



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Easter Service

The annual Clint community non-denominational Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Clint Junior High School (the former Clint High School), on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, at 6:30 a.m. Following the service, a continental breakfast will be provided at the Clint Community Center. All area residents are invited to attend both functions. Call 851-3939 or 851-3145 for more information.

— Irma Nelson

### Money management

With 43 percent of U.S. adults grading their knowledge of personal finance a C or lower, the free credit score website WalletHub has released its report on 2018's *Best & Worst Cities at Money Management*. In order to determine where Americans are best at handling their finances, WalletHub compared more than 2,500 cities based on 10 key indicators of money-management skills. The data set ranges from median credit score to average number of late payments to mortgage debt-to-income ratio. El Paso ranked 60th among large cities.

Other stats:

- Cupertino, CA has the lowest credit-card debt-to-income ratio, 1.99 percent, which is 7.4 times lower than in Magnolia, TX, the city with the highest at 14.7 percent.
  - East St. Louis, IL has the lowest mortgage debt-to-income ratio, 141.35 percent, which is 7.7 times lower than in Kailua, HI, the city with the highest at 1,094.45 percent.
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— Diana Popa

*Don't complain because you have to get up early every morning. The time may come when you can't get up at all.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photos by Maya Sanchez

**THE BUZZ** – Bees are being cultivated in San Elizario to bolster the economic future of the community. These bees are part of a personal hive/colony.

## San Eli, partners, look to bees for economic improvement

By Maya Sanchez  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO – San Elizario sits within the Chihuahuan Desert, which has the highest variety of bee diversity in all of North America and is most likely one of the leading regions of this characteristic in the world. The City of San Elizario has partnered with Auburn University, in Alabama, to develop new specialty crop industries with desert vegetables, spices,

herbs, dyes, and landscaping plants; crops that harness these bees to serve our economic future.

To kick-off this work, the City of San Elizario and Auburn University have been awarded \$4,000 through the Texas USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service CFDA Program. And thanks to a partnership with El Paso County Water Improvement District #1, the funds will be used to create a community crops garden for a healthier food future at Parque de los Niños. The space will be



used to demonstrate specialty crops, which are better suited for our region and have been identified by the USDA as in high demand nationwide. In addition, the garden will supply compost, seeds and an educational space for participants in our Homestead Science initiative and Wild San Eli, a program in conjunction with the San Elizario Independent School District.

Homestead Science will provide 10 San Elizario residences with the training, materials and equipment to grow specialty crops that will be available for sale at our signature Bee Real event, slated for September 8, 2018.

Wild San Eli launched this month as students were introduced to pollinator research and future careers in sustainable agriculture. Students were provided kits to “pan-trap” specimens that will be used in

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## Au receives basketball scholarship to Ranger College

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

ANTHONY – Brayan Au, an Anthony High School (AHS) senior, has been awarded a full-ride scholarship to play basketball at Ranger Junior College (RJC), which is about 90 miles west of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Au will join the National Junior College Athlete Association (NJCAA) basketball team that is currently coached by Billy Gillespie, the former University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) men's head basketball coach. Gillespie is also RJC's athletic director, according to the college's website.

The RJC basketball coach visited AHS recently to take part in an official signing ceremony in front of a crowd of family members and friends including the Anthony Independent School District (AISD) superintendent and school board president.

“Brayan has a tremendous work ethic and a desire to get better both academically and athletically. I have gotten to know Brayan for the last three years and his desire for success will carry him toward excellence in the future,” stated Dr. Steven Saldivar, AISD superintendent.

“Anthony ISD is so proud of Brayan's hard work and success. Our small district has allowed him to thrive academically. Athletically he has excelled in all sports and it has been a joy to watch him play. We are so blessed to have shared on his path to greatness,” Mary R. Jones, AISD school board president.

Au, a 6-foot 4-inch guard, who has been described as a “diamond in the rough” by the Bigfoot Hoops basketball organization, averaged nearly 32 points, 9.8 rebounds, 7.5 assists, and 5.4 steals per game in his senior year.

Au helped take the Anthony Wildcats deep into the class 2A Texas state playoffs during the 2016 season where their season came to end after a one-point controversial loss to the eventual state champions, Canadian High School. Au also took the Wildcats back to the state semi-finals in 2017 eventually losing to the state finalist runner up.

This basketball season, Au received All-State honors by setting a record for the highest scoring average among Texas high school players and was ranked the

22nd best high school basketball player in the state by Alamo City Hoops.

Although other schools, such as Texas

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**ON THE DOTTED LINE** – Anthony High School Senior Brayan Au signs letter of intent to play basketball for Ranger Junior College. Au earned 2016-2017 All-State honors for highest scoring average among high school players and was ranked the 22nd top basketball player in Texas by Alamo City Hoops.



# If Hillary had won

The death of astrophysicist Stephen Hawking brings to mind Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. How weird is that? But bear with me. Hawking credibly speculated about a parallel universe on the other side of a black hole. What if, in that alternative existence, Hillary Clinton had won the 2016 presidential election? How, in that black hole that is U.S. politics, would she be doing as president?

