



NEWSBRIEFS

San Eli Trail



The Mission Trail Art Market continues its sixth season in San Elizario. The Mission Valley premier art and craft market continues on the third Sunday of every month. The next date is Sunday, May 18, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The market features professional artisans from across the region present an amazing selection of quality art and craft. Choose from delicate pottery, vibrant jewelry, timeless home accents, and seasonal decorations. Painting, sculpture and photography for the connoisseur, sweet and savory treats for the gourmet. Enjoy the food concessions and entertainment. The event is *Pet Friendly*. There is plenty of parking and admission is free. The Pistoleros De San Elizario, reenactment troupe, will perform two shows at 1 and 3 p.m. of the “Billy The Kid” Breakout at the Old El Paso County Jail Museum in addition to Wild West Shootouts on the street. Live music at the El Bandido will start at 2 p.m. with Los Alegres del Valle. For more information call 851-0093

— Al Borrego

Wanted

A man robs a woman at gunpoint in the parking lot of an East El Paso store. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the public’s assistance in finding the man responsible through the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On the morning of Saturday, April 26, 2014, an employee of the “Family Dollar” store located at 12235 Pellicano was inside of her vehicle. The employee was preparing to make a bank deposit for the business. At approximately 7:25 a.m., a man approached the car that the employee was inside of. The man was armed with a handgun and threatened the employee for the money. The suspect

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*Making mistakes isn’t stupid;
disregarding them is.*

— Quips & Quotes



LIQUID GOLD – Elephant Butte Lake, about 120 miles north of El Paso, is a New Mexico State Park located along the shore of Elephant Butte Reservoir. It is the largest state park in New Mexico and surrounds the state’s largest reservoir. The 36,000-acre reservoir, created in 1916 across the Rio Grande, is 40 miles long with more than 200 miles of shoreline. Each year, Mexico, Southern New Mexico and the El Paso area receive a new allocation of water from the Elephant Butte/ Rio Grande system during the irrigation season.

Elephant Butte Lake wants visitors to return

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

For decades, a popular destination for many El Paso area residents during Memorial Day weekends has been Elephant Butte Lake, the largest body of water in Southern New Mexico and West Texas. The lake and its surroundings provide the opportunity to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities including boating, fishing, camping, and different water spots. This year should be no exception.

Although this region has been in severe drought conditions for the past three years and Elephant Butte Lake water level dropped to nearly three percent of its capacity last year, current readings show that the lake is nearly 20 percent full as of the end of April, according to recent U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) reports.

Water has continued flowing into Elephant Butte Lake throughout the winter, perhaps continued drainage from last summer’s storms and this winter’s sporadic precipitation, park officials surmised.

The water level is up about 45 feet from the 2013 low point. USBR data show that Elephant Butte Lake’s current reservoir storage is 363,801 acre-feet. Last year, the storage went down to as low as 222,262 acre-feet. The lake’s capacity is 1,973,358 acre-feet.

Elephant Butte Lake is governed by the Rio Grande Compact. The Rio Grande Compact is an interstate compact signed in 1938 between

the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Chihuahua (Mexico) and approved by the U.S. Congress, to equitably apportion the waters of the Rio Grande Basin.

While the lake’s water level has increased this year, water allocations for this area is still far below normal. Usually when the lake has plenty of water, El Paso water allocations are four acre-feet per acre, and irrigation starts in March and goes all the way to October.

For the upcoming irrigation season, El Paso County Water Improvement District (EPCWID) No. 1 Board of Directors set an allocation of 18 inches per acre of irrigable land. Small tract parcels will receive 4 irrigations this summer. Water from the lake supplies irrigation water as well as about 50 percent of El Paso’s supply when available.

Jesus “Chuy” Reyes, general manager of EPWID No. 1, reported that conditions are better this year than they were last year, but not by much. He stated that for this irrigation season El Paso has an allocation of 70,000 acre feet of water (about twice as much as last year), Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID), which serves Dona Ana NM County, has 89,000 acre feet, and Mexico has 12,943 acre feet. An acre-foot contains about 326,000 gallons, enough water to cover one acre up to a depth of 12 inches, or 1 foot.

Water releases into and from the Rio Grande for the irrigation season will begin on June 1 instead of March because of the continued drought, El Paso water officials said recently.

