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NEWSBRIEFS

Fattest states

With November being National Diabetes Awareness Month and Americans collectively spending nearly \$237 billion per year on obesity-related health costs, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2018's Fattest States in America as well as accompanying videos, along with interesting stats about diabetes in its Facts & Statistics infographic. To determine which states contribute the most to America's overweight and obesity problem, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 25 key metrics. They range from share of overweight and obese population to sugary-beverage consumption among adolescents to obesity-related health care costs. Texas was the 10th fattest state in this study, ranking:

- 30th Percent of Overweight Adults;
- 24th Percent of Obese Adults;
- 2nd Percent of Obese Children;
- 16th Percent of Physically Inactive Adults;
- 14th Percent of Adults with High Cholesterol;
- 28th Percent of Adults Eating Less than 1 Serving of Fruits/Vegetables per Day;
- 10th Percent of Adults with Type 2 Diabetes; and
- 25th Percent of Adults with Hypertension.

Visit https://wallethub.com/edu/ fattest-states/16585/ for the full report.

Diabetes Facts & Statistics

- \$327 Billion: Estimated cost of diabetes in the U.S. in 2017 (\$237 billion in direct medical costs. • \$90 billion in nonmedical costs).
- \$9,600: Average annual diabetesrelated health care costs for patients.
- 2.3: Number of times by which a diabetes patient's health care costs increase.
- 14 & 18 Years: Reduction in the average male and female type 1 diabetes patient's life expectancy, respectively.

http://wallethub.com/blog/ Visit diabetes-statistics/41253/ for the full infographic.

– Diana Polk

Equine mischief

A horse at the famed French racetrack,

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You can never get much of anything done unless you go ahead and do it before you are ready.

— Quips & Quotes

School districts' final financial accountability ratings released

By Alfredo Vasquez Special to the Courier

TEXAS - Texas Education Agency (TEA) released recently the final 2017-2018 financial accountability evaluations for more than 1,200 school districts and charters across the state, with five of El Paso County's nine school districts receiving an 'A', three earning a 'B', and one receiving a 'F' ratings.

in 2001, the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) is designed to encourage public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes, TEA officials explained.

The local school districts that received an 'A', or Superior, rating were Anthony ISD, Clint ISD, San Elizario ISD, Socorro ISD, and Ysleta ISD, according to TEA reports. Earning a 'B', or Above Standard, rating were Canutillo ISD, Tornillo ISD, and El Paso ISD. The lone district to receive a 'F', or Substandard Achievement, rating was Fabens ISD.

The FIRST ratings are calculated using 15 financial indicators, such as administrative cost expenditures; the accuracy of a district or charter's financial information submitted to TEA; and

any financial vulnerabilities or material weaknesses in internal controls as determined by an external auditor, TEA officials stated.

Ratings for 2017-2018 are based on annual financial reports provided to TEA by districts and charters for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The financial accountability system requires TEA to review the audited financial reports from all districts and charters.

Created by the 77th Texas Legislature charter is assigned one of four possible letter grades (A, B, C or F), as well as a coinciding financial management rating (Superior, Above Standard Achievement, required to report information and Meets Standard, or Achievement).

There are five critical indicators that

result in an automatic F or Substandard Achievement rating should a school district or open-enrollment charter fail in that specific category - regardless of overall score, TEA officials cited.

In addition, FIRST ratings for charter schools operated by a public institution of higher education (IHE) are being assigned for the first time. Based on seven indicators, IHEs are assigned either a Pass or Fail rating. For 2017-2018, every public institution of higher education operating a charter school (7) received a FIRST rating of Pass.

For IHEs, there are two critical indicators that result in an automatic Fail A school district or open-enrollment rating should an IHE fail in that specific category - regardless of the overall

> All school districts and charters are Substandard financial accountability ratings to parents

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School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)

Statewide, 99 percent of all Texas school districts and charters earned a successful final rating for 2017-2018. The most recent FIRST ratings are as follows:

Final Rating	<u>Districts</u>	<u>Charters</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pct.
A - Superior	846	118	964	81%
B – Above Standard				
Achievement	110	23	133	11%
C – Meets Standard	62	16	78	7%
F - Substandard				
Achievement	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1%</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>1022</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>1,187</u>	<u>100%</u>

Loya Primary getting new parking lot

By Hector Gonzalez Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO - Construction is underway for more parking spaces at Lorenzo G. Loya Primary School.

