



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Fabens alumni banquet this Friday

The Fabens Alumni Association's Twelfth Annual Awards Banquet will be Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Horseman's Club of Cattleman's Steakhouse at Indian Cliffs Ranch. Keynote speaker (see story Page 2) will be Houston attorney Salvador "Chava" Colon. Other highlights include presentation of the President's Award, a silent auction, acknowledgement of donors, and music by *Sonido*. Free for members, \$20 for guests. RSVP at (915) 859-1792.

— Sally Ponzio

### Best cities for veterans to live in

With Veterans Day around the corner, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2019's *Best & Worst Places for Veterans to Live* (as well as accompanying videos). The report compares the 100 largest U.S. cities across 20 key metrics, ranging from share of military skill-related jobs to housing affordability to the availability of VA health facilities. WalletHub also released its money-saving selection of 2019's *Best Military Credit Cards*, along with the results of its 2019 *Military Money Survey*, which revealed that almost 200 million Americans agree that military families experience more financial stress than the average family, in addition to everything else they have to worry about when serving our country. El Paso was ranked 28th in this report. What makes a city good or bad for veterans? "Ideally, every city would roll out the red carpet for our veterans, given all they've sacrificed for cities and citizens all across the country. That's not the case, however, and it ultimately comes down to prioritization and funding. Some areas simply focus on veterans affairs more than others, and some have the means to make an impact, while others don't," said WalletHub CEO Odysseas Papadimitriou. "But the federal government is the one constant in all of this. Nationally, there is a dysfunctional relationship between the amount we spend going to war, or preparing to do so, and the amount we invest in recuperating. That needs to change. The first step: There should be no

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*Americans have come to learn that it's easier to vote for something they want than to work for it.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Cultural Center

**RICH TRADITION** – The Tigua tribe's Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (YDSP) is the oldest settlement in the State of Texas. It is also the oldest contiguous government in the state, having been established in 1682. The people of the Ysleta Pueblo were industrious farmers who raised wheat, corn, cattle, and horses. The Tiguas were also instrumental in building the Ysleta Mission, above. YDSP's culture continues to flourish as each generation proudly proclaims its heritage.

## Ysleta del sur Pueblo hosts winter market event

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – About thirteen miles east of downtown El Paso, the lower valley community of Ysleta has been home to the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (YDSP) Indians for over 300 years. YDSP, also known as the Tigua Tribe, is one of three federally recognized Native American clans, and the only Pueblo, in

the State of Texas.

Throughout the centuries, YDSP has played a unique role in the development of the greater El Paso area. The tribe's government and business contributions support the pueblo, as well as the region's economy. Today, YDSP owns and operates tribal government and diverse enterprises that provide meaningful employment and benefits for both tribal members and regional citizens. The current YDSP population is approximately 4,226

*El Paso County residents are invited to join the Ysleta del sur Pueblo tribe for an afternoon of family fun during its annual winter market bazaar. The event is coordinated by the YDSP Department of Cultural Preservation.*

members nationwide, according to a recent report.

Revenue generated from these tribal endeavors fund essential community infrastructure and services— such as health care, education, law enforcement, tribal courts, elderly assistance, housing, economic development, and capital improvements, all the while being able to keep its tribal traditions alive, stated tribal leaders.

The general public will have an opportunity to experience these traditions through the pueblo community's foods, artworks and handcrafts, as YDSP officials announced recently that it will hold its highly-anticipated 2019 Annual Winter Market, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, November 16, at the YDSP Cultural Center, located near the intersection of Socorro Road and 505 Yaya Lane.

Among the featured activities will be the social dance performances, the food

## USIBWC offers free sediment to public

By Lori Kuczmanski  
*Special to the Courier*

The USIBWC has awarded five contracts for sediment removal in the Rio Grande. The combined award amount is \$5.3 million for an estimated volume of 1,188,000 cubic yards of sediment to be removed.

Once the sediment is removed, it will be disposed at various private locations that have a "no cost" agreement with the USIBWC. The USIBWC is accepting applications from members of the public who would like to receive sediment. Parties interested in applying should contact Rosie Montes or Art Benavides at (575) 541-7054. Email can be sent to [rosalba.montes@ibwc.gov](mailto:rosalba.montes@ibwc.gov). The applications are processed in two-three weeks. The sediment is useful for soil mixing and drainage and is tested for heavy metals and organic toxins. There is no minimum or maximum (depending on available

EL PASO COUNTY – The public is invited to apply with the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) to receive sediment under "no cost" agreements.

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View from here By Rick Shrum

OPW is the new OPM

Companies continue to shift their work to their clients

I've written about this before and probably will again. OPM is a powerful thing to companies and investors. If you say it fast it sounds like the drug, OPM - Other People's Money. The trend in OPM for sometime now is OPW. Other People's Work. That's where the company foists the responsibility for doing the work needed to satisfy a client to the client!

I'm talking about everyday things here. If you want to redress an issue with most businesses they instantly start behaving like lawyers - who probably advised them to operate this way to begin

with. Anybody that's filed an insurance claim for health care or an automobile accident knows what I'm talking about. These companies will paperwork you to your limit rather than just settle up. And how about who does the work when you check out at a store.

My latest encounter with this behavior came when a Southwest Airlines' ramp employee or contactor either tore the handle off my suitcase or put my suitcase on the luggage carousel in such a way that the carousel tore the handle off. In either case, the handle snagged and the force was such that it shut down the conveyer belt and sounded an alarm. Instead of trying to find the owner, the suitcase was allowed to come around the carousel

without my ID tag or luggage claim (something they are now asking for) or a working handle.

