



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Innovative states

With the U.S. projected to spend \$553 billion on research and development in 2018 the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2018's *Most & Least Innovative States*. In order to give credit to the states that have contributed the most to America's innovative success, the analysis compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 22 key metrics. The data set ranges from share of STEM professionals to R&D spending per capita. Texas ranked 14 overall, scoring:

- 17th – Share of STEM Professionals;
- 14th – Projected STEM-Job Demand by 2020;
- 24th – Eighth-Grade Math & Science Performance;
- 25th – Share of Science & Engineering Graduates Aged 25+;
- 16th – Share of Technology Companies;
- 30th – R&D Spending per Capita; and
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Venture-Capital Funding per Capita.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/most-innovative-states/31890/> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

### Millennials

With millennials today making up the largest generation in the U.S. workforce yet earning 20 percent less than Baby Boomers did at the same age, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2018's *Best & Worst States for Millennials*. In order to determine the most livable places for this generation, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 30 key metrics. The data set ranges from share of millennials to average monthly earnings for millennials to millennial unemployment rate. Texas ranked 17 overall, scoring:

- 32nd – % of Millennials Living with Parents;
- 11th – Housing Cost for Millennials;
- 6th – % of Millennials;
- 12th – Average Monthly Earnings for Millennials;
- 32nd – Millennial Homeowners;
- 18th – Millennial Unemployment Rate;
- 51st – % of Insured Millennials; and
- 1st – % of Millennials with Depression.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-millennials/33371/> for the full report.

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**Everybody agrees the huge national debt should be reduced and hopes some future generation will do it.**  
— Quips & Quotes



– Photo courtesy of Anthony High School

**THEY ARE NUMBER ONE** – Anthony High School (AHS) TX Wildcats' athletic/medical trainers were recently crowned national champions by the American Academic Competition Institute. In the back row, from left, are trainers Brandon Garcia, Isiah Garnica, Mary Moseley, Jazmine Bustillos, Orlando Peregrino and Andrea Montanez. In front, from left are Ben Snyder (head trainer), Karla Hernandez, Franses Salas, Amber Burciaga, and Ruby Bush.

## Anthony HS trainers among best in country

By Colin Deaver  
and Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

ANTHONY, TX – Anthony High School (AHS) TX Wildcats' medical trainers – who work inconspicuously behind the scenes to keep athletes on the field or court – were recently crowned national champions by the American Academic Competition Institute (AACI). It is the Wildcats medical team's second top-three finish since 2016, according to AHS officials.

At the end of the school year, AHS was notified that its athletic training program was named as one of the best in the country, reported Oscar Troncoso, AHS principal and the district's assistant superintendent. "We are so proud of them. These students are so special because they work hard and take pride in what they do. It's a great testament to our school and its community," Troncoso stated.

AACI sponsored the National High

School Sports Medicine Competition Championships, which took place in late May, according to a recent AHS press release. "AACI's goal is to give students from across the nation an opportunity to excel in their chosen area of study via an online competition. AACI developed the online National High School Sports Medicine Championship to help test and celebrate student knowledge in Sports Medicine and Athletic Training," the release stated.

"It means a lot. I'm very proud of the kids. I couldn't express enough how proud I am. It was a dream the Wildcats held all year," AHS head athletic trainer Ben Snyder stated.

"From the beginning of the year we would always tell each other that we were going to win nationals, that we were going to take it because this was our last year as a full team," junior trainer Amber Burciaga commented.

The qualifying process is lengthy, explained Snyder. "It starts with a 300

question written test. The Wildcats advanced five trainers from there to a regional event in Los Angeles, which was followed by a practicum on Skype, where the competitors had to demonstrate their abilities to a judge," he stated.

A few weeks after the competition, AHS officials received the results that showed AHS on top. Over 300 schools competed with over 3,500 students in this national competition, according to AHS officials.

To prepare for the competition Snyder stated that they did a lot of the everyday training in the regular and practical classes and that a lot of them stayed after school. We would always stay for the practices and the games," Snyder said. The contest, that has each team of between 8 to 15 students, determined the top 8 scores to create the team average; and the raw scores were used to rank individual students, he related.

Snyder stated that all 14 students in the AHS athletic trainers program have a chance at careers in the medical field and that the program has earned the respect of their fellow Wildcats.

AHS's athletic trainers team consisted of Jazmine Bustillos, Brandon Garcia, Isaiah Garnica, Ramon Torres, Amber Burciaga, Karla Hernandez, Isis Lerma, April Majerczyk, Orlando Peregrino, Franses Salas, Ruby Bush, Tony Marrufo, Andrea Montanez, and Mary Moseley.

"I think (winning the championship) gave us a really good reputation. I think that's what we needed. People know that we actually know what we're doing and we're not just over here messing around," senior trainer Jazmine Bustillos asserted.

"The (student athletes) aren't afraid to ask us questions, and they aren't afraid to come up to us if something is wrong," senior trainer Garnica related.

## Villalobos receives presidential award

By Keri Moe  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – Joshua Villalobos, current Dean at the Mission del Paso Campus and former Geology Professor, is one of 27 individuals that the White House named as recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM). PAESMEM recognizes outstanding efforts of mentors in encouraging the next generation of innovators and developing a science and engineering workforce that reflects the diverse talent of America. Villalobos received his presidential certificates



Joshua Villalobos

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# Clean up tips following flooding

By Mike Sagara  
Special to the Courier

The American Red Cross would like to share some tips for cleaning up following flooding. Whether you rode out the storm at home, or evacuated to a safer location, taking the first look around your damaged home can be overwhelming. In addition to the other emotions you may be feeling, you may feel daunted by the size of the task and not know where to begin.