"The need for additional parking became a priority for Loya Primary when the City of San Elizario passed an ordinance that prohibits vehicles from parking adjacent to any public school extending 50 feet passed the school property line," said George Luevano, Director of Support Services at San Elizario ISD. "This means parents can no longer park on the side of the road near or across the primary school. Those who refuse to abide by this ordinance are subject to citations and fines."

To help ease the matter, district personnel met with San Elizario ISD's Board of Trustees and proposed adding more parking to the primary school. After much consideration and review, the Board gave the green light to proceed with the construction project of more parking spaces.

"Approximately 100 new spots will be available for parents," Luevano said. "It is going to cost about \$420,000 and



MORE ACCESS, SAFETY - Parents will soon be able to use a new lot for parking when attending the needs of their children at Lorenzo G. Loya Primary School.

this money comes from bond savings assembly, parent-teacher conference, or realized from the original bond projects that were approved by community voters in November 2014."

Ruby Martinez is the mother of a child who attends Loya Primary and she says more parking spaces will make things much easier for her and other parents.

"Every time the school has an awards completion February of 2019.

any other school celebration, parking gets extremely full and it sometimes takes us several minutes trying to find a place to park," Martinez said. "With the upcoming parking lot, we will no longer have to park our vehicles far and make the long walk."

The project is expected to reach

View from here By John Grinaldi

Seniors are targets for telescammers

Americans receive tens of citizens, says the Association increased by at least 50%. of Mature American Citizens (AMAC).

easier to place automated phone apps on the market, says that calls and while many legitimate robocalls are cheap. He says companies use them to sell it costs just a penny a minute. products and services, criminals And, the technology news Web are having a lucrative field day site, Futurism reports that some using computer generated calls phone carriers actually kick back to swindle innocent citizens," according to AMAC president and scammer. Dan Weber.

billions of robocalls each year - Commission says that the a penny a call, it adds up that's billions with a "B." And, number one consumer complaint considering the fact that the you can make book on the fact it consistently receives is for that too many of them are not unwanted automated calls. In calls a month. The Robocall from telemarketers but from fact, during the first half of Index, which keeps track of may be annoying, but the telescammers targeting senior 2018, the number of robocalls

Ethan Garr, an executive at TelTech, a company that makes "Technology is making it one of the many call blocker micropayments to telemarketers,

> Although such payments

The Federal Communications amount to just a fraction of callers are making billions of automated call frequency, says that more than 5 billion such calls were made in the U.S. just last month, more than double the number of calls made in the same period in 2017.

> month police in Pennsylvania arrested a man in connection citizens. He was charged with swindling elderly in various parts of the country out of some \$400,000. What he allegedly did was to call seniors and tell them that a grandson was in trouble and needed cash immediately.

And then there was the Publishers Clearing House scammer who called a 90-yearold woman in New York earlier this month and conned her out of \$20,000 by claiming she had won a PCH prize.

"Both of these scams are fairly common," says Weber. "But, oftentimes the crooks get creative. For example, the IRS says some of them have found ways to alter their caller IDs to make it look as though the Internal Revenue Service is on the line. They'll then threaten stiff penalties if the victims fail to pay money that they

allegedly owe."

bad that the Federal Trade approaching. Or when they alert Commission has created a scam alert that can help consumers of a credit card, remind you of avoid fraud, including telephone an upcoming appointment with fraud. I also provides what some your doctor or let you know that might call a "hit parade" of the your prescription is ready for latest cons.

Automated telephone calls statistics show that most them are that as many as 40% of robocalls amac.us) is a senior advoca-That means telescammers are marching orders from its mempotential victims a year.

with a telescam leveled at senior robocalling is bad. Such calls on how to best solve the probcan serve useful purposes such lems they face today.

as when they alert you to a life-The problem has gotten so threatening storm that may be you to potentially fraudulent use pick up at your local pharmacy," says Weber.

legitimate sales calls. However, The Association of Mature NBC News recently reported American Citizens (http://www. in the U.S. are from scammers. cy organization that takes its As for the scam calls, just last targeting more than 10 billion bers. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests "It doesn't mean that all and offering a practical insight

Briefs

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Domaine de Chantilly, bucked and threw his jockey recently and then headed straight for a nearby bar. Customers scattered

and ducked for cover as the skittish steed galloped from one end of the establishment to the other, according to reports. You can bet that Paris was abuzz with jokes about horses and bars. Perhaps you will recall the one about the horse that walked into a bar and was asked by the bartender: "why the long face."