The Southwest Airlines baggage office, just 100 feet away, was my next stop. I was initially told that it was what Southwest Airlines called normal wear and tear and since there were still two other handles on it, it would still work. I asked her if she had heard the alarm and she shrugged. But at that point she offered me a \$50 flight voucher for Southwest Airlines for my "inconvenience."

I asked her how that fixed my luggage and she said it doesn't. She said, "We don't do that anymore." So her response to settle the matter was to offer me something that did not fix my problem and ultimately would make me spend more money with the company that just damaged my suitcase. And I'd have to do the work.

I declined the voucher, she took a picture of the damage and handed me a Southwest Airlines Damage Incident Receipt. The third line of that receipt states, I kid you not, "Damaged property must be presented for repair

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Hudspeth County

Invitation for Bids Pre-Bid Meeting Notice

The County of Hudspeth will receive bids for its TDHCA HOME Program Grant until 11:00 A.M. on December 2, 2019 at the city of Sierra Blanca, 109 Millican Street, PO Box 68, to complete the reconstruction of up to ten (10) single family units at 1100 square feet each. Bids will be opened December 2, 2019, at 11:00 am. All bidders must submit completed pre-qualification forms on or before the bid due date. Contact Donna Johnson at (361) 287-3341 for a pre-qualification packet and bid documents including drawings and technical specifications. Selected Builder will have 60 days from start date to complete construction. A

pre-bid conference will be held on November 22, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Sierra Blanca City Hall. Please contact Donna M. Johnson, at (361) 287-3341 if you need more information. The Contractor must ensure that employees/applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The County of Hudspeth reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The City may hold bids for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to contract award. Contract awards will be made to lowest responsible qualified bidder(s). Alejandra Marquez, County Administrator, Hudspeth County. WTCC: 11-07-19 11-14-19

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Colon to address Fabens ISD alumni, guests

By Sally Ponzio Special to the Courier

FABENS - "When Chava Colon from the Prison Coalition asks me one January day in 1982 to become a pen pal to a death-row inmate, I say, Sure."

So opens Sister of St. Joseph Helen Prajean's well-known book Dead Man Walking.

But few readers realize that the Chava Colon Sister Helen refers to is 1975 Fabens High School graduate and now an immigration attorney based in Houston Salvador "Chava" Colon.

Colon will be the keynote speaker for the Fabens Alumni Association's (FAA) Awards Banquet on Nov. 9. He was president of his senior class, graduated from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1990 with a B.A. in history,

received his law degree from the Houston Law Center in Houston in 1994, and was certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in December of 2002.

Colon began his professional career in 1977 as a social worker for project Head Start in Fabens after two years at Columbia University in New York.

His fateful conversation with Sister Helen occurred when he was Director of the Louisiana Coalition Against the Death Penalty from 1981-82. And from 1983-88 he directed legal and social services serving low-income immigrants on behalf of the Catholic Diocese (now Archdiocese) of Galveston/Houston.

Colon will trace his journey from class president in the poorest community in the State of Texas to practicing law in the highest courts of the land as he speaks to members of the FAA and their guests at the Horseman's Club of the Cattleman's Steakhouse at Indian Cliffs Ranch. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and will include recognition of donors who make the group's annual scholarships possible, music by Sonido, and a silent auction.

Call (915) 859-1792 for more information or to RSVP.

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homeless veterans in the U.S. That is a national disgrace." Other stats:

- Nearly 1 in 2 people think that poor financial literacy among military personnel is a threat to national security. 190 million Americans

don't think that the military does enough to teach financial literacy.

- 79% of military members don't think they should have to pay interest on debt when deployed to a war zone. Visit https://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-cities-for-veterans/8156/ for the full report.

- Diana Polk

Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Tornillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, November 20, 2019, in the boardroom of the W.E. Neill Service Center, at 19210 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Tornillo Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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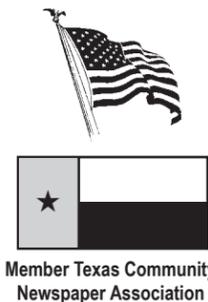
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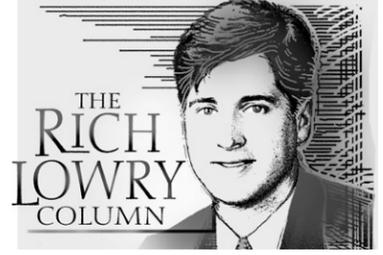
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# Trump should want a rapid impeachment



The Ukraine story hasn't been good for President Donald Trump, and there's only one way out – to get impeached, and the sooner, the better.

Trump obviously hates the idea of being impeached. He thinks it's unfair, and is raging against the process with every political and legal argument his team can muster and every insult and countercharge he can make on Twitter. But he doesn't have any choice in the matter.

Impeachment is baked in the cake. There's no way that Democrats, having opened an impeachment inquiry (although without a vote), can pull up short now. How could they, after touting revelation after revelation, including a supposed "confession" by Trump's chief of staff?

As impeachment rumbles on, it puts every Trump lapse (Syria, Doral, etc.) in starker relief and places it in the context of the question of whether he should be impeached and removed.

Meanwhile, if support for impeachment is about 50 percent or a little higher, there's every reason for Democrats to stretch it out. The current process suits their purposes nicely. They interview officials in private and then leak the most damaging

parts. There's no danger of public hearings bouncing the wrong way... because there are no public hearings.