Every home’s needs will be different, and some damage can only be repaired by professionals. But if you and your loved ones will be tackling any of the work, these tips for cleaning and repairing your home after a disaster will help you get started safely and effectively.

## Clothing and gear

Cleaning up after a disaster can mean facing a wide range of hazards, from contaminated water, to animals and insects, to splintered wood and sagging

ceilings. At minimum, everyone who helps you with clean up and repair should wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes or boots (no tennis shoes or flip flops) and work gloves.

You may also want to invest in eye protection and disposable masks.

## Cleaning supplies

The specific damage your home has incurred will determine the exact supplies you need. However, this shopping list will help you get started. You’ll want detergent, bleach, TSP (if allowed in your area), shop vac or canister vacuum, sponges, buckets, rubber gloves, mops and brooms, shovels and rakes (if mud or other debris has entered your home), carpet knife (if wall to wall carpeting will need to be removed) and heavy duty trash bags.

## Cleaning up

Now it’s time to begin working. It’s up to you whether you prefer to start by tackling the largest issues across the entire home,

or by focusing on one or two key rooms where you can make substantial progress.

You may have a lot to accomplish, so be sure to take breaks when the task seems overwhelming. Step outside, get some fresh air, and focus on the improvements you’ve already made. And don’t be afraid to ask for help when you need it.

If this is your first visit to the home, follow our tips for checking your home’s structural elements and utilities and systems.

- Open the doors and windows. If the house was closed for more than 48 hours, air it out before staying inside for any length of time.
- Remove any remaining water, large amounts of dirt/mud, damaged items and other trash.
- Clean hard surfaces throughout your home (flooring, countertops and appliances) thoroughly with hot water and soap or a detergent. Then disinfect with bleach or a commercial disinfectant (be sure to follow directions on the bottle).

- Dry soft surfaces (upholstered furniture, rugs, bedding and clothing) in the open air if possible, before cleaning.
- Throw out all food, beverages and medicine exposed to flood waters and mud. When in doubt, throw it out. This includes canned goods, plastic utensils, baby bottle nipples and containers with food or liquid that has been sealed shut.
- Any appliances that were inundated by flood water should be checked by a professional before you use them.

## Cleaning and sanitizing food contact surfaces

- Throw away wooden cutting boards, wood or plastic utensils, and baby bottle nipples and pacifiers that have come into contact with floodwater.
- Use hot, soapy water to thoroughly wash metal pans, ceramic dishes and utensils that have come into contact with floodwater.
- Sanitize dishes by boiling them in a clean or properly treated water or by immersing them for 10 to 15 min in a solution of 1 tablespoons of unscented liquid of unscented liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water.

## Water damage

Water damage, such as from a flood or in the aftermath of a fire, is not just unsightly and unsanitary – it can also be dangerous. From wallboards to rugs, items that are not thoroughly dried can sprout mold and mildew.

Your first task in addressing water damage is to remove any water that remains. That means

- pumping out standing water and drying out waterlogged surfaces.
- Pump out flooded basements gradually (about one-third of the water per day) to avoid structural damage. If the water is pumped out completely in a short period of time, pressure from water-saturated soil on the outside could cause basement walls to collapse.
  - Bring all soft items (such as sofas, clothing, bedding, and throw rugs) outside if possible – sunlight and wind will help them dry faster.
  - Throw out items that have absorbed water and cannot be cleaned or disinfected. This includes mattresses, carpeting, cosmetics, stuffed animals and baby toys.
  - Remove all drywall and insulation that has been in contact with flood waters.
  - Consider removing vinyl floor coverings and tile to allow the substructures beneath or behind them to dry.
  - Keep the windows open and run fans – or keep them shut and run dehumidifiers – to pull moisture out of wood floors and subfloors, beams, doors, etc.
- Be patient. Depending on the level of water damage incurred, it can take weeks or months for your home’s structural elements to be thoroughly dried. Only then should you replace drywall, carpets and other floor coverings.

## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

### Special Needs Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2018-2019 School Year

Tornillo Independent School District provides access to identification of children with suspected disabilities who reside within the district; eligible students will be afforded a free, appropriate public education beginning on their third birthday and continuing through their 21st birthday, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Services are available to all eligible children identified with one or more areas including physical disability, intellectual disability, emotional disability, specific learning disability, autism, speech disability, traumatic brain injury, visual or auditory impairment or other health impairment.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (FERPA) which governs the access of educational information and records, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, and who is residing within the Tornillo Independent School District please contact: Rosa Hinski, Special Education Coordinator, Tornillo ISD, at (915) 765-3040.

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El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee acceso a la identificación de niños con incapacidades que viven dentro del distrito; los estudiantes que califiquen recibirán una educación pública, gratuita, y adecuada comenzando con su tercer cumpleaños hasta el fin de los 21 años de edad, bajo el Acto de Individuos con Incapacidades (IDEA).

Estos servicios son disponibles para todos los niños identificados con una incapacidad y que estén experimentando dificultades en una o más de las siguientes áreas: incapacidad física, incapacidad intelectual o emocional, discapacidad de aprendizaje, autism, discapacidad del habla, daño cerebral por trauma, discapacidad visual o auditiva o cualquier otra discapacidad de salud.

Conforme al Acto de Confidencia y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derecho de ver los archivos educativos. La póliza del Distrito FL provee acceso a archivos, confidencialidad, y proceso de reclamación. Si usted desea más información o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo y que no está recibiendo servicios educativos, favor de comunicarse con: Rosa Hinski, Cordinadora de Educación Especial, Tornillo ISD, (915) 765-3040.

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# Don't cry for Angela Merkel

Angela Merkel is, her supporters like to gloat, the leader of the free world. Just don't ask her to spend as if she is.