John E. Balliew, president and CEO of El Paso Water Utilities Co., told the Public

Service Board recently that all parties in El Paso, New Mexico and Mexico decided on the June 1 release date, just like they did last year.

After PSB’s meeting, Balliew said that the utility company has worked diligently over the past three years to increase its groundwater capacity to offset the current shortages in the surface water supply.

El Paso water and irrigation customers have been relying more on groundwater from subterranean bolsons the last few years to help offset the lack of water runoff into the Rio Grande from the Elephant Butte reservoir.

This year’s allotted 18 inches of water per irrigable land is far below the ideal level needed for crops Reyes explained. The ongoing drought has forced many farmers to dig more wells or rehabilitate existing ones to make up the differences, this lowers the water table and, if dry seasons continue, that water will be a lot harder to get, he added.

As for the Elephant Butte Lake community, the lake’s rise means more visitors’ business. The timing of the rising water matches well with the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

“It’s really good for people there wanting to fish. There’s plenty of water for folks who want to do any type of jet skiing. For people who want to camp on the beach, there’s lots of camping,” said one local merchant. The water level is high enough that a boat ramp on the far northern stretch of Elephant Butte Lake State Park, called Monticello, will be open as well as other boat ramps and the lake’s marinas for the Memorial Day weekend, she added.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

VA stonewalls Congress over deaths of 40 vets

Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, has called for a complete investigation into the travesty of the 40 veterans who died while awaiting care at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Phoenix. In his statement, Miller wrote of the “growing pattern of preventable veteran deaths and patient safety incidents at VA medical centers across the country,” and specifically mentions Atlanta; Columbia, S.C.; Augusta, Ga.; Pittsburgh; and Memphis.

A week later, Miller wrote directly to VA chief Eric Shinseki about the delay in preserving evidence of “secret” wait lists at the Phoenix VA. He cited several witnesses to the fact that paper lists were shredded, and he had requested more specific information about the who, what and when of it. He got nada – even though he’d made a request for the preservation of the documents as far back as April 9. It turns out the VA’s general counsel hadn’t passed along the request for eight days... plenty of time to shred a lot of documents.

Miller is someone to watch. A few months ago, he launched a program called the VA Honesty Project, which is “designed to highlight the Department of Veterans Affairs’ lack of transparency with the press, and by extension, with the public.” He pointed out that the VA has 54 full-time employees who are tasked with handling media requests... or ignoring them, as the case may be.

Miller’s project documents 70 cases so far in which the VA failed to respond to questions, saying that the VA’s “media avoidance strategy can’t be anything other than intentional.” The Veterans committee itself has been waiting on more than 100 information requests dating back to 2012.

To view the evidence, see: <http://veterans.house.gov/VAHonestyProject>.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Finances

By Jason Alderman

Keep a lid on vacation costs

Summer vacation is right around the corner. I’m not a big believer in pre-planning every single detail – sometimes the best vacation moments are spontaneous. But unless your rich uncle is paying for the trip, you’ll need to do a certain amount of preparation or your budget will fly out the window.

You do have a vacation budget, right? If not, here are a few suggestions for creating one and some cost-saving ideas to help keep expenses down:

First, be realistic about what you can afford. If your vacation will take more than a month or two to pay off, you may want to scale back on this year’s trip and start setting aside money now for next year.

When building a trip budget, try to anticipate all potential expenses. Consider things like:

- Airfare-related expenses. Include taxes and fees for items like changing flights, extra leg room, priority boarding, Wi-Fi access, meals, and checked, oversized or overweight baggage.
- Kayak.com, Airfarewatchdog.com and Travelnerd.com provide handy charts that compare various fees for popular airlines; however, always double-check the airline’s own posted rules before booking your flight.
- Transportation to and from the airport – at home and all travel locations.
- Car rentals. Factor in taxes, gas, fill-up penalties and insurance (check your auto insurance and credit card policies to ensure you don’t pay for duplicate coverage).
- Hotel/lodging. Don’t forget taxes and other local fees, charges for phone/Internet, room service, early check-in or departure, gratuities, etc.
- Hotel room rates often are based on double occupancy. Although kids usually can stay for free, many hotels charge extra for additional adults.
- Entertainment. Include meals and snacks, event admission and ticket-ordering charges, transit passes or taxis, sporting equipment rental, babysitters, and special clothing or accessory requirements (sunscreen, hiking boots, etc.)
- Throw in an extra 10 or 15 percent for unanticipated expenses – lost luggage, flat tire, etc.