The impeachment inquiry also has the advantage of giving the Democratic base what it wants, and creating a strong sense of action against Trump. When Republicans took the House in the middle of Barack Obama's first term, they had trouble controlling the expectations of their own base, which wanted immediate results when the GOP had limited power. Impeachment allows Democrats to forestall such a feeling among their own voters, even though they, too, aren't getting anything substantive done.

This suggests that, as of this moment, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi looks to have judged the politics of impeachment shrewdly, holding off when it still seemed politically premature and striking when the prospect of moving the needle of public opinion presented itself.

Given how impeachment is playing, she should welcome the White House embracing the normal strategy in these fights of attempting to frustrate and delay the inquiry. Not only is this standard approach not fully working – former and

current officials are talking to House investigators regardless – at the margins it lengthens an inquiry that's working for the Democrats.

All that said, it's always possible the public will tire of the probe, especially if it reaches past the first month or two of an election year.

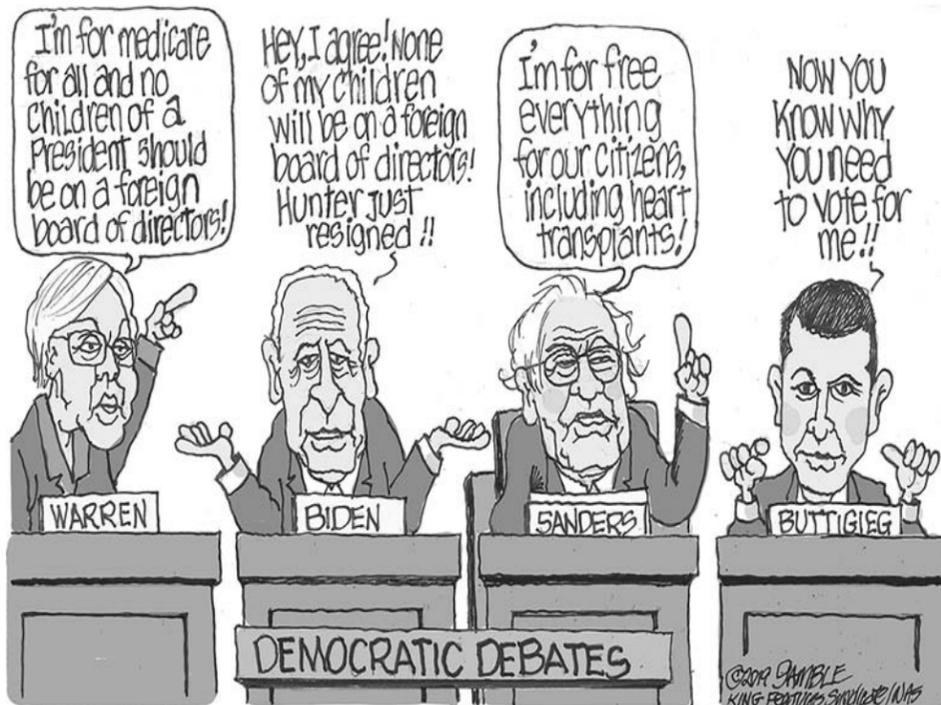
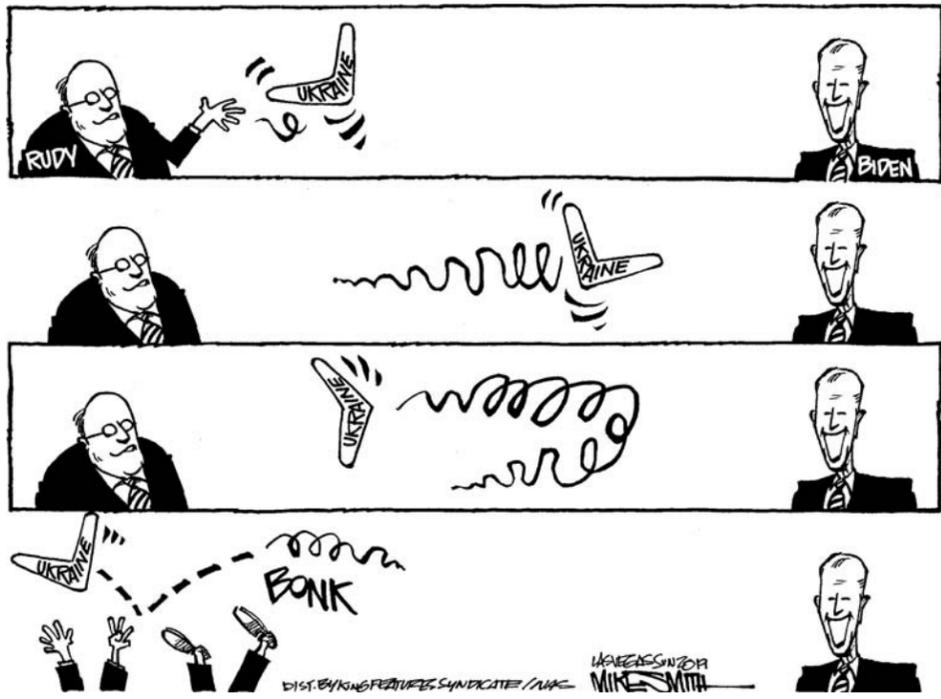
What can Trump do about any of this? Absent a mea culpa and promise of full transparency, which aren't in the cards for temperamental reasons if nothing

else, Trump can't change the dynamic or the timing. But he should be secretly rooting for the rapid arrival of Impeachment Day (and the near-inevitable acquittal in the Senate).