Donald Trump has made the German chancellor one of his favorite rhetorical targets, especially over Germany's anemic defense expenditures. This has led to worries about the future of the trans-Atlantic alliance, and reflexive support for Merkel among the American political elite.

Trump shouldn't openly mock Merkel, or suggest that there have been annual dues to NATO that Germany has failed to pay. Trump tends to view foreign countries like contractors trying to scam him in a development deal. This scants history, geo-strategy and the national pride of other countries – as usual, Trump would benefit from at least a gesture toward statesmanship.

Yet Germany's defense spending, or lack thereof, is a disgrace. One would think the country would have been embarrassed onto a different trajectory after German troops – Panzergrenadierbataillon 371, to be exact – had to use broomsticks instead of guns in a NATO exercise in 2014. But Germany evidently doesn't embarrass easily.

NATO countries, after a long vacation from history after the end of the Cold War, agreed at a summit in Wales in 2014 to spend 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense annually within 10 years.

It is the biggest economy in Europe and fourth largest in the world that is the serious laggard. Germany spends all of 1.2 percent of GDP on defense. As Elisabeth Braw points out in Foreign Policy magazine, its military is short on tents and winter clothes, most of its tanks aren't battle-ready and it has a shortfall of about 20,000 officers and NCOs. It is promising to get to 1.5 percent GDP... by 2025 (when a Trump second term would be ending).

Merkel is happy to browbeat other EU countries over their fiscal and migrant commitments, but please don't bother her to spend on her own defense.

The old saw is that NATO exists to "keep the Soviet Union out, the Americans in, and the Germans down." But the last item, given the deep streak of pacifism in postwar German politics, is no longer apt. The EU, not military conquest, is now Germany's tool for European influence.

Germany still has a gauzy view of what matters. Its foreign minister has argued that its development aid



should count against its goal for military spending, fundamentally confusing soft and hard power.

Needless to say, if Vladimir Putin is tempted to challenge NATO somewhere on its periphery, he's not going to be dissuaded by Germany's foreign-aid budget or its openness to Middle Eastern migrants.

It's not clear how seriously Germany takes the Russian threat (although it sent some troops to Lithuania last year). Germany has been supportive of the proposed Russian pipeline, Nord Stream 2, that would make Europe more dependent on Russian natural gas and bypass Ukraine. It's Trump, the alleged tool of Putin, who has been complaining bitterly about the project.

With Putin looming to the East, NATO remains a vital tool of Western power. It's not an imposition to ask that Germany act like it.

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

View from here By Dan Weber

# On the road to Idiocracy

Forget about the threat of socialism or even communism; the real threat comes from those who want to foist Idiocracy down our throats. Merriam-Webster defines Idiocracy as "a form of government in which a country or territory is run by fools." And, the madness of anti-government protests that have swept the country since the election of President Donald Trump indicate that the fools are hell bent on taking over.

The opposition certainly has a right to voice opinions, but only idiots would go to the extremes that the Never-Trumper movement has gone since Mr. Trump took office.