Search for deals on flights, hotels and rental cars at comparison sites like Orbitz.com, Kayak.com, Priceline.com, Hotwire.com, Hotels.com and Travelzoo.com. But beware: Before clicking “confirm,” make sure the final price matches the initial quote. I’ve seen fares jump \$50 or more in just minutes or had the seat I was booking suddenly become unavailable.


A few additional tips:

- Follow and “like” airlines and ticketing sites on Facebook and Twitter. They’ll often share sales, discounts and promotional codes with their followers.
- If the airfare goes down after you’ve purchased your ticket, ask the airline or ticketing site to refund the difference – it couldn’t hurt to ask.
- Print and carry a copy of your airline’s Contract of Carriage, which outlines your rights and the airline’s obligations should your flight be cancelled or delayed for reasons besides weather or other “acts of God.”
- Consider vacation rentals listed on sites like Airbnb.com, VRBO.com and HomeAway.com. You can often find cheaper accommodations with more space and amenities than hotels offer.
- Before booking a hotel room online, call the individual property to see if they can beat the company’s posted rate. Also ask for member discounts for organizations you belong to like AAA or AARP.

Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc., has a handy web-based travel calculator that can help you estimate travel costs and rejigger them to meet your budget needs (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/calculators). It’s also available as a free iPhone app, which you can download from iTunes.

Bottom line: A little preplanning now can ensure you don’t blow your whole budget on unexpected vacation expenses.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.



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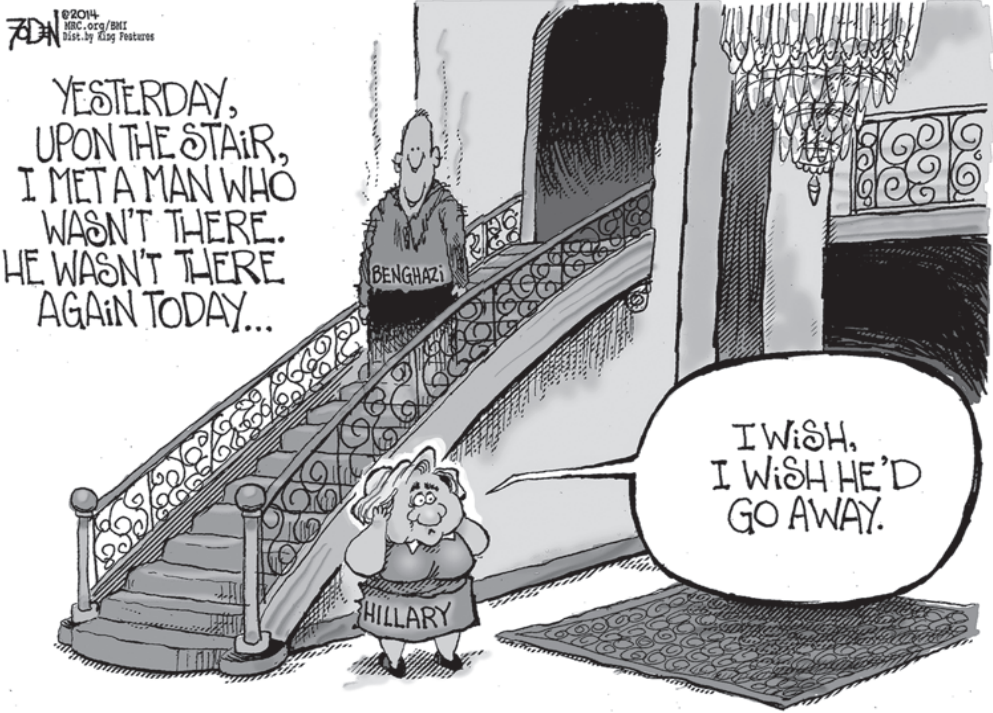
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The Deceptive Trade Practices Act

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When a vendor or salesman uses false statements, duress, exaggerations or misleading advertisements to win a Texan’s business, he or she violates the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA).