It will be one of the biggest stories of the Trump presidency. Then, like everything else, it will grow old very fast. Impeachment won't be forgotten, but it will fade into part of the tapestry of endless Trump controversies and outrages, from Charlottesville to his Helsinki press conference

with Vladimir Putin. Democrats will believe they struck a decisive blow against Trump, when they really may have helped him turn the page.

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



# U.S.-Mexico 10K set for November 16

By Eric Pearson  
Special to the Courier

ELPASO COUNTY/JUAREZ – Run Internacional – The U.S.-Mexico 10K is back. The fourth edition of the picturesque Run Internacional begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, November 16 in El Paso, Texas, USA and ends across the border in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Two cities and one community come together in Run Internacional. The cross-border 10K is about the unique greatness of the largest borderland in the world, and illustrates how one community, united by an international boundary line,

blends itself into one region.

Registration is available at international10k.com. Anyone who registered for the canceled 2018 Run Internacional and did not request a refund is automatically registered for the 2019 U.S.-Mexico 10K.

The cross-border run starts in El Paso next to the Stanton Street Port of Entry at Olivas V. Aoy Avenue and South Mesa Street. The course winds past landmarks such as Southwest University Park, the Roderick Artspace Lofts, San Jacinto Plaza, the Mills Building and Segundo Barrio before crossing into Juarez at the Stanton Street Bridge.

In Juarez, it passes landmarks

such as the Plaza de Toros bullring, the Old Customs House (where the first U.S.-Mexico presidential meeting took place in 1909 with William Taft and Porfirio Diaz), Museo de la Revolucion, and the Juarez Cathedral. The race finishes at a new location, the Monumento JRZ, in Juarez, just a short walk from the Paso del Norte International Bridge. Volunteers will help runners return to El Paso, on foot or by shuttle, from the finish line to the bridge.

Run Internacional – The U.S.-Mexico 10K is presented by the El Paso Community Foundation in partnership with the City of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez.



By Samantha Weaver

It was Marquette University basketball coach and beloved national basketball commentator Al McGuire who made the following sage observation: "The world is run by C students."

There were no armadillos in Texas until the 1840s.

Many people think that adding cream to coffee makes it colder, but that's only partially correct. As it turns out, after cooling the coffee a little bit, the cream forms a layer of fat molecules across the surface, insulating the coffee and keeping it warmer longer.

Those who study such things say that only about half the French-speaking people in the world actually live in France.

After the Civil War, Varina Davis – widow of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy – and Julia Grant – widow of Ulysses S. Grant, famed Union general and later president of the United States – ended up living near each other. According to historians, they became very close friends.

On average, twins arrive 24 days earlier than babies from single births.

It's been claimed that it was customary in Austria at one time for women to wear small dogs draped about their shoulders for warmth.

You might be surprised to learn that the hula hoop was banned in some Indonesian cities. Why, you might ask? According to officials, the toy "awakens sensuality."

According to anthropologists, if you'd never worn shoes, there would be a larger gap between your big toe and the rest of your toes.

Thought for the Day: "Four be the things I am wiser to know: idleness, sorrow, a friend and a foe. Four be the things I'd be better without: love, curiosity, freckles and doubt."  
– Dorothy Parker

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On Nov. 4, 1979, student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini send shock waves across America when they storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists took 90 hostages.

On Nov. 5, 1968, in one of the closest elections in U.S. history, Republican challenger Richard Nixon defeats Vice President Hubert Humphrey. Because of third-party candidate George Wallace, neither Nixon nor Humphrey received 50% of the vote.

On Nov. 6, 1528, the Spanish conquistador Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca is shipwrecked on a low sandy island off the coast of Texas. Starving, dehydrated and desperate, he is the first European to set foot on the soil of the future Lone Star state.

On Nov. 7, 1914, while World War I rages in Europe, a new weekly magazine, The New Republic, is first published in the United States. Though its first issue sold only 875 copies, after a year the circulation reached 15,000. The New Republic still operates today as a weekly journal of opinion.

On Nov. 8, 1951, Yankees catcher Yogi Berra is voted the American League's most valuable player. He went on to be the league MVP twice more, in 1954 and 1955.

On Nov. 9, 1989, East German officials open the Berlin Wall, allowing free travel from East to West Berlin for the first time since 1961. The next day, celebrating Germans began to tear down one of the ugliest and most infamous symbols of the Cold War. The wall was built to keep a flood of refugees from fleeing Communist East Germany to the West.

On Nov. 10, 1775, a resolution, drafted by future U.S. president John Adams, creates the Continental Marines and is now observed as the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. The motto of the service is Semper Fidelis, meaning "Always Faithful" in Latin.

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## CryptoQuip Answer

When the octopus needed underwear to keep itself warm, I reckon it purchased a coat of arms.

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within twenty-one (21) days from the date of occurrence.” They had it in less than two minutes! But they don’t do that anymore according to the agent.

Since I did not accept their weak voucher offer on the spot they now want me to jump through their hoops to get reimbursed for fixing my suitcase (\$60 – *ten cash dollars* more than the voucher). And to get the money I now have to essentially file an “insurance claim” with Southwest Airlines. And on the surface that doesn’t sound unreasonable until you know what Southwest Airlines knows.

