



## NEWSBRIEFS

### College debt

With college students going back to school and 10.7 percent of all student loans 90+ days delinquent or in default as of Q1 2018, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2018's States with the Most and Least Student Debt*. To determine the states that are friendliest toward student-loan debtors, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 11 key metrics. The data set ranges from average student debt to unemployment rate among the population aged 25 to 34 to share of students with past-due loan balances. Texas was 35th in the study, ranking:

- 38th – Avg. Student Debt;
- 31st – Proportion of Students with Debt;
- 24th – Student Debt as % of Income (Adjusted for Cost of Living);
- 27th – Unemployment Rate of Population Aged 25 to 34;
- 23rd – % of Student Loans Past Due or in Default;
- 35th – % of Student-Loan Borrowers Aged 50+;
- 24th – Availability of Student Jobs;
- 31st – Availability of Paid Internships; and
- 12th – Grant Growth.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-states-for-student-debt/7520/> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

### The good thief

She left her wallet, containing \$160, at a Walmart store in Clinton, AR. She returned and retrieved the wallet but found that a thief had removed the cash. But the crook turned out to be “a good thief” and a few days later anonymously dropped off an envelope at the police station. It contained the stolen cash and a note addressed: “To the lady that left her wallet at Walmart.” It read, in part, “please forgive me as I always strive to have integrity, and that day I failed miserably.”

– John Grimaldi

### How long?

And, here’s a world record that requires stamina. It’s the one for the oldest living married couple. The record keepers at Guinness announced recently that a Japanese couple managed to celebrate their 80th wedding anniversary due to their longevity. He is 108-years-young and she is a mere 100.

– John Grimaldi

*Our legislators would practice more economy if they weren't so out of practice.*

– Quips & Quotes



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**STILL OPEN** – Future plans for the immigrant shelter at the Tornillo port of entry are unclear. It was constructed in June and due to close by August 13, but now the federal government has extended the contract by 30 days for the second time. Above is the port’s toll plaza.

## Tornillo shelter to stay open another 30 days

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO – About 130 unaccompanied minors are still being housed in tent structures at the Marcelino Serna Tornillo Port of Entry in Tornillo, Texas, according to State Representative Cesar Blanco.

Blanco and five other members of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus of the Texas House visited the facility recently to meet with federal officials and leaders from BCFS, the San Antonio-based nonprofit currently running day-to-day operations. Touring the site along with Rep. Blanco were State Representatives Diego Bernal, Mary Gonzalez, Ina Minjarez, Eddie Rodriguez, and Gina Hinojosa.

The temporary tent shelters for immigrant children at the Tornillo port of entry will stay open for at least another month at their current capacity, Blanco

related.

The facility was scheduled to close on Monday, August 13, the date when the federal government’s latest contract with BCFS was slated to expire. But a spokesperson with the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families in a public statement indicated that the government would continue operations in Tornillo for an additional 30 days, setting the new closing date for September 13.

Blanco stated that officials at the Tornillo facility told lawmakers on tour that there are no plans to accept 4,000 additional minors at the shelter as initially reported. The original request for a contractor to operate the shelter included the possibility of increasing the capacity to as many as 4,000 beds; but, so far, the shelter, which opened with 400 available beds, has not increased its capacity, according to officials.

The tent structures at the port of entry were erected in June to serve as temporary

housing for minors apprehended crossing the border alone and those who were separated from their parents under the Trump administration’s zero tolerance immigration policy.

The minors who are still living at the shelter are boys between the ages of 13 and 17, who were apprehended crossing the border without an adult, Blanco stated. The shelter once had as many as 326 children, including girls and children separated from their parents at the border.

State Representative González, who is from Clint, criticized the lack of transparency in the current process for operating the shelter. “This is happening every 30 days,” she said at the recent press conference after meeting with officials at the shelter. “The lack of transparency, the lack of a process really makes it difficult for advocates and policymakers to make decisions. If it changes every 30 days, if it’s for 400 or 4,000- that’s a big difference,” Gonzalez asserted.