Vendors may violate the DTPA by claiming their product does something it does not or cannot do. Companies also violate the DTPA when they take advantage of a customer’s lack of knowledge or language comprehension.

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) protects Texans by filing civil enforcement actions under the DTPA and other consumer-protection statutes. Businesses must comply with the law when they interact with customers.

Complaints filed with the OAG may form the basis for a state investigation into a company’s business practices. In some cases, significant numbers of complaints about a business may give rise to legal action to enforce state law and protect the public interest. The decision to investigate or take legal action is based on a number of factors.

Enforcement actions are filed on behalf of the State of Texas and the public good. The

OAG cannot represent individual Texans, but some legal actions do produce restitution for the defendant’s customers.

The DTPA covers the sale, lease and distribution of nearly all goods and services, with the exception of professional advice. Providers of professional advice would not be cited under the DTPA if opinions they give clients turn out to be “wrong.” For example, an attorney could not be sued for deceptive trade practices for advising a client to file a lawsuit that ultimately failed.

Deceptive trade practices include:

- Price gouging in the wake of a disaster or catastrophe
- Lying about the need for repairs or parts
- Passing off used products as new ones
- Making false, negative accusations toward a competitor
- Making false statements about the manufacture or origin of a good/service
- False or misleading advertising
- Exaggerating or misrepresenting the benefits or endorsements of a product or service

The Office of the Attorney General may take legal action to enforce state consumer protection laws. To file a complaint, contact:

Office of Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division Hotline
(800) 621-0508
www.texasattorneygeneral.gov

Consumer education is a vital part of the OAG’s mission. The best consumer protection is widespread public awareness of consumer rights and common scams. Texans who believe they have been subject to deceptive trade practices should file a complaint with the OAG and retain as much evidence of wrongdoing as possible, including brochures, advertisements,

records of related transactions and notes about conversations with company representatives.

Texans who relied on a deceptive practice to their detriment also should make every effort to remedy the situation with the vendor. They should send a certified, return-receipt letter to the vendor outlining the problem and what the company should do to make the situation right. If that fails, Texans may also consider suing in small claims court or consulting an attorney about civil litigation.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

- On May 30, 1593, playwright Christopher Marlowe, 29, is killed in a brawl over a bar tab. Marlowe was nearly denied his master's degree in 1587 until advisers to Queen Elizabeth intervened, recommending he receive the degree. Marlowe's activities as a spy for Queen Elizabeth were later documented by historians.
- On June 1, 1779, the court-martial of Benedict Arnold convenes in Philadelphia. After a clean record in the early days of the American Revolution, Arnold was charged with 13 counts of misbehavior. Arnold's resentment and his perceived mistreatment by the American Army would fuel his coming traitorous defection.
- On May 31, 1889, the South Fork Dam collapses, causing a flood in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, that kills more than 2,200 people. At 900 feet by 72 feet, it was the largest earth dam (made of dirt and rock) in the United States, and it created

the largest man-made lake of the time, Lake Conemaugh.

- On May 28, 1937, the government of Germany – then under the control of Adolf Hitler – forms a new state-owned automobile company, later

named Volkswagenwerk. After World War II ended, with the factory in ruins, the Allies would make Volkswagen the focus of their attempts to resuscitate the German auto industry.

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Anthony Indepedent School District
PUBLIC NOTICE / AVISO PUBLICO

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs
Junta Pública para Examinar Programas de Fondos Federales

The Anthony Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following AISD Programs funded by Federal and State compensatory funds:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony llevará a cabo una junta pública para examinar los siguientes programas de AISD de fondos compensatorios estatales y federales:

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs;
Título I, Parte A - Mejorando Programas Basicos;
- Title II, Part A - Teacher / Principal Training and Recruiting;
Título II, Parte A - Entrenamiento y recultamiento de maestros y directores;
- Title III, Part A - Limited English Proficiency;
Título III, Parte A - Servicios de educacion para estudiantes de segunda idiom;
- IDEA, Part B - Formula & IDEA, Part B - Preschool;
IDEA, Part B - Formula & IDEA, Part B - Pre-Escolar;
- Career & Technical Education - Basic Grant;
Educación de Carreras en Tecnologia - Apoyo Financiero Basico.

