



NEWSBRIEFS

Board meeting

The San Elizario ISD Board of Trustees Meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. in the Administration Offices at 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd. in San Elizario.

— Hector Gonzalez

Immigration impact

With immigration reform remaining one of the biggest policy issues in 2019 and border security taking center stage in the longest government shutdown in history, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2019's *Economic Impact of Immigration by State* as well as accompanying videos. In order to determine which states benefit most from immigration, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 20 key metrics, ranging from median household income of foreign-born population to jobs generated by immigrant-owned businesses as a share of total jobs. Texas placed 14th in this study, ranking:

- 16th – Percent of Jobs Generated by Immigrant-Owned Businesses Out of Total Jobs;
 - 42nd – Net Difference Between State & Local Revenues and Expenditures per Immigrant;
 - 33rd – Median Household Income of Foreign-Born Population;
 - 9th – Percent of Foreign-Born STEM Workers Out of Total STEM Workers;
 - 43rd – Percent of Foreign-Born Population Aged 25 & Older with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher;
 - 22nd – Percent of Fortune 500 Companies Founded by Immigrants or Their Children;
 - 25th – Percent of Jobs Created by Presence of International Students Out of Total Jobs; and
 - 28th – Economic Contribution of International Students per Capita.
- Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/economic-impact-of-immigration-by-state/32248/> for the full report.

— Diana Polk

A fishy story

Finding Davo is not a sequel to the film, Finding Nemo. It's a story about a fish that belonged to a woman in Swindon, England who is frantic to

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Knowledge without wisdom is as dangerous as a car with no steering wheel or brakes.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Anna Toness Blubaugh

ON THE ROCKS – This mask pictograph is red-and-green when viewed in person and is the only example of green pigment (possibly turquoise) at Hueco Tanks. The star eyes are similar to the Star Katchina among the Hopi. This mask is above eye level and not easily seen.

Rock Art Academy offered by El Paso Archaeological Society

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The 2019 Rock Art Academy, a two-day field school that encompasses a trip to Hueco Tanks State Park, will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 16-17, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Rd.

EPAS is partnering with the Texas Archaeological Society's (TAS) to offer the popular Rock Art Academy activities. Interested individuals need no previous archeological experience to attend the

two-day sessions, and will be awarded a certificate of participation.

Registration for the sessions may be completed on TAS's website, at <https://txarch.org/>. The registration fee is \$100, which includes a TAS membership, two days of instruction, and lunch.

EPAS, founded in 1922, is a non-profit group. Membership is open to individuals and organizations interested in anthropology, archaeology, and in the preservation of prehistoric and historic cultural resources. EPAS members

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First Year Teacher Academy prepares new SEISD teachers for the classroom

By Hector Gonzalez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Stepping into a classroom and teaching for the very first time can be quite nerve-wracking for most new teachers but thanks to San Elizario Independent School District's (SEISD) 'First Year Teacher Academy,' teachers can flourish and grow in their profession with ease.

"The life of a first year teacher can be overwhelming because they learn everything from curriculum to Human Resources to technology," said Debbie Cortez, Instructional Officer at SEISD. "Participating in a solid induction program, such as the First Year Teacher Academy, can make the transition a bit easier and provide our teachers with the time and support to succeed."

The goal is to increase teacher effectiveness and higher teacher retention. First year teachers are provided with ongoing professional development throughout the year from the instructional team as well as a seasoned campus mentor.

"I am glad SEISD has this Academy for new teachers because it is definitely helpful and beneficial," said Daniel Morrow, Science teacher at San Elizario High School. "It

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El Paso commissioners consider independent redistricting resolution

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso County Commissioners Court is expected to approve a resolution this week that calls for the creation of an Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC); if so, it will make El Paso the first county in the state of Texas to pass a resolution to support a fair, fully transparent, impartial, and depoliticized process for drawing state legislative and congressional districts.

The resolution, which is being introduced by newly-elected El Paso County Judge Ricardo Samaniego, calls for the end of the current redistricting process, where state legislators are effectively choosing their own constituents. The redistricting issue is especially pertinent in the state's voting rights laws.

"Now more than ever, we must work to protect democracy and the processes by which district lines are drawn. The voters of this community, and the entire State, deserve a fair and transparent process which gives them confidence in our system of government," stated Samaniego, who took office in January.

"The 2020 Census is upon us and as we work towards not only ensuring populations are accurately counted, so too must we prioritize creating a balanced, transparent and nonpartisan redistricting process. The resolution I am sponsoring for Commissioners Court consideration emphasizes these priorities and reinforces the County's support for a process that is inclusive of those most affected by its outcome, our constituents," Samaniego asserted.

A state-wide organization that is applauding the El Paso county commissioners' move is the Fair Maps of Texas coalition, which is a nonpartisan grassroots effort whose members believe that fair redistricting practices transcend party politics and who are committed to creating an IRC in Texas.

Coalition members are currently trying to raise awareness in their cause and organizing supporters in communities across the state so that they can work with their local government officials to pass similar resolutions.

By approving this resolution, the El Paso county judge and commissioners will send a strong message to the governor and all state legislators that Texans want fair redistricting, according to Stephanie Swanson, lead organizer for Fair Maps Texas.

