



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Teens targeted

Texas teens have an important message for their friends and fellow students: Always buckle up. The message is part of the Texas Department of Transportation's annual "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign, in partnership with high school students, to urge young drivers and their passengers to wear their seat belts every time they're in a vehicle. "In Texas, 42 percent of all teenagers killed in traffic crashes in 2016 weren't buckled up," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We know seat belts save lives, but only if motorists use them. We want to make sure this message gets through to teens, and no one knows how to reach teens better than other teens." In Texas in 2016, one in five vehicle crashes involved a teen driver. Of the 269 teen drivers and passengers killed in crashes that year, 114 were unbuckled. "Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration tells us that new teen drivers are twice as likely to be in a fatal crash as adults," said Bryce Cunningham, co-chair of the Teens in the Driver Seat national Teen Advisory Board and a senior at Chishum High School in Paris, Texas. "It just doesn't make any sense to not wear your seat belt when you're in a vehicle." Texas law requires drivers and all passengers to wear a seat belt. Unbuckled drivers and passengers – even those in the back seat – face fines and court costs up to \$200.

— Sherry Matthews

### What are the odds?

The sophomore class at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill set not one, but two world records this year. The Association of Mature American Citizens reports that the Guinness Book of World Records cited the school for winding up with the most sets of twins in a single class – 44 sets of twins, to be precise. And, the schools sophomores also set the record for having the most multiple siblings in their class. In addition to the 88 twins the class boasts a set of triplets, to boot.

— John Grimaldi

### Taxes 'returned'

With Tax Day approaching, WalletHub has released its latest

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*Golf is a lot like taxes – you drive hard to get to the green and then you wind up in the hole.*

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**HARDWARE AND HARDWARE** — Fabens students, from left, Kiara Perez, Tomas Rodriguez and Julissa Chacon placed first at the Greater Southwest SeaPerch Challenge. Rodriguez holds up the trophy while Chacon and Perez display their underwater vehicle.

## Winning SeaPerch Challenge motivates Fabens tech students

By Denise Peña  
Special to the Courier

FABENS — After competing in the 5th Annual Greater Southwest SeaPerch Challenge held in Albuquerque, NM on March 10, 2018, a team of three Fabens High School students came home with a 1st place trophy in Stock Class Engineering Notebook Presentation. The competition is divided into 3 sections: the notebook, obstacle course, and challenge. Students plan and construct an underwater remote operated vehicle, or ROV, made of PVC, recording all aspects of the engineering design process from prototypes, error recordings, modifications, and deficiencies.

When freshman Tomas Rodriguez was approached about joining the engineering team, he didn't hesitate. "I've always been good with technology," he said. "I heard underwater robot and I said 'I'm in.'"

The team was overseen by math teacher Jacklyn Rodriguez and science teacher Julieta Bañuelas. Bañuelas introduced Tomas to TinkerCAD, an online software program used to design robots to then 3D print. After just one night, Tomas had come up with his first design at home. "I just read the tutorials and then understood it," he said. "I spent an hour and a half

on [the website] coming up with the design."

In all, four prototype ROVs were 3D printed and tested. Junior Julissa Chacon learned to solder for the construction of the prototypes so this award left her reassured that she is meant to pursue the engineering field. "I feel so accomplished," she said. Like I know what I want to do with my life. I'm going into computer science engineering."

Having had no prior experience with the engineering process, junior Kiara Perez was not sure to expect. "We spent three weeks working two hours after school," she said. "It was very time consuming. But all the time helped us be knowledgeable during our presentation when the judges asked us questions."

All their hard work paid off when the team received a near perfect score for their Engineering Notebook Presentation. "When they called us to get the trophy, we just stood there questioning each other, 'did they just call our team?'" Kiara said. "I felt so professional. Like an experienced engineer."

Bañuelas believes the team could have brought home an award for the obstacle course had the ROV not lost one of its motor functions. "Water seeped in and

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## Elks pony up bucks for school

*Lodge wants more high school seniors to apply for its scholarships*

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — More seniors from the El Paso County school districts and Gadsden schools in New Mexico are applying for the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship thanks to the efforts of the El Paso Elks Lodge 187.

In the past eight years, the Elks local chapter, which meets at its new facility located at 2278 Trawood Drive, has helped six scholars from the El Paso area secure the highly competitive MVS scholarship, and this year is no exception.