In a word, badly. She wouldn't be the disgrace that Donald Trump is – there's no way anyone can match his bigotry, hateful appeals to our worst instincts or his simple-minded impetuosity. In fact, "Hillary" and "impetuous" would make up a classic oxymoron. While

President Trump is moronically careless, Hillary is methodically calculating, or at least appears that way, which is even worse.

As a result, she squanders her advantages, like her formidable brainpower, because she's missing the lobe that processes empathy impulses – the real ones, not the artificial contrivances concocted by her sycophantic consultants. By now, she would have frittered away much of her hugely historic significance as the nation's first woman chief executive. It would have dissipated, overridden by the personal flaws that have come to define Hillary Clinton. Her careful dissembling would be easy prey for Republicans, always ready to pounce. Her perceived sense of superiority and that of the people who flit around

her soon would antagonize just about all us unworthies.

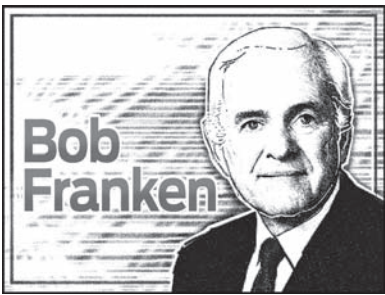
Hillary Clinton provides an object lesson for those trying to grasp what a candidate should not be. Her recent appearance in India is a case in point.

She offered the analysis that she had beaten Trump in places populated by those who are "optimistic, diverse, dynamic, moving forward" – as opposed to those who are "backward," riffraff in her mind, who were driven away by the elitist sense of entitlement that she exudes. Her arrogant, meritocratic view of the "deplorables" doesn't compare with Trump's vile demagogic manipulation of their fears and prejudices, but the condescension openly displayed by Hillary and so many of her supporters for all who don't share their phony values is almost as divisive.

Add to that Hillary's long coziness with the richest of the rich, and it would stoke the same resentments that Trump has been able to exploit to his advantage. He is a master at convincing the little people that he's on their side at the same time that he symbolizes the worst excesses of conspicuous consumption and an entirely selfish life.

Both are phonies, but also polar opposites. One huge difference: Trump is entertaining, grossly so. And his slapstick collection of supporting actors is a laugh a minute.

Clinton as president would bore us to death. Where The Donald mindlessly stomps through issues, Hillary takes carefully thought-out baby steps. It's preferable for policymaking but stifles any passion. We'd be desperate for excitement, even some misstep from that other



President Clinton, whose time as POTUS was certainly, uh, interesting.

For now, we're stuck in our Trump black hole. Still, as Stephen Hawking argued, "Things can get out of a black hole, both to the outside, and possibly, to another universe." The problem is, that "other universe" is not all that appealing either. Or maybe this is the alternative universe.

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## View from here By John Grimaldi

# Are Democrats bracing for all-out ‘internecine warfare?’

Do you get the feeling that the Democratic Party appears to be moving further and further to the left, adopting what some would call "extreme" socialist policies and even turning against the moderates in the party? Well, it is. Just look at what happened to one of the most popular Democrats in Congress, Dianne Feinstein. She has served her California constituency for some 26 years, winning election after election since 1992. But, she was unable to win an endorsement at the recent California Democratic Party convention, losing to a relatively unknown progressive contender.

Feinstein has plenty of cash

in her campaign coffers and is likely to defeat the party's official candidate, leftist President Pro Tem of the California Senate, Kevin de León, in the state's primaries on June 5. And, she will probably ultimately win reelection for a sixth term. But the going might be tough for her this time around. De León won the state party's backing because he is a died-in-the-wool progressive and the State of California has unabashedly become more and more progressive in recent years, in case you hadn't noticed.

But what about the rest of the country? Sure, Trump voters are still staunchly conservative.

Democrats, on the other hand, are adopting attitudes that are more progressive than ever before. The Pew Research Center polled 5,000 Americans and found that the views of those who call themselves Democrats are more radical in their thinking than when the survey was first conducted in 1994.

For example, in 1994 only about 39% of Democrats believed that racism was the reason African-Americans are held back in the workplace because of their color. The most recent report shows that 64% buy into that notion today. Likewise, only 32% of Democrats believed that immigration was good for the country in 1994 but today fully a whopping 84% think immigrants – whether legal or illegal – strengthen the nation.

Pew concluded "the divisions between Republicans and Democrats on fundamental political values – on government, race, immigration, national

security, environmental protection and other areas – reached record levels during Barack Obama's presidency. In Donald Trump's first year as president, these gaps have grown even larger."

Certainly, the slide to the far left is largely due to "hatred" for President Trump. In fact, there are many who believe that Senator Feinstein did not get her state party's endorsement because she refused to back an effort in Congress to impeach President Trump and, instead, asked for his detractors to have "patience."

Her challenger, de León, wasted no time in voicing his opinion of Ms. Feinstein's sense of "moderation and pragmatism" in dealing with Trump. He told reporters "we don't owe Trump patience. We owe Californians resistance."