- John Gramaldi

She's a big girl

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It was Fat Bear Week at Alaska's Katmai National Park and Beadnose was the people's choice for this year's fattest bear competition. The park posted pictures of 12 bears to choose from on its Web site and, Beadnose, whose estimated weight was figured to be 409 pounds, took the honors. The park put it this way when describing why Beadnose was selected: "Her radiant rolls were deemed by the voting public to be this year's most fabulous flab. Our chubby champ has a few more weeks to chow down on lingering salmon carcasses before she heads up the mountains to dig herself a den and savor her victory."

– John Gramaldi

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Why Trump should fear Joe Biden in '20

Joe Biden is a gaffe-prone states again look absolutely need.

define the 2020 election.

The play for Democrats states of Wisconsin, Michigan Pennsylvania. and Pennsylvania, and win the or working-class sensibility re-elected (newly Sens. Sherrod Brown of Ohio and come to mind).

faith, Irish ethnic background, union-friendly politics and upbringing in Delaware via do old and familiar, at least Pennsylvania make him as not when they win. The last close as the contemporary national Democratic Party gets to a working-class match for the Great Lakes states that Trump faced newcomers on the national stole from it in 2016.

From this juncture, those

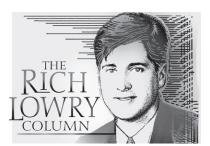
75-year-old Washington veteran crucial. If the rest of the - who is exactly what Democrats electoral map stays the same, The suburbs have turned of Wisconsin, Michigan and against Republicans, but Donald Pennsylvania to take back the Trump's working-class base is White House. Even if they pick still with him in a geographic off 2016 red states Arizona and demographic stand-off that and Georgia, they still need will – absent a game-changer – Michigan or Pennsylvania to get over 270.

Conversely, it's hard to see should be obvious: Make a where Trump goes and wins serious appeal to Trump's new territory to make up for the voters, take back the Blue Wall loss of Wisconsin, Michigan and

Trump didn't win those presidency. In other words, go three states by much, by about with Joe Biden or someone 80,000 votes collectively. More like him with a Midwestern than anything, he depended on running against a Democratic candidate who was unacceptable to working-class whites. Right Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota now, it looks like he needs a repeat performance by the His gruff manner, Catholic Democrats, and he may well get

> The Democrats don't usually three Democratic presidents, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, were freshscene.

And then, there are the party's



Democrats need to win all three new obsessions. Class has been trumped by race and gender, and as a white male Biden is 0-2. Inequality is now less of a motivator than intersectionality, economic privilege less of a concern than white privilege. This was a stumbling block for the class-obsessed Bernie Sanders last time, and would surely hamper Biden and Sherrod Brown in today's even more fevered context.

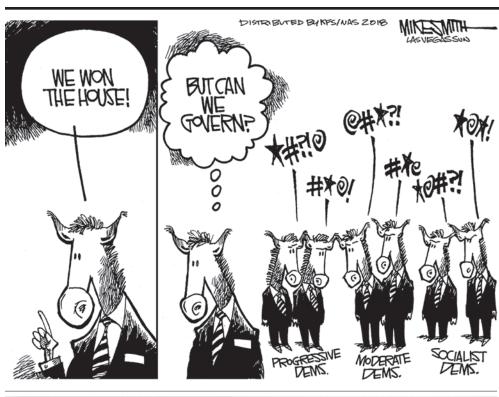
The Democrats are not set up to go with, in the derisive phrase, stale, pale and male. Perhaps they can find another Barack Obamatype candidate who lights up the base while having just enough draw for working-class whites. There also is more than one way to win back the Blue Wall – higher black turnout could make the difference.