The meeting will be held:
La junta se llevará a cabo:

Wednesday, May 21, 2014
miercoles, 21 de mayo 2014
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Anthony ISD Board Room
813 Sixth St., Anthony, TX

For information call:
Por información comuníquese con:
Melissa Bautista – 886-6509

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Socorro Independent School District
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Meeting to Review
Federally Funded Programs

The Socorro Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following NCLB Federal Grants:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part D SP 2 – Delinquent Youth
- Title II, Part A – Improving Teacher Quality
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- IDEA-Part B, IDEA Pre-School

The meeting will be held:
Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Service Center, 12440 Rojas Drive.

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AVISO PUBLICO
La junta Pública para Revisar
los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte D – Jóvenes Delincuentes
- Título II, Parte A – Mejorando la Calidad de Maestros y Directores
- Título III, Parte A – Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segundo idioma
- IDEA-Parte B, IDEA Pre-Escolar

La junta se llevará a cabo:
martes, 20 de mayo del 2014, 6:00 p.m. en la Sala de la Junta del Distrito del Centro de Servicio, 12440 Rojas Drive.

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Briefs

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fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and no injuries were reported in the incident. The suspect is described as a White or Hispanic male, in his late 40s or early 50s, with a fair complexion. He was approximately 5’6” in height with a medium build. He was wearing a dark-colored baseball cap, a bandana over his face, a dark colored jacket, blue jeans, and black boots. Anyone with any information on this robbery is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word “CRIME1” (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous, and if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

– Javier Sambrano

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Cleveland’s season gets purple hazy with Gordon issues

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Last week’s National Football League draft was full of drama and excitement from the very first pick to the later stages on Saturday. Some of the names that drew the most attention were Jadeveon Clowney, Johnny Manziel, Blake Bortles, Teddy Bridgewater and even Michael Sam. And whether fans cheered or moaned and groaned at their team’s picks, the excitement that was the anticipation of better years to come, was obvious. But believe it or not, there was some news that took a little of the thunder away from the draft. It had nothing to do with the Miami Heat or the San Antonio Spurs or the sudden emergence of Roy Hibbert and his Indiana Pacers. It had nothing to do with the New York Yankees or the L.A. Dodgers or the Boston Red Sox. Did it have anything to do with the NHL

playoffs? Please. It came from the “epitome of selfishness” department and it involved the Cleveland Browns. No, it wasn’t the arrogance that Johnny Manziel could bring with him to the team. It had to do with the actions of wide receiver Josh Gordon. Gordon was one of the biggest stories of the 2013 NFL season, literally coming out of nowhere to lead the league in receiving yards with 1,646, to go along with his 87 catches and nine touchdowns. He emerged as one of the quickest rising stars in the league at just 23 years of age. Of course this was after missing the first two games of the season for violating the league’s substance abuse law. In other words, he was caught with marijuana in his system. With all that marijuana inside him, I’d be more worried about the chances of him putting on some added weight from all those post-smoke snacks. We all know that pot is growing in acceptance around the country and a couple states have legalized it, but the state of Ohio

isn’t one of them. Anyway, one thing was a certainty, after receiving the fame he did last season the chances of him jeopardizing it for a little weed was out of the question. Well, maybe only an itzy-bitzy bit out of the question. Okay, the chances were high that he’d make the same mistake again. Don’t forget that we are talking about an NFL football player. For some of them the matter that makes up their brain is probably made of the same material their helmets are. Gordon failed another drug test last week – for guess what? No, not for steroids or human growth hormones like any other respectable NFL athlete – it was for marijuana, again! Now Gordon is facing a season-long ban from the league and that will include no paychecks in his bank account. I don’t want to call Gordon stupid but... oh, who am I kidding... of course he’s stupid. I just hope that it was the best pot on the planet because it’s going to cost him millions. And it won’t just be this season. The Browns and other NFL teams are going to think two or

three times before taking a chance on a player that can’t get out of his own way. The most unfortunate thing is that the fans of Cleveland, who don’t often have much to cheer about, were ecstatic about drafting Johnny Football. Fans were gobbling up season tickets in anticipation of an exciting 2014 season. One of the most exciting quarterbacks throwing to one of the most exciting receivers is what they were envisioning. But like the chances of keeping their own health insurance – if they liked it – the promise of a special offensive season may have just turned out to be a lie. Instead it looks like Gordon will be like the rest of us – watching the Browns on TV. How selfish does somebody have to be to let down a city, an organization and dozens of teammates for a little ganja? It would be bad enough if the self-inflicted wound affected no one other than himself. But to harm a multitude of people because he couldn’t stop smoking is the epitome of selfishness and the very definition of immaturity.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