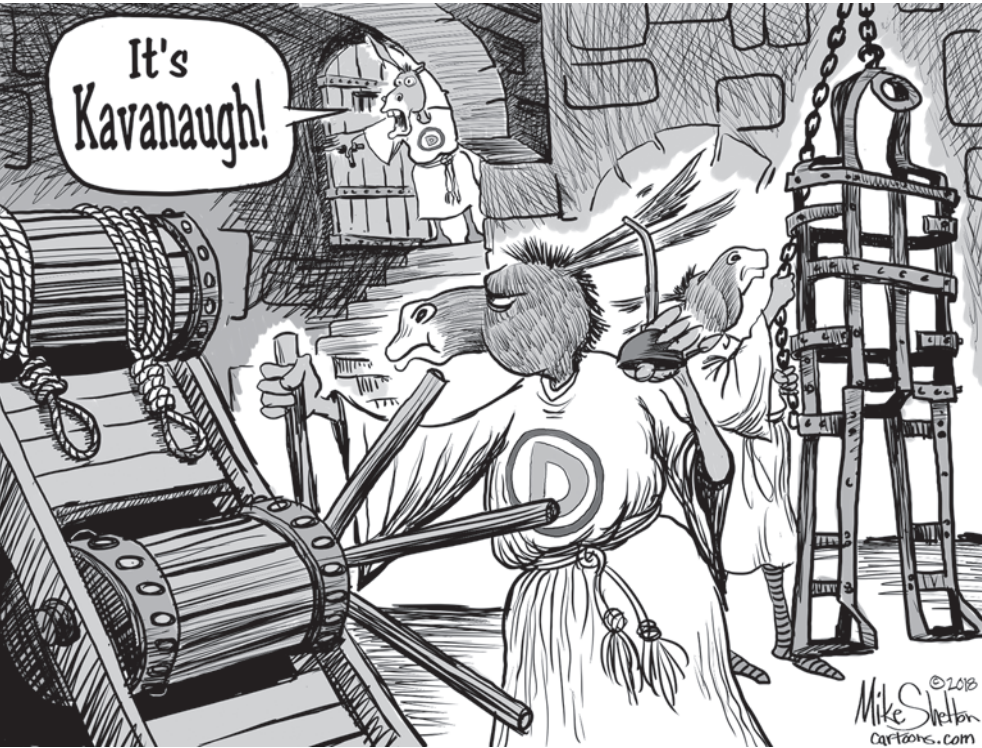
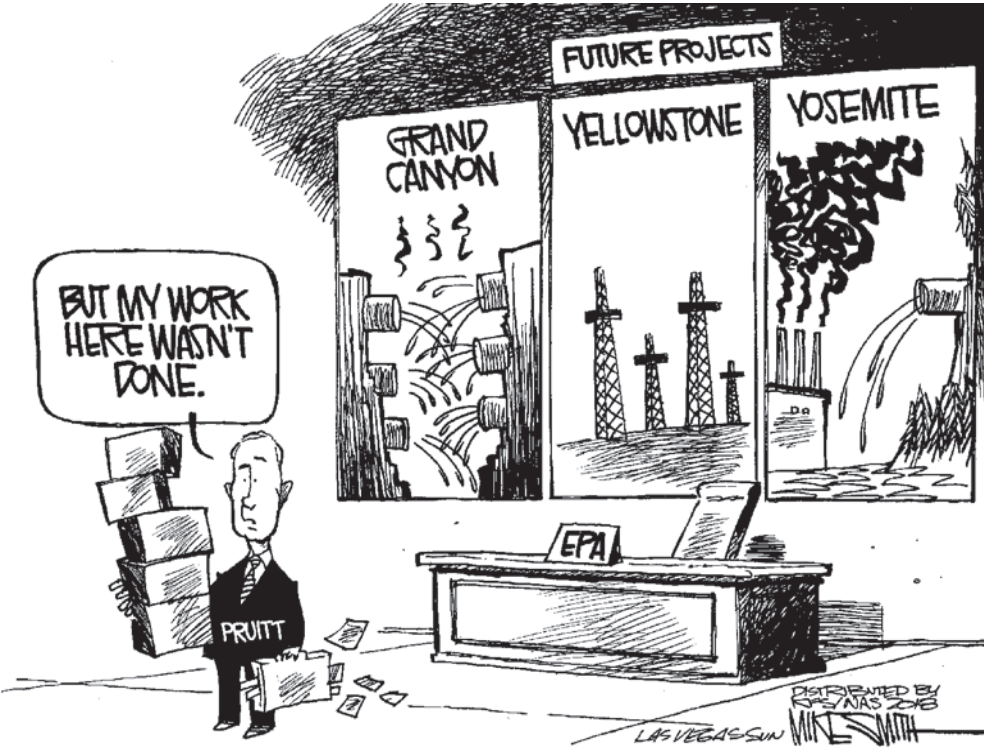
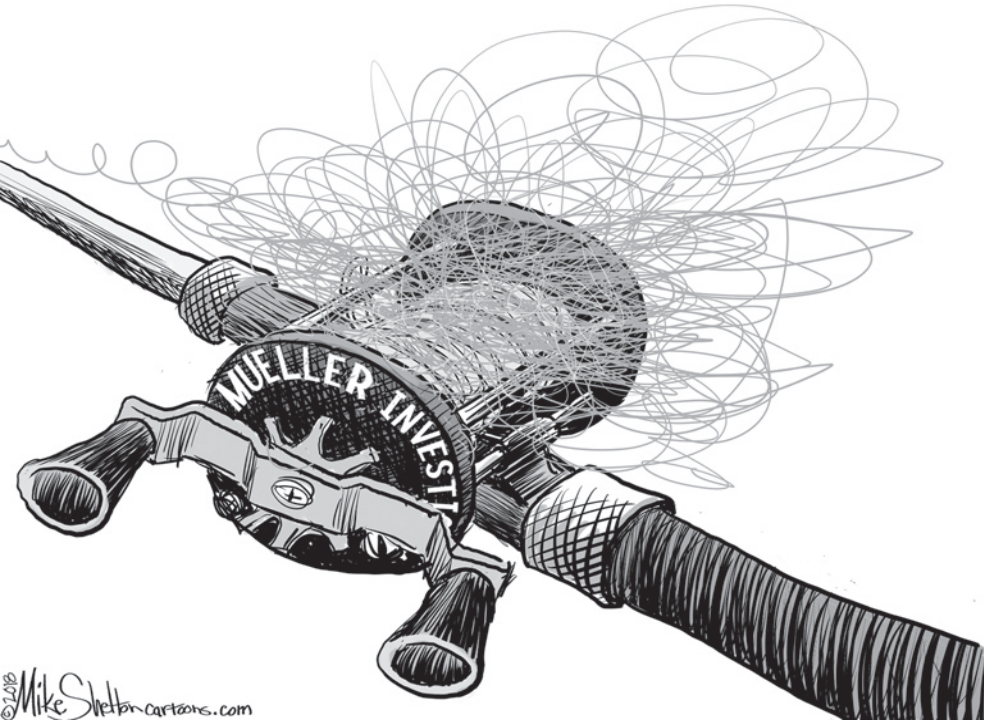
A new Rasmussen survey shows that 59% of American voters fear that the opposition has become so intense it is likely to lead to widespread violence. And, almost a third of respondents in that study said they believe the country is headed for a new Civil War.

Broadcaster Denis Prager, host of The Denis Prager Show, put it this way: "This Second Civil War, fortunately, differs in another critically important way: It has thus far been largely nonviolent. But given increasing left-wing violence, such as riots, the taking over of college presidents' offices and the illegal occupation of state capitols, nonviolence is not guaranteed to be a permanent characteristic of the Second Civil War."

Meanwhile, strident liberal factions are now calling for the elimination of ICE, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement component of the Department of Homeland Security. Even many mainstream Democrats think that's an ill-conceived notion; it would leave the country unprotected. It would be a lot like cutting off your nose to spite your face.

Hand in hand with the notion of doing away with law enforcers who protect our borders is the novel idea of opening our borders and letting in anyone who might care to come into the country uninvited. Imagine the hardships that would ensue for those of us who already live here. Authoritative estimates put the number of people who would move here from another country at 100 million to 150 million or

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• You probably won't be surprised to learn that it was Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: "A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it."

