



NEWSBRIEFS

Gates Scholar

Canutillo High School senior Ricardo Vasquez was selected as a Gates Scholar and became a member of the Gates Scholarship Inaugural class of 2018. He was chosen as one of 300 scholars from a pool of more than 28,700 applicants from across the nation and has been accepted to several prestigious universities. The Gates Scholarship program, supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is a highly selective, full scholarship for exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors. "Having a Gates Scholar in our District is truly a mark of the high caliber students we have at Canutillo," CISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pedro Galaviz said. "Ricardo's accomplishments are a testament to his hard work and demonstrated leadership." The scholarship program is based on evidence that by eliminating the financial barriers to college, an all-expenses-paid scholarship can enable high-potential, low-income minority students to excel in their course work, graduate college, and continue to be leaders throughout their lives.

— Liza M. Rodriguez

Overdue

Message received. But, it took 132 years. The Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] reports that an Australian woman walking on a beach some 100 miles north of Perth found an antique bottle that had been tossed into the Indian Ocean in 1886. Experts at the Western Australia Museum authenticated the bottle, which contained a message. It seems that the German navy at the time was researching ocean currents and an armada of sailing vessels jettisoned thousands of similar bottles into the seas around the world. Each contained a note asking anyone who found the message in a bottle to report the location and date of the find as a means of mapping the currents.

— John Grimaldi

Gun states

With gun sales still in decline since President Donald Trump took office and with the recent Parkland school shooting prompting more debates on the gun industry, the personal-finance website WalletHub has

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The gap between enthusiasm and indifference is filled with failures.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

NEW FACILITIES – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials announced recently that it will build a new state park headquarters and visitor center in the Tom Mays section on the west side of Franklin Mountains State Park.

Franklin Mountains Park to get visitors center

Site is in Tom Mays Unit

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Franklin Mountains State Park, the nation's largest urban park and probably the world's biggest park contained within a city, will finally get its long-awaited visitors center.

Brent Leisure, director of the state parks division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, announced recently that officials want to break ground for the new facility this summer. El Paso-based Venegas Engineering won the \$6.5 million contract to design and build the park's headquarters and visitor center, Leisure stated in a recent news report.

"We're probably looking at about a one-year construction period," Leisure stated. "We have \$3.5 million in state funds coming to this, and we're matching that with another \$3 million in federal funds. Franklin Mountains State Park is one of the jewels in the system, and we couldn't be more excited than to put up a first-class visitor center interpretive facility," he added.

The park's current full-time staff of eight includes a superintendent and six rangers who manage a park that had nearly 61,000 visitors last year, up 12 percent over 2016. The park has about 100 miles of trails and offers overnight camping as well as picnic sites. Presently, the park staff works out of a small headquarters building in McKelligon Canyon.

Plans are to build the new headquarters and visitor center on the west side of the Franklins in the park's Tom Mays Unit, off Transmountain Road. "The neat thing is not only will it provide some administrative space for some of the staff, but more importantly, there

will be opportunities for the public to come and experience a wonderful view of the mountains and a good orientation for their visit to the site," Leisure said.

According to the director, the center will include an interpretive facility and retail spaces to provide souvenirs, food and drinks for visitors. "This complex, we anticipate, will create a beautiful courtyard and lend itself to multiple uses. It will also serve as a rentable facility in the after-hours," he stated.

Local area conservationists have been

trying to establish a permanent facility for the park since 1925. But it was not until the 1970s, when the developers pushed rock, dirt, and vegetation down the slopes of Crazy Cat Mountain above Kern Place in Central El Paso to create new housing lots that the mountain bulldozing ventures received serious attention. This motivated concerned residents to protest. As a result of the protest, the creation of the Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition (FMWC) was organized and

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Perez going to HOSA conference

By Denise Peña
Special to the Courier

FABENS – Junior Kiara Perez will be representing Fabens High School at the HOSA International Conference this June 27-30 in Dallas, TX. Kiara advanced to Internationals after placing in the top 10% in the Health Care Issues exam at state competition held in Grapevine, TX April 12-14.

For the Health care issues exam competitors have one hour to answer 50 questions relating to world health news that occurred from July to November 2017. To prepare, for the event, Kiara consistently visited various news outlets such as CNN, BBC and Medline Plus and took notes about any health news around the world.

Although she had competed in the HOSA community awareness competition before, this was the first time competing in this event. "When I saw my name on the screen I thought it was for participation. I wasn't expecting to advance," Kiara said. "The test was so hard, I had even



— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

Kiara Perez

told myself afterwards 'there's always next year.' But I feel like I achieved something great. All those nights I stayed up to study paid off."

Ryan gets out while the getting's good

In Washington politics, rarely does anybody fully mean what he or she says. But few who know Paul Ryan doubt that he's sincere when he explains that he's abandoning his all-consuming job as House speaker to spend much more time with his wife, Janna, and their three kids. Believe it when he says he's not running for re-election to Congress because he's longing to be more

than a "Saturday dad." So, he'll be going home to Janesville, Wisconsin, as a private citizen next year. However, another reality in Washington is that there usually is more to the story.