You will pay for that

There’s been a lot of talk about college athletes banding together in some sort of union which, as we all know, would seem to take better care of the kids’ financial interests during their collegiate careers. For instance, why shouldn’t a college athlete who is the face of a marketing campaign be compensated above and beyond

the value of his or her tuition and scholarship benefits? You gotta give the kids a little walking-around money. This whole “wait until you graduate” idea... the “wait until after we ride you for countless sellout games and merchandise sales and then you’ll make millions”... is sending the wrong message to our youth, and it

smacks in the face the very concept of capitalism. As we learned in college – or for some of you, in jail – it’s that when you have not, you look for the haves and you make a deal. Jameis Winston, like many Floridians, likes seafood. Here in Florida, the catch is always succulent and fresh. It transfers from the sea to your plate in a few hours, max. Mr. Winston, the Heisman Trophy winner and quarterback of the National Championship team, found that as said persona, people wanted to be his “friend.”

One of those guys apparently was in charge of the seafood counter at his local grocer because the other day, Mr. Winston tried to leave the store with 4 pounds of shellfish without paying for it, and in such a way that it looked like he had maybe done it before, like maybe seafood is on the house for Heisman Trophy winners in that area. When questioned by deputies, the young scholar simply explained that he “forgot to pay.” See, it would have been better for him if he had just said he didn’t expect to pay. Saying he forgot to pay just makes him look like an idiot. The knock on Jameis Winston is his field smarts... apparently he doesn’t have any street smarts, either. Forget the education he received at Florida State, the first time we learn anything in America is during the most crucial of our formative years: the time we spent in the back seat of a grocery cart. For there is where we learned that

all the things you want or desire are right there, tantalizingly almost within your grasp. But you’re strapped to your chair. Your mommy or daddy says “no.” Then it’s on to the crucible... the actual checkout aisle, where all of the last-chance candy is laid out in neat little boxes. For the parent, this is the moment they get to openly display their training prowess. It’s a little like a dog show in that regard. The parent is being judged by everyone in line. It’s brutal. But it also is where a child understands that, yes, things cost money. Jameis Winston, no longer touted as one of the hot picks in the NFL draft, may have forgotten that, but he’s about to learn that failure to pay for those \$32 worth of mud bugs will cost him in a much bigger way after all.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.



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PEP TALK – Keitha Adams, UTEP’s woman’s head basketball coach, encourages Canutillo students to be diligent in life.

UTEP’s Coach Adams visits Canutillo students

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – UTEP Woman’s Basketball Head Coach Keitha Adams visited Garcia Elementary School on Friday, May 2, to talk to all fourth- and fifth-graders about setting goals and working toward achieving them. Adams came to GES just weeks after she ended a historic run for the UTEP Miners in the Women’s National Invitational Tournament, where her team reached the finals.

Adams said she had just achieved one of her life drams, which was to sell out the Don Haskins Center. “It was something many people thought we could not do. They said that a woman’s basketball team could not sell out the Don,” she said. “But we did it, and we did it two games in a row. It was such a wonderful experience and it made my dream come true.” The UTEP Woman’s Basketball team played back-to-back sold-out games at the Don Haskins, setting records for all-time largest crowd at

a WNIT game. The Don sits 12,222 people for basketball games. “If you work hard and you don’t give up when it seems like things are getting too difficult, you, too, can reach your goals and live your dream,” Adams said. “Keep studying, listen to your parents and pay attention to your teachers. Those are the first steps toward achieving your goals.” Adams signed basketballs and jerseys after her presentation. She received a GES care package from the administration in gratitude for her time and message.

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Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 65-year-old male in fairly good health. I do a bit of running. I've checked my blood pressure and pulse lately and have started monitoring it. My pulse is always in the 40s or low 50s. I went to the hospital to get some blood work done and have an EKG. They almost didn't let me go home. My pulse was reading 35, so the doctor sent me to the outpatient department. I wore an all-day heart-rate monitor. It did register in the 30s overnight. I eat right, don't smoke and am athletic, so my doctor couldn't recommend anything. Is there a problem with a low pulse? When I get older, how low will it drop? – C.W.