Leonardo Moraveg, senior from Eastwood High School in the Ysleta Independent School District, was recently selected to receive the \$4,000 scholarship. He was also named a semi-finalist for one of the Elks top 20 student awards, which includes participation in a leadership conference scheduled for April 26-29, in Chicago, Illinois.

The Elks National Foundation awards more than \$2.4 million in college scholarships to about 500 high school seniors nationwide each year through its prestigious MVS contest. In total, the Elks National Foundation provides more than \$3.6 million in college scholarships through its three annual scholarship programs.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), also known as the Elks Lodge or simply the Elks, is an American fraternal order founded in 1868 originally as a social club in New York City. Today headquartered at Elks National Veterans Memorial in Chicago, it is one of the leading fraternal orders in the United States, claiming more than one million members.

The BPOE is organized on five levels: the national or "grand" level, the regional level, the state level, the district level, and the local lodge level. The highest level is the Grand Lodge, which meets in convention annually.

"The Elks are investing wisely. MVS scholars – all of whom demonstrate scholarship, leadership and financial need – are graduating from college at a rate of nearly 90 percent, about 40 percent higher than the national average," stated Lilia (Teddy) Martinez, Elks Lodge 187 Scholarship

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# Effective action or good feelings?

There are arguments over the number of those who participated in the March for Our Lives, as there always are disputes over crowd size at these mass demonstrations. Suffice it to say, a bunch of people took part. In Washington, the spat is over just how many hundred thousands flooded the nation's capital, to say nothing of those who turned out in hundreds of cities and

towns throughout the United States and around the world.

The organizers – rank amateur teenagers who rose up from Parkland, Florida, after the massacre at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School – did an amazing job. They ignited an outrage-fueled wildfire that spread to students at thousands of schools nationwide. They also captured the imagination of the logistic professionals financed by sympathetic adults. The result was an immense turnout and a well-choreographed and telegenic outpouring of angry frustration at a political system that is unresponsive and unable to cure our nation's illnesses, like the blight of deadly weaponry, that has so infected America.

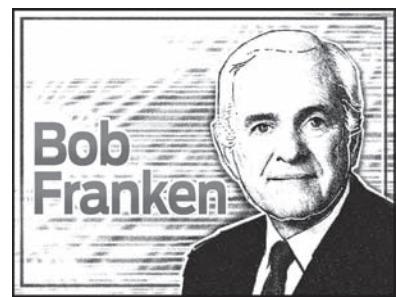
In no way is this a criticism of the kids who put this together. It is skepticism over whether this immense show of force is enough to overcome the entrenched special interests that will do whatever it takes to protect their prosperity. One of the most perversely successful is the gun lobby, led by the National Rifle Association (NRA). Like a threatened monster, the NRA brutally lashes out whenever threatened. It didn't

disappoint this time, derisively calling the enormous rallies a "March for Their Lies," heaping scorn on the Stoneman Douglas leaders who've become celebrities, charging that if their classmates had not died, "no one would know your names."

So, the battle lines have been drawn. The problem is, the NRA has always won these battles. Each time the country is shocked to our core after a deadly slaughter of innocents by gunfire, the arms-merchant lobbyists swing into action and stifle any meaningful progress with bullying and demagoguery.

What will it take for the chants of "enough is enough" to become more than just a feel-good mantra? The purity of this outpouring must now dig into the dirt of politics to accomplish anything more than catharsis. Obviously.

So there were voter sign-up spots throughout the rallies, but will those who are easily distracted actually sustain their focus on the campaign process and hold the candidates accountable by slogging nonstop for the several months before the midterm elections? Will they work for candidates who declare themselves in favor of meaningful gun-control measures and, more



importantly, against those who receive support from the NRA?

We in the media are fickle. Between gun bloodbaths, there are distractions everywhere. Some of them are consequential, such as the intrigue of the Robert Mueller investigation into whether Trump and his associates sold out the last election and our country to the Russians. There also is our siren song of seedy sex stuff, featuring Stormy Daniels, Karen McDougal and lots of others. The Stormy Daniels interview on "60 Minutes" may have been just unworthy hype, but it got huge ratings. The challenge for the hundreds of thousands who turned out for the March for Our Lives will be to maintain the enthusiasm and public focus on cutting back guns, which are America's real obscenity.