## High school seniors urged to apply for Elks scholarship

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The 2018-19 Elks National Foundation (ENF) Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship information has been sent to all the El Paso County high schools, as local Elks lodge members request assistance from high school counselors in getting the scholarship information out to all the seniors.

Local Elks Lodge #187 scholarship committee co-chairs, Teddy and Chuy Martinez, reported that they made sure that the MVS scholarship information went out to all the El Paso and New Mexico area districts before the

## Smith receives leadership award

By Keri Moe  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Steven Smith, Vice President of Instruction and Workforce Education for El Paso Community College (EPCC) has received the 2018 Carl M. “Cheesie” Nelson Administrative Leadership Award. Conferred by the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC), this award recognizes administrators with outstanding leadership qualities who have made a significant impact on higher education.

“Vice President Smith has consistently been a driving force behind our institution’s efforts to provide excellent education and support services to our students,” EPCC President Dr. William Serrata said. “His outstanding



# The Turkish hostage crisis

It's never a good idea to negotiate with a hostage-taker, but when it's a NATO ally, there isn't much choice.

The Trump administration has been trying to get back a Christian pastor detained in Turkey since October 2016, and when a possible deal at the sidelines of the NATO summit

fell through, decided to drop the hammer.

The administration sanctioned Turkey's justice and interior ministers – remember, these are top officials of a fellow NATO country. The action hit the Turkish currency and stock market hard.

Then President Donald Trump intervened in his inimitable style, with a tweet promising a doubling of aluminum and steel tariffs against the country and pointedly noting the drop in the value of the lira.

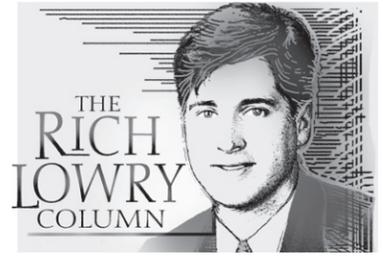
As always, the president's shoot-from-the-lip style is open to question, but Turkey deserved every last character – including the two exclamation points – in that presidential tweet. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is not Justin Trudeau or Angela Merkel, a leader firmly within the liberal West who annoys Trump. He's an Islamist authoritarian who is fundamentally changing the character of an erstwhile ally.

Erdogan's resort to hostage-taking as a tactic to gain leverage over allies – it's not just us – is a barbarous throwback and a disgusting homage to rogue states like Iran and North Korea. He also has grabbed a Turkish-American NASA scientist and local employees of American consulates.

The case against the pastor, the highest-profile case, is ludicrous. Andrew Brunson lived with his family in a seaside city, Izmir, for more than 20 years until the government, after Erdogan survived a coup, decided that he was guilty of aiding terrorist organizations and military espionage.

The alleged supporting evidence is a collection of absurdities – a video of a traditional Arab dish sent to Brunson by his daughter, a church member texting the pastor about missing a service, a photo of him with a man in a scarf bearing certain colors, and so on.

What this clearly is about is holding Brunson to try to



get Fethullah Gulen, a former Erdogan ally and cleric who lives on a farm in Pennsylvania. With great fervency but little evidence, the Turkish government accuses Gulen of being behind the shadowy July 15, 2016, coup that became an occasion for Erdogan to seize emergency powers and purge the state and civil society of his political enemies. This isn't a trade the U.S. should be willing to make.

Erdogan blames an "economic war" for his country's dire economic straits. He should instead blame his own mismanagement. Turkey was already vulnerable to an end of the era of cheap capital, even before it pursued a course of confrontation with a country vastly richer and more powerful than it is.

There were always going to be stresses in the U.S.-Turkish alliance; Turkey views the Kurds as a threat, and we consider them allies. But the chief cause of the radical deterioration in the relationship is Turkey's rank anti-Americanism, a paranoia stoked at every turn by Erdogan for his own cynical purposes.

He is now reaping what he sowed, and if Erdogan wants relief, his first step should be releasing the hostages.