Bradycardia (“brady” for “slow,” “cardia” for “heart”) usually is not a problem in people who have no symptoms. However, heart rates in the 30s make me nervous, and they make most cardiologists start thinking very seriously about pacemakers. My colleague, Dr. Rob Campagna, a cardiologist at Weill-Cornell, tells me that at heart rates in the 30s and below, most people have symptoms, even if they are subtle. He also reminded me that sleep apnea, a condition I have written about several times, is a cause of bradycardia and ought to be considered in people with slow rates at nighttime.

The booklet on abnormal heart rhythms explains common heart-rhythm disturbances in greater detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 107W, Box 5364765, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6. Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I get a severe reaction to bee stings. The last time, my arm became swollen to

the size of my leg. Is the next bee sting likely to be fatal? Do I need an EpiPen? – N.N.

Bee stings (or any of the family Hymenoptera, including wasps, yellow jackets and hornets) cause local reactions in the majority of people. About 10 percent of people have dramatic local reactions. Fortunately, the risk of anaphylaxis – the severe systemic reaction that is responsible for 100 deaths per year in the U.S. – is very low in people with local reactions. However, it is still worthwhile to discuss with your doctor or an allergist, because the symptoms of anaphylaxis are sometimes missed. Anyone with a history of systemic reaction should carry (and know how to use!) an epinephrine injection.

Removing the stinger as soon as possible, preferably within seconds, is a good idea to prevent the full injection of venom.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband had shingles about five years ago; when we went in for our flu shot, we were both encouraged to also get the shingles vaccine. Doesn't he have immunity from actually having had it? We are both 60 years old. – J.R.

Even if you have a history of shingles, you still should get the shingles vaccine, since it is still possible to get shingles again after having it once.

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. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

MOVIE HEADS ACROSS

1 Highly ionized gases

8 More dreadful

13 Gourmand

20 Opera house in Milan

21 "Uncle!"

22 Dispositions

23 Cushioned

footstool

24 Movie director _ B. DeMille

25 Long-running comic strip

26 Start of a riddle

29 Mattress company

30 Yes, to Henri

31 Prefix meaning "egg"

32 Miami Heat's org.

35 Riddle, part 2

42 Volcano in the N. Cascades

47 Fed. air monitor

48 Blood lines

49 Riddle, part 3

56 Riyal earners

57 Simian beast

58 "You _ big trouble!"

59 Additionally

62 "Last one _ a rotten egg!"

63 Arrangement

66 Cookie-selling gp.

67 Eyebrow, e.g.

68 Riddle, part 4

72 Poor marks

73 Arachnid trap

74 Last leftover

75 " _ boy!" ("All right!")

76 Unusual

77 Positive-thinking pastor Norman Vincent

79 Poetic P.M.

80 Took pains

82 Riddle, part 5

86 Fabled man?

89 Ox of Tibet

90 Least sparse

91 End of the riddle

98 Viral misery

99 Pal, to Henri

100 Hip '60s type

101 Musty

106 Riddle's answer

114 Most chichi

116 Insults

117 City WSW of Richmond

118 Tennis great John

119 Pivotal point

120 Person making a bid

121 Forgives

122 Affirmative replies

123 Roof channels

DOWN

1 Tilling tools

2 Shaping tool

3 "Swinging on _"

4 Actor Bakula

5 " _ mia!"

6 Jai _ (sport like handball)

7 Warbled

8 Declaration

9 "No need to explain"

10 Well-to-do

11 1960s pop singer

Sands

12 Depend (on)

13 Alternative to escarole

14 Tetralogy ender

15 Tilting type: Abbr.

16 Rubik's _

17 Pope after Gregory XI

18 Christianity, e.g.: Abbr.

19 Suffix with Brooklyn

27 Christmas or Easter: Abbr.

28 Rocky hilltop

33 Movie rat

34 Pack-toting equine

35 T-men, say

36 Playwright Levin

37 Bit of a titter

38 Cruellest mo., to Eliot

39 Novelist Janowitz

40 Kitchen heat source

41 Rent out

42 Mates of pas

43 Coached

44 Leapt

45 IRS visits

46 Jewish deli snack

50 Not too difficult to pronounce

51 " _-daisy!"