• Ever wonder why blue jeans are blue? When they were first designed by Levi Strauss, the people most likely to wear them were those who did a great deal of manual labor. Strauss rightly assumed the work was likely to be dirty, so he dyed his new trousers indigo to help hide stains.

• Statistics on sporting events show that 17 of the 20 sporting events with the most attendees every year are NASCAR races.

• Before horror author Stephen King became famous for novels such as "Carrie," "The Stand" and "The Shining," he wrote four novels and 60 short stories that failed to be accepted for publication.

• Historians report that Napoleon Bonaparte, when he wasn't busy conquering, enjoyed ice skating.

• Do animals grieve their own? Perhaps so – at least, some animals. When an elephant dies, other elephants in the herd will cover the body with leaves and branches and often will stay with it for days.

• You may be surprised to learn that a Boeing 747 jet is longer from wingtip to wingtip than the distance of the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight.

• If you're enjoying summer picnics, you might want to keep in mind the fact that there are 1,500 known species of fleas and 9,500 known species of ants. Then again, that might be a factoid you'd rather forget.

Thought for the Day: "Strike an average between what a woman thinks of her husband a month before she marries him and what she thinks of him a year afterward, and you will have the truth about him."  
– H.L. Mencken

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CryptoQuip Answer

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# Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signs Medicare, a health insurance program for elderly Americans, into law. Former President Harry Truman was enrolled as the first beneficiary and received the first Medicare card.
- On July 31, 1990, Nolan Ryan wins the 300th game of his career. A believer that pitching power, as well as consistency and endurance, comes from the legs, not the arms, Ryan ran every day.
- On Aug. 1, 1498, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sets foot on the South American mainland for the first time, at the Paria Peninsula in present-day Venezuela. Thinking it an island, he christened it Isla Santa and claimed it for Spain. Columbus, a deeply religious man, believed that Venezuela was the edge of the Garden of Eden.
- On Aug. 2, 1943, future President John F. Kennedy is serving as commander of a torpedo boat in the Solomon Islands when his ship is rammed at night by a Japanese destroyer, cutting it in two. Kennedy's heroics led to the rescue of the survivors from an island six days later.
- On Aug. 3, 1988, Soviet authorities free Mathias Rust, the daring young West German pilot who landed a rented Cessna on Moscow's Red Square in 1987, from a labor camp as a goodwill gesture to the West.
- On Aug. 4, 1927, the Father of Country Music, Jimmie Rodgers, is recorded for the first time during the legendary Bristol Sessions. A talent scout had set up a makeshift recording studio in an empty warehouse in Bristol, Tennessee, and recorded numerous then-unknown acts during the 12-day marathon.
- On Aug. 5, 1957, "American Bandstand" goes national on television, hosted by 26-year-old Dick Clark. He pushed hard for a 3:30 p.m. time slot, when teenagers were out of school and most likely to watch.

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## Idiocracy

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more. Where would they live? Where would they work? What would they eat? What impact would it have on crime rates?

Opposition from the right against the reign of Barack Obama was admittedly widespread during his tenure, but it was a civil opposition. There were no incidents that even approached the vicious magnitude of the attempt on the life of Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA) and fellow Republican Congressmen out for a night of baseball last year. A lone shooter, James Hodgkinson, who harbored violent anti-Republican views, was out to kill as many Republican lawmakers as he could on the night of June 14, 2017. He severely wounded Rep. Scalise and two Capitol Police officers, a congressional staffer and a lobbyist before he was shot and killed.

During Mr. Obama's two terms in office, we didn't have sitting Republican representatives issuing calls such as the one from Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) last month. You'll recall that she told her constituents "If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them! And you tell them that they are not welcome, anymore, anywhere,"

And, if you don't think the

## Villalobos

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at a recognition ceremony in Washington D.C. the last week of June.

Villalobos was recognized for his work to bring an Associate of Science in Geology degree back to El Paso Community College (EPCC) as well as his engaged role in mentoring students. "As a result of his efforts, EPCC is now producing a significant number of all associate geology degrees in the country, and our students now have a clearer educational pathway to transfer to UTEP and other institutions," Steve Smith, EPCC's Vice President of Instruction and Workforce Education said. "Additionally, Mr. Villalobos has served as a dynamic and engaged mentor who has guided our students for academic and research growth."

Villalobos was nominated for the award in 2014, but the awards were not announced until June 25. He said he is honored to be a recipient. "The PAESMEM award highlights, not only my work but the remarkable opportunities that EPCC offers for both students and faculty," Villalobos said. "Very few community colleges support activities that allow their faculty to apply, run and be successful in

media is wittingly or unwittingly culpable in distorting the truth in order to promote a new brand of socialist anarchy, you have another think coming.

Instead of reporting the facts of a news story the way a reporter with integrity used to do in the day, they prefer to put a spin on their reportage. And, more likely than not, they will spin the facts to suit ideologically liberal notions of how things should be, things such as how the country should be run.

Recently a scholarly report was published that focused on the reason public respect and support has declined for the venerable U.S. Supreme Court. The report

was researched and written by two university professors, Matthew Hitt at Colorado State and Kathleen Searles at Louisiana State. Their conclusion was: "To know the Court is to love it, but to watch [TV] coverage of the Court is to dislike it."

As commentator Michael Dempsey put it recently in a letter to the editor of the Echo Press in Alexandria, MN: "The greater problem is media bias and it's absolutely palpable. It's about opinion disguising itself as news, not from rogue websites on the Internet, but from CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, the New York Times and the Washington Post.

Watching a network news program at 5:30 has become laughable. Every night it's an anti-Trump feeding frenzy with nothing to feed on but speculation regarding the so-called Russian collusion and outright lies, distortions and deliberate omissions, as in this most recent story of children being "ripped from their mothers' arms" at the border."