Here's the question: is the Democratic Party on the verge of an internecine war? The telltale

signs are certainly there. As Houston prepared for the nation's first midterm primaries on March 6, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) publicly lashed out at the party's progressive candidate for the House seat held by Republican John Culberson. The Committee made public opposition research seeking to taint the candidacy of progressive party member and activist Laura Moser, calling her a "Washington insider." The DCCC's blatant intra-party meddling was met with resounding fury from the far left. And so, despite the committee's best efforts to defeat Moser, the progressive bloc gave her enough votes to force a runoff against the mainstream Democratic candidate, Lizzie Pannill Fletcher.

Meanwhile, Senator Bernie Sanders' ally, Nina Turner, president of Our Revolution

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# Don't Bork Gina Haspel

President Donald Trump's pick for CIA director is about to experience a good Borking.

No one doubts her professionalism, and she's been endorsed by Obama intelligence officials. Yet Gina Haspel's long career at the agency, including extensive work undercover in the field, is getting blotted out by her reported involvement in the CIA's black-site interrogation program, which has become a warrant to say anything about her.

Her critics assert she should be in jail, and The New York Times editorial page wrote about her nomination under the headline "Having a Torturer Lead the C.I.A."

Not to be outdone in demagogic attacks on anyone associated with our national security apparatus, Sen. Rand Paul calls Haspel "the head cheerleader for waterboarding," and claims she mocked a detainee for his drooling. The only problem is that this anecdote comes from a book by a contractor who worked with the CIA, James Mitchell, and it describes a man, not a woman, making the comment.

Factual accuracy aside, the attacks on Haspel are ahistorical in that they ignore the context of the CIA program, and unfair insofar as they portray her as a remorselessly cruel prime mover behind it.

The interrogation program began when al-Qaida operative Abu Zubaydah was captured in March 2002. At the time, we believed another 9/11-style attack was imminent, and preventing it had an urgency fueled by raw memories of an event that was literally yesterday's news.

The interrogation program wasn't a rogue operation. The CIA repeatedly briefed select congressional leaders, especially the top Republicans and Democrats on the intelligence committees. It was approved at the highest level of the U.S. government, and the CIA sought, and got, explicit legal approval from the Department of Justice.

Haspel is connected in the press to the interrogations of Abu Zubaydah, although the CIA hasn't confirmed her participation and insists much of the reporting about her work in this period is erroneous.

But let's consider Zubaydah's case. He was not a detainee who had nothing to tell us, as he is often portrayed by critics of the CIA. Shortly after his capture, he identified Khalid Sheikh Mohammed as the mastermind of 9/11.

The enhanced interrogations were brutal. Zubaydah was struck, placed in stress positions, confined



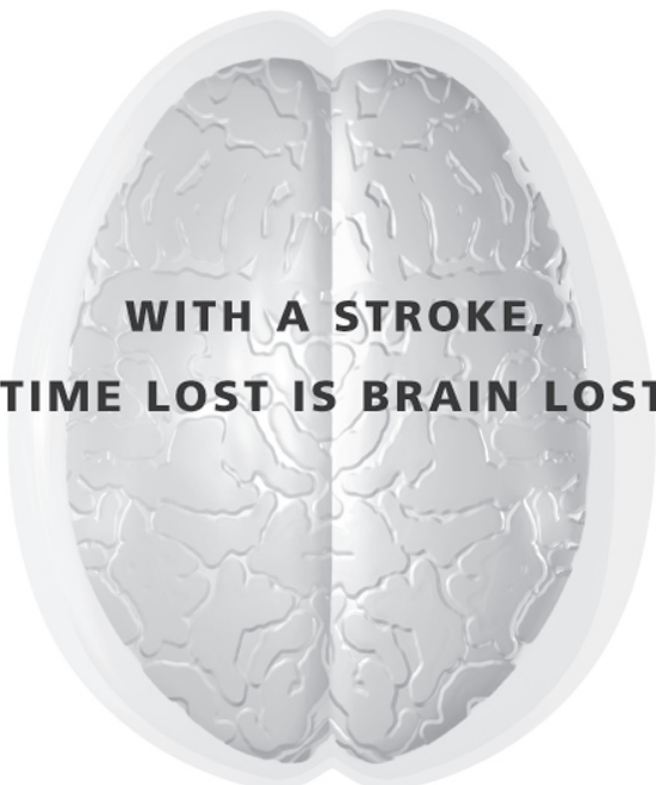
in small boxes and repeatedly waterboarded. During one session, he became unresponsive. By any standard, this was extreme and right up to the legal line.

The CIA didn't learn of any planned attack in the U.S.; it did become confident that Zubaydah wasn't holding back anything. From his capture to his transfer to the Department of Defense on Sept. 5, 2006, information from him produced 766 intelligence reports.

In the cold light of day, we would have handled all of this differently. But this was a national failing, and at a time when we understandably believed we were in a race to prevent another atrocity on our shores. To punish Gina Haspel more than 15 years later for doing what her country asked her to do, and in response to what she was told were lawful orders, would be a travesty and a disgrace.

But so were the confirmation hearings of Robert Bork.