Swanson stated that Fair Maps Texas

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View from here By Marilyn M. Singleton, M.D., J.D.

Free, black and twenty-one

Iran into a 20-something fellow wearing a T-shirt that said "I love being black." I had a wave of fond nostalgia remembering how my mother began our outings with "I'm free, black, and 21 – let's do it!"

What happened to that great attitude? We have allowed it to be hijacked by the likes of race baiters and charlatans. It remains an embarrassment that Al Sharpton was able to parlay a giant provable lie into hosting a TV show. It seems the media's flavor of the day is anyone who is black, female or new to this country. Worse yet, white males are painted as evil for the sake of political gain with no qualms about the negative effect on social and race relations. (Beware: the white male-hating circle will ultimately engulf strong black men who support their families.)

White privilege is so yesterday. I'd like to put my ten cents in for those of us whose families have been here for some 400 years and earned our black privilege. It is a singular privilege to be associated with the strength and ingenuity that runs through the blood of our freedom-seeking black Americans.

Take the incredible courage and desire for freedom of African American slaves. Henry "Box"

Brown, determined to escape slavery in Virginia, devised a daring escape. With the help of a freed slave and a white shopkeeper he was stuffed into a 3 feet by 2 1/2 feet by 2 feet box labeled "Dry Goods." After some 27 hours, half of which was spent upside down, he arrived at the home of a Philadelphia abolitionist.

Then there was Harriet Jacobs of North Carolina who decided to escape. Knowing the odds were slim that she'd make it to the North, she spent seven years with rats as roommates in a crawlspace of her grandmother's place. In 1842, she made it to New York where she became active in the abolitionist movement.

In the spring of 1862, while their white shipmates were ashore, Robert Smalls, disguised in the captain's hat and jacket, and some shipmates hijacked the steamship CSS Planter in Charleston, South Carolina. After picking up their families, the slaves sailed into the Charleston Harbor, safely past Fort Sumter. Smalls sailed to the Union blockade and hoisted the white surrender flag for the first US Navy ship they encountered.

And when black physicians were not allowed on hospital staffs, they started their own

hospitals, sometimes in their own homes.

It is more important than ever to re-ignite that old can-do attitude, starting with thinking for ourselves. We cannot instantly believe puff pieces about opportunistic politicians who offer goodies only when they want your vote. A deeper look may find a politician's "plan" is really about gaining power for power's sake, not to empower you. I'm still waiting for our most famous black politician to go to Chicago and community organize against black on black violence.

These proposals for giving people money for this or that omit the most important place where financial help will reap benefits for years: school choice. We know that the best welfare program is a job, complete with a paycheck and a heavy dose of self-respect. The *Washington Post* just reported that not only is the unemployment rate at an all time

low, the black unemployment rate has never been closer to the white unemployment rate. A good education is the best start to erase the remaining gap.

No American wants to be enslaved by welfare or dead-end programs that perpetuate dependency. The great Booker T. Washington warned of poverty hustlers. "There is another class of colored people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs, and the hardships of the Negro race before the public... Some of these people do not want the Negro to lose his grievances, because they do not want to lose their jobs. There is a certain class of race-problem solvers who don't want the patient to get well."

We all want the freedom to succeed in life and we have to look within ourselves. In coping with his daughter's cancer diagnosis NFL player Devon Stills found his power in "changing the story" from a 50 percent chance of failure to a 50 percent chance of success.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., dreamed that his children would be judged by the content of their character, not their skin color.

While society continues on its journey to colorblindness, not only is blaming others and calling people racists counterproductive, it is not representative of how everyday people live and feel. Let's embrace our history of courage and self-determination, take a break from politically motivated vitriol, and put our lives in our own hands.

Dr. Singleton is a board-certified anesthesiologist. She is President of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS). She graduated from Stanford and earned her MD at UCSF Medical School. Dr. Singleton completed 2 years of Surgery residency at UCSF, then her Anesthesia residency at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital. While still working in the operating room, she attended UC Berkeley Law School, focusing on constitutional law and administrative law. She interned at the National Health Law Project and practiced insurance and health law. She teaches classes in the recognition of elder abuse and constitutional law for non-lawyers.

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find out what happened to her pet gold fish. Although she named the fish Dave when she bought it five years ago, her appeal for help in finding Dave has been designated "Finding Davo" on Facebook in an attempt to attract attention. One wag, upon

hearing the story, suggested that Davo might have met the same fate as *A Fish Called Wanda* in the film of the same name. Wanda was swallowed whole.

— John Grimaldi

Cardboard cops

The cops in Brushy Creek, TX, population just under 22,000, have developed a practical way to beef up the police presence

in town without going over budget. The authorities there are using cardboard cutouts of officers with speed detector radar guns to scare drivers into slowing down, particularly in school zones. Robert Chody, the Sheriff of Williamson County Texas, says the cutouts work. Speeders see the cutout on the side of the road and immediately slow down.

— John Grimaldi

Clint Independent School District Public Notice

Clint Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2017-2018 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) as part of a School Board meeting, which is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 2019, at the Clint ISD Administrative Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, TX, 79928.

The public is invited to attend. The TAPR report will also be available for review after the hearing at all Clint ISD campuses, the Clint Administrative Office and at www.clintweb.net.