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**LOCATION: ANTHONY TOWN HALL**  
**DATE: Monday, April 9, 2018**  
**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

Residents unable to attend this public hearing may submit their comments to the office of Mayor Martin Lerma at Anthony Town Hall during regular office hours. Those in need of special assistance in order to attend the hearing should call the Town Clerk's Office, at (915) 886-3944, at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

*El público en general está invitado a asistir a esta audiencia. Las presentaciones y las discusiones se harán en español para aquellas personas que así lo soliciten.*

Martin Lerma, Mayor  
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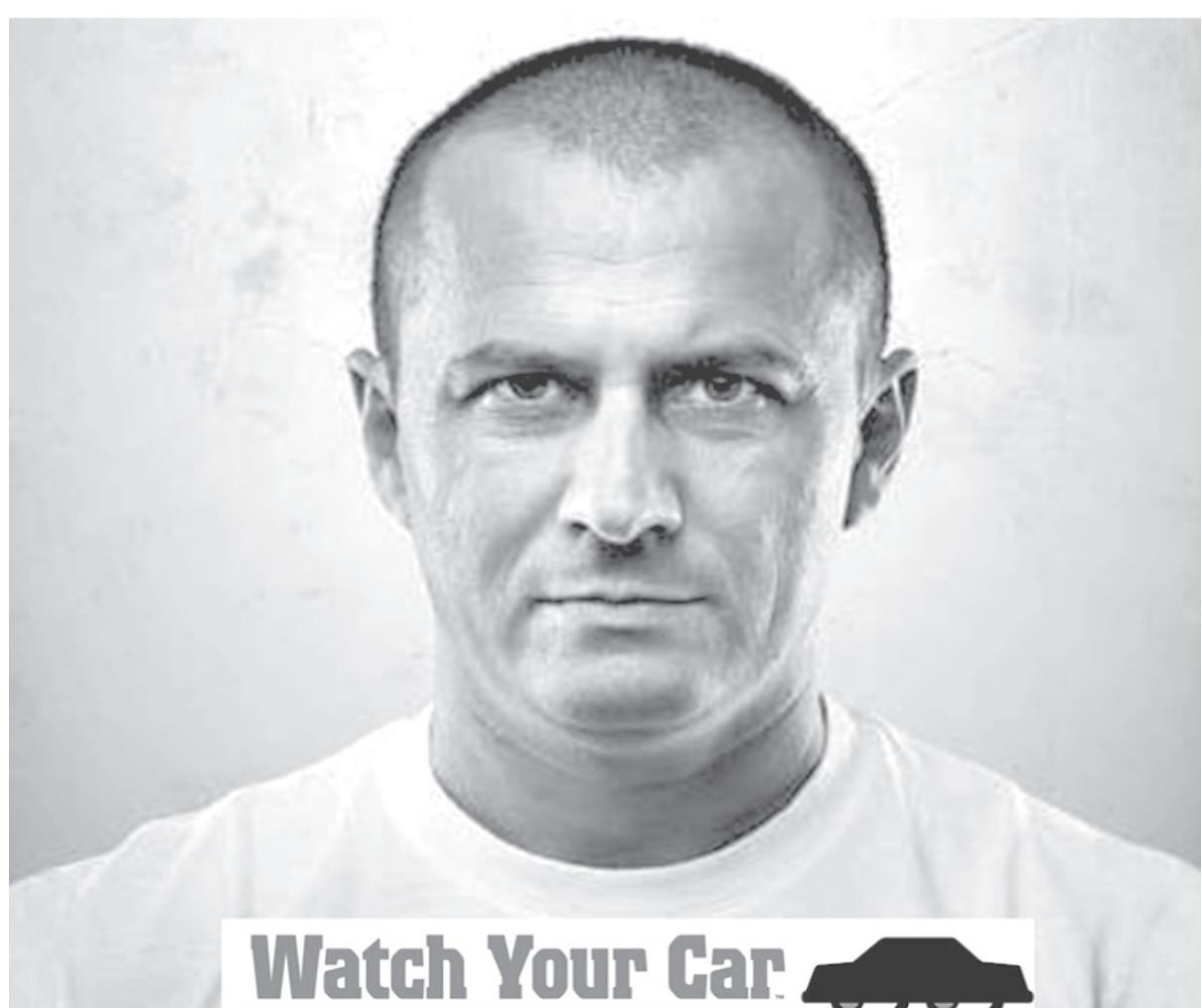
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# The teenage demagogues

All you needed to know about student activist David Hogg's speech at the "March for Our Lives" in Washington, D.C., was that he affixed a price tag on the microphone to symbolize how much National Rifle Association money Sen. Marco Rubio took for the lives of students in Florida.