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



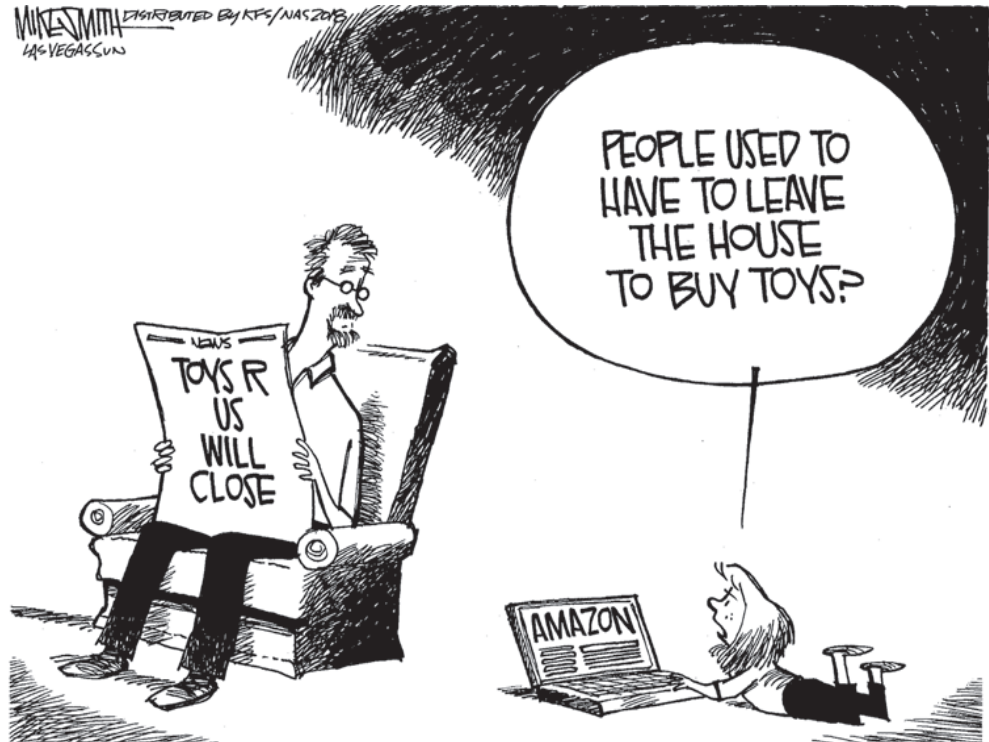
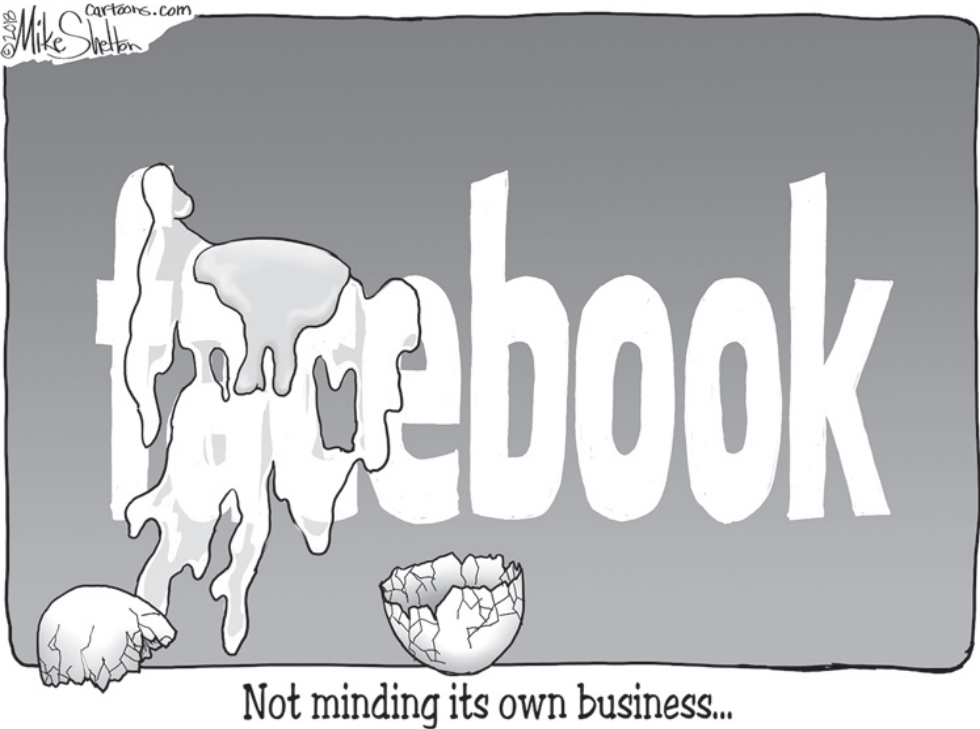
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# Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On April 9, 1859, a 23-year-old Missouri youth named Samuel Clemens receives his steamboat pilot's license. Clemens is better known by the pseudonym "Mark Twain," a boatman's call noting that the river depth was two fathoms (12 feet) and safe for travel.
- On April 10, 1963, the atomic submarine USS Thresher sinks in the North Atlantic during deep-diving tests, killing the entire 129 man crew. An investigation found that a silver-brazed joint in the engine room had caused a short in critical electrical systems.
- On April 11, 1951, President Harry Truman relieves the flamboyant and egotistical Gen. Douglas MacArthur of command of U.S. forces in Korea. The firing set off a brief uproar among the American public, and he returned home to a hero's welcome.
- On April 12, 1945, while on a vacation, President Franklin Roosevelt suffers a stroke and dies. FDR had been elected president four times and had served for more than 12 years, the only president ever to serve more than two terms.
- On April 13, 1970, disaster strikes 200,000 miles from Earth when oxygen tank No. 2 blows up on Apollo 13. Commander James Lovell reported to mission control on Earth: "Houston, we've had a problem here." Using dramatic and untested maneuvers, Apollo 13 touched down safely in the Pacific Ocean four days later.
- On April 14, 1912, the luxury liner RMS Titanic, on its maiden voyage, fails to divert its course from an iceberg, ruptures its hull and begins to sink. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew aboard, some 1,500 were killed.
- On April 15, 1783, the Continental Congress of the United States officially ratifies a preliminary peace treaty with Great Britain. Five months later, the Treaty of Paris was signed, bringing an end to the Revolutionary War.