What Southwest Airlines knows – because they are essentially people and luggage haulers – is that there are no strict standards for handles in the suitcase industry. And that makes it time consuming to locate replacement parts for the myriad of designs and brands that are on the market today. The specifications are continually changing as old lines are dropped and new lines offered for sale. And that the number of businesses that will take on this work are scarce.

If you find a shop to repair the damage, you still have to get the suitcase there and pick it up again – all on your time, not knowing if you’ll be fully reimbursed. And that’s the other thing Southwest Airlines knows. It’s very inconvenient. A

fact I pointed out to the six people I spoke with (even though they already knew it). They all acknowledge that it’s a legitimate issue but they all stick to the “we don’t do that anymore,” and follow *our* rules.

They rely on the fact that a good many people will just take what they are offered or will quit altogether.

I was very clear about my profession when I spoke to these folks (who’s names I won’t print) about this Southwest Airlines policy of dumping their work back on the client. I asked them what story did they want me to tell about how Southwest Airlines handled my luggage issue. They are luggage experts after all. They know what luggage cost and what repairs cost. All I wanted was for them to do their work, not foist it on me. One mid-level manager said, “I’d get fired if I give you that,” when I asked for the corporate manager responsible for baggage policies.

For the most part, Southwest Airlines is a decent airline. They get you from Point A to Point B for a reasonable fare. And they are probably operating well within the fine print of Southwest Airlines’ Contract of Carriage. But they could do so much better in this area. It should not be the passengers’ responsibility to clean up Southwest Airlines’ errors or be low-balled with corporate vouchers versus paying cash to fix damages. In fact, had they offered a heftier voucher to cover both the repair and my “inconvenience,”

I may well have accepted – after I cooled off from the “normal wear and tear” remark and attitude. But then again, I still hate doing other people’s work for them.

I won’t hold my breath, but hey Southwest, I’m available for consultation and can help you fix this problem, if you really want to that is.

Compare that corporate attitude and behavior to that of Safelite Autoglass. Kudos to them for their customer relations and service standards. Just prior to taking my trip I had the windshield replaced on one of my cars. My grandson picked me up in it and on the way home I tried to clean the El Paso desert off the glass. No water. I get home and fill the water tank and try again. No water.

A few days later on a Friday, fully three weeks after the glass had been replaced, I called Safelite and reported the problem. They scheduled an appointment for the following Monday. And Janet, the customer service rep, gave me her phone number and the phone number for the tech. Apparently Safelite wants you to know who is responsible for the work.

They were on time. There were no forms to be filled out and filed. No web-portals. No offer of vouchers to use with Safelite if I’d go reconnect the water line myself. They didn’t expect their client to do their work for them – they apologized, they came and fixed it. Then they thanked me for my business and patience. Again, kudos to Safelite Autoglass.

My larger concern here is this: Have we fallen asleep like a frog in hot water? This OPW didn’t happen overnight. But it has steadily crept into our societal thinking to the point that my grandson wonders why I rail at this issue. He considers it normal to be bounced from web-portal to web-portal to get things done, things that companies used to do as part of *their* normal work.

He doesn’t call companies for customer service. A problem-ticket by email is all he’s known. He’s never lived in a time where the gas station attendant pumped your gas for you and checked your oil. (Yes, if you’re under 40, they really did do that. Watch an old black and white movie.) In some states they still require an attendant, but it’s rare.

One easy example is the checkout at many big box stores. While there are still some cashiers, they are decreasing as companies have been slowly training people – customers – to scan and bag their own merchandise. It’s cheaper for the companies to have one roving cashier for six self-checkouts than to pay six cashiers. But to completely do this they have to convince – train – the public that the checkout work belongs to the customer and not the retailer. That somehow this is really a convenience for the consumer. And they are well on their way. OPW.

If we’re not careful we’ll all wind up doing Other People’s Work for everybody.

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# All kinds of big games with playoff scenarios on final Friday

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

Believe it or not, the final week of the high school football regular season is already upon us.

It seems like it was just last weekend that teams were getting ready for that first kickoff after a long hot summer of waiting. It always goes way too quickly.

And though some of us are mourning the end of the season, this coming Friday does come with a lot of drama and intrigue.

No less than three district championships will be on the line as the top two teams from local 6A, 5A and 4A leagues battle it out.

In District 1-6A, the Americas Trailblazers (4-0 in league, 8-1 overall) and the Montwood Rams (4-0, 7-2) meet Friday evening at 7 p.m. at the Socorro Student Activities Complex (SAC).

Americas, which is considered the best team in the city, lost only one game, a last-second 31-28 nail-biter to Amarillo Tascosa. The Trailblazers had the lead at four different times in the game, but couldn't stop Amarillo from scoring with less than a minute to play.

After starting the season 1-2, Montwood has won six in a row, all by 13 points or more.

The last time the Rams lost was back on Sept. 13 when they took a 72-7 drubbing at the hands of the Midland Lee Rebels.

In District 2-5A, Div. 1, the only

undefeated team in El Paso, the Parkland Matadors will take on the Canutillo Eagles at Canutillo for all the marbles.

Both teams are 4-0 in district play, while Parkland is 9-0 and Canutillo is 8-1 overall.

While the Matadors have dominated their opponents by an average of just over 30 points a game, Canutillo has survived the season with tight wins over Hanks by 3, Ysleta by 8 and Riverside by 9.

If the Eagles can pull out another close victory this Friday, they'll claim the league title.

In District 1-4A, the Clint Lions will travel to Mountain View to battle the Lobos for the league championship.

Both teams are 2-0 in district action, Mountain View is 7-2 overall while Clint is 5-3.