For more information, call 926-4031.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint Junta Pública

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint tendrá una Reunión Pública para informar sobre el "Reporte de Rendimiento Académica de Texas" (TAPR) del año escolar 2017-2018. El reporte sera parte de la reunión de la Mesa Directiva del distrito programada para el jueves, 21 de febrero del 2019 a las 5:00 p.m. en el cuarto de sala de Clint ISD oficina administrativa, 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, TX, 79928.

Todos los interesados están invitados a asistir. El reporte TAPR estará disponible después de la reunión en todas las escuelas del distrito, en el edificio de las oficinas administrativas y en www.clintweb.net.

Para mas información, favor de llamar al 926-4031.

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advocates hope that legislators across the state and across all political parties will take action. "Democracy is fragile, and it must be protected," she added.

Jeanelle Carden, an organizer with El Paso's Fair Maps Texas group, commented, "We are tired of lawmakers using partisan and racial gerrymandering to keep themselves and their party in power. They have created an undemocratic and un-American system in which politicians choose their voters, instead of voters choosing who will represent them."

For more information about the local coalition's efforts, contact Carden at fairmapspaso@gmail.com or (915) 352-5912.

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In defense of the MAGA hat

The fundamental offense of the Covington Catholic High School kids wasn't so much allegedly mobbing, mocking or getting in the face of an American Indian drummer at the Lincoln Memorial. It was wearing red Make America Great Again hats. That was the actual, incontestable conduct that created the predicate for the presumption of guilt and all the rest of the grief they've been subjected to since.

For much of progressive America, if you are wearing the hat, you are suiting up for Team Racist. You are marking yourself out as a bigot and a goon. Your individuality doesn't matter anymore, only the cap.

The entire Covington incident might have played out differently if the kids had been wearing red Washington Nationals caps. The imbroglia might not have gotten any attention at all. Even if it did, progressives taking a critical view of the students might have been more inclined to view them as immature teenagers rather than totems of hate.

As an analysis at Vox noted, "The hats extinguished pretty much any benefit of the doubt a liberal observer might have given these kids."

Exactly.

Alyssa Milano notoriously tweeted, "The red MAGA hat is the new white hood." Which would be close to an apt analogy if people donned MAGA hats to carry out hideously violent crimes against African-Americans and other people uncongenial to them.

In a similar vein, TV producer David Simon pronounced, "Once a campaign prop, a MAGA cap now fronts for such raw evil." He makes it sound like a red baseball cap with an embroidered American political slogan on the front is the equivalent of the Totenkopf.

This is, to put it mildly, an uncharitable view of their fellow citizens, who voted by the tens of millions for the guy who invented the red cap.

The MAGA hat denotes support for Trump, yes, but also a certain boldness and unwillingness to be bullied that isn't merely symbolic – people occasionally get assaulted for doing nothing other than wearing the caps.

And why not, if the cap symbolizes only one thing for the left?

When Jamie Lee Curtis regretted her snap condemnation of the students, journalist Victoria Brownworth tweeted at the actress her disappointment:

"DID YOU MISS THE MAGA HATS?"

This is why very little outrage has been directed at the venomous, freakishly anti-gay, openly racist Black Hebrews who berated and taunted the students. They weren't wearing MAGA hats.

And this is why much of the left didn't want to relent in the campaign against the students, even after exculpatory video

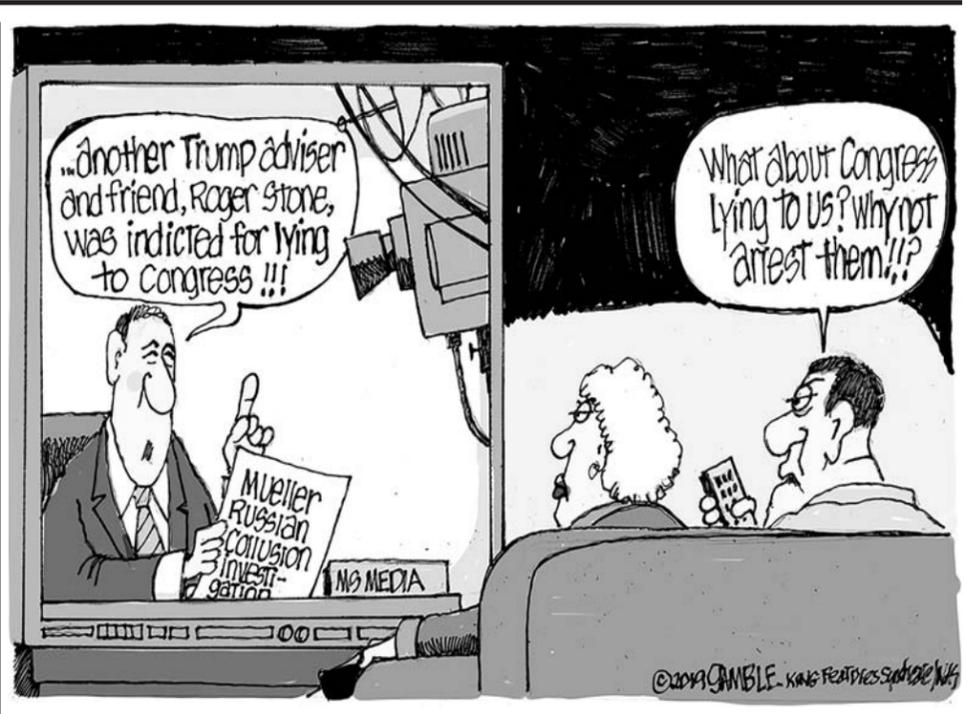
emerged. It wasn't just that many progressives still took a hostile view of events; they knew for a fact that the kids – at least some of them – had worn MAGA caps. And what else was there to know?