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# San Eli to hold first election since 2013

By Nancy Montes  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The incorporation of San Elizario took place via election in 2013 and in 2014, its first council was elected into office. Since then, three elections should have been held but were cancelled due to a lack of candidates running against the incumbents. On May 5, 2018, eight people will be vying for the positions of Mayor, Alderperson Place 4 and Alderperson Place 5.

“It has been a vote of confidence that our community has placed their trust in us, this first council, for these past four years. But we also welcome other members of our community to take the step towards public service. Our city deserves to see good leaders rise up and it’s a sign of a healthy democracy,” stated Alderperson Place 1 and Mayor Pro Tem Leticia Miranda.

David Aguirre Jr., a senior at San Elizario High School, Antonio Araujo, director of a local non-profit and San Elizario Independent School District Board Trustee and incumbent Maya Sanchez are all contending for the position of Mayor. Incumbent Rebecca Martinez-Juarez and non-profit director Maria Ortiz Covernali are vying for

**On February 26 the drawing for places on the City of San Elizario ballot were held. The results are below.**

**Mayor:**  
#1, Maya Sanchez; #2, David Aguirre; and #3, Antonio Araujo

**Alderperson # 4**  
#1, Maria Covernali; and #2, Rebecca Martinez Juarez

**Alderperson # 5**  
#1, George Almanzar; #2, Connie Vasquez; and #3, Paul Johnson

**Important dates in the City of San Elizario’s election process:**

- April 5, 2018 - Last day to register to vote for May 5th election;
- April 23, 2018 - 1st Day of early voting;
- May 1, 2018 - Last day of early voting; and
- May 5, 2018 - Election day.

Alderperson Place 4. And incumbent George Almanzar, Paul Edward Johnson Jr., who is retired military and Connie Vasquez, also retired have filed to fill Alderperson Place 5.

The election will be held at the San Elizario Fire Department, 1415 San Antonio St., San Elizario, Texas 79849.

## Bees

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a Junior Curator Camp in August 2018. A series of 2018 events, including three Bee Bloom Walks – the first of which took place March 10—and training for SEISD teachers via Bee-a-Biologist workshop will culminate with Bee Real, a festival to celebrate pollinators and introduce the community to specialty food, dye and medicinal crops. Additional Wild San Eli events have been scheduled for 2019.

“Due to the pollinator diversity, we regularly conduct research in San Elizario and since 2017, we have been working with local leaders to develop initiatives that support pollinator health and have the opportunity to create economic development based on high-value specialty crops, suited for the region that cannot be duplicated just anywhere in the country. These include crops that are historically native to the region but are predominantly being imported into the U.S.,” stated Bashira Chowdhury, pollination ecologist with the Bee Biodiversity Initiative in Auburn University’s College of Agriculture.

When the citizens of San Elizario campaigned for incorporation in 2013, many expressed a desire to retain the unique rural makeup of our community. Fifty-two percent of San Eli residents live below the poverty line. The pollinator initiatives allow the City to address both of these concerns. And in partnership with SEISD, San Elizario plans to grow its own workforce.

Additional grants and collaborations are underway to support on-going work. A five-year plan has been developed to achieve short-term victories that will support longer-term goals.

Maya Sanchez is the Mayor of the City of San Elizario.



– Photos by Maya Sanchez

**GOTCHA – Dr. Charles Ray – a bee expert and Research Fellow with Auburn University – specializes in entomology and plant pathology. Above, he nets some bees during the March Bee Bloom Walk on March 10. Below, Ray introduced 8th graders to pan trapping for the “Wild San Eli” program at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School.**





# UTEP takes its football program to the people

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Last Friday night was a Friday night much like any other in El Paso at this time of year.

It was bit breezy, about 70 degrees, with the usual slight taste of dust in the air.

But last Friday night wasn’t like any other Friday night in the history of El Paso – at least not on the East side.

The usual quiet of the night along Loop 375 was interrupted by the sounds of crackling shoulder pads, coaching whistles and fan applause.