But there's a good chance that Democrats will get consumed by the hot-house dynamic of their nominating process, and select someone who, like those defeated progressive darlings of the midterms - Beto O'Rourke,

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Ratings

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and taxpayers. In addition, districts and charters must hold a public discussion or hearing of their preliminary FIRST rating. regarding its financial report.

districts and charters of their TEA officials reported. preliminary FIRST rating in its rating had an opportunity to supporting evidence.

Forty-one school districts index4.aspx?id=3864.

submitted a request for an appeal of their preliminary FIRST rating. After a review of the submitted information, 13 appeals were granted. Additionally, six charters submitted a request for an appeal After a review of the submitted TEA formally notified school information, two were granted,

For more information about the August. At that time, any district final 2017-2018 FIRST ratings or charter that wished to appeal for all districts and charters (plus view final FIRST ratings from submit a written appeal with previous years), visit the TEA website at http://tea.texas.gov/

By Samantha Weaver

- was Hungarian psychiatrist Thomas Stephen Szasz who made the following sage observation: "If you talk to God, you are praying. If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia."
- You might be surprised to learn that David Duchovny, best known for his role as Agent Fox Mulder in "The X-Files," was just a from dissertation away being awarded a doctorate in English literature.
- · Did you know that the world's most popular fruit is the banana? It's true: In the United States, people consume more bananas than apples and oranges put together.
- In 2009, a Saudi couple who had spent their honeymoon in Malaysia encountered difficulty on the return flight home. It seems that the groom felt the bride was taking too long in the airport restroom, so he boarded the flight back to Saudi Arabia before she did. When he allowed the plane to leave without her, she insisted on an immediate divorce.
- Most people don't realize that in 1938, Time magazine featured Adolph Hitler on the cover as its Man of the Year.
- · Removing one's wedding ring is considered to be a nono by many. However, one superstition holds that doing so is perfectly acceptable as long as the ring is being used to ward off a witch.
- · Ever wonder why magazine publisher Hugh Hefner chose a rabbit as the symbol of his Playboy magazine? Evidently, when the mogul was a small boy one of his treasured possessions was a blanket with bunnies all over it.

Thought for the Day: "I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is: I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat."

> - Rebecca West, author and journalist

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San Elizario Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance **Governmental Funds** For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Data Contro Codes		General Fund	E	SEA Title I Part A		Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmenta Funds
	REVENUES:							
5700 5800 5900	Total Local and Intermediate Sources State Program Revenues Federal Program Revenues	\$ 2,869,518 32,648,008 3,965,079	\$	- - 2,267,741	\$	98,113 - -	\$ 446,761 1,798,003 1,318,458	\$ 3,414,39 34,446,01 7,551,27
5020	Total Revenues	39,482,605		2,267,741		98,113	3,563,222	45,411,68
	EXPENDITURES:							
	Current:							
0011 0012 0013 0021 0023 0031 0032 0033 0034 0035 0036 0041 0051 0052 0053 0061	Instruction Instructional Resources and Media Services Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development Instructional Leadership School Leadership Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services Social Work Services Health Services Student (Pupil) Transportation Food Services Extracurricular Activities General Administration Facilities Maintenance and Operations Security and Monitoring Services Data Processing Services Community Services	19,263,640 478,807 141,857 804,966 2,325,232 1,234,376 176,956 507,776 1,802,852 3,398,558 1,086,963 1,753,027 4,663,187 1,057,412 1,068,340 64,416		1,022,165 20,729 983,497 99,006 4,924 922 1,340 84,602 — — — — — — — 50,556		214,881 - - - - - - 130,364 - 358,467 7,440 73,305	1,318,696 384 324,752 39,593 3,372 513 - - 70,261 135,066 - - - 1,284	21,819,38 499,92 1,450,10 943,56 2,333,52 1,235,81 178,29 592,37 1,802,85 3,468,81 1,352,39 1,753,02 5,021,65 1,064,85 1,141,64 116,25
	Debt Service:							
0071 0072 0073	Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	851,000 148,311 400		- - -		- - -	495,000 1,185,550 400	1,346,00 1,333,86 80
	Capital Outlay:							
0081	Facilities Aquisition and Construction Intergovernmental:	-		-		3,486,933	-	3,486,93
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	32,714		_		_	_	32,71
6030	Total Expenditures	40,860,790		2,267,741		4,271,390	3,574,871	50,974,79
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,378,185)		_	(4	1,173,277)	(11,649)	(5,563,111
	Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	35,882		_		_	_	35,88
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,342,303)		_	(4	1,173,277)	(11,649)	(5,527,229
0100	Fund Balance – July 1 (Beginning)	16,435,832		_	,	9,066,344	838,797	26,340,97
3000	Fund Balance – June 30 (Ending)	\$ 15,093,529	\$	_	\$	4,893,067	\$ 827,148	\$ 20,813,74