For them, this rendered the Covington students simply political and social symbols to be crushed underfoot. Never mind that each of them was a teenage kid who – even if you think he has bad taste or noxious political views now – has a lifetime ahead of him to grow and change.

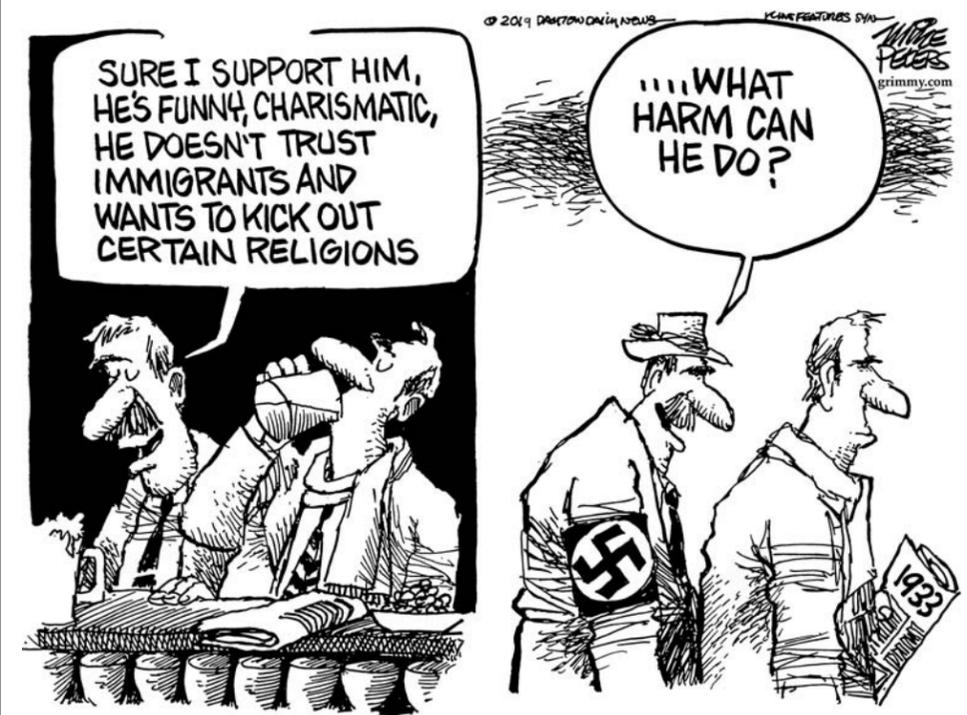


They wore the hats, and can never be forgiven.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2019 by King Features Synd., Inc.



Another Democrat enters the race...



Rock art

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are currently taking part in archaeological tours and volunteer field work organized by the non-profit Jornada Research Institute of Tularosa, New Mexico, whose mission is to study the archaeological, ethnohistoric, historic and natural resources of the northern Chihuahuan Desert of Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and adjacent regions.

Visit EPAS's website at <http://epas.com/> for more information about the upcoming rock art academy.



– Photo courtesy Hueco Tanks State Historic Site website

ETCHED IN STONE – Hueco Tanks State Historic Site pictograph, above, depicts Mescalero Apache design, circa 1800 A.D. It is part of a rock painting depicting white dancing figures.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Henry Brooks Adams, American historian and descendant of two U.S. presidents, who made the following sage observation: "They know enough who know how to learn."

- Spanish explorers named California after a mythical island of Amazon women ruled by a warrior queen named Califa.

- Though an electric eel is born with the ability to see, by the time it becomes an adult it is blind. This lack of sight is not a hindrance, though; the fish uses electricity to create an image of its surroundings in much the same way that we use radar. The electricity also is how the electric eel kills its prey, producing a 600-volt shock – five times more powerful than the shock you might receive from a household outlet.

- With 1.45 million lightning strikes per year, Florida experiences more lightning than aThough it's not a tagline you'll see in any tourism brochures, Central Florida is unofficially known as the Lightning Capital of the World.

- In 1811 and again in 1812, earthquakes caused the Mississippi River to temporarily reverse course.

- If you're of a certain age and facing up to wrinkles, you might be interested to learn that, according to the American Academy of Dermatology, one of the top causes of skin wrinkles is your habitual sleeping position. Rounding out the top five contributing factors are sun exposure, gravity, smoking and facial expressions.

- If you ever travel to China, keep in mind that the menu item known colorfully as phoenix talons are actually just chicken feet.