It was the Socorro Student Activities Complex – more commonly known as The SAC – and it was the UTEP Miners football team conducting its scrimmage on the road.

Though the road trip wasn’t a long one, about 18 miles, it was a journey that could pay dividends for years to come.

For the first time in its history, instead of stubbornly waiting and hoping El Pasoans would take an interest and show up to one of its controlled scrimmages – UTEP did the unprecedented thing and took their

scrimmage out to the people.

Thanks mainly to the enthusiasm and innovation of new UTEP AD Jim Senter, the Miners are being proactive in their approach to drum up support for their disappointing sports programs.

Being in charge of resuscitating UTEP athletics is obviously no easy task but Senter said he had a plan from the very beginning. He said everyone in the community would have a say on how to make things better.

And no one can say they never had a chance.

Before the UTEP practice, Senter held another “sports town hall” meeting at the SAC to give Eastsiders a chance to voice their concerns and wishes.

The scrimmage produced a good crowd, with UTEP radio voice Jon Teicher with a field mic conducting interviews and describing the action on the field.

New head coach Dana Dimel spoke to the crowd and described the drills the players were going through and how the techniques would help them become better players.

Fans got to see new quarterback Kai Locksley and returning starter Ryan Metz

take turns leading the offense.

The “event”, as it turned out to be, even had a visit from former UTEP and now Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones.

His twin brother Alvin Jones, who is hoping to be drafted next month, was also on hand.

Also making an appearance was one of the stars of the NFL combine, Will Hernandez. The offensive lineman is projected to be as high as a late first-round pick.

On the field, the offense looked crisp at times and at others, they look like they needed a lot of work. But none of that was really the point.

Of course it’s going to take time for any 0-12 team to show steady improvement.

But the team, the school, and the brand, hit it out of the ballpark when it came to building a bridge.

For the longest time on radio talk shows you’ve heard fans say how disconnected they felt from the UTEP program.

Like UTEP didn’t care about them at all; and that UTEP did absolutely nothing to promote the program.

Well, it appears that all that changed

as soon as Senter put down the pen after signing his contract.

He knows that sitting back and “hoping” is no way to run a business. And let’s not lie to ourselves; running UTEP athletics is a business.

It was announced recently that UTEP football ticket sales and donations to the program were ahead of where they were this time last year.

When have you ever heard that about a team just coming off a season where they were considered the worst in the nation?

All the town hall meetings and taking practice on the road are just the beginning. I’ve got a feeling Senter is going to be relentlessly promoting the football team throughout the summer.

It’s something many UTEP fans have been waiting for – some for decades.

Let’s face it – we all want to be excited about UTEP athletics.

Yes, the Chihuahuas and Rhinos are here. And a new professional soccer team is one the way.

But UTEP football and basketball generate the most fans. It’s good to see UTEP finally appreciating them.

## Au

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A& M Corpus Christi and New Mexico State University (NMSU) expressed interest, Au said that he signed with Ranger because it was the first one to make him a firm offer and because he wanted to play for the experienced Coach Gillespie.

Actually, “Tim Floyd (former UTEP basketball coach) offered Brayan a scholarship, but after Floyd’s retirement, we were unsure of where Brayan stood,” stated Robert Guerrero, Au’s club basketball coach.

Guerrero stated that Coach Gillespie contacted him to offer Au a letter of intent to play for Ranger College despite the fact

that he had never personally seen Au play in a basketball game. RJC is one of the oldest two-year colleges in Texas.

During the ceremony, Gillespie said that Brayan was highly regarded among high school coaches in the state and that the AHS athlete had the potential to play for a Division I school someday.

Au, who graduates in May with a 3.3 grade point average, said that he is excited to continue playing basketball and knows this opportunity will open up doors to a Division 1 scholarship. “I am honored to even get an opportunity to play for such a coach as Gillespie. I can’t lie, I am a little intimidated because of what I have heard about how tough he is; but I’m ready to grow and learn, and I know that



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**FAMIY AND FRIENDS – Ranger Junior College (RJC) Head Basketball Coach Billy Gillespie (center) and Bryan Au (center-right) are flanked by Au’s family members and friends in the Anthony High School auditorium. They were there to watch Au sign his letter of intent to play basketball for RJC.**