The speaker is immensely powerful on paper, being second in line for presidential succession and leading the House of Representatives. But leading this group of House Republicans is

an exercise in frustration. True, they hold a majority in Congress, but that's illusory. In fact, the GOP is badly split between conservatives, extremists and wackos. Trying to please them all is impossible. They run roughshod over each other as often as they do the hapless Democrats.

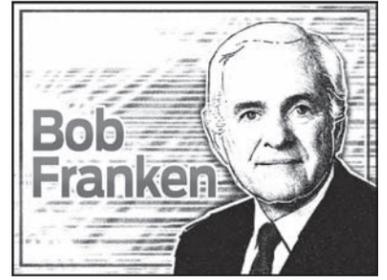
All too often, the roughshodee is Paul Ryan – even though he

has a longstanding reputation as an ambitious man who has been able to have it both ways, a harsh but reasonable-appearing right-winger. But now he wants to step off for a while, or at least have it appear that he is.

Now that Donald Trump has taken over, Ryan's survival skills dictate that he embrace the president at the same time he keeps him at arm's length. That's exhausting, and increasingly difficult, particularly since Trump has this tendency to go kablooy as the walls close in. And they're closing in. Special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation is grinding on, and POTUS is in a tizzy. He's lashing out, and who knows what he'll do as the pressure builds.

Washington is not the place to be for someone who wants to position himself as a leader of the "I told you so" gang after the kablooy really hits the fan. Ryan's hometown is about as not Washington as any place can be to escape the splatter.

Besides, in Speaker Ryan's case, he certainly has calculated that the time has come to get out while the getting's good. It's no fun being a minority leader, and it's looking like the GOP might just lose control of the House. Forty-plus Republican members are exiting stage right, or being



forced out because of scandals. If the Democrats avoid the tendency to squander their own momentum and actually assume the majority, Donald Trump's presidency might well be toast, particularly if Mueller lowers the boom or Trump lowers it on himself.

Meanwhile, back under the Capitol Hill big top, the circus will become a political freakshow as those Paul Ryan left behind try not to look like clowns as they maneuver to replace him. The difficulty is to break out the long knives while not appearing to be a crude back-stabber. But now Paul Ryan can be above all that.

If you don't think all of this has occurred to Ryan, I have some dairy land in Wisconsin I can sell you. Soon, he will be back in Janesville with the family. He insists that he won't run for office again. Don't bet on it.

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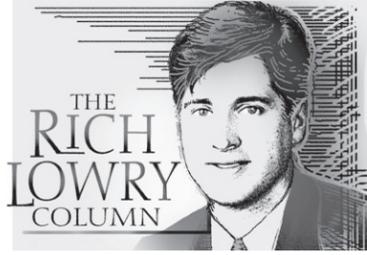
James Comey did it, naturally, for the children.

Why does anyone in Washington take advantage of the most opportune moment to make a mint off publishing a tell-all book? It's never for the profits or the sheer satisfaction of sticking it to your enemies and putting yourself in the best possible light. No, there's always some ostensible higher cause. For the former FBI director, it's demonstrating, through his own sterling example, what ethical leadership is, "especially to young people."

That the nation's youth will be riveted to their TV screens in coming weeks, watching Comey's exquisitely thoughtful gymnastics of self-justification, and conclude that this is how to conduct themselves when they inherit the baton of the country's leadership seems extremely unlikely.

James Comey has managed the seemingly impossible. The former FBI director is locked in a death struggle with an unpopular president who makes even his allies cringe with his belittling nicknames, foolish threats and strange view of the presidency – and somehow it is Comey who is coming away as the unlikable one.

That's because no one likes a prig [a self-righteously moralistic person that behaves as if (s)he is superior to others], especially when he has an ax to grind. Comey has good reason to disdain Donald Trump, who fired him in humiliating circumstances and whose warped view of the Justice Department as an institution for the protection of the president is rightly anathema to him. Comey



is just the latest of Trump's adversaries, though, who are diminished by the president dragging them down to his level

and exposing their weaknesses.

Every Washington memoir portrays its author as the smartest guy in the room; Comey is the most ethical guy in the room, and he lets us know it. Underneath the high-mindedness is a thirst for petty revenge. He says he took note of the size of Trump's hand when they first met – smaller than his. He goes out of his way to say Trump looks like he wears tanning goggles.

Is all fair in a struggle with a president who calls you a "slime ball"? Maybe. But this is another

instance of the country not being well-served by the president or his opponents violating norms.