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

## Public Notice Tornillo Independent School District SECTION 504 SERVICES

The Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational services/options to identified students with disabilities who reside within the district.

- ◆ Child find activities to notify students with disabilities and their parents of their rights and the district's obligation to provide a free, appropriate public education.
- ◆ Referrals to Sections 504 when it is believed the students have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and the students are in need of educational accommodations.
- ◆ Procedural safeguards under Section 504.
- ◆ Evaluations of students to determine eligibility for the Section 504 program.
- ◆ Placement into the Section 504 program, which means the student may receive:
  - ✓ individually planned modifications in the regular classroom,
  - ✓ health services from the school nurse,
  - ✓ accommodations regarding access to any part of the campus, or
  - ✓ assistance in reading for students with dyslexia in a reading program which meets the state's standards for a dyslexia reading program.
- ◆ Special education services are available to Section 504 students, if the students qualify for one of the specific disabilities under special education.
- ◆ Nondiscrimination protections of 504.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator, Rosa Hinski, P.O. Box 170 19200 Cobb Avenue, Tornillo, TX 79853, (915) 765-3040.

## SERVICIOS DE LA SECCION 504

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes servicios/ opciones educacionales a los estudiantes con discapacidades identificados que residen dentro del distrito.

- ◆ Actividades para encontrar a niños para notificar a los estudiantes con discapacidades y a sus padres de sus derechos y de las obligaciones del distrito a proporcionar una educación publica que sea gratuita y apropiada.
- ◆ Referimientos a la Sección 504 cuando se cree que el estudiante tiene una discapacidad mental o fisica que limita substancialmente una o mas actividades vitales importantes y los estudiantes necesitan modificaciones en su educación.
- ◆ Derechos legales garantizados bajo Sección 504.
- ◆ Evaluaciones de estudiantes para determinar si califican para el programa de la Sección 504.
- ◆ Colocación dentro del programa de la Sección 504, lo que significa que el estudiante puede recibir:
  - ✓ modificaciones en el salon de educación regular planeadas individualmente,
  - ✓ servicios de salud por la enfermera de la escuela,
  - ✓ cambios que garanticen el acceso a cualquier parte de la escuela,
  - ✓ ayuda en lectura para estudiantes con dislexia en un programa de lectura que cumpla con los requisitos que pide el estado a un programa de lectura de dislexia.
- ◆ Se ofrecen servicios de educación especial a los estudiantes Sección 504, si los estudiantes califican para una de las discapacidades especificas bajo educación especial.
- ◆ Protecciones de no discriminación de 504.

Si usted desea mas informacion o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el Distrito Escolar de Tornillo y que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con la Coordinadora de Seccion 504 del Distrito, Rosa Hinski, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo TX, 79853, 915-765-3040.

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### Scholarship

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application portal opened August 15.