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Moments

- · On Dec. 10, 1915, the onemillionth Model T car rolls off the assembly line at Ford's River Rouge plant in Detroit. Ford would go on to sell more than 15 million Model Ts. and toward the end of their run in 1927, had cut the price to just \$300 (about \$3,700 today).
- On Dec. 11, 1981, Jamaican boxer Trevor Berbick beats former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali in 10-round unanimous decision in Nassau, the Bahamas. At the age of 39, Ali (born Cassius Clay) was attempting his second comeback from retirement.
- On Dec. 12, 1963, a vinyl LP record, "John Fitzgerald Memorial Kennedy: Α Album," sets a record for album sales. Some 4 million copies sold in the first six days of its release. album included recordings of some of the late president's most memorable speeches.
- On Dec. 13, 2000, Vice President Al Gore reluctantly concedes defeat to Texas Gov. George W. Bush in his bid for the presidency, following five weeks of complex legal battles over the recounting of votes in Florida. Gore narrowly lost the state.
- On Dec. 14, 1939, the League of Nations, the international peacekeeping organization formed at the end of World War I, expels the Soviet Union in response to its invasion of Finland on Oct. 30.
- On Dec. 15, 1944, legendary bandleader Glenn Miller's aircraft disappears over the English Channel while en route to France. Miller had set aside his music career at its peak in 1942 to serve his country as leader of the USAAF dance band
- On Dec. 16, 1977 Night Fever, "Saturday a movie that ignites the disco dance craze across America - along with the movie career of its star, John Travolta - opens in theaters. Travolta earned a Best Actor Oscar nomination for his performance as 19-year-old dancer Tony Manero.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND **PRELIMINARY DECISION** FOR TPDES **PERMIT FOR** MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER **RENEWAL**

PERMIT NO. WQ0010166001

APPLICATION Ν **PRELIMINARY** DECISION. ΕI

County Paso Control and Improvement District No. 4, P. O. Box 3880. Fabens. Texas 79838, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Elimination (TPDES) System Permit No. WQ0010166001. which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at an average annual flow not to exceed 1,200,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on March 7, 2018.

facility The located at 17270 Alameda Avenue, in El Paso County, Texas 79838. The effluent treated discharged to Fabens Waste Canal; thence to Rio Grande Below Riverside Diversion Dam Segment No.

2307 of the Rio comments Grande Basin. unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for Fabens Waste Canal. The designated uses for Segment No. 2307 are high aquatic life use, public water supply and primary contact recreation.

electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

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<u>http://www.</u> tceq.texas.gov/ assets/public/ hb610/index. html?lat=31.483 <u> 192&Ing=</u> 106.1455&zoom

=13&type=r **TCFO** Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under PollutantDischarge which the facility operate. Executive The Director has made preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available viewing and the copying at El Paso County Control Water Improvement District 4, East Main Street, Fabens, Texas.

> PUBLIC COMMENT **PUBLIC** MEETING. You may submit public TO

or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will mailed be to everyone who submitted public comments to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. comments received. are the mailing will also provide instructions requesting contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

> **REQUEST** of all applicable

CONTESTED comment CASE HEARING, **MUST** INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, number: phone applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/ activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would adversely

be hearing on issues affected by the facility in a way submitted in their timely comments not common the general to that were not public; a list of all subsequently disputed issues withdrawn. If a of fact that you hearingisgranted, submit during the the subject of comment period; and the statement be request disputed issues contested of fact or mixed case hearing." If questions of fact and law relating the request for contested case to relevant and hearing is filed on material behalf of a group or association, the request must designate aroup's may act on an application representative for receiving future renew a permit correspondence; for identify by name of and physical without providing public meeting address an opportunity for individual member of the group who would adversely affected by the proposed facility oractivity; provide information the

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION **Executive Director** may issue final above regarding approval of the application unless member's a timely contested and hearing case distance from the request or request facility or activity; for reconsideration explain how and is filed. If a timely why the member hearing request request for and explain how reconsideration is interests filed, the Executive Director will not the group seeks to protect are issue final approval permit relevant to the of the the application

Commissioners for periods, their consideration at a scheduled Executive Director will forward Commission the application and meeting. any requests for reconsideration MAILING LIST.