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## Super Crossword

<b>SILENT DUO ACROSS</b> 1 Watchful 8 Abjectly submissive 15 Floral shop receptacles 20 More candid 21 Fingernail surrounder 22 Novelist Munro 23 Bands of fibrous tissue enclosing muscles 24 Inept warrior in armor? 26 Like escaped convicts 28 See 17-Down 29 Slaughter of the diamond 30 Member of a certain antelope fraternity? 34 Plasma particle 36 "Hurlyburly" playwright David 37 Med. drips 38 Certain book of liturgy 43 Anti-DUI ad, e.g. 46 Ending for Alp or salt 47 Concept, to Jean-Luc 49 Activity when shopping for sweaters? 51 Person who repositions tiny flies? 54 "Life of Pi" novelist	Martel 55 Something easy-peasy 56 Apia resident 57 "Nothin' _!" ("Easy-peasy!") 59 In the dossier, e.g. 60 First-class 63 Sword stopper 67 Bireme tool 68 Shoelace snarl of note? 73 Young male, urban-style 74 Like many offshore rescues 75 Outdoor enclosure for tabbies 76 In a mischievous way 79 Inside: Prefix 81 Beautiful guy 85 Persian-founded faith 86 "That feels go-o-od!" 89 "One-I lama' poet, grind your teeth!" 92 Had some friends south of the border? 95 Poker cost 96 Norma _ (Field role) 97 Horse's kin 98 Call halfway to a walk 99 "Delish!" 100 Wound, after a few days 101 Twisty letter 102 Far northern city	inhabited by trolls? 106 Sheep's hair 109 Wear down 114 Convenient kind of shopping 115 Confession after hitting your physician with your leg joint? 118 Angel, musically 122 Big rig, e.g. 123 Lava spewer 124 Automaker Maserati 125 Impetuosity 126 Very vivid 127 Totally faded	<b>DOWN</b> 1 Out of whack 2 Pro-gun org. 3 Auto fluid 4 Set free 5 Spitz variety 6 Province 7 More moony 8 Singer Boz 9 Light unit 10 _ glance 11 "La Dolce _" 12 Chilled 13 Pivot 14 Wife of Zeus 15 With 90-Down, actor Jean-Claude 16 Foreign 17 With 28-Across, ink the contract 18 Canyon reply 19 Puts (down) 25 _ light (lamp on a film set)	27 Ominous bird 30 Prudish sorts 31 _Barbera 32 Flanged girder 33 News svc. 35 Like Mork, per his planet 39 Reaping tool 40 Alias lead-in 41 Maya of architecture 42 Cable TV's Spike, once 43 Rack-and-_ steering 44 Camp for Colonel Klink 45 According to 47 "But is _?" 48 Faye of films 49 NBAer, e.g. 50 Rubber check abbr. 52 Food-order option 53 French political units 58 "What a piece of work _" 59 Aromatic substance 61 "Where _ start?" 62 Bungle 64 Wearing a disguise, informally 65 Airport info 66 Illuminated 68 Holy books of Islam 69 Cubbyholes 70 Bray sound 71 Slight push	72 A party to 73 Easter cake 77 Hem and _ 78 Bird perches 80 Toledo "two" 82 User busters 83 Rockabilly singer Chris 84 "Come Back, Little _" 86 Rocker Rose 87 Be laid up 88 Drama unit 90 See 15-Down 91 Got tangled 93 Slacked off 94 Egggy quaff 99 Marilyn of "The Misfits" 100 Depleted 101 Opt 103 Lunchtimes, often 104 Early name in arcades 105 "Bonanza" star Greene 106 Among 107 Creole pod 108 Difficult task 110 Shankar of Indian music 111 Take too much, briefly 112 Knucklehead 113 Nero's "Lo!" 116 Stretch (out) 117 Almond-hued 119 Prefix for "equal" 120 Erwin of films 121 Young kid
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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



THE CASHIER By Ricardo Galvão



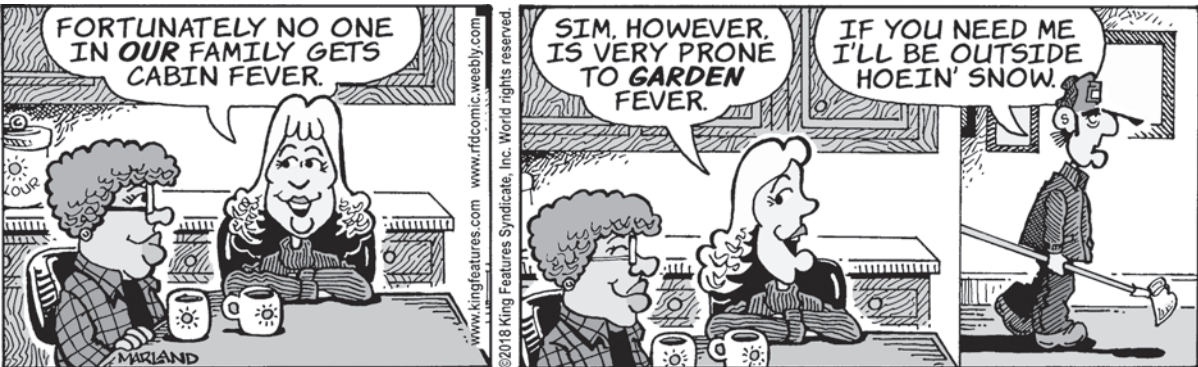
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Why all the hysteria over measles outbreak?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I do not understand the hysteria over the measles outbreak. In my day, every kid had the measles and other childhood diseases, and all survived with strengthened immune systems. Today, young people have no natural defenses against diseases because their immune systems have been compromised by drugs. With the exception of smallpox and polio, childhood diseases are a rite of passage. – B.W.



everybody who gets two doses. There are risks of the vaccine, but serious adverse effects from it are rare.