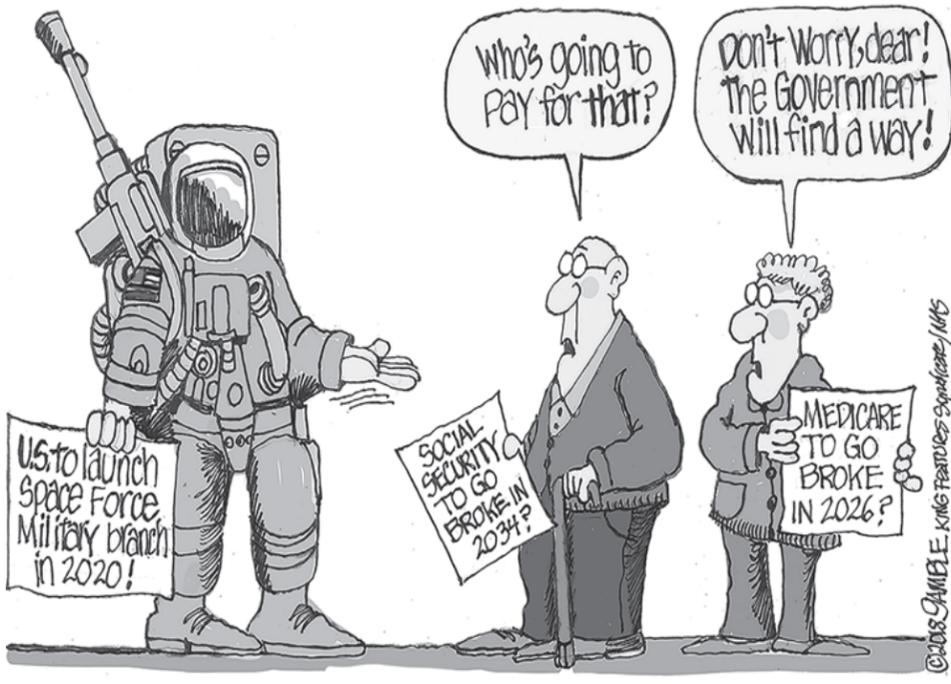
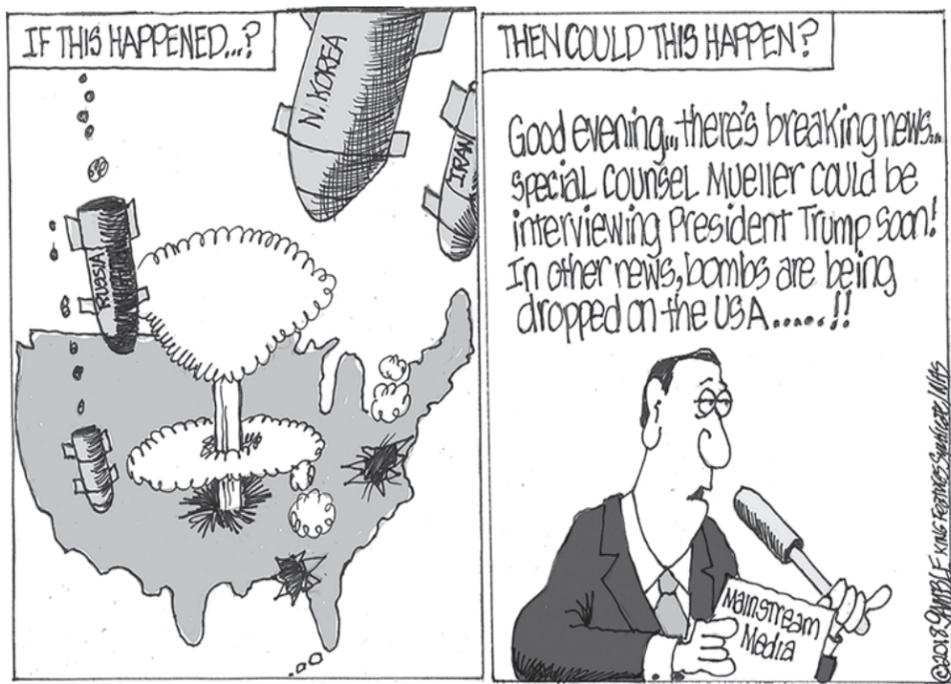
“This is the seventh year that we have been recruiting student for the scholarship. Last year, there were a total of 107 applicants from the El Paso and New Mexico area schools,” stated Teddy Martinez. “In the past seven years, six students have been awarded individually a \$4,000 scholarship. Last year, an Eastwood High School senior did not only receive that amount but also an all expense paid trip to the national convention that was held in San Antonio this past July,” she said.

The MVS scholarship is open to any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen,

is a high academic achiever, is active in school and community activities, and is recognized as a leader by his or her peers, Teddy Martinez said.

Interested individuals may apply online at [elks.org](http://elks.org). The application deadline is November 15. Elks Lodge members’ judging of applications at the district, state, and national levels will be held beginning in December and continue through March. The top 20 finalists will travel to Chicago for the MVS Leadership Weekend conference, April 11-14.

For more information, contact Teddy Martinez, at (915) 503-3067, or send email to [liliamartinez48@hotmail.com](mailto:liliamartinez48@hotmail.com). In the event that you are unable to reach her, leave a message at the El Paso Lodge #187 at (915) 532-4441 or at [elpaso187@gmail.com](mailto:elpaso187@gmail.com).



## Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 11 of El Paso County

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo Del Este Municipal Utility District No. 11 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Jose R. Soto, Mary Suzann Pell, Darwin Voge, Marisa Lascurain and Murray Van Gundy**

**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**  
**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**  
**ABSENT**: **NONE**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 144,116.00	\$ 145,419.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 144,116.00	\$ 145,419.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,080.87	\$ 1,090.64
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+ \$ 9.77	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 0.90%	

#### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The September 27 and October 4, 2018 issues will go to press on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Thursday, September 13, 2018.

The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Wednesday, September 19, 2018. The office will open again on Monday, October 8, 2018.

**Smith**

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leadership has resulted in measurable results.”

Smith was selected for this competitive award out of nominees submitted from all 50 community colleges across Texas. Smith who describes success as seeing students walk across the stage to receive their degree at commencement has worked at EPCC for nearly 30 years. In his current role he oversees all of the instructional, workforce and education programs at EPCC’s five campuses that serve around 30,000 students.

“This award celebrates exemplary commitment to Texas students, leadership, professional decorum, collaboration and community engagement,” Jacob Fraire, TACC President and CEO said.



**Moments in time**  
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Sept. 3, 1783, the American Revolution officially comes to an end when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain and France sign the Treaty of Paris. The signing established the boundaries of America from Florida to the Great Lakes and the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi River.

- On Sept. 4, 1957, the Ford Motor Company unveils the Edsel. The car had a distinctive look, but not in a good way to many people. The big impact ring in the middle of its front grille looked (one reporter said) like “a Pontiac pushing a toilet seat.”

- On Sept. 5, 1972, Arab terrorists known as Black September take Israeli athletes hostage at the Olympic village in Munich, Germany. Twenty hours later following a German ambush, 11 Israeli athletes, 5 Palestinian terrorists and a police official lay dead.

- On Sept. 6, 1995, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. plays in his 2,131st consecutive game. Ripken went on to play 2,632 games in a row before voluntarily removing himself from a game on Sept. 19, 1998.

- On Sept. 7, 1776, during the Revolutionary War, the American submersible craft *Turtle* attempts to attach a time bomb to the hull of British Admiral Richard Howe’s flagship *Eagle* in New York Harbor. The *Turtle* was an 8-foot-long wooden submersible with lead ballast for balance.

- On Sept. 8, 2003, the Recording Industry Association of America begins suing individual sharers of copyrighted mp3 songs, some of whom are children. In the first 20 months, the RIAA sued over 11,000 people.

- On Sept. 9, 1967, Sgt. Duane D. Hackney is presented with the Air Force Cross for bravery in rescuing a USAF pilot in Vietnam. He was the first living Air Force enlisted man to receive the award.

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**Notice of Tax Revenue Increase**

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1** conducted public hearings on August 16, 2018 and August 23, 2018 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1** from the properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 0.006326 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year’s tax rate of \$0.099468 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,289,062.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,448,206.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax toll this year, is \$2,607,010.

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 30, 2018 at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928 at 6:30 PM.

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1** proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of Maintenance, Operations, and Capital Improvements for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

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**CryptoQuip Answer**

When you suddenly get a great idea about a cloudburst, would you call that a rainstorm brainstorm?

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American author, journalist and psychoanalysis researcher Judith Viorst who made the following sage observation: "Infatuation is when you think that he's as sexy as Robert Redford, as smart as Henry Kissinger, as noble as Ralph Nader, as funny as Woody Allen, and as athletic as Jimmy Connors. Love is when you realize he's as sexy as Woody Allen, as smart as Jimmy Connors, as funny as Ralph Nader, as athletic as Henry Kissinger and nothing like Robert Redford – but you'll take him anyway."

• Records show that during the last seven months of Elvis Presley's life, he had 5,300 different medications prescribed for him.