Idiocracy, indeed!

Dan Weber is president of the Association of Mature American Citizens, the nation's largest conservative senior advocacy organization.

## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

### Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2018-2019 School Year

1) Tornillo Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, Architecture & Construction, Arts, A/V Technology and Communications, Business Management & Administration, Education & Training, Health Science, Manufacturing, and STEM. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Tornillo ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.

2) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis or race, color, national origin, gender, or disability in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act for 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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4) Tornillo ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Elisa Davis, Human Resources Manager, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Avenue, Tornillo Texas, 79853 or call (915) 765-3000.

## Noticia Pública

### Notificación de No-Discriminación en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnología en Tornillo ISD por el año escolar 2018-2019

1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo esta ofreciendo programas de Agricultura, Arte, Comunicaciones, Educación de Negocios y Administracion, Finanzas, Cosmetologia y Educacion en Tecnología. La admisión a estos programas es basada en la inscripción actual en el distrito escolar de Tornillo, y también que se allá cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.

2) Es póliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no-discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnología, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, como enmienda; Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación, de 1973 como enmienda.

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# Believe it or not, the NFL is open for business

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

It seems like only a couple weeks ago that the Philadelphia Eagles and backup quarterback Nick Foles stunned the New England Patriots to win their first Super Bowl ever.

Well don’t look now but it’s almost time to do it all over again.

One by one, National Football League teams have begun showing up for training camps to get ready for the 2018 season.

I know the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees and Houston Astros have been dominating the Major League Baseball scene all summer, and they should have the American sports attention all to themselves.

But c’mon – this is football we’re talking about. And in America, despite all the negative publicity the NFL has received in recent years, football is still king by a wide margin.

It may be hard to believe but the first exhibition game of the season is just two weeks away. The Chicago Bears and the Baltimore Ravens will meet in the annual Hall of Fame game on Aug. 2.

Of course for local fans, that means a chance for former UTEP and Burges High star Alvin Jones to show the Ravens what he can do.

Six teams – the Ravens, the Bears,

Jacksonville Jaguars, Miami Dolphins, Detroit Lions and New Orleans Saints have already had their rookies report to camp.

The vast majority of all the other NFL squads will be reporting for duty next week on July 25.

Naturally this is the best time of the year for all NFL fans because nobody has started 0-4 – yet. Yes, even the Cleveland Browns are still in the hunt.

But for local fans, there are some faces that will be missing this year.

The Dallas Cowboys will not have Dez Bryant or Jason Witten on the sidelines anymore and the offensive line will have to replace Doug Free, who called it a career during the offseason.

Of course with the start of every new season comes new rules and regulations that fans have to get used to.

We all know that the NFL “rules” committee goes way too far at times and tends to hurt the game instead of help it. But they did something this year that should have done many years ago.

They’ve actually defined what a catch is – maybe I should say, they’ve defined what it isn’t.

And it isn’t “keeping control of the ball all the

way to the ground and a little after that.”

They’ve gone back to the rule that basically, if it looks like a catch, it’s a catch. In other words, the Dez Bryant catch against the Packers in the playoffs a few years ago would be ruled a catch.

Why? Because everyone could tell that he caught the ball first and then lost it trying to lunge for more yards.

What could be a huge headache (literally) for the NFL is its new rule banning any player from using his helmet to initiate contact. According to the rule, a player cannot drop his helmet when he’s about to make contact with another player.

This will be difficult because a player lowers his helmet when he’s about to make contact with another player – *on every play*.

Even an offensive player carrying the football is banned from lowering and leading with his helmet. Good luck with

this one NFL.

Also, like in the college game, if an official determines that the helmet-leading hit was deliberate or too harsh, they can throw the guy out of the game.

But the rule is asking the officials to get into the head of the player and determine intent – and that’s always dangerous.

Anyway, back to the 2018 season, some interesting questions that come to mind are how far will the Patriots advance after their disappointing Super Bowl loss? Can the Eagles repeat as Super Bowl champs? How will Dak Prescott do without any star receivers? Are the L.A. Rams going to take that next step up? Will the Cleveland Browns win a game?

All those questions will be answered soon enough, the best thing of all is that the NFL is back.

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## Super Crossword

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1 Greek letters after rhos

7 French country house

14 Classic game consoles

20 Vain type

21 Loud warning gizmo

22 With 71-Across, pre-talkies time

23 Valuable desert plants?

25 Graf of tennis

26 "Leave it in"

27 PC-to-PC hookup

28 Shuttle org.

30 Chalk out

31 Pine cousin

32 Test of one's holiness?

37 Most gross

41 Twistable cookie

42 Legal title

43 Dollar or euro divs.

44 Really bad-mouth a physician?

47 Good (at)

49 Tool in a wood shop

50 Walk-\_ (tiny parts)

51 Iowa's tree

53 Slim, slithery fishes

56 Voting "no"

57 Really small

59 Tennis' Korda

61 Jet boat model

63 Rehearse with great enthusiasm in Britain?

67 Poker prize

70 401(k) cousins

71 See 22-Across

72 Itsy-bitsy bit

73 Suns' org.

74 Scandal over legal agreements in Tehran?

79 Tea varieties

80 Trial pledge

81 Huck's craft

82 Acclaim

86 Give out

87 James Bond, e.g.

88 Mom's skill, for short

89 Suit material

90 Far Eastern mercenary

93 Oil-anointing rite in old Russia?

98 Chillax

100 Without, in Paris

102 Bank holding

103 Ballet garb

104 Draw out feta or Brie?

107 "Uh-uh," rural-style

108 Elisabeth of "Molly"

109 Boxing wallop

110 Kit \_ bar

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115 Ones giving GIs orders

117 "That bee just ingested poisoned plant fluid!"?