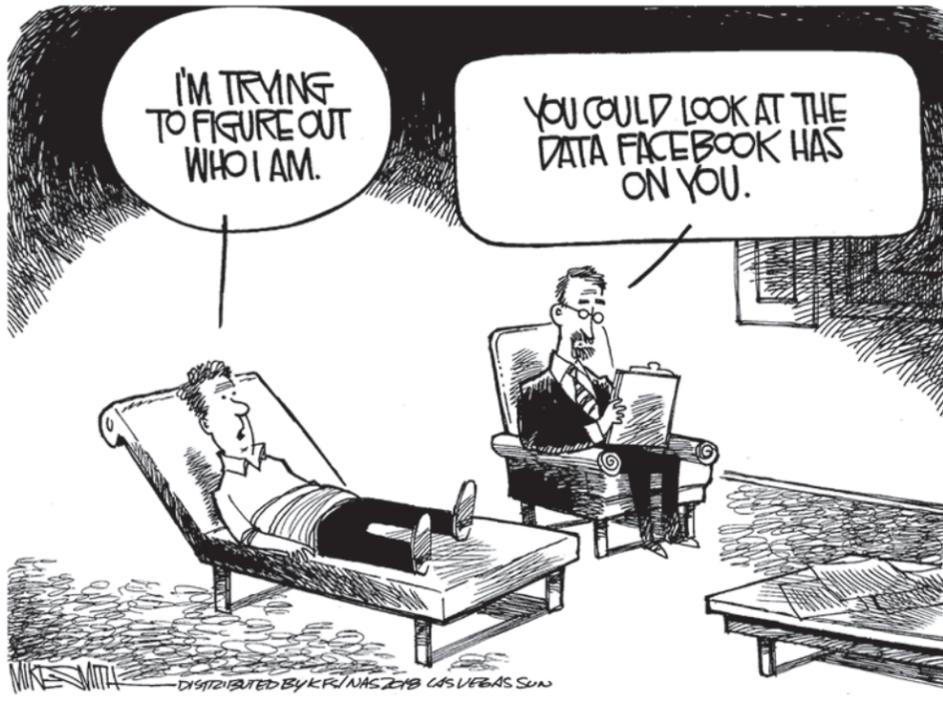
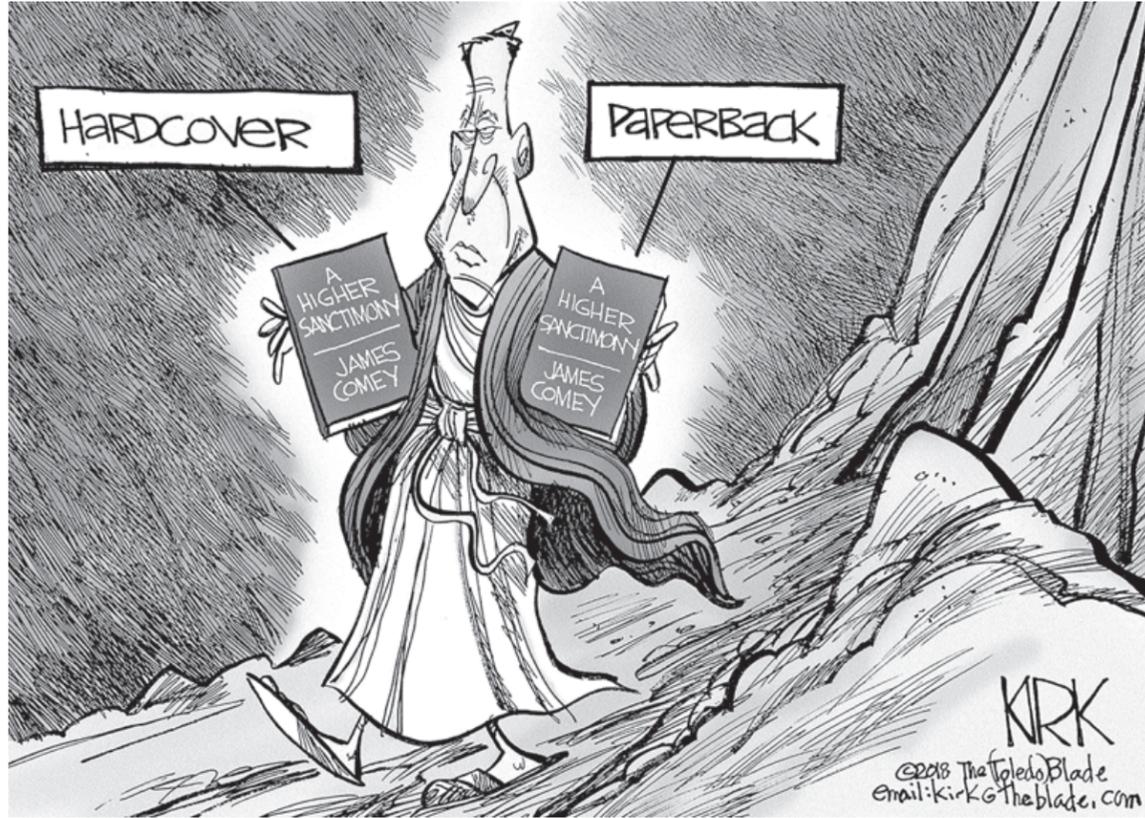
It's not a healthy precedent for former FBI directors to attack presidents they served, even if briefly in terrible circumstances. It doesn't do the standing of our law enforcement and intelligence institutions any good to have the men recently entrusted with leading them, like James Comey and John Brennan, brand themselves as committed partisans almost immediately upon leaving government.