• Those who study such things say that Labor Day is Americans' third most favorite holiday, ranking only after Christmas/Hanukkah and Memorial Day. Also, a quarter of Americans are expected to travel out of town over the holiday weekend, with the most popular destinations being New York City, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Orlando and Chicago.

• In the TV show "Charlie's Angels," it was a requirement that each of the stars had eight different outfits for each episode.

• The country of South Africa has a grand total of 11 official languages.

• Now that fall is approaching, here are a couple of interesting tidbits for parents: In the United States, the average K-12 student has \$688 in back-to-school expenses. For the average college student, that goes up to \$970.

• You may be surprised to learn that the first Caesar salad was actually created in Tijuana, Mexico.

• For reasons that aren't quite clear, in Sweden, it's illegal to train a seal to balance a ball on the tip of its nose.

Thought for the Day: "The most dangerous strategy is to jump a chasm in two leaps."  
– Benjamin Disraeli

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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: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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## Moore Texas by Roger Moore

### The Texas Legislature named the chuckwagon as the official Texas VEHICLE!



### Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice - Child Find

The Tornillo Independent School District has a duty to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities ages 3-21 who reside within the district, including those attending private schools. This process is called Child Find, and all eligible students may receive services, at no cost, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). For additional information, please Rosa Hinski, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853, 915-765-3040.

### Noticia Pública Identificación De Niños (Child Find)

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo tiene que identificar, localizar y evaluar todos los niños con discapacidades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años de edad, incluso niños que asisten escuelas privadas. Este proceso se llama Identificación de Niños (Child Find), y todos los estudiantes elegibles pueden recibir servicios sin costo, a través de La Ley para la Educación de Individuos con Discapacidades (IDEA). Para más información, favor de ponerse en contacto con Rosa Hinski, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853, 915-765-3040.

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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: X equals D

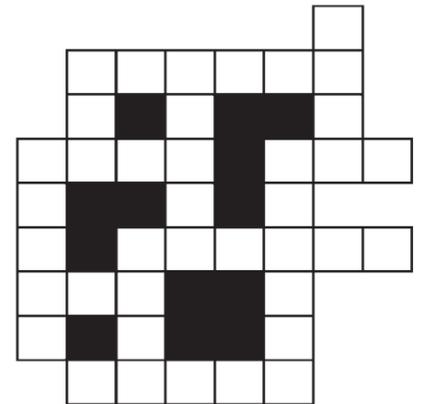
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W MEKWY QXKW WRVY W  
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YDWY W EWQZCYAEJ REWQZCYAEJ?

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- IVA
- VENCXO
- EASIN
- GEAD
- ♥LANGIE
- XSE
- IGNA
- GUNED
- OGC
- EGONIS
- EAVGA
- LEAX



Answer Page 4

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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# Tiger Woods has golf, fans, by the tail once more

**By Steve Escajeda**  
*Special to the Courier*

There are some things we all experienced when we were younger that we'll never go through again.

Things like believing in Santa Claus and going through the anticipation of what he might leave behind on Christmas morning. And how about that thing that used to hide under your bed at night? It's gone now but once in a while you still think of it.

Of course there are other things like the Easter Bunny and leprechauns and unicorns and Big Foot and who knows how many things we believed in when we were young but not anymore.

Another one of the things we all experienced when we were younger and never thought we'd go through again was watching Tiger Woods threaten to win another major golf tournament.

The way he'd been playing the last few years, just making the cut in any tournament was a challenge.

But being able to watch Tiger roar again

is bringing fans back to golf... again.

It looked like Tiger would be stuck at 14 major titles for the rest of his life (4 behind Jack Nicklaus' record of 18) but this year he came very close to winning two.

Woods actually led by a stroke after the 10th hole on the final day of the (British) Open Championship and finished second a couple weeks ago at the PGA Tournament, just two strokes behind the winner.

While it's true, Tiger wasn't able to close the deal in either tournament, just the fact that he was in serious contention at the end brought all of us back to the days when he was simply unstoppable.

And the way he's playing right now, I don't think anyone has a doubt that he'll start putting tournaments away like he used to.