The stunt wasn't out of place. Indeed, it perfectly encapsulated the braying spirit of the student gun-control advocacy in the wake of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting.

These young activists are making our public debate even more poisonous and less civil, and are doing it as teenagers. They are precocious that way.

The Stoneman Douglas students experienced a horrific trauma. No one can deny their grief or blame them for being impassioned. And allowance has to be made for the fact that they are teenagers, who universally believe that they know better than their hapless elders.

Yet none of that excuses their scurrilous smears of the other side in the gun debate. The student activists presume that there is a ready solution to mass shootings that everyone knows, and the only reason why someone might not act on this universally accepted policy is malice or corruption.

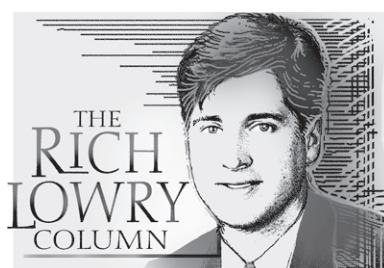
This makes the other side the equivalent of murderers.

In a video interview with The Outline, David Hogg said that the NRA and its supporters "want to keep killing our children." Not that they inadvertently enable people who carry out school shootings via misconceived policy, but they themselves kill children and want to keep doing it.

Lest he be misunderstood, Hogg added, "they could have blood from children spattered all over their faces and they wouldn't take action because they will still see those dollar signs."

In accusing their opponents of being bought off, the students deny the sincerity and legitimacy of supporters of gun rights. They treat the Second Amendment as an inkblot on the Constitution, and dismiss all counterarguments as transparent rationalizations. This juvenile view of the gun debate ignores Supreme Court jurisprudence, the genuine support of the NRA by millions of people and the serious, practical objections to gun-control proposals, and it removes all possibility of a middle ground.

Tellingly, it is Marco Rubio who is the foremost object of the ire of the students, when he has been notably open and accommodating. He showed up at



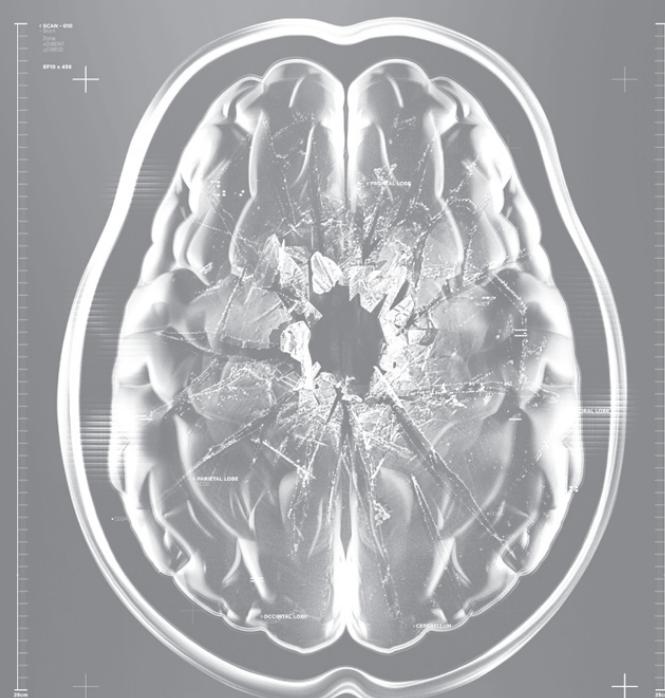
the CNN town hall to get abused, and has shown remarkable forbearance in handling political attacks that are shameless blood libels. He sponsored incremental school safety legislation that is becoming law, and for his trouble he is deemed a moral monster who doesn't care how many people have to die as long as he gets a few more campaign contributions.

Maybe all of this can be written off as the work of overenthusiastic, underinformed 17-year-olds. But the student activists aren't acting alone. They are promoted and praised by adults who should know better. Since the kids serve a useful purpose in promoting gun control, though, it is practically forbidden in much of the media to dissent from anything they say.

It was hard to believe that our public debate could get even more sophomoric. The student activists are here to say, "Yes, it can."

