests.

If you have medical tests done at a veterans' facility, before you leave, ask when the results will be ready. You'll likely be told, "Someone will call you." Get a name and write it down. Later if you start getting anxious because you haven't gotten a call, give it one more day... then go on the hunt.

Leave messages for your care manager, if you have one, and your doctor. Give it another day. If you don't hear back, try again. Call the medical facility and ask for the lab. They're not likely to give you the results, but ask when the results were ready, and get that person's name. That's part

of your ammo... knowing that results were ready and when. Then call the care manager or doctor back and state that the results were ready at a certain time.

See how this works? Be proactive. Through all these steps, your name gets out there as someone who's hunting for test results. The same is true if you have a My HealtheVet account.

Once you get the results over the phone, ask that a copy be mailed to you (or print it from your online account), which you'll then put in your file at home.

If you have a condition that is regularly monitored, there's a possibility that you can make pals with someone in the lab who will just read the results to you.

The bottom line is that you don't stop until you have the results. Stand up for yourself and guard your health. Don't assume that no news is good news. Be sure.

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

- "To make sure I'm drinking water throughout the day, I use a permanent marker to designate levels on my large reusable water cup. I labeled them 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. That's for a big one that sits on my desk at work. I have another for at home. This way I am not trying to play catch up later in the day."
— A.L. in Oklahoma
- Three ways to save money on water-heater bills: 1) Set your temperature gauge to a lower setting. 2) Install a timer so that it's not heating water when you aren't there to use it. 3) Add an insulating cover to keep heat from escaping.
- Game changer: "When dunking a sandwich cookie (e.g. Oreos), jab a fork into the filling. Then you can dunk the whole thing or part of it without getting your fingers all milky — or your milk all 'fingery.'"
— A.J. in Florida
- When you microwave leftovers on a flat plate, be sure to spread them out for even heating. The classic ring of food is best — leaving the center of the plate empty. Slice already-cooked potatoes, and cover with a moistened paper towel.
- Need to light a pillar candle inside a hurricane glass? Use a stick of spaghetti! The pasta stick lights easily, and it's long enough to give you the reach you need. It burns evenly, too.
- "If you like to save money by buying large packs of meat — say, ground beef or chicken tenderloins — here's a great tip for storing them: Fill quart-size freezer bags, making sure to get out as much air as possible. Then stack flat on top of a pizza box in the freezer."
— T.L. in Missouri

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