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a request for a contested hearing reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application receive public mailed Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; the list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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The good and the bad go hand-in-hand with UTEP sports

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

As the common phrase goes, "I've got good news and I've got bad news."

The good news is that mercifully, the 2018 UTEP football season came to a close last weekend.

Mississippi 39-7, to finish the season with a 1-11 record.

Sure it was a very disappointing season. What could anybody really expect? A vast majority of the players were returning from what all the experts considered to be the worst team in the country in 2017.

There was a lot of optimism, thanks to Jim Senter, UTEP's new athletics director. But the reality is that going from worst-tofirst (we'd even take worst-to-mediocre), takes time.

Turnarounds like that don't usually happen from one year to the next. And it certainly didn't happen this year.

But there's no doubt that new coach Dana Dimel had the team playing better than last year. They may not have won many games, but they were far more New Mexico State by competitive.

I think the first order of business for by 33. And then they next season is to find a quarterback who can see a receiver down field and actually hit him in stride.

As we saw all season, the Miners couldn't put any kind of offense together. to be a struggle for the And that's too bad because the defense actually played very well.

the Cleveland Browns of college football, winning just 1 of their last 24 games. But most fans realize that better things are

At least that's what their hoping for.

Oh, I almost forgot, there was also some

The bad news is after sitting through a The UTEP Miners lost to Southern dismal college football season, UTEP fans are about to do the same for basketball.

> Just like football, fans were very optimistic about the upcoming basketball

> Because, c'mon, we all know that the UTEP basketball season is one of the most exciting things El Pasoans experience every year.

> are going to have to sit through some very disappointing evenings.

Miners, who are only playing eight 11,000 Minner maniacs screaming their come to those who wait."

players consistently, are made up of one senior, three sophomores, and four freshmen.

The Miners lost to 27 points and to Arizona struggled to beat Div. II Eastern New Mexico 66-59.

It looks like it's going Miners to come up with double digit wins this

Yes, the UTEP Miners have become season. They don't have the depth or the lungs out. height to compete night-in and night-out with Conference USA members.

> But that's only temporary. New head coach Rodney Terry has the bulk of his better players coming in next season.

> That's when the Miners will have the depth and the strength inside to muscle with other league members. Right now the numbers just aren't there.

> We saw the Sun Bowl numbers dip to around 10,000 fans toward the end of the football season. That's a little frightening.

> Heck, even when Mike Price's teams were hovering around the .500 mark, you could count on at least 32,000 fans to show up and watch a competitive game.

Of course when the Miners were But just like football, basketball fans contending for conference titles in basketball, the Don Haskins Center was either sold out or pretty close to capacity. And it's not hard to see why. The Either way, you could count on 10,000-

This season, the average attendance at basketball games will be between 5,000-6,000 fans. That's a far cry from the good old days.

But the best news of all is that it appears that the attendance numbers should be going up in the years to come.

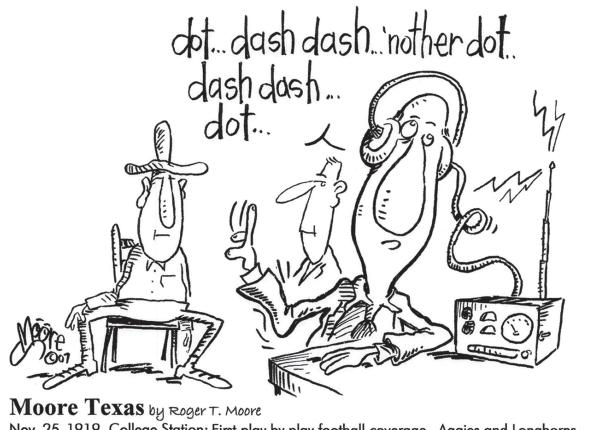
Two reasons - first, there's nowhere else to go; and second, recruiting has been good for both sports. Little by little, Dimel and Terry will start to create their respective teams in their own images.