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

## WITNESSING VIOLENCE CAN CHANGE A KID'S MIND.



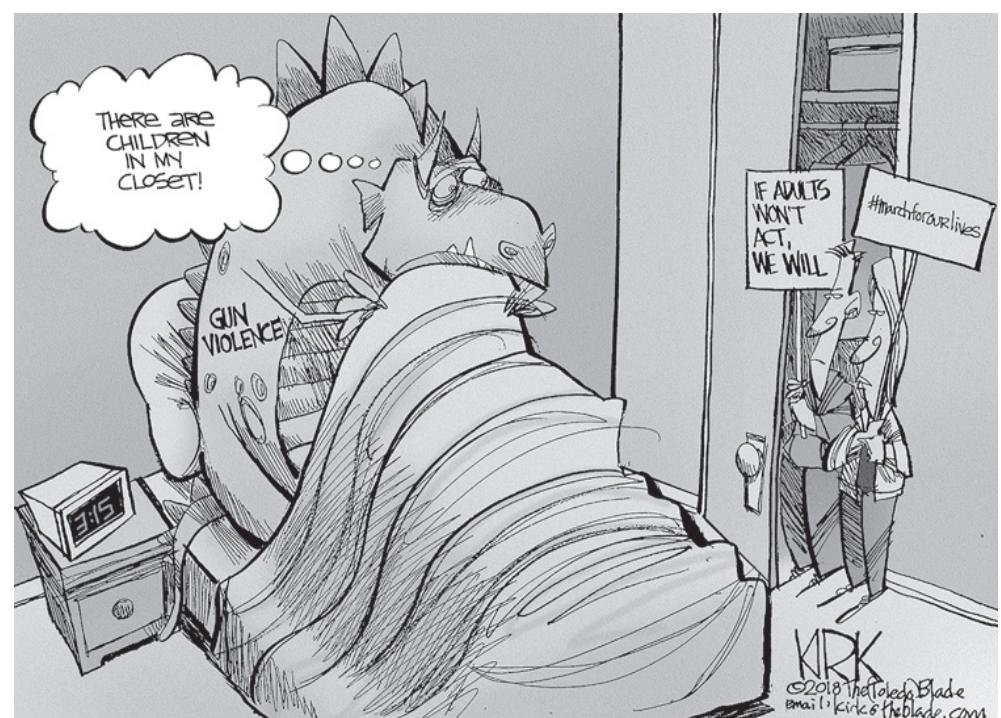
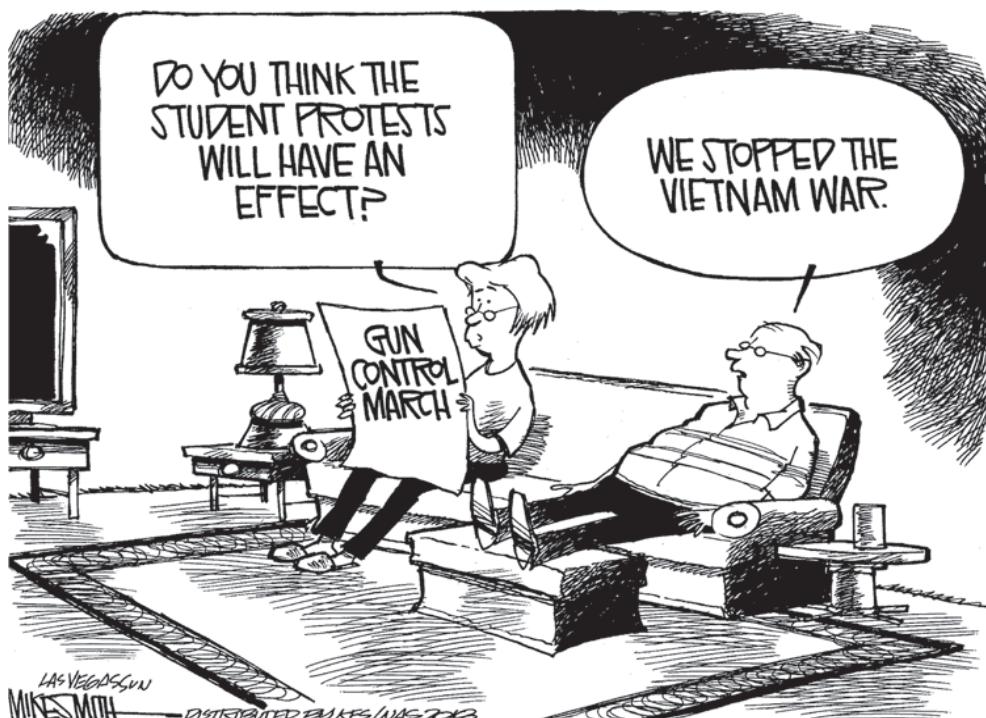
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## Elks

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Committee chairperson.