Thought for the Day: "Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."
– Albert Einstein

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Tornillo Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2018

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,167,835	\$ 278,322	\$ 1,446,157
5800 State Program Revenues	11,092,644	965,579	12,058,223
5900 Federal Program Revenues	941,136	906,467	1,847,603
5020 Total Revenues	13,201,615	2,150,368	15,351,983
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	6,059,454	612,087	6,671,541
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	147,461	–	147,461
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	166,257	141,318	307,575
0021 Instructional Leadership	24,462	82,313	106,775
0023 School Leadership	725,572	17,134	742,706
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	224,501	14,140	238,641
0033 Health Services	162,784	–	162,784
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	285,880	–	285,880
0035 Food Services	982,794	–	982,794
0036 Extracurricular Activities	487,363	–	487,363
0041 General Administration	925,868	180	926,048
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,454,858	–	1,454,858
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	266,806	–	266,806
0053 Data Processing Services	533,764	–	533,764
0061 Community Services	102,717	61,080	163,797
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	78,000	569,542	647,542
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	13,084	690,049	703,133
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	1,752	1,752
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	111,126	423,312	534,438
Intergovernmental:			
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	14,926	–	14,926
6030 Total Expenditures	12,767,677	2,612,907	15,380,584
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	433,938	(462,539)	(28,601)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	23,970	–	23,970
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	457,908	(462,539)	(4,631)
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3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 8,465,339	\$ 487,231	\$ 8,952,570

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Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Feb. 4, 1938, Walt Disney releases "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," his first full-length animated feature production. Naysayers, including his wife, warned him that audiences wouldn't sit through a cartoon fantasy about dwarfs, but the film quickly grossed \$8 million, a staggering sum during the Great Depression.

• On Feb. 5, 1918, the steamship Tuscania, transporting over 2,000 American soldiers bound for Europe, is torpedoed and sinks off the coast of Ireland by the German submarine U-77.

• On Feb. 6, 1891, members of the Dalton Gang stage an unsuccessful train robbery in California – an inauspicious beginning to their careers as serious criminals. Bob, Emmett and Grat Dalton were only three of the 10 Dalton sons. The majority of the Dalton boys became law-abiding citizens, and one served as a deputy U.S. marshal.

• On Feb. 7, 1984, while in orbit 170 miles above Earth, Navy Capt. Bruce McCandless becomes the first human being to fly untethered in space when he exits the U.S. space shuttle Challenger and maneuvers freely. McCandless orbited Earth in tangent with the shuttle at speeds greater than 17,500 mph.

• On Feb. 8, 1990, singer-songwriter Del Shannon ("Runaway" and "Hats Off to Larry") commits suicide while in the midst of a comeback. Shannon's widow would later file a high-profile lawsuit against Eli Lilly, the manufacturer of the antidepressant Prozac, which Shannon had begun taking shortly before his suicide.

• On Feb. 9, 1960, Adolph Coors disappears while driving to work from his Morrison, Colorado, home. The grandson of the Coors' founder and chairman of the Golden, Colorado, brewery was kidnapped and held for ransom before being shot to death.

• On Feb. 10, 1763, The Seven Years' War, known as the French and Indian War, ends with the signing of the Treaty of Paris by France, Great Britain and Spain. France lost all claims to Canada and gave Louisiana to Spain, while Britain received Spanish Florida, Upper Canada and various French holdings overseas.

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PICKING PRACTICE – John Siqueiros visited Fabens HS to highlight Latin American music. Above he demonstrated to students how musicians learn a piece slow, mastering each note individually before speeding up to the piece's tempo.

Siqueiros lectures on Latin American music

By Denise Peña
Special to the Courier

FABENS – As part of UTEP's Music Outreach projects, Professor John Siqueiros visited Fabens High School to

give Jonathon Lozoya's guitar students a lecture performance on Latin American music. Siqueiros taught Lozoya at UTEP and oversaw his Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance. Currently, Professor John Siqueiros as an Associate Professor of Practice at the College Of

Liberal Arts, Siqueiros teaches a variety of courses in the subjects of Chicano studies, African American studies, and contemporary music history. While the lecture was framed around the history of Latin American music, Siqueiros'

core message centered on how learning a piece correctly is more important than the number of hours spent practicing a piece. "If I practice a piece 20 times with the same mistake, on the 21st

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Fabens Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2018

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	98 - Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,111,152	\$ 552,127	\$ 67,623	\$ 2,730,902
5800 State Program Revenues	18,962,739	1,766,589	121,005	20,850,333
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,512,741	–	2,365,032	3,877,773
5020 Total Revenues	22,586,632	2,318,716	2,553,660	27,459,008
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	12,524,836	–	1,981,511	14,506,347
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	260,984	–	7,681	268,665
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	85,538	–	55,510	141,048
0021 Instructional Leadership	169,020	–	202,277	371,297
0023 School Leadership	1,441,951	–	23,542	1,465,493
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	844,300	–	168,572	1,012,872
0032 Social Work Services	34,436	–	–	34,436
0033 Health Services	314,289	–	2,936	317,225
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	428,104	–	–	428,104
0035 Food Services	1,189,730	–	30,053	1,219,783
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,004,335	–	22,163	1,026,498
0041 General Administration	1,246,049	–	640	1,246,689
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	2,768,514	–	–	2,768,514
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	293,551	–	–	293,551
0053 Data Processing Services	223,138	–	–	223,138
0061 Community Services	13,832	–	64,247	78,079
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	83,766	1,161,000	–	1,244,766
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	–	1,064,771	–	1,064,771
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	3,550	–	3,550
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Aquisition and Construction	49,875	–	293,059	342,934
Intergovernmental:				
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	35,144	–	–	35,144
6030 Total Expenditures	23,011,392	2,229,321	2,852,191	28,092,904
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(424,760)	89,395	(298,531)	(633,896)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	–	–	943	943
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(943)	–	–	(943)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(943)	–	943	–
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(425,703)	89,395	(297,588)	(633,896)
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	1,177,185	200,412	272,017	1,649,614
1300 Prior Period Adjustment	(45,686)	–	45,686	–
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 705,796	\$ 289,807	\$ 20,115	\$ 1,015,718

Freshmen setting the table for next year's basketball Miners

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Sadly, the football season is over and sports fans will have to turn their sights to basketball for the next few months.