The Lobos come into this one on a four-game winning streak, while the Lions have won their two district games by at least three touchdowns each.

And although this one is not a winner-take-all scenario, District 2-5A, Div. 2 will end with the Austin Panthers (4-1, 7-2 overall) visiting the Burges Mustangs (5-0, 8-1).

If Austin were to upset Burges and Address (4-1, 7-2) were to win over Irvin (1-4, 2-6), as expected, the district would end in a three-way tie between Austin, Burges and Address.

In the other district, 1-5A to be exact, the Eastlake Falcons have already clinched at least a tie for the top spot, but can win it outright with a victory at Bel Air 'Friday night.

Eastlake is 4-0 in league play and 5-4 overall.

If the Falcons were to fall to the Highlanders (0-4, 3-6), Eastwood (3-1) and Del Valle (3-1) could tie Eastlake at the top of the standings. Eastwood is at El Dorado and Del Valle hosts Chapin.

## A record-breaking season

This year has been a special one for broken records and state of Texas accomplishments.

Americas tailback Aaron Dumas leads all Texas 6A running backs with 2,385 yards through nine games.

He also broke the all-time El Paso single-season rushing touchdown record of 29, set in 1985 by Austin High's Steven Lee. Dumas, just a junior, has 32 touchdowns, with a regular season and at least one playoff game, still left to play.

Yet another Americas player leads the state of Texas in sacks. Junior defensive end Dylan Kemp had 25.5 sacks going into last Friday's game. He was at least 10 sacks ahead of his nearest competitor.

Then there's Hanks wide receiver Mykal Blanco, who has broken the city's all-time career receiving yardage record this season.

Blanco broke the record of 3,467, set by Eastwood's Richie Rodriguez in 2015. With a game left on the schedule, Blanco now has 3,973 receiving yards in his career.

Blanco also has the all-time career receiving touchdown record with 48... and counting.

## TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore

October 24, 1932, Plennie Wingo of Abilene completed his 8000 mile trip of walking backward across the U.S.



## Market

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and beverage selections, and the Native American jewelry bargains. Also, market visitors will be treated to glimpses of the tribe's heritage through a variety of demonstrations including dance, pottery making, bead looming, bread baking, storytelling, and gardening. Additionally,

artisan shops and studios with Tigua artworks and handcraft items will be open for viewing.

For more information regarding the winter market contact Rick Quezada, director of the Department of Cultural Preservation, or Linda Silvas-Medrano, supervisor of the YDSP Cultural Center, at (915) 859-7700. To view the organization's website, visit [culturalcenter@YSDP-NSN.gov](mailto:culturalcenter@YSDP-NSN.gov).

## Super Crossword

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|---|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>PET SHOWER</b>                                   | 51 Witty remark                              | 91 Year, in Italy              | Xerxes' empire?  | 52 Bouquet                             |
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                       | 53 Covetous types                            | 92 Sea god of Greek myth       | 8 Ski course   | 55 The folks                           |
| 1 Guru's practice                                   | 54 Act furtively                             | 93 Old-time anesthetic         | 9 "Scandal" network                                      | 61 Research facility on Mount Everest? |
| 5 Pre- (supplant)                                   | 55 Custodial tool                            | 94 Thanksgiving side dish      | 10 Perfect-game pitcher Don                              | 63 Doled (out)                         |
| 9 Neighbor of Georgia                               | 56 University URL ending                     | 95 "Nana" actress              | 11 Kin of PDQ  | 64 Not outer                           |
| 16 PC pic file                                      | 57 "Nana" actress                            | Anna                           | 12 Superman's evil "mirror image"                        | 65 Film with Buzz Lightyear            |
| 19 Bedouin, e.g.                                    | 58 Bull features                             | 59 Wood cutter                 | 13 Flaring dress   | 67 Traditional grub of Bangkok?        |
| 20 Actor Max or Max Jr.                             | 60 Oscar-winning title role for Meryl Streep | 62 Sandy stuff                 | 14 Bit of advice from a British crown dependency native? | 68 Gets old                            |
| 21 Situated at the bottom, as of the skull          | 66 Load to bear                              | 67 Encl. to facilitate a reply | 15 Neighbor of Chile: Abbr.                              | 73 Salt's "Stop!"                      |
| 22 Primo pitcher                                    | 68 _Lingus                                   | 69 Med. nation                 | 16 Big name in sports drinks                             | 74 Hard, yellow cheese                 |
| 23 Prisms, e.g.                                     | 70 Second baseman Robinson _                 | 71 Phnom _                     | 17 Cold zero-calorie drink                               | 75 Mao _-tung                          |
| 25 Causing to go mad                                | 72 Wearing old, torn clothes                 | 73 Like old, worn clothes      | 18 Ones eating lavish meals                              | 77 Sage mentor                         |
| 26 Drink with crumpets                              | 74 911 VIP                                   | 75 Like old, worn clothes      | 19 Fr. holy woman  | 81 Most crud-filled                    |
| 27 Region largely in southwest Poland               | 76 "Criminy!"                                | 78 Winner's hand gesture       | 20 Picks up on   | 82 Entertaining brief tale             |
| 29 Big name in shapewear                            | 77 "Criminy!"                                | 79 The, to Fritz               | 21 After-bath powder                                     | 83 Exerted great effort                |
| 30 Seating tiers                                    | 78 "Criminy!"                                | 80 Hogs' homes                 | 22 Slaty color   | 85 Less typical                        |
| 31 Bandit-seeking band                              | 79 The, to Fritz                             | 81 Car tank insert             | 23 Danson of "Ink"                                       | 86 Sleep-stage acronym                 |
| 34 Future tense of "is"                             | 80 Hogs' homes                               | 82 Like stars                  | 24 Do as told  | 88 Michigan city                       |
| 36 Business agt.                                    | 81 Car tank insert                           | 83 Like stars                  | 25 Do as told  | 90 Mississippi River explorer          |
| 37 "I smell!"                                       | 82 Like stars                                | 84 Like stars                  | 26 Localities  | 94 Go quickly                          |
| 38 Objecting to                                     | 83 Like stars                                | 85 Like stars                  | 27 Localities  | 99 Artist Andrea del _                 |
| 39 Car-towing gp.                                   | 84 Like stars                                | 86 Like stars                  | 28 Localities  | 101 "Swell!"                           |
| 40 Kind of eclipse                                  | 85 Like stars                                | 87 Like stars                  | 29 Localities  | 102 Not 'neath                         |
| 42 Calm-inducing drug                               | 86 Like stars                                | 88 Like stars                  | 30 Localities  | 105 Mexican nosh                       |
| 44 Stop nursing gradually                           | 87 Like stars                                | 89 Like stars                  | 31 Localities  | 107 Gray of R&B                        |
| 45 Actress Dana of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" | 88 Like stars                                | 90 Like stars                  | 32 Localities  | 109 Blasting aid                       |
| 47 Cilantro   | 89 Like stars                                | 91 Like stars                  | 33 Localities  | 110 Cairo-to-Nairobi dir.              |
| 49 Concept  | 90 Like stars                                | 92 Like stars                  | 34 Localities  | 112 Mentalist Geller                   |
|   | 91 Like stars                                | 93 Like stars                  | 35 Localities  | 113 "King" Cole                        |
|   | 92 Like stars                                | 94 Like stars                  | 36 Localities  | 114 Henna, e.g.                        |
|   | 93 Like stars                                | 95 Like stars                  | 37 Localities  |  |
|   | 94 Like stars                                | 96 Like stars                  | 38 Localities  |  |
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**OUT ON A LIMB** By Gary Kopervas