It's understandable that Comey wants to get his side out. But he's already done that in his extensive memos that he made sure to leak upon his firing and in his congressional testimony. He'll probably have his moment in the sun again as a key witness in the Robert Mueller matter, depending on how it shakes out.

Yet none of that is as remunerative as cashing in as a hero of the resistance when the Mueller investigation is perhaps at peak intensity. Nothing is better than being the most righteous guy in the room – while still getting a huge payday.

Children, take note.

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



Briefs

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released its report on 2018's States Most Dependent on the Gun Industry. To determine the states that depend most heavily on the arms and ammunitions industry both directly for jobs and political contributions and indirectly through firearm ownership, WalletHub compared the 50 states across 16 key metrics. The data set ranges from firearms industry jobs per capita to gun sales per 1,000

- residents to gun ownership rate. Texas was 22nd overall, ranking:
- 18th – Gun Ownership Rate;
 - 35th – Firearms-Industry Jobs per Capita;
 - 14th – Avg. Firearms-Industry Wages & Benefits;
 - 31st – Total Firearms-Industry Output per Capita;
 - 26th – Total Taxes Paid by Firearms Industry per Capita;
 - 34th – NICS Background Checks per Capita;
 - 17th – Gun-Control Contributions to Congressional Members per Capita; and
 - 19th – Gun-Rights

Contributions to Congressional Members per Capita. Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-most-dependent-on-the-gun-industry/18719/> for the full report.

– Diana Popa

Grumpy Cat wins

For all you cat lovers: cat commercial icon, Grumpy Cat, was not just grumpy, she was downright livid about an advertiser's unauthorized use of her image. And so she, and her owners, sued and won her case, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. She

received a \$700,000 judgment in a U.S. District Court in California against a company that used the famous feisty feline's image in ads without permission. The complaint filed with the court read, in part: "Ironically, while the world-famous feline Grumpy Cat and her valuable brand are most often invoked in a tongue-and-cheek fashion, Defendants' despicable misconduct here has actually given Grumpy Cat and her owners something to be grumpy about."

– John Grimaldi



By Samantha Weaver

• It was famed journalist and news anchor Edward R. Murrow who made the following sage observation: "Just because your voice reaches halfway around the world doesn't mean you are wiser than when it reached only to the end of the bar."

• Thomas Jefferson was an inventor as well as a statesman, but he refused to take out patents on any of his ideas. He believed that inventions should benefit all of humanity, not just himself.

• Many people know American counterculture figure Ken Kesey as the author of the 1962 novel "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," which presents a disturbing portrait of life in a mental institution. It's less well known, though, that Kesey got an inside view of the system when he worked as a janitor in a mental hospital before he became famous.

• The last country in the world to get telephones was the South Asian nation of Bhutan, and both television and the Internet were banned there until 1999. Incidentally, Bhutan also is the only nation in the world in which the well-being of the citizens is so important that the government measures the country's Gross National Happiness.

• The Beatles was not the first band in which John Lennon played. Those previous groups obviously didn't work out. In fact, at one point Lennon broke a washboard over a bandmate's head during a dispute. After the Beatles' success, though, Lennon apologized in style: He bought the poor guy a supermarket.

• In Germany, Rice Krispies don't say "Snap, Crackle, Pop"; they say "Knisper, Knasper, Knusper."

Thought for the Day: "A hick town is one in which there is no place to go where you shouldn't be."

– Alexander Woollcott

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Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Any interested representative of a non-profit school or non-profit homeschool.

- Operating within the boundaries of the Canutillo School District, or
- Operating outside of the boundaries of the District, but serving students who live within the boundaries

is encouraged to call for an appointment to receive information regarding the Consolidated Application for Federal Funding for 2018-2019. The application provides the following programs through the "Every Student Succeeds Act".

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training & Recruiting
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title IV, Part A – Student and Academic Enrichment

Interested persons should call the office of the External Funding Coordinator at (915) 877-7497 to schedule an appointment. Representatives will need to provide their Schools tax exempt identification number to the District to Confirm eligibility. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be made available upon request.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Aviso al Público

Cualquier representante de un colegio privado no lucrativo o que ofrezca educación en casa, que esté interesado, y que

- opera dentro de los límites del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, o
- opera fuera de los límites del Distrito, pero que sirva a estudiantes que viven dentro el Distrito

Se le invita a hacer una cita para recibir información sobre la Solicitud Consolidada para el Financiamiento Federal 2018-2019. Esta solicitud provee a los siguientes programas a través de la ley "Every Student Succeeds Act".

- Título I, Parte A – Mejora de Programas Básicos
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Park

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immediately set its sights on saving all of the Franklins Mountains, which covers 24,247 acres or 38 square miles.

Subsequently, in 1979, the Texas Legislature agreed to establish a state park and bought the land in 1981 mostly from Dick and Bob Knapp. The legislature, however, did not allocate funding for the park's development, operation and maintenance. Eventually though, the funding was provided in the 1985 legislative session, which led to the opening of the Franklin Mountains State Park in 1987.

Today, leading the effort to establish the visitor center and new headquarters building in the Franklin Mountains were El Paso state Representative Joe Moody and former state Representative Marissa Marquez. It took them three sessions of the legislature to get the endeavor approved.