And with wins, comes fans. But winning takes time.

UTEP fans will have to sit through a miserable basketball season before they can experience what they're used to at the Haskins Center.

They say that patience is a virtue. With UTEP athletics, it's a necessity.

And here's another saying, "good things



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- 21 Mets' old home
- 22 Blue color of the clear 9-Down
- 23 Eau de vie applied to a head injury to reduce swelling?

25 Having the same

- figure as Sheriff Wvatt? 27 Verb suffix in
- London 28 Vast age
- 29 Average golf scores 30 Kindhearted
- 31 Clutch, e.g.
- 33 Sets of two 37 Gyro holder
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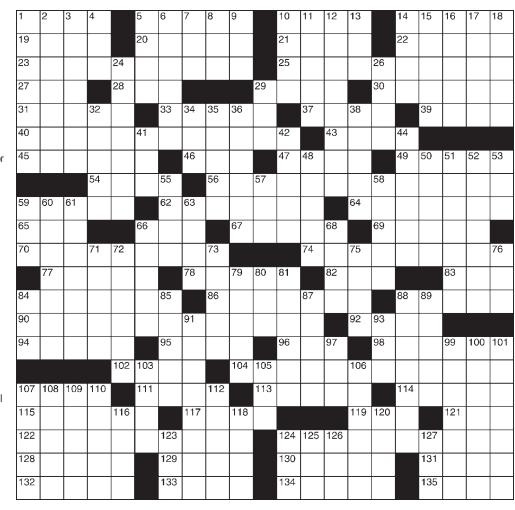
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STYLE-MINDED PARENTS LOOK TO A NEW SOURCE FOR CREATIVE NAMES FOR THEIR BABIES:

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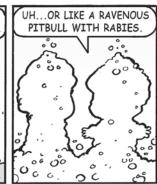


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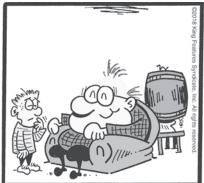






THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering







R.F.D. By Mike Marland





Platelet donations are perfectly safe

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am writing about platelet donations. As a way of giving back, I donate platelets. I was wondering if there

is a time that a person should stop donating, based on age or difficulty. I am 61 years old, and the past three times I've donated, I felt uncomfortable in some way. Either my arm or wrist hurt, or I had a feeling of malaise during the donating process. One time, I was told that my platelet count was on the low side, but it was not any danger to my well-being. I feel



well immediately afterward and do not have health issues, so my concern is whether this is somehow detrimental to my own health as I age. - S.B.

Platelet donation generally is a very well-tolerated procedure. The platelets are removed from the donor's blood via a process called apheresis; a centrifuge separates the blood into four components: plasma (containing proteins), platelets, white blood cells and red blood cells. For platelet donors, just the platelets are removed, and the rest of the blood components are returned to the donor.

In order to keep the blood from clotting inside the machine, sodium citrate is added to the apheresis machine. This reduces the calcium, which is needed for blood clotting. However, some people can develop symptoms of low calcium during the apheresis. This can be treated by slowing the rate of donation, or by taking some oral calcium before donating. More-severe cases might require giving intravenous calcium to the patient via another IV catheter.

The Food and Drug Administration recommends that people make no more than 24 donations per year, but there is good evidence that platelet donation is safe. I congratulate you on being a community-minded citizen, and I can reassure you that you have very little short-term risk and essentially zero long-term risk from donating platelets, whatever your age. Donate as often as is comfortable, and try taking a calcium supplement before donating.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have taken 5 mg zolpidem (Ambien) nightly for about three years. My doctor seems to think this is acceptable. I sleep five to six hours with this aid and function

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normally in the morning. Recently I was told that this recommend them for the long drug has a cumulative effect on the body. Would you verify this? Over-the-counter sleep aids have no effect, and this drug seems to be the only way I can able to find a better solution than sleep. - D.M.