**AMBER WAVES** By Dave T. Phipps



**THE SPATS** By Jeff Pickering



**R.F.D.** By Mike Marland



**Sediment**

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quantities) for the application request. There are currently no deadlines as the project is year-round.

The contractors were scheduled to begin on November 4, or pursuant to favorable river conditions. Work in Sierra County and Doña Ana County (north) is expected to be completed by January 2020, Doña Ana and El Paso Counties is expected to be completed in February 2020, Doña Ana County (middle) is expected to be completed in March 2020, and finally, work in Hudspeth County is expected to be completed by August 2020.

Removal of the accumulated sediment from the river channel is necessary to restore the design flow capacity of the Rio Grande, provide adequate flood protection to adjacent properties and to improve efficiency of water deliveries to irrigation districts, municipalities, and Mexico. The sediment removal projects will occur during the fall-winter non-irrigation season.

"I know how important this work is for water users and landowners," said U.S. Commissioner Jayne Harkins. "These

contracts will help in key areas of the river."

The sediment removal contract in Sierra County, NM was awarded to Sierra Valley Contractors, LLC of Truth or Consequences, NM. The estimated excavation quantity is 176,000 cubic yards, with the focus of the work at the river confluences with the Tipton, Trujillo, Montoya, and Holguin Arroyos, and channel excavation from Tierra Blanca Creek to Sibley Arroyo.

Smithco Construction, Inc., of Caballo, NM, was awarded four contracts – two contracts take place in Doña Ana County, NM, and the other two are in Hudspeth and El Paso Counties, TX.

In north Doña Ana County, an estimated

100,000 cubic yards of sediment will be excavated from the upstream (north) sides of both the Hatch Siphon and Rincon Siphon. In addition, sediment will be excavated along the river channel from Salem Bridge to Highway 187 Bridge.

The middle portion of Doña Ana County sediment excavation will include the Hersey Arroyo confluence, the channel from Rincon Arroyo to Bignell Arroyo, the Rock Canyon Arroyo to below Tonuco drain, and the channel from Mesilla Bridge to Mesilla Dam for a total of 268,000 cubic yards.

In Doña Ana and El Paso Counties, 244,000 cubic yards of sediment will be excavated from the channel from the

East Drain in Vinton to Vinton Bridge, along the Canutillo area, upstream and downstream of the Country Club Bridge, and from the Sunland Park Bridge to Montoya Drain outfall.

The river channel from McClintock Arroyo to Frailes Arroyo in Hudspeth County will have 400,000 cubic yards of sediment removed.

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries. The U.S. Section of the Commission maintains the Rio Grande channel and flood control levees along various parts of the Rio Grande in New Mexico and Texas.

**Can nothing be done for severe back pain?**

*DEAR DR. ROACH: I have severe lower back pain and can't stand up straight or walk very well. I saw a back specialist, and he took X-rays and reviewed an MRI. He informed me nothing could be done for me because I have diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis (DISH). I would like to know what this is and why nothing can be done for me. – Anon.*



DISH is essentially a disease of bone spurs. The ligaments and their attachments to bone themselves become calcified and bonelike. The cause is unknown. Symptoms are commonly back pain (more often, middle or upper back, not the lower back pain you have), but pain also may occur in the neck. Problems with walking are not common, but can happen if a nerve is being compressed.