"This has been a project that leaders in El Paso have been working on for decades," Moody stated in a recent news interview. "When I first ran for office 10 years ago, it was one of my top priorities. Ultimately, in 2015, we were able to secure the base funding to bring this dream to fruition.

"Now, we're finally going to be able to treat this park as the true gem that it is. People will have a central location to learn how to explore the park. That's the key to unlocking the potential for eco-tourism, and it's just one more thing for families in El Paso to do," Moody noted.

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Moments in time
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• On May 7, 1789, President George Washington attends a ball in his honor. The event provided a model for the first official inaugural ball, which later became an annual tradition. The record number of inaugural balls attended in one night by a president is 15, set by President Bill Clinton in 1997.

• On May 8, 1984, the Soviet Union announces that it will boycott the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. It was a response to the United States' decision to boycott the 1980 Moscow games. Thirteen other communist nations also refused to compete.

• On May 9, 1971, the last original episode of the sitcom "The Honeymooners," starring Jackie Gleason, airs. Although a perennial rerun favorite in syndication, only 39 episodes actually aired.

• On May 10, 1990, the government of the People's Republic of China announces the release of 211 people arrested during the massive protests held in Tiananmen Square in Beijing in June 1989. Observers viewed it as an attempt by China to dispel much of the terrible publicity it received for its brutal suppression of the 1989 protests.

• On May 11, 1947, the B.F. Goodrich Company announces it has developed a tubeless tire, a technological innovation that would make automobiles safer and more efficient. In 1952, Goodrich won patents, and the tubeless tire quickly became standard on most new automobiles.

• On May 12, 1963, Bob Dylan walks out on "The Ed Sullivan Show" after network censors rejected the song he planned to perform, "Talkin' John Birch Paranoid Blues." Sullivan had heard the song days before and had no concerns.

• On May 13, 1958, anti-American demonstrators pelt then-Vice President Richard Nixon's limousine with rocks in Caracas, Venezuela. Despite warnings not to send Nixon to Venezuela, where anti-American sentiment ran particularly high, he was sent anyway.

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Apodaca receives UTEP Flo Hyman Award

By Patrick Medina
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Reyes Elementary School fourth-grader Xochitl Apodaca has been recognized for her outstanding accomplishments and community involvement. A group of female athletes from The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) visited Apodaca at school to present her with the Flo Hyman Award in celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

The Flo Hyman Award annually recognizes young ladies for their contributions in athletics, academics, and leadership throughout the community. Across the city of El Paso, there are three winners selected from each grade level: elementary,



– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

SURROUNDED – Julie Levesque, back, and UTEP athletes gather around Xochitl Apodaca as she holds on to her Flo Hyman Award.

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- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training & Recruiting
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- IDEA Part B – Formula
- IDEA Part B – Preschool
- Career & Technical Education – Basic Grant

The meeting will be held:

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., Student Support Services, 7000 5th Street, Lone Star Building A, Canutillo, TX.

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 Aviso al Público

Junta Pública para Informar sobre los Programas proveídos con Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo llevara a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas con Fondos Federales:

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Quality quarterbacks fill out this year's NFL draft

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

For the National Football League junkies who have been struggling without their fix since the Super Bowl back in early February, a small dose of help is just around the corner.

The NFL draft is this week and fans all around the world are hoping their team's front offices will make the right decisions.

Everyone is hoping their team's general managers and coaches either pick the right guy, trade for the right guy, or just try not to screw things up too badly.

It seems like every year the players coming out of college excel in a certain position; and this year's crop definitely makes this draft one of the most compelling in years.

Why? Because of all the good quarterbacks coming out.

The talk this year is that there are no less than six elite quarterbacks available and the consensus is that four or five will go in the first round.

Let's be honest, except for a Carson Wentz or a Dak Prescott, not too many

recent early-round quarterback picks have panned out. And I think we'll have to see a little more of Deshaun Watson to see if he joins this short list.

Anyway, this year's top quarterbacks are USC's Sam Darnold, Wyoming's Josh Allen, UCLA's Josh Rosen, Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma State's Mason Rudolph and Louisville's Lamar Jackson.

Of course, the big question is deciding which of these candidates will be the one we're still talking about in 10 years.

This could be like the 2004 draft when Eli Manning, Philip Rivers and Ben Roethlisberger all went in the first round.

The NFL teams who are in desperate need of a starting quarterback are the Buffalo Bills, the New York Jets and the Cleveland Browns.

Other teams with unreliable starters are the Jacksonville Jaguars, the New York Giants, the Arizona Cardinals and the Miami Dolphins.

Fortunately for them, the Browns, Giants and Jets have the first three picks and can address their quarterback concerns.

But the big question is which of these guys are going to be the Peyton Manning or Tom Brady or Drew Brees and which

is going to be the Ryan Leaf or Johnny Manziel or JaMarcus Russell?

Flops are going to happen.

Want proof, Joe Flacco is the only first-round quarterback to play and win a Super Bowl in the last 10 years.

At least on paper, it's difficult to choose which of these six quarterbacks are going to succeed long term.