Martinez stated that every year starting in September, El Paso Elks Lodge 187 scholarship committee members begin to disseminate the information to all local school districts. For the 2017-18 school year, 107 students from the El Paso area schools submitted applications for the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships. There were 37 boys and 70 girls who applied.

According to a recent report compiled by the local Elks lodge, the breakdown of student applicants by district is: Ysleta ISD – 17 students; El Paso ISD – 24; Socorro ISD – 14; Canutillo ISD – 4; Anthony ISD – 1; Clint ISD – 7; Ft. Hancock – 1; El Paso area Early College High Schools – 30; Catholic Private Schools – 6; and Gadsden ISD – 3 students. San Elizario ISD, Tornillo ISD, and Fabens ISD had no students applying for the Elks scholarships this year.

"We are hoping that more students take advantage of the financial assistance the Elks offer every year by competing and getting passed the district and state reviews to be able to make it all the way to nationals," Martinez said. "The word is getting out that our El Paso area students are scholars!" she added.

The Elks scholarship process for next year's seniors begins again in the fall. Applications will be available online, at [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf). Any high school senior, who is a U.S. citizen, can apply. Martinez noted that male and female student applicants are judged separately on their scholarship and leadership achievements as well as financial need.

For complete Most Valuable Student scholarship contest details, and to learn more about how the Elks are investing in the local community, visit the El Paso Elks Lodge 187 website, at <http://www.elpasoelks187.org>.

## Challenge

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damaged it," she said. "For next year, we hope to get started on the notebook and building of the ROV earlier. Maybe even the summer. That way during the school year we can focus on practicing for the obstacle course and challenge."

All three students are excited to continue growing in the engineering field. "Team building, communications, problem solving, these are all skills I learned and will use in my future," Tomas said. "Now that we won a trophy, I'm planning to keep compete throughout my high school years."

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It is further declared that such policy is established upon the recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

The locality has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals during office hours. The month of April has been proclaimed "Fair Housing Month"; copies of the official proclamation are available at the Anthony Town Hall between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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Martin Lerma  
Mayor, Anthony, TX

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# Father Time may have to wait a few more years for LeBron

**By Steve Escajeda**  
Special to the Courier

With the NBA playoffs right around the corner, the next three months will be dominated by talk about all the possible championship scenarios.

Will the Golden State Warriors get healthy enough to repeat? Have the Houston Rockets caught and passed the Warriors? Is the brilliant run by the San Antonio Spurs over? Will the Cleveland Cavaliers get things together in time to win the East again? Are the Celtics for real?

And of course, who will be the surprise team to pull a shocking upset in the playoffs, Minnesota, the Clippers, OKC, Milwaukee or even the Utah Jazz?

Though almost all of the talk will be surrounding the teams and their march toward a title, I have something else on my mind.

Is it time to declare a new "best player of all time" in the NBA?

I may have not been around to see the likes of George Mikan or Bob Cousy or Bob Pettit, but I was lucky enough to

see the final few years of guys like Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, Elgin Baylor, Jerry Lucas, Jerry West, Oscar Robertson and Rick Barry.

I saw the entire careers of guys like John Havlicek, Elvin Hayes, Pete Maravich, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bill Walton, George Gervin, Julius Erving, Karl Malone, Hakeem Olajuwon, Kobe Bryant and Michael Jordan.

And of course, of all those amazing names, the one player who stands out as the best of the best is Michael Jordan.

Jordan led his Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships, won the scoring title 10 times, was a 14-time all-star, and the winner of five MVP trophies.

Throw in his smooth athletic moves, his ability to soar through the air, step back and nail a 3-pointer, play a smothering style of defense – and it's clear to see how he's separated himself.

Not to mention his ability to sell products on TV.

They say that the key to being the best ever is not just performance, but longevity. And Jordan played a very high level of NBA basketball for 14 years.

But there's another guy winding up his 15th year in the league and he's easily considered the best player on the planet – and it isn't even close.