52 _ four (small cake)

53 Embattled forest in World War I

54 Turf anew

55 Cars such as the Rio and Soul

59 Interval of three whole steps

60 Books with a 6x9-inch size

61 Surprised cries

63 Say "#@%!"

64 Seventh Greek letter

65 "Me and Bobby _" (#1 hit for Janis Joplin)

67 Houston ball club

68 Hoo-ha

69 Washstand

pitcher

70 See 83-Down

71 Have a meal at home

77 _ platter

78 "Only Time" singer

80 Some Fr. martyresses

81 New newt

82 Foldable bed

83 With 70-Down, North Carolinian's nickname

84 Après- _

85 B-F linkup

86 TV alien

87 Grig or elver

88 Speak like Porky Pig

92 Leno took his place

93 Is theatrical

94 _ and vigor

95 Materialize

96 Throws lightly

97 Altar reply

101 Golf club part

102 Core belief

103 Cherish

104 Los Angeles NBAer

105 Ogling types

107 Rear

108 Architect Saarinen

109 Pale-faced

110 "Would _ to You?" (1985 pop hit)

111 "Sister Act" sisters

112 Toad's kin

113 Vegan staple

114 Roadie's tote

115 EMI rival

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore 1832: Sam Houston is secretly sent to Texas by Pres. Jackson to ask the Comanches to “play nice” if the U.S. buys the Texas territory.



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
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Benefits from *my Social Security*

Each May, groups and organizations around the nation join in celebrating Older Americans Month. Established in 1963, Older Americans Month provides an opportunity for our nation to recognize seniors for their many contributions and share important information to help them stay healthy and active.

This year’s theme is “Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow.” Social Security has something to help keep you safe and healthy: a suite of online services. Rather than driving or taking public transportation to a local office, you can use our secure, free online services to handle much of your Social Security business. With the amount of time you save, you’ll have more time to spend with the grandkids or have time for a brisk walk around the neighborhood or local park.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Spanish philosopher George Santayana who made the following observation: “Sanity is a madness put to good uses.”
- On a per-pound basis, your brain uses 10 times the calories as any other part of your body.
- You might be surprised to learn that the U.S. state that is closest to Africa is Maine.

• Those who purport to predict the future usually have pretty poor track records. You might be surprised to learn, then, that in 1900, a journalist named John Watkins successfully predicted a number of significant developments that came to pass in the 20th century. In an article in the *Ladies’ Home Journal*, Watkins wrote that within the following 100 years, “Man will see around the world. Persons and things of all kinds will be brought within focus of cameras connected electrically with screens at opposite ends of circuits, thousands of miles at a span.” Also, “Hot or cold air will be turned on from spigots to regulate the temperature of a house”; “ready-cooked meals will be bought from establishments similar to our bakeries of today, ... equipped with electric stoves, coffee-grinders, egg-beaters, stirrers, meat-saws, dishwashers and the like”; and “wireless telephone and telegraph circuits will span the world.”

- If you listen to the radio for one hour, you will hear approximately 11,000 words spoken (or sung).
- It was beloved British author (and, of course, creator of Sherlock Holmes) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who introduced the sport of skiing to Switzerland, thereby transforming that snowy country into a premier tourist destination.

• Those who decide to go into goat farming should know that the group of goats they’re raising could be called a flock, a herd, a tribe or a trip.

Thought for the Day: “An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.”
– Spanish proverb

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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: E equals T

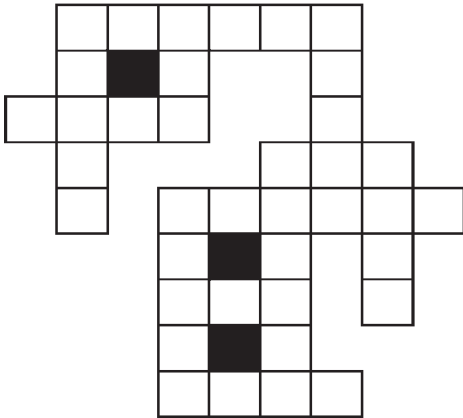
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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