123 Warming current

124 Hastened

125 Cornell's city

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127 May's gem

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2 \_ it" (sandlot cry)

3 Ex-veep Al

4 Pol Romney

5 Bat wood

6 Fashionable

7 "Elf" actor James

8 Big name in fruit drinks

9 Actor Carney

10 Fri. precursor

11 Goddess of the dawn

12 Lack life

13 Not voiced

14 Evaluated

15 Little bird

16 First Hebrew letter

17 Outwardly shown by

18 Actually

19 Is lousy

24 \_ blanche

29 Surf and turf's "turf"

31 Big bash

32 Woody Allen's wife

33 Curved lines

34 Post-taxes

35 Talk lovingly

36 F precursors

37 Mallorca, por ejemplo

38 Tribal bunch

39 Actor William or Nicky

40 "Gotcha," to a jazz cat

45 "Keep it up"

46 Pictorial paper part

48 Highest point

52 Excavation discovery

54 Lisa of pop music

55 Sammy of the diamond

57 Poi plants

58 Confident cry

59 Roost

60 Floride, par exemple

61 Tuned to, as a dial

62 Hollywood's Morales

64 Basmati, e.g.

65 Usher in

66 "The Tao of Pooh" author Benjamin

67 Organ part

68 Provo's neighbor

69 Alternating

75 Curt denial

76 Light shafts

77 Dahl of film

78 Butler played by Gable

83 "Eri tu," e.g.

84 Monster-film lab assistant

85 \_lease

87 Christmas Eve visitor

88 Bonds

89 Garbage-hauling boat

91 Covert org.

92 "Bad" singer Michael

94 Bullring call

95 Contend

96 Lower arm bones

97 Clean freak

98 Artery, e.g.

99 Breathe out

101 Reaper's tool

105 Former TV host Philbin

106 Boring

110 NBA's Jason

111 Dull pain

112 Getz of jazz

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114 Algerian city

116 Compass dir.

118 Before

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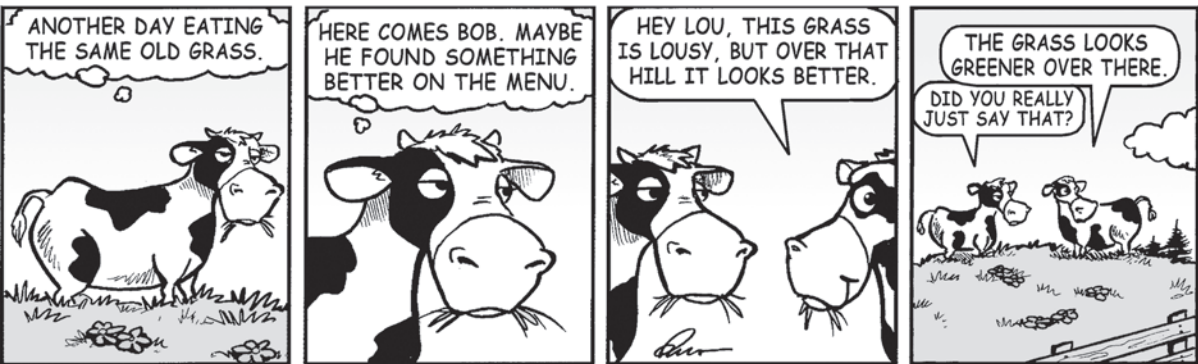


Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



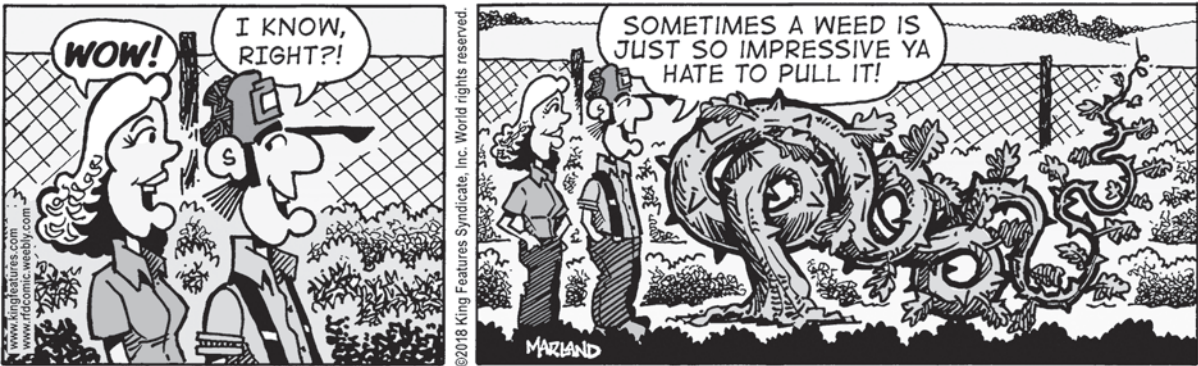
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THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



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Does ‘an aspirin a day’ keep heart risk at bay?

*DEAR DR. ROACH: A column in a popular consumer magazine states that taking a baby aspirin daily does more harm than good, and it should not be taken unless you have heart disease. I have been taking a baby aspirin daily for 10 years, and now I'm concerned. Your thoughts, please. – G.D.*



Experts disagree on the best advice. Some points, however, are not controversial: Aspirin is beneficial for reducing future heart risks in people with established heart disease, but it increases the risk of bleeding events. Some of these are minor, but a few are potentially life-threatening.

According to a recent review of published studies, in people at higher-than-average risk for heart disease, a daily aspirin reduces the risk of a nonfatal heart attack by about 20 percent, without significantly changing stroke risk or risk of dying from heart disease. Risk of bleeding is increased by 50 percent. Also, newer evidence suggests that aspirin may decrease the risk of some cancers, especially colon cancer.