Naturally, the one with the biggest question mark is Lamar Jackson. Not because of his talent, but because running quarterbacks have gone down one-by-one with injuries.

Though Jackson has a knack for avoiding the hard hit, NFL defenders are bigger, stronger and much faster than anything he ever faced in college.

All he has to do is ask Robert Griffin III or Vince Young about that.

But with all that, Jackson is easily the most exciting player who will be chosen this weekend.

It'll be interesting to see what Cleveland does with the first pick. After going 1-31 the last two years, it would be quite a shock if they didn't go with a quarterback.

But which quarterback? The names seem to change every week. The three names that keep revolving are Darnold, Rosen and Allen.

The Giants have seen Eli Manning's skills diminish the last couple of years and the Jets are still looking for the second coming of Joe Namath.

The one guy whose stock has risen over the last month is Josh Allen. Not a lot of people saw him play at Wyoming so he kind of comes in under the radar.

But make no mistake, he has the biggest arm of the young quarterbacks and probably the most potential for a long successful career.

For the first time ever, the NFL draft will take place in the state known for its football – Texas. The fans at Dallas' AT&T Stadium will get a first-hand look at the future of the NFL.

We all know that any NFL team's future begins with the quality of its quarterback.

The 2018 draft is definitely one that good and bad teams will point to 10 years from now.

Apodaca

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middle and high school.

"We decided to bring the award ceremony to her since she was not able to attend the awards banquet because she was participating in a sporting event," Aileen Martinez, Director of Marketing and Promotions for UTEP, said.

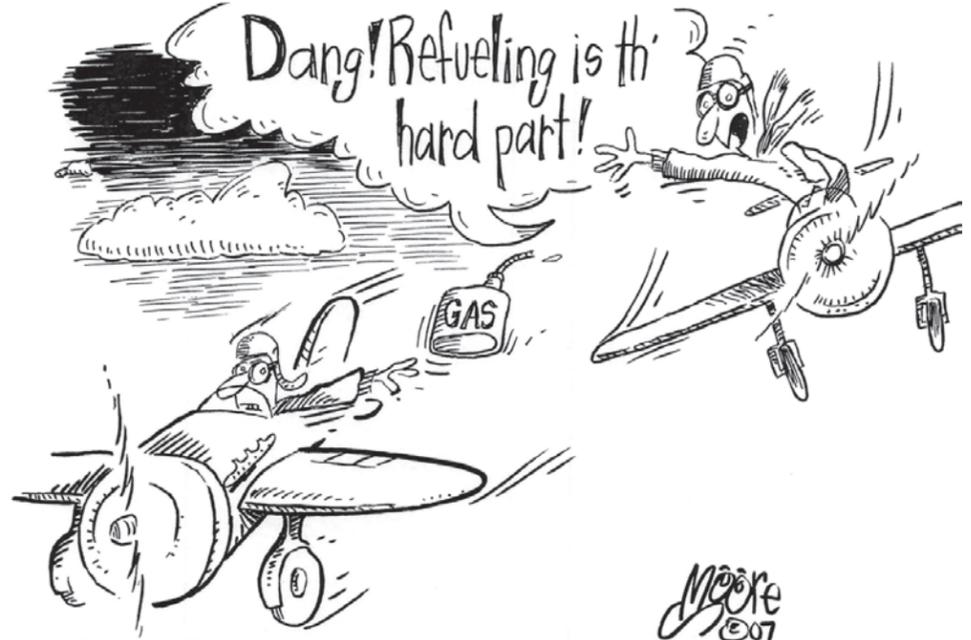
Apodaca was selected for her participation in multiple events both in and out of school.

"In school, I do robotics, safety patrol, and I've done year book," Xochitl said. "I also go to Abundant Living Faith Center which is a

church where I also do fundraisers there. For sports, I do cheer, I did track, but I started off as a young girl with ballet, and right now I am focusing on SILKS which is like aerial fitness."

Julie Levesque, UTEP Senior Associate Athletic Director and Senior Women Administrator was on hand to present the award to Apodaca and was extremely impressed with her qualifications.

"She has great grades, I believe a 4.0, and a lot of involvement in the community," Levesque said. "She does a little bit of everything and she is pretty good at all of it. Someone like that, who's a leader, and can do well like that, is what we're looking for."



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore

April 13, 1896: Clarence Eaker, Texas aviator, is born in Field Creek. In 1930 he accomplishes the 1st transcontinental flight that relied exclusively on aerial refueling.