Which is not bad. The NBA races are pretty tight and the Golden State Warriors might have a little competition this year.

And the battle for the college title seems wide open, with Duke looking like the favorite to win it all.

For now, I'm more interested in local college basketball. It's no secret that the UTEP Miners haven't been winning consistently; heck, they really haven't been winning... period.

But that's never really been the goal this season.

This season is being used for two things, to evaluate talent and see who is worth bringing back next season; and to watch those young guys who will be coming back, improve as the season goes along.

They say that everything comes in threes. In the case of UTEP basketball, the "three" represents the freshmen who

have separated themselves from the rest of the pack.

The young trio of Jordan Lathon, Nigel Hawkins and Efe Odigie are laying the foundation for a potentially packed Miner squad in 2019-20.

The three are scheduled to be joined next season by talented newcomers Tydus Verhoven, Souley Boum, Bryson Williams, Anthony Tarke, Deon Stroud and the recently acquired Kaden Archie.

The good thing is that this should be the most exciting and successful team the Miners have had in years. The better thing is that unbelievably, there won't be a single senior on the team.

Anyway, let's back back to this season.

The Miners are going to have to fight like crazy to make the 12-team Conference USA tournament. They are currently in 13th place.

But unlike any 13th place team in a 14-team league, these Miners are actually becoming fun to watch. They don't have the talent or the depth they're going to enjoy next season, but they are scratching and clawing every night.

They haven't learned how to win yet,

but they have learned how to keep up with every team in the league. The other team may walk away victorious, but it's with a noticeable limp in their step.

So what do these freshmen bring to the table?

Jordan Lathon is a born leader. The 6-4 point guard will pass to an open man before looking for his own shot, which does need improving, by the way. But it's his last-second ice-in-the-veins shooting proves his fearlessness.

Lathon is currently averaging 10 points, five rebounds and three assists a game.

Nigel Hawkins is more of a pure scorer who can take the ball all the way to the basket and earn one of those old-fashioned three-point plays.

The 6-4 guard isn't shooting the ball well (36% of FG & 27% of 3s), and still has a lot of trouble dribbling the basketball, but that will come with more experience.

He is averaging 13 points and five rebounds a game.

The 6-foot-9 Efe Odigie came into the season as an overweight and extremely slow, wide-bodied 285-pound center.

Early in the season, he couldn't make

two trips up and down the court without frantically looking for an oxygen hit.

He looked like a bigger, "babier" version of former Boston Celtics' big man Glen "Big Baby" Davis.

But that was early in the season. Odigie has transformed himself from a cement truck to a large SUV; still big, but able to maneuver a little quicker for a longer amount of time.

He is a relentless rebounder who has been at the top of the league standings all season (10 rebounds a game) and is adding over 13 points per contest. Oh yeah, he's also recorded nine double-doubles so far.

This impressive threesome has grown together as the season has gone along. They've taken over the leadership of the team and their confidence had done a complete 180.

By this time next year, the Miners should be considered one of the most improved teams in the country and hopefully we'll return to the days of 8,000-11,000 fans in the Don Haskins Center, so that today's fans can experience what we did growing up in the 1980s and 90s.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

Teachers

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has taught me to include various activities and games to keep students engaged and always learning. I have grown so much as a person and as a teacher because of this Academy."

The First Year Teacher Academy has helped new teachers receive professional development in areas such as Classroom Management, Behavior, Stress Management, Rituals & Routines, and getting ready for the first day.

GAME PLAN – Physics teacher Omar Medrano, left, and science teacher Daniel Morrow are both first year teachers at San Elizario HS and part of the First Year Teacher Academy. They spend time each day discussing classroom strategies on how they can improve student learning.

Music

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time I play, I'll still make that mistake," he said. "It's best to play a piece slowly, correcting mistakes each time."

The performance and lecture left senior April Silva encouraged. Silva, who plays both guitar and the clarinet, plans to study Music Performance at the University of North Texas. "Listening to him play blew my mind," she said. "And his explanation about the science of muscle memory made so much sense."

Lozoya invites Siqueiros regularly to speak to his students. "I like the students to get an outside, professional perspective," Lozoya said. "Sometimes just hearing something from someone new can make all the difference in a student's technique."