LeBron James is doing things at the age of 33 that have never been done in the league.

When this season is over it will probably be James Harden who will be named the league's MVP, mainly because the Houston Rockets have the best record in the MVP and he's the best player on that team.

But there's little debate over what player is having the better year.

James is averaging 27.6 points, 9.1 assists and 8.6 rebounds per game. Oh, and while other guys are complaining about being tired and having to take time off – LeBron leads the league in 'minutes played per game' and he hasn't missed a single game this season.

James has played on three NBA championship teams, been named the league's MVP four times, been on 14 all-star teams, and is the NBA's all-time playoff scoring leader.

Just last week, James broke Jordan's all-time record by scoring in double figures

for the 867th consecutive game.

Jordan (32,292) is fourth on the all-time scoring list, James (over 30,800) is seventh. But if he stays healthy James should pass Jordan next season.

At the current time, both have played about the same number of games, James (1,137), Jordan (1,072), but LeBron is way ahead in rebounds 8,361 to 6,672 and in assists 8,152 to 5,633.

And I guess you have to ask yourself two questions, could LeBron do everything that Jordan could do on the court – yes. Are there things that LeBron can do that Jordan just could not – definitely yes.

Because of his sheer size and strength, James can muscle his way to the basket and power a dunk through defenders. He could also elevate and black shots around the basket. Jordan couldn't do much of that at all.

I'm not saying James was better than Jordan – yet.

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ideas. All of the candidates running for office have been invited

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The election takes place on May 5, 2018. Early voting begins April 23.

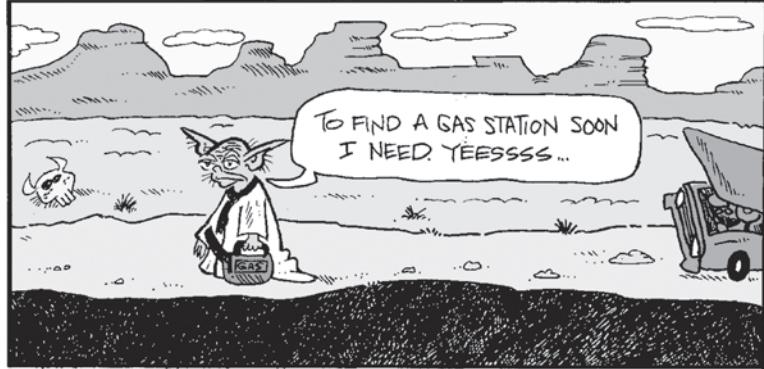
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## Comix

### OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



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### AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



### THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering

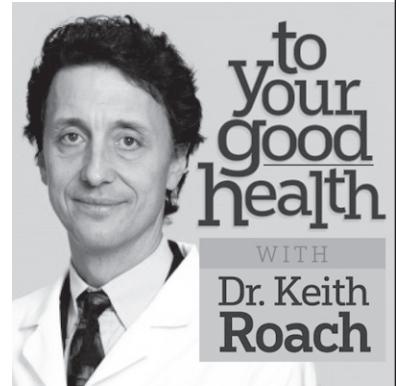


### R.F.D. By Mike Marland



## Pinpointing cause of hearing loss

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have worked in a loud facility for 35 years and have always worn protection and had my hearing tested annually. Several years ago, I had a threshold shift (a loss in my hearing range), and the plant nurse sent me to a hearing specialist. He said that my hearing loss is not due to noise exposure. I asked how he could tell, but I didn't get a satisfactory answer. I later asked my primary care physician, and he didn't know. How do you determine from the result of a test whether hearing loss is caused by noise exposure or other factors, such as illness or injury? Would a hearing aid be effective? – J.G.



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A comprehensive exam and hearing testing can show whether the hearing loss is likely due to loud noise exposure, based on the pattern of hearing loss across different frequencies. However, I don't think that there is 100 percent certainty about making or excluding noise exposure as the cause of the hearing loss from the pattern.

I would think that an independent evaluation, by a certified audiologist and your own ENT doctor, might give you additional information, including a discussion about how much benefit you might get from a hearing aid. The Hearing Loss Association of America (on the Web at [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)) can provide you some support and guidance through this process.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My father suffers from GERD and takes medication for it. After returning from a recent holiday, I asked him about his symptoms. He replied that he was not bothered by heartburn for the 10 days he was away. You see, my father takes all his meals sitting on the couch, eating off of a low coffee table. Taking a bite, sitting back to chew, bending forward toward the table, over and over. It almost looks like he's doing sit-ups while seated, and I think this must contribute to stomach acid pushing up. During the 10 days that he was away, he was sitting at a proper-height table when eating all his meals. What are your thoughts? He won't listen to me, because I'm not a doctor! – A.C.