Super Crossword

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| 1 Fuel dispenser | 76 Like part of the heart | 125 Hedge shrubs | 39 As many as | 90 Costs for cheap apartments |
| 8 Beat, as wings | 77 "The Simpsons" | 126 Lofty works | 40 "So _ say" | 91 Jail unit |
| 12 Pairs | 78 "The Simpsons" | 127 Least slobby | 45 School break | 95 Many-pieced puzzle |
| 16 Boohoo | 79 voice actor Hank | | 46 Volcano that destroyed St. Pierre | 96 Still green |
| 19 Waldorf _ (hotel) | 80 Disk in a 1990s fad game | DOWN | 47 Small talk | 97 Roped in |
| 20 Instantly | 81 "Milk" Oscar winner Sean | 1 Rubberneck | 49 Knows the answer | 98 Trike rider |
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| 23 Start of a riddle | 83 Riddle, part 5 | 3 "Don't move" | 51 Ringlike isle | 101 Enthusiast |
| 25 Eggs in a lab | 84 Crystal-lined stones | 4 Lobster trap | 52 Tandem, e.g. | 103 Run-down |
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| 31 Riddle, part 2 | 89 "Electric" fish | 9 Ignited | 62 Gardner of old films | 114 "_-haw!" |
| 39 Said aloud | 90 One of the 12 apostles | 10 Some spitizes | 63 Table protector under a warm dish | 115 "Gross!" |
| 41 Zebra's kin | 91 Post-Q string | 11 Actor Finch | 64 Not as iffy | 116 Little _ (tykes) |
| 42 Very gloomy | 92 Alternative to Zolof or Paxil | 12 Lao- _ | 66 Fix, as a dog or cat | 117 British verb ending |
| 43 "Electric" fish | 93 Riddle, part 3 | 13 "Says _?" | 67 Liqueur akin to Sambuca | 118 Be in the running (for) |
| 44 One of the 12 apostles | 94 Olive of comics | 14 Gut-punch sound | 68 Herr's wife | 119 Noted time |
| 45 Post-Q string | 95 2004-10 nickname on the Houston Rockets | 15 Exaggerated | 70 Pueblo dwellers | 120 Actor Faxon |
| 46 Alternative to Zolof or Paxil | 96 Actor Mineo | 16 Dress | 71 Vocalize loudly | |
| 48 Riddle, part 3 | 97 Biting comedy | 17 Let slip | 72 Actress Diana | |
| 55 Olive of comics | 98 Boozed up | 18 Leavenings | 77 Absence of vigor | |
| 56 2004-10 nickname on the Houston Rockets | 99 Slangy assents | 21 Quickly, musically | 79 "Save me _" | |
| 57 Actor Mineo | 100 Arcade coin | 24 Santa's laugh sounds | 81 Avant- _ (totally new) | |
| 58 Biting comedy | 101 Not firm | 30 Swallowed | 83 Cajun dish | |
| 59 Boozed up | 102 Riddle, part 4 | 32 Utter agony | 84 Painter Dix | |
| 61 Slangy assents | 103 Allows to | 33 Noble Brit | 85 Bluish green | |
| 65 Arcade coin | | 34 Said nothing | 87 "Baloney!," to Brits | |
| 66 Not firm | | 35 "Como _?" (Juan's greeting) | | |
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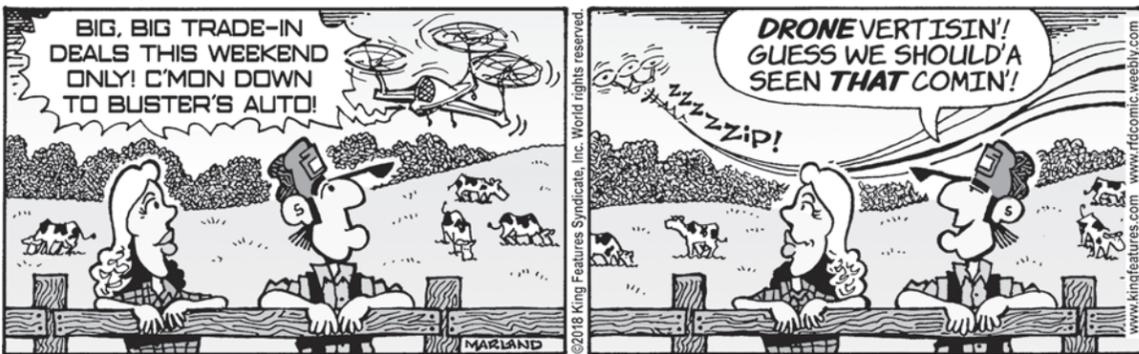
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THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Infection causes many Alzheimer's deaths

DEAR DR. ROACH: Our local newspaper just ran the obituary of a 59-year-old woman who died from Alzheimer's disease. I didn't know her, but I've known at least two other people with that illness. One has passed away; the other is in a memory-care unit. How does Alzheimer's cause or contribute to death? – A.



Alzheimer's disease is a common degenerative disease of the brain. It's unfortunately very likely that in the years ahead, you will know many more people diagnosed, as the risk increases with age. Its exact cause is unknown. We often think of Alzheimer's as being a disease of memory; however, personality changes, loss of insight, impaired visual skills and language dysfunction are other cardinal findings of the disease, though any of these may show more clearly as the disease progresses.

Alzheimer's can progress in individuals at very different rates, but the mean survival after diagnosis has been reported as three to eight years. People with Alzheimer's disease usually become debilitated due to poor nutrition and hydration, which leads to increased risk for infection, one of the most common causes of death in Alzheimer's.