In the days before vaccines, pretty much every kid did get the measles, but unfortunately, not all of them survived. Although measles death rates were already dropping, before the vaccine was available there were still hundreds of thousands of cases every year, with hundreds of deaths and thousands of cases of severe complications, such as encephalitis, an extremely serious inflammation of the brain that can have long-term repercussions. The vaccine reduced the death rate to essentially zero and the case rate to a few cases per year, mostly from international travelers. Over the decades, the measles vaccine has prevented many thousands of children from death and disability.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Have you ever heard of anyone being allergic or sensitive to newspaper print? I read the newspaper from front to back and like to know what the latest news is. I always seem to have burning eyes, itchy nose and some difficulty breathing. Is an allergy possible, and if so, how can I remedy it? – J.L.

It certainly is possible, and there have been some high-profile cases lately, including a Baltimore newspaper reporter. Most often, the chemical is from pine rosin, used in the printing process. An allergist can confirm this with skin testing. Avoiding the newspaper ink is the best solution, which may include simply washing your hands after reading the newspaper, or even using gloves.

People, including me, are worried about the measles outbreak because there are many more people now who, because of diseases like HIV and cancer, have immune systems that leave them susceptible to measles, a highly infectious disease. Children under 1 year cannot get the vaccine and the immunity they get from their mother's immune system wanes over time. Thus, there are many people at high risk for measles in the population now.

Worstcase, many newspapers have electronic versions that can be read via handheld devices or your computer.

The measles vaccine strengthens, not weakens, the immune system, and provides lifelong immunity for nearly

DEAR DR. ROACH: We are regular readers of your column. At 72, I have fasting labs done every six months (metabolic and lipid panels and yearly vitamin D check). Some doctors say that having coffee in the morning before a blood draw is OK if you don't use milk or sugar; other doctors say no

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Au


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playing for Ranger College will be the first step to a long career in basketball.”

Au said that at RJC he plans to study criminology and help his team winner a national championship title. After that, “I

plan to move-up to a Division I basketball program,” he stated.

Some of the other accolades that Au earned during his three years playing basketball at AHS include 2015-2016-District 6-2A Most Valuable Player; 2016-2017 District 6-2A Most Valuable Player; and the 2016 Bigfoot Hoops Kingwood Classic MVP of tournament by Bigfoot Hoops Media.



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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: **N** equals **S**

U EZM ZNNTIPM IQ VPZG

NLYIZBE OCYFKPI VZN MTP LY

ZD TKBPC, FTL IQ OEQNUBUZD

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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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### Shulkin, again



by Freddy Groves

It’s not looking good for Department of Veterans Affairs chief David Shulkin to continue in his job. He’s come under the piercing gaze of the Office of the Inspector General again ... never a good sign.

First it was traveling on the government dime to Denmark and taking his wife along, thanks to emails doctored by Shulkin’s chief of staff that indicated that the wife’s trip could be paid for. Next came the recent scathing OIG follow-up report on the Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center, which had a laundry list of scary tales. Then, White House chief of staff John Kelly had to tell Shulkin to zip his lip, stop talking to the press and to keep to the business at hand, which is to focus on veteran care.

Now, rumors say, it’s using his security detail to run

personal errands. Specifically, a member of his security staff was used for a Home Depot trip and then had to haul furniture into the Shulkin house.

Even at first glance, this is a very stupid thing to do. How, one wonders, is a member of the security staff supposed to protect the VA secretary, and maybe even be in a position to pull out a gun to protect him, if he’s carrying furniture? Second, it’s additionally stupid because maybe that highly trained member of the staff doesn’t want to be used in that way.

In a short statement before a meeting of a Congressional subcommittee on the VA budget, Shulkin said he deeply regrets all the distraction. He said he’s made it clear to his staff that he has no tolerance for anything other than the business they have to do for VA. He didn’t mention the run to Home Depot or using his security staff to haul furniture.

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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.

**DIFFICULTY: ★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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### FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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BUTOR

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♥ARTSLA

♥ONW

♥AGTO

♥NOGRW

♥UBR

♥AIRNET

♥GREAN

♥NWSE


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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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by Jo Ann Derson

- “Plastic grocery bags are handy for so many uses, but keeping them organized was always a pain, until I discovered that I could use an empty tissue box to store them. I just ball up each bag individually (so there is no air trapped) and stuff it in the tissue box. You can store even more bags by using an empty 12-pack box from soda. I keep one of these in my shop.”  
– F.C. in Pennsylvania
- Got spotty cellphone service in your favorite stores, but have a coupon in your email? Bring it up at home, and screen shot the bar code and details. That way it will be in your stored photos, and you won’t have to wait for it to load in the checkout line.
- To get the most juice from a lemon (or lime), microwave for 10-15 seconds, then roll on the counter to break up the pulp. Only then should you slice them and use your hand juicer.
- “My son has two laundry baskets, one white and one black. The black one is for dirty clothes, which is pretty obvious. The white one is for clothes that are clean. He wears clothes from the clean basket without ever folding, hanging or putting them in a drawer. I have learned to be OK with this, as long as they are kept separate and he looks and smells nice when he leaves the house. My mom always said I have to pick my battles!”  
– T.F. in Connecticut

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### Health

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coffee. What is the professional advice on this? – D.B.

Coffee or tea without milk or sugar does not interfere with the blood testing.

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