Super Crossword

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| <p>A SOUND CONCLUSION ACROSS</p> <p>1 Live online workshop</p> <p>8 Public poster</p> <p>15 Malcolm- Warner ("The Cosby Show" actor)</p> <p>20 14th-century music style</p> <p>21 Arrives leisurely</p> <p>22 Belittle</p> <p>23 Certain frat member receiving his diploma?</p> <p>25 Sing sweetly</p> <p>26 Cove</p> <p>27 Assuage</p> <p>28 Muddy mixture</p> <p>29 Met melody</p> <p>32 Took way too much, for short</p> <p>34 Gyro bread with lots of extra hidden calories?</p> <p>37 Heavenly food made from very hot peppers?</p> <p>41 _garde</p> <p>42 Sauna stuff</p> <p>43 Singer Acuff</p> <p>44 Stew</p> <p>45 Toon pic</p> <p>48 San Francisco's _ Hill</p> <p>50 Target number of coverage policies?</p> <p>54 Download for an iDevice</p> | <p>57 Denmark's _ Islands</p> <p>59 High trains</p> <p>60 Detach, as a lapel mic</p> <p>61 Randomly mixed stack of Bing Crosby and Bill Haley albums?</p> <p>65 Folded a line into, say</p> <p>67 With 24-Down, reduced-cost product</p> <p>68 Glam rocker Brian</p> <p>69 Lav</p> <p>70 Aviary locale</p> <p>71 Bridge, in France</p> <p>72 Florida city</p> <p>74 Fish dish that's a chef's specialty?</p> <p>77 Rizzo in "Midnight Cowboy"</p> <p>78 Platform that runs on iDevices</p> <p>79 Ran easily</p> <p>80 La. neighbor</p> <p>81 Brass instrument with a dental product smeared all over it?</p> <p>86 "O Sole _"</p> <p>88 Sheepish</p> <p>89 "_ well that ends well"</p> <p>90 Alias initials</p> <p>91 Idiot box</p> <p>95 Provide</p> <p>97 Hair dye produced in a county in southwest England?</p> <p>101 Chatty bird with shiny gray plumage?</p> | <p>105 Pirate chant starter</p> <p>106 Took a train, e.g.</p> <p>107 Pilot of plane</p> <p>108 Prefix with skeleton</p> <p>111 Thin iPods</p> <p>113 Swiss chocolate brand</p> <p>114 Sitcom title woman living in a wasteland?</p> <p>120 Actor Jason</p> <p>121 Energize</p> <p>122 Algebra rule</p> <p>123 Totally love</p> <p>124 Toronto Blue Jays' stadium, before 2005</p> <p>125 Salzburg site</p> | <p>Zealander</p> <p>18 Of _ (somewhat)</p> <p>19 Lotte of film</p> <p>24 See 67-Across</p> <p>28 Glide (over)</p> <p>29 Belly muscles</p> <p>30 Groove</p> <p>31 Fury</p> <p>33 Mended, as a sock</p> <p>35 Works to get</p> <p>36 With, to Luc</p> <p>38 "Toodles!"</p> <p>39 Rebels' yells</p> <p>40 Sch. in the Big Apple</p> <p>44 FDR's terrier</p> <p>45 Reneges</p> <p>46 _Aigner (fashion brand)</p> <p>47 Real-estate levy</p> <p>49 Bundled up, as hay</p> <p>50 Prefix for an element used in antiseptics</p> <p>51 Mission to gather intel</p> <p>52 "_ pasa?"</p> <p>53 Not likely</p> <p>54 Classifies</p> <p>55 Ramses II, for one</p> <p>56 Plaything dragged on a string</p> <p>58 City in Nevada</p> <p>62 Mega-meal</p> <p>63 "Fuer _"</p> <p>64 Gear piece</p> <p>65 Brilliant move</p> <p>66 Composer Ned</p> <p>70 Reverse alphabetical order</p> | <p>73 Japanese drama style</p> <p>74 Tossspots</p> <p>75 New York's capital</p> <p>76 Singer Piaf</p> <p>78 R&B's _ Brothers</p> <p>82 San Diego ballplayer</p> <p>83 One reuning</p> <p>84 Asian "way"</p> <p>85 Loc. of Kiev</p> <p>87 Exceeded, as a target</p> <p>92 _Cat</p> <p>93 Put a stop to</p> <p>94 _Bo</p> <p>95 Dodging type</p> <p>96 Irk</p> <p>97 Fortright</p> <p>98 Skye of film</p> <p>99 California mountain</p> <p>100 Japan's largest island</p> <p>101 Zesty dip</p> <p>102 Vine-covered</p> <p>103 Group jargon</p> <p>104 Nervous _ (worrywart)</p> <p>109 "Whip It" rock band</p> <p>110 City in Utah</p> <p>112 Iron sources</p> <p>114 Film director Craven</p> <p>115 Ballpoint fill</p> <p>116 La.-to-III. dir.</p> <p>117 Bruin Bobby</p> <p>118 Agnus _ (Mass part)</p> <p>119 Drs.' org.</p> |
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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



The benefits of aspirin

DEAR DR. ROACH: I recently read an article on the pros and cons of a daily aspirin for protection against both heart disease and colon cancer. This is not a new topic, I realize, and I know that the benefits of daily aspirin apply only to certain segments of the population. Here's my question: If a person doesn't experience any stomach or bleeding issues, does a much higher dose of aspirin daily also convey the same possibly protective effects? I don't believe that more is better, but I already take an average of nine 325 mg generic aspirin tablets daily for leg pain. I'm in that 50-59 age group, and there is heart disease on both sides of my family, so I'm hoping this dose confers some cardiac benefit. I would love to find a cure for the deep ache I get in my legs – usually just the right calf. I've had these since I was a child, and I've reconciled myself to the fact that I will have them for the rest of my life, but the aspirin I take has never caused me stomach pain or excessive bleeding, and it works for the pain. – T.P.