Aspirin is more likely to have a net benefit in people with higher risk of heart disease, even if it isn't diagnosed. The decision of taking aspirin should be made after a thorough review of all your individual risk factors, including heart disease risk and history of bleeding, and possibly colon cancer risk. When I discuss aspirin with patients, I very seldom recommend it to anyone with no known coronary disease who has had a significant side effect (such as bleeding) with aspirin in the past. As more studies are failing to show benefit, these recommendations may change.

*DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 48-year-old woman in pretty good health. I was a smoker for 30-plus years and quit about three years ago. I don't have any signs of COPD or other lung ailments yet, but I fear they are just around the corner. My question is, is there anything I can do now to postpone or prevent the onset of these diseases, or at least decrease their severity? – V.M.*

Not all smokers will develop COPD. Some smokers are more susceptible than others to the effects of the many toxic chemicals in tobacco smoke. Conversely, some nonsmokers can develop COPD, especially those who lack a protective enzyme, alpha-1 antitrypsin; this is more likely in those exposed

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EVEN WHEN IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

NEVER GIVE UP  
UNTIL THEY BUCKLE UP.



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## Health

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to secondhand smoke or other airborne pollutants.

Quitting smoking is by far the most important action you can take to reduce your risk of developing lung disease, but there may be others. Avoid other airborne pollutants, especially other smokers, but also dusts and fumes.

Some preliminary evidence suggests that statin drugs might slow down COPD, but there are conflicting studies, and I don't recommend them just for COPD. Regular exercise may help, and it certainly helps your heart and many other systems.

The booklet on COPD explains in detail both emphysema and

chronic bronchitis, the two elements of COPD. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 601W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. 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.

*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). (c) 2018 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals T

EU JI EIDFSO VJT J KXCFYURH  
EBKRHDF OX YXJB JWXRO  
SHXDEIP OVEIPD, CXRHT EO WF  
J DVROOFY WRP?

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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

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## The Suicide Report



by Freddy Groves

The newly released National Suicide Data Report shows that the number of veterans who commit suicide is unchanged.

The report covers the years 2005 to 2015, which is a big concern. That time period ended three years ago. What is going on right now?

The report is full of data manipulated in various ways, with subpopulations, unadjusted rates, age-adjusted rates, by race, by branch of service, by era... and more. It's loaded with charts with rates versus percentage versus real numbers.

The number of veterans has gone down, by 15.2 percent. The percentage of veterans using Department of Veterans Affairs health care has gone up. Suicides went down among the group using VA health care. The biggest rate of increase category is female veterans who did not use VA health care services –

but males in VA health care had the largest actual number.

The next biggest category is all veterans, male and female, who did and didn't use VA health care services. The smallest category is for female veterans who used those services. In the "unadjusted" chart breaking down age, there is not a single group with smaller numbers in 2015 than there were in 2005.

Let me repeat that: Every single category, male female, all ages, saw bigger numbers from 2005 to 2015.

Unless you were a statistics major in college, these charts and graphs will boggle the mind, with nothing making sense. The only graph that spells out the truth in an understandable way is the one showing that the number of veteran suicides from 2008 to 2015 has remained steady at 20 per day.

If you want a more comprehensive understanding, wade through the 48-page VA National Suicide Data Report 2005–2015.

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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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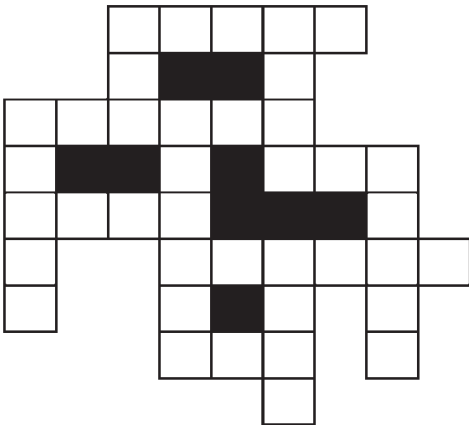
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♥BDU  
RADC  
♥EACUS  
♥PSU  
♥DAMLIE  
♥KREBA  
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) 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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• "For gorgeous biscuits, add a bit of sugar to your biscuit mix. They brown well and have lovely golden tops. To add depth to your sausage gravy, add a tablespoon of strong coffee just before serving. My granny did both of these, and her biscuits and gravy were famously good."

– J.R. in Alabama

• "Tape pool noodles together to form a long line and secure across the width of your backyard pool to partition off an area just for the little kids. It's not about safety, since you should be watching your kids every minute. We do this so that the bigger kids – who like to splash and dive – don't run into the littler ones who are just floating or practicing swimming."

– W.L. in Florida

• "When my children were little, they liked to do puzzles. We had quite a lot of them. So we wouldn't get them mixed up, as soon as we opened the box, I would put a color on the back of all the pieces. Each puzzle had a different color, of course. It saved a of time and energy."

– P.H. in Pennsylvania

• "How to bring the squeak and shine to glassware: Put 1 tablespoon of white vinegar into the water and dish soap. Try it and you'll see it works!"

– T.G. in New York

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## Villalobos

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research programs that promote research for community college students."

PAESMEM recognizes outstanding efforts of mentors in encouraging the next generation of innovators and developing a science and engineering workforce that reflects the diverse talent of America. "The mentoring that takes place at EPCC between our faculty and students transforms lives," Dr. William Serrata, EPCC President said. "We are very proud of Dean Joshua Villalobos for receiving the White House Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring along with the work he does every day to give students the guidance and inspiration they need to learn and succeed."