Believe me, being a doctor doesn't mean people always listen to you. However, I do hope your father listens to you, because I agree with you that his eating position may contribute to mechanical acid reflux: The increased pressure from his bent-over position may be forcing acid up into his esophagus.

However, being on holiday may lead to other reasons he was not bothered. Maybe he was avoiding foods that cause symptoms. Maybe he was feeling less stressed. It's possible he ate earlier and went to bed a longer time after eating, which allows the stomach to empty so there is less acid at night, when more damage to the esophagus can occur due to the loss of gravity and swallowing.

Sometimes several lifestyle choices are needed to address GERD. I always prefer to work on those before prescribing

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## SPOT A STROKE

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**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** by Roger T. Moore

April 2, 1921: Threats of secession follow Gov. Neff's veto of a bill creating West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.

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Preposterous!  
Where th' heck  
is Sweetwater?



## 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: A equals L

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CJMGKZJRBCX TCMQY  
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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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## Vets helping vets

### VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

If you're a veteran and you're doing OK, consider stepping up to help other veterans who aren't. There are quite a few ways you can help. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Do a fundraiser to send a few veterans on vacation. There are a number of resorts where vets and their families can stay for free, but the airfare to get there isn't covered.
- Take over the yardwork this summer for a disabled veteran. Ask if anything else is needed. Paint the porch? Lay a new kitchen floor? Gather other veterans with skills to do that, and get it done.
- Don't leave the kids out. If one needs new soccer cleats or rides to practice, ask the parents if you can make that happen.

• At the next local job fair, see if your company can set up a booth dedicated to veterans.

• Volunteer at a few Stand Downs in your area. Same goes for any local veterans wheelchair, adaptive sports or senior games.

• Start now to collect toys for children of veterans for the holiday season. Then take a veteran's family under your wing and have your company or church group sponsor them with food and gifts.

• Can you drive a vet getting treatment to the nearest veterans medical center? Call Volunteer Services at the center and ask if you can help.

• If you're not in a veterans group such as American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars because there's no group near you, go online and search "veterans helping veterans." You'll find something you can do by yourself or with a few other veteran buddies.

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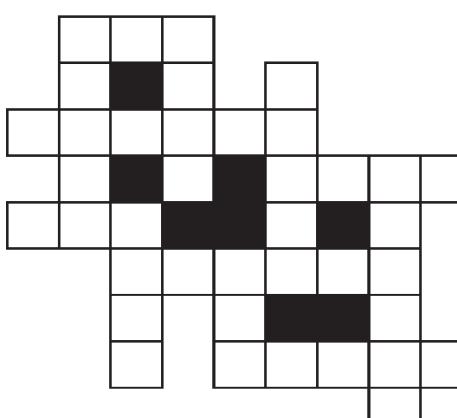
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH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

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Jo Ann  
Derson

- Can't finish your income tax return on time? Get IRS Form 4868 to file for a six-month extension. By filing for an extension and making an estimated payment (if that applies to you), you'll save yourself the hassle of penalties and interest on balances owed. If you are having trouble coming up with the payment, try applying for an installment payment plan. Get IRS Form 9465.

• Yes, you can add tea to your baked goods for a refined and interesting flavor. Try infusing melted butter with tea leaves and strain, or add fine tea directly to cookie recipes, particularly shortbread recipes. It looks and tastes wonderful, and what a complement to a steamy cuppa.

• "Get grease stains off a concrete driveway with kitty litter. Pour several cups of plain litter over the stain, and wait a couple of hours for it to soak up all the oil. Sweep up and remove the litter, then finish with a degreaser and the hose."

— P.R. in Tennessee

• The fleck test for diner creamers: "If you see little flecks of white in your coffee, ask for a new cup and new creamer; it's starting to turn."

— X.S. on the road

• If you have water stains on your car's upholstery, use a can of carpet cleaner. It's spray and wipe without rinsing.

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## Health

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medication treatments, especially because the proton pump inhibitors like omeprazole have long-term side effects that are best avoided, if possible.

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