The studies showing that taking aspirin protects the heart mostly have been done using 81 mg daily or 325 mg every other day. However, the mechanism of the action, preventing platelets from forming a clot, is even stronger at higher doses, so it would make sense that higher doses would be at least as effective. However, they are much more likely to cause bleeding, even if most people can take higher doses without problems. So it's recommended you take the minimum effective dose to get the benefit with the least harm. In your case, however, I think you are likely getting all the benefit there may be.

I say "may be" because recent studies have failed to replicate the protection seen in earlier studies. I still believe that aspirin is useful in people at higher-than-average risk for heart disease.

More and more evidence is coming out that the same low dose of aspirin helps protect against several forms of cancer, especially of the colon. However, I don't yet recommend it just to protect against cancer, but I will continue to pay careful attention to ongoing studies on aspirin and will revisit this topic when more research becomes available.

DEAR DR. ROACH: In a recent test, my blood vitamin D
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Health

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level was good, at 43, but my calcitriol level was low at 16. I do have hyperglycemia, but how do I increase my calcitriol level? I take no medications. – J.I.

If you don't have kidney or parathyroid hormone problems, then calcitriol isn't the right blood test to determine your bone health relative to vitamin D. Calcitriol is an activated form of vitamin D, and it best reflects calcium intake. I suspect low calcium intake when I see a high calcitriol. Since calcitriol removes

calcium from the bones, it may worsen osteoporosis.

If you haven't had your kidneys and parathyroid hormone level (which also affects calcium movement in the kidney and bones) checked recently, then do so. If those are OK, then be sure to get enough calcium, especially from dietary sources like leafy green vegetables.

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. (c) 2019 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: N equals W

NRAL W MATPJL NRJ'P
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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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Another city has no homeless vets?



by Freddy Groves

In a recent press release, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that Little Rock, Arkansas, had joined the list of three states and 65 towns that had conquered veteran homelessness.

The list of those locations goes back to 2015, and the page announces, "The following jurisdictions have announced an end to Veteran homelessness as of Dec. 19, 2018." The actual facts raise questions, however.

Take New Orleans. The mayor issued a statement in 2015 saying it was the first city in the nation to end veteran homelessness. OK. How are they doing now? At the end of 2018, the VA health center there held a Stand Down for homeless veterans. The director said that the VA has made significant progress, but there was more work to do. They still have homeless veterans.

In 2015, the governor of Virginia said they would work to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2017. The homeless number was cut in half, which is major milestone. But fast-forward to the January 2018 Point in Time Count (PIT). The numbers were not zero.

In late 2017, the mayor of Atlanta was quoted as thanking all those who helped make it possible. The assumption, since his quote is on the list of cities that conquered veteran homelessness, is that there were no more homeless veterans in Atlanta. Two months later, on the day of the PIT, there were 96 unsheltered homeless veterans there.

It's to be expected that when people move around, the number of homeless will shift. But to include these locations on a list of those purporting to have achieved zero homelessness, when they currently have homeless, is to skew the numbers. They might once have been down to zero, but they're not there now.

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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: ★★

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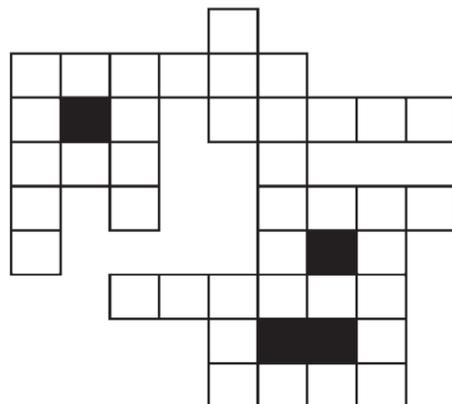
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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• "Kids do love their sneakers, but sometimes when a kid loves his sneakers too much and wears them every day, those sneakers don't love the family back. In short, they stink. We filled a pair of socks with a mix of the crystal kitty litter and the detergent-boosting beads that smell so good. At night, Junior takes his sneaks off and stuffs these mock socks inside. The litter absorbs moisture, and the beads leave them smelling pretty good."
– D.D. in Missouri

• "For a clean look in our bathroom, we use clear pump bottles for shampoo, conditioner and body wash. I refill them as needed, and it's so much nicer than having 10 different partially filled bottles in the bathtub."
– R.B. in North Carolina

• It's time to brush your shoes! Give white canvas shoes a makeover with a toothbrush and plain (not colored) toothpaste. Use the toothbrush to apply the toothpaste and scrub stained areas. Wait five minutes and wipe away with a damp white rag. You should see an improvement.

• We ladies don't always think to do it, but you should wipe down the exterior of your purse daily.

• "In cold winter months, keep your robe (and slippers or whatever else) under the covers with you when you sleep. Pull them next to or over you a few minutes before you get up. It'll be toasty and will help make the transition into the cold a little less harsh."
– B.M. in New York

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