I don't mean to suggest that debility is the fault of the caregivers of people with advanced dementia. Caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease is a difficult and demanding task – physically, mentally and emotionally. But no matter how devoted and skillful the care is, there is no preventing the physical decline that happens as the Alzheimer's progresses; we can only slow it down. It has been my experience that in patients with advanced dementia, the caregiver becomes the most important part of the team to get information from and give guidance on care and provide support to.

The booklet on Alzheimer's disease gives a detailed presentation of this common illness. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 903W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm pushing 90 years old. I developed large, blue veins, similar to the varicose veins my mother had in her legs. What are these called on the hands? I read that Hollywood stars get their hand veins collapsed. I am embarrassed by the vein condition on my hands. – A.M.

"Varix" is the Latin word for a dilated vein, so we call them varicose veins no matter where they are on the body. They run very strongly in families, but it isn't clear exactly what causes them.

Most varicose veins do not need to be treated, but if they are complicated by bleeding, blood clots or pain, they may require treatment. Varicose veins in the legs also can be a cause of restless leg syndrome. Treatment can be effected by surgery, injecting a medication to close the vein or with a laser. Having

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Clint Independent School District Public Notice

Pursuant to Texas Election Code section 11.052(c), a Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Clint Independent School District will be conducted May 3, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Clint Independent School District Board Room at 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas, in order to give the registered voters of the school district the opportunity to comment on whether they favor the election of the Board of Trustees based on a 5-2 Single Member District Plan (Five Single Member Districts and Two At-Large Positions) as being recommended by the Board of Trustees. Individuals unable to attend this meeting may submit their comments in writing to Dr. Juan I. Martinez, Superintendent.

Para más información en español, se deben comunicar con el Distrito al (915) 926-4000.

JAMES R. PENDELL
Clint ISD Board President

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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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DIFFICULTY: ★

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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.

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Wait times getting better, but...



by Freddy Groves

It wasn't so long ago that veterans were waiting a very long time for medical appointments. While clerks fiddled with fake appointment books and scribbled in notebooks instead of entering appointments correctly into the computer, some veterans died before being seen. In Phoenix it's thought that 200 veterans died while waiting on care.

The wait times for appointments under 30 days is looking better – in most places.

Little Mayfield, Kentucky, is over 99 percent. Enterprise Way, Illinois, is at a whopping 100 percent, as are Hanson, Kentucky, and four locations in New York.

Some locations, however, are still struggling.

Salem, Virginia, for instance, has 61,000 appointments scheduled, and they're only at an 88 percent rate. Denver is sitting at 84 percent, and Las Vegas at 83 percent. Phoenix is

still struggling at 90 percent.

In all those places with appointments stretching out over 30 days, veterans can opt to use the Choice Program and go for civilian care.

There are steps to take, however, before you go that route. You need to get prior authorization to be sure you qualify, and mostly to ensure that the proposed facility is on the Veteran's Choice Program (VCP) network. Your best step is to actually call that facility because there were quite a few that were unhappy because they hadn't been paid in a timely manner.

For eligibility you need to live more than 40 miles from the nearest Department of Veterans Affairs facility, or you need to take a plane or boat to get there, or you have a significant health problem, or the VA can't give you the care you need. To determine your eligibility, go online to www.va.gov and search for Choice Program. Click the Eligibility button and answer the questions. You also can call 866-606-8198 or visit www.va.gov/opa/choiceact.

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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: Q equals D

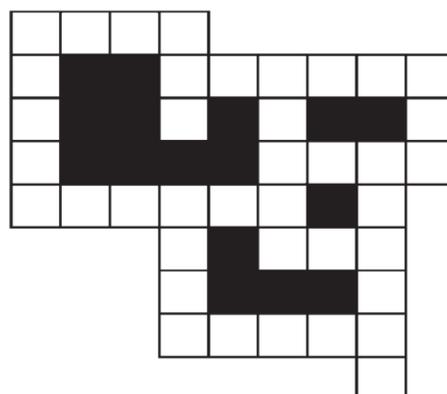
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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• "Spring-cleaning tip: To wash off houseplants, stick them in the shower. Cover the pot with a plastic grocery bag, run the shower and then wipe the leaves clean. It works for me."
– G.I. in North Carolina

• Got pet hair in the car? No worries. Simply mist the upholstery (not wet), then use a squeegee to remove the hair. When you're done, go out and get a removable seat protector so Fido won't ruin your back seats!

• D.D. in Missouri writes: "How to keep your crispy cereal from getting soggy: Put milk in one bowl and the cereal in another bowl. Get a spoonful of milk, then dip it in the cereal." Or vice versa, my friend.

• "To keep kitties (or kids) from running out your whole roll of toilet paper, squish the cardboard core so that it crimps. It will still roll but not so freely. My cats would get a hold of it and keep pulling it down, but now it is harder and they don't do that as often, thankfully."
– V.A. in Florida

• Get more juice out of a lemon by rolling it firmly on a countertop before slicing. If the lemon has been refrigerated, put it in the microwave for 10 seconds, roll, then cut. You'll double your juice.

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Health

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an experienced practitioner is important.

Some people do treat them for cosmetic reasons. You don't have to be a movie star to be concerned about your appearance. It is expensive, though.

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.