Surgery is not a usual treatment for DISH. It is occasionally necessary if the bone spurs press on nerves or if the bone spurs are so large that they interfere with eating. That doesn't mean nothing can be done for you. Physical therapy may be very beneficial; judicious pain medication and regular gentle exercise are the other effective treatments.

If the difficulty standing straight and walking persist, you should get re-evaluated.

*DEAR DR. ROACH: What is your take on the benefits versus risks of DMSO? – W.R.*

DMSO (dimethyl sulfoxide) has only one use approved by the Food and Drug Administration, in people with interstitial cystitis, where it is directly instilled into the bladder. It is also used (off-label, meaning without an official FDA indication) as a recovery treatment when the tube delivering some types of chemotherapy comes out of the vein.

DMSO may have a pain-relieving effect, both topically when applied, as well as in the brain, though the mechanism for this is unclear. DMSO is an antioxidant and opens pores in lipid membranes, but again it's unclear how this relates to its possible effects on people's symptoms.

It is an interesting and difficult-to-study compound. It is exceedingly permeable: Within five minutes of being applied to skin, it is detectable in the blood. It has a distinct flavor and

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odor that can be noticed after application to the skin, which makes doing a controlled trial difficult; subjects in a study find it very easy to know whether or not they have been given DMSO.

It's estimated that people have spent billions of dollars on DMSO for other conditions, especially arthritis and inflammatory diseases. However, the evidence that it is effective is poor, largely because of the difficulty in doing good studies on this compound, but also because large-scale studies are very expensive and there is little enthusiasm on performing such studies on a cheap compound.

The risks appear to be small.

Apart from the taste and smell changes, there are rare reports of allergies, discomfort in the bladder after instillation there and possible damage to the eye lens (at least in animals).

You didn't tell me what condition you are considering DMSO for, but except in the case of interstitial cystitis (where there are other therapies more likely to be effective), given uncertain benefits, I don't recommend DMSO despite the low risk of harm.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, 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.*

**VA helping victims of domestic abuse**



by Freddy Groves

If you're a veteran and are a victim of domestic violence, the Department of Veterans Affairs can help you with housing and support services if you need to flee. If you have children, this includes them. If you are a senior veteran, elder abuse is included in the definition of domestic violence.

The housing and services are provided by two programs, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and Grant and Per Diem. In 2017, public law 114-315 expanded eligibility for both programs to include situations such as fleeing dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and any situation that makes it unsafe for you to stay. The big eligibility hurdle is that you don't have anywhere else to live.

If you have to get out immediately, you're eligible for SSVF rapid housing intervention, which is a program to help the homeless get quickly into permanent housing. SSVF has a new component called shallow subsidies, which is essentially a hand up. Rents are below market level, but are not based on a percentage of your income.

Grant and Per Diem gives grants to companies to provide services to homeless veterans, including transitional housing. The GPD program will help with services to get your life back on track, such as stable housing and gaining skills to increase your income.

Go online to [www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp) and [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/) to gather information and make contacts. The second link, to SSVF, has information for the states that provide the rent subsidies. If your living situation is volatile, gather your information now and

keep it in a safe place that you can grab when you need it. Your purse or wallet is not a good place.

In a violent situation, make 911 your first call. When you can, when the situation is safe, collect your saved information and go.

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• You can rewrap a scratching post with sisal rope fairly easily. The rope usually costs only a couple of dollars, and you can use a drop of hot glue to get started and another at the end. Your cat (and your couch) will thank you.

• "I've been trying to make better choices about the packaging on items I purchase, and I've stopped using plastic wrap and baggies for the most part. But there are some items that wax paper or parchment bags can't handle. But I found a solution: beeswax wrap. It works just like cling wrap, and you can wash it easily. It's pretty cool and reusable over and over." — K.G. in Florida

• Add a few tablespoons of milk to water that you use to cook cauliflower. It will help it retain its whiteness.

• Remove a lettuce core with this swift trick: Set the head of lettuce core side down on a hard surface. Bring the lettuce up and then down swiftly, crushing the core. Turn it over and the core should be easy to remove. Slice as needed.

• "I use the wide rubber band from a head of broccoli to keep my dusting cloth attached to my bottle of furniture polish. I have a microfiber cloth that I use several times before washing. I tuck it under the band, and the two items stay together under the sink." — B. in Oklahoma

• "Someone brought a bag of temporary tattoos to a tailgate and the kids (and some of the adults, if I'm being honest) went overboard. We used baby oil to get the residue off the next day. It came off without a fight, thank goodness." — J.J. in Georgia

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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: A equals E

XKAS HKA INHIWTG SAARAR  
ITHAVXAUV HI YAAW ZHGAJP  
XUVD, Z VANYIS ZH  
WTVNKUGAR U NIUH IP UVDG.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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7					6	9		

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY: ★★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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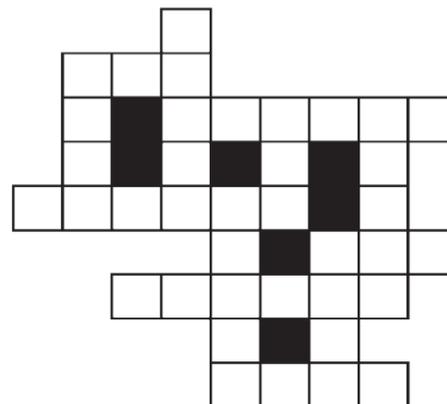
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- SCOTLE
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- ♥ NSWO



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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