Zolpidem and its cousins, eszopiclone (Lunesta) zaleplon (Sonata), work for a unable to answer individual relatively short time in the body letters, but will incorporate them before they are metabolized, in the column whenever possible. so they do not build up in the Readers may email questions body. They are mostly gone in to the morning, and grogginess cornell.edu. To view and order is not a problem for most health pamphlets, visit www. people. However, people often rbmamall.com. (c) 2018 North develop a dependence on these America Synd., Inc. All Rights medications; it becomes difficult Reserved.

to sleep without them. More importantly, they do increase the risk of falls and auto accidents, especially when used every day and in people over 65. I don't term, and I have referred my patients who can't sleep without them to a sleep specialist, who sometimes (but not always) is daily Ambien.

and Dr. Roach regrets that he is ToYourGoodHealth@med.

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: U equals L

MO C URJRFNCDA XRC VDRCZGDR YRJCF GXMFJ ZKR NSSDYRUU WSDR SOZRF, M'N XCA MZ'X ZKR QFSVQ URXX WSFXZRD.

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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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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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Islands' claims appeals given top priority

by Freddy Groves

Maybe you didn't catch it on the Pacific Ocean that impacted in other places. the Northern Mariana Islands. area, and the Department of Veterans Affairs just announced appeals claims from veterans who live there.

My thought was: Veterans? all the damage. In the middle of the ocean? If vou want to find the Marianas - aka Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – on a map, they are just north of Guam in the Philippine Sea. I wondered: Who are they? How many veterans are there?

According to the past census, the 15 islands had 685 veterans, main number (1-800-827-1000) with many more women than and be sure to have your claim men. Half of them had been number handy. born there and were in effect going home after their service. Nineteen percent had a service (c)2018KingFeaturesSynd.,Inc.

connected disability rating, higher than stateside, and most had served in Vietnam or the Gulf.

Of the FEMA assistance applications approved after this latest typhoon, the total dollars approved was just over the news, but recently there was \$700,000, nowhere near the a Category 5 super typhoon in millions and billions approved

The VA Pacific Islands Health FEMA declared it a disaster Care System has loads of clinics, mental health services and telehealth, as well as primary that they were prioritizing the care and visiting specialists. At last word, the health services were trying to keep going amid

> If you have a severe hardship while you're waiting for your benefits appeal, you don't have to wait for a typhoon. Bankruptcy, age 75 or older, serious illness and a number of other problems can qualify you to ask for your appeal to be advanced. Call your VA Regional Office or the

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Non by Jo Ann

- · Add a few drops of water to votive cups before adding a candle. The wax will float on the water, and when the candle burns down, it won't get stuck in the votive glass.
- Experts say: For every foot high your tree, you should plan for 9 feet of garland. So, a 7-foot tree would need about 63 feet of garland.
- Dropped glass ornament? They leave tiny shards, don't they? To get the tiniest bits up, rely on a slice of white bread. Use it to sweep up after the large pieces have been cleared. The soft bread catches it
- · Got build-up on your battery terminal? Add two tablespoons of baking soda to a large mug of hot water, then stir vigorously. Pour over the corrosion to foam it away, then rinse, rinse, rinse.
- · Put on a bracelet with no help, with the aid of a paperclip! Unfold one end to create a long loop. Hook one end on the loop, and hold the other end of the paperclip in your hand, with the bracelet end on your wrist. You have only to loop the bracelet around and hook it.
- · Glass doors in the shower can be cleaned with a dryer sheet. Simply wet and rub. In fact, the texture almost gives a scrub.

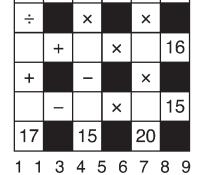
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

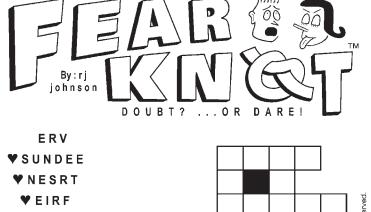
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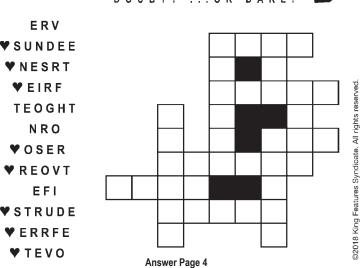
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (f v) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH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

Lowry From Page 3

Stacey Abrams and Andrew Gillum – is better suited to going down in a blaze of glory rather than winning over an increment of Trump voters.

If so, Joe Biden will be one of the few people in American history who could have won two straight presidential elections in theory.

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