To say that fans have forgiven Tiger for the mistakes he's made is an understatement. The groups of people who walked alongside him to watch his every shot at the PGA was impressive.

The roars coming from the crowd on the way to his final round 64 were deafening.

And of course Tiger Woods being in contention at any tournament is the best thing that can happen to golf.

Don't get me wrong, Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth, Jason Day, Justin Thomas and Dustin Johnson are all great golfers. But once you find out any of them are winning, are you going to run to the TV and turn on the tournament?

Probably not.

But once word starts circulating that Tiger is in the running, TV sets start turning on all over the country.

They call it the "Tiger Effect." Here's an example. The final round coverage of the PGA that Tiger almost won two weeks ago drew a 69-percent higher rating than last year's PGA Tournament.

The TV ratings of this year's British Open were the best since 2000. And in case you didn't know, Tiger won the tournament in 2000, completing his career Grand Slam.

Let's face it, we're all watching something we never thought we'd see again. And now that Tiger is back many of us actually check the internet to follow

golf.

That is something many of us (including myself) never do if Tiger isn't playing or is out of the running.

And why do we all run to witness this golfer, the same reason we stopped to watch Michael Jordan or Wayne Gretzky or Muhammad Ali or Mike Tyson or Bo Jackson or Nolan Ryan or Usain Bolt.

True greatness and charisma only come around every generation or so. And sometimes it's gone as quickly as it got here.

And with Tiger we all thought it was gone forever. Now we get a second chance to remember what it was like to watch those amazing shots and those nerves of steel.

Will Tiger eventually put it all together and win at least one more major? Anybody care?

Just the fact that we can enjoy that special feeling of watching him don the red and black on Sunday with his name on the leader board is enough.

Oh and by the way, for the record, yes, I do believe he can win a couple more majors.

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## Education benefits expanded again



by Freddy Groves

The Forever GI Bill has expanded again, this time by 15 provisions, adding to the 13 from last year. The bill, aka The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, provides an increasing number of education benefits to veterans, active duty, their families and survivors.

Here are some of the provisions that have just taken effect:

- Veteran and military families who have lost a family member who was getting education benefits can reallocate those benefits.
- Additional Guard and Reserve service now counts toward eligibility.
- The Yellow Ribbon Program is expanded, making more funds available for more students.
- Housing allowance is available for days not on active duty.
- Purple Heart recipients after Sept. 11, 2001 are eligible for benefits for 36 months.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs is developing

a pilot program for high-tech training and skills.

• The Survivors' and Dependents' program is expanding from 36 to 45 months, and the monthly allowance is going up, starting in October.

• In addition, there are changes to monthly housing based on ZIP code, and restoration of benefits when schools close or a course of study is canceled.

Found on the VA's benefits Twitter page (@VAVetBenefits): "For VA benefits eligibility purposes, the Gulf War period is still in effect, which means that Gulf War Veterans may be eligible for a wide variety of VA benefits." If you have questions, call the Education Call Center at (888) 442-4551. Also see the whole list of education benefits at [www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/FGIBSummaries.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/FGIBSummaries.asp).

And in case you wondered, the Colmery in the bill's name was a national commander of the American Legion who drafted the original GI Bill of Rights in 1944. Legend says he wrote the draft on some hotel stationery. We have him to thank for a lot of things.

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## Health

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the thigh and another on the arm. Sometimes, an angiogram is necessary.

Since it's really the same disease as coronary artery disease and cerebrovascular disease, people with PAD are at much higher risk for heart attack and stroke. Although we cannot, in general, cure PAD, we have many different kinds of treatments to reduce risk of catastrophic events and to improve symptoms.

Treatment starts with modifying existing risk factors, especially smoking, which is the most powerful modifiable risk. A proper diet that cuts down on excess unhealthy fats and simple

sugars is important. A monitored exercise program, gradually increasing in duration and intensity, can have a dramatic effect on function. Most people will benefit from statin drugs and anti-platelet drugs, such as aspirin.

*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.*

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