

NEWSBRIEFS

Home, car destroyed

A fast moving fire destroyed the home and car of a Canutillo family – the Garays – whose children attend Alderete Middle School. According to authorities, the fire started when lint from the clothes dryer ignited and quickly engulfed the home, resulting in a total loss of all of their possessions. Fortunately, no one was injured, but the family needs help getting back on their feet. Student Support Services Department (7000 5th Street in Canutillo, in the Lonestar Building, (915) 877-7650) is the point of contact and drop off location for assistance and donations. Monetary donations can be sent to First National Bank, Jacob Garay, Routing #111906271, Account #440902344.

– Shane Griffith

SISD summer camps

Various summer camps will be offered to students of all ages at high schools in the district. Students can choose from camps including dance, cheer, baseball, basketball and soccer. Registration and other information on all of the camps is available on the SISD website (www.sisd.net) under Featured Stories.

- The Montwood High School Cheerleader Children's Camp will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 12 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 13 at the school, 12000 Montwood Dr. You can also register at 7 a.m. June 12. Camp fee is \$30.
- The Americas High School Baseball Camp will be from 9 to 11 a.m. June 10 and from 9 a.m. to noon June 12. Cost is \$45 for both days or \$25 for one day.
- The Eastlake High School Falcon Cheer Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 4 and 5 with a special performance and awards at 9 a.m. June 6. Cost is \$30 per participant.
- The Americas High School Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon June 8 through 10 at the school, 12101 Pellicano. Fee is \$50 cash only. The camp is for girls in grades third through ninth.
- The Blazer Basketball Camp will be from 9 to 11 a.m. June 15-17 in the big gym at Americas High School, 12101 Pellicano. Fee is \$50. The camp is for boys and girls ages 7-14.
- Girls in grades third through sixth or seventh through ninth are invited

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Bill to carry handguns openly passes



SO MANY CHOICES – Though Texans can already openly carry long guns, such as rifles, the state has long banned the practice for handguns. Texas was one of only six states with an outright ban on so-called open carry. Gun advocates fought ardently to be allowed to keep their handguns, like the ones shown in the photo above, in plain sight, and they won.

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – Texans will soon be able to openly carry a handgun in a hip or shoulder holster in public, as Governor Greg Abbott prepares to sign the legislation into effect. Abbott previously said he would sign any “open carry” bill that reached his desk.

Cast as an important expansion of the Second Amendment right to bear arms in the U.S. Constitution, the state's open carry proposal became a major issue for the state's strong Republican majority.

Gun control advocates, however, consistently argued that open carry was less about personal protection than intimidation, to no avail.

House Bill 910 passed the state's Congress, three days before the end of its legislative session, with a vote of 102 to 43 in the House and 20 to 11 in the Senate. And, on the last day for legislature, lawmakers also voted to lift a ban on firearms on college campuses. Gun owners will still have to get a license to carry a handgun in a visible holster.

Just like the current concealed handgun law, the bill requires anyone wanting to openly carry a handgun to get a license. Applicants must be 21, pass a background check, and receive classroom and shooting range instruction.

The bill, which is scheduled to go into effect in 2016, will align Texas with 44 other states that allow some open carry of handguns. Texas will recognize the concealed handgun licenses issued in those states, and a license holder from another state will be allowed to openly carry his or her weapon in the Lone Star state once it becomes law.

California, Illinois, New York, South Carolina and Florida are the only remaining states that prohibit openly carrying weapons. Washington, D.C. also has a ban on open carry.

Supporters, who claimed that they were upholding constitutional rights, said the measure was long overdue. “It's time to go ahead and take this next step,” said Rep. Larry Phillips, R-Sherman, the bill's primary author. “It's time to join the ranks of states like Massachusetts... and allow our citizens to have this right.”

Around 841,500 Texans currently have a concealed handgun license. That's about 5 percent of Texans who are 21 years or older – the age requirement to get such a license for Texans who are not active or former members of the armed services.

The new open carry law, which was opposed by most Democrats and police officials, is one of the two major pieces of gun legislation that was being pushed by Republicans through the Legislature this year. The other was a so-called “campus carry” bill, which allows for the concealed

Michael Johnson is three time state champ

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

a three-year old boy took off his shoes and socks to run a lap as fast as he could around the track where his older sister

SAN ELIZARIO – Many years ago,

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– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

NOT RESTING – Michael Johnson is not letting his medals slow him down. He has signed to attend the University of North Texas on a track scholarship.

A still tongue makes no enemies.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2015 in the Board Room in the Central Administration Building, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas, 79932.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.360000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value** of all property	\$ 2,479,825,775	\$ 2,733,262,568
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$ 59,174,310	\$ 76,366,946
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$ 1,658,920,508	\$ 1,886,299,338
Total taxable value**** of new property***	\$ 56,416,529	\$ 73,472,288

* All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.
** "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
*** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
**** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$103,010,279

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.530000	\$ 4,575	\$ 5,265
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.155519	\$ 0.362559*	\$ 1.518078	\$ 4,749	\$ 5,438
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.530000	\$ 4,786	\$ 5,460

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 148,569	\$ 152,867
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 133,569	\$ 137,539
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.530000	\$ 1.530000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,044.00	\$ 2,105.00
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 61.00

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.530000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.530000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 8,545,202
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,541,303

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

VA playing loose with the facts

A year after we lost Eric Shinseki, probably the best Department of Veterans Affairs secretary we’ve ever had, what’s been accomplished at the VA?

Answers: Not much. House Speaker John Boehner recently had scathing remarks for the VA. He said, for example, that only one employee involved in the nationwide hidden wait list scandal has been let go. Boehner had to backtrack and rethink that. He conceded that some retired with benefits, got transfers or took paid leave, so, strictly speaking, the number of people dumped is higher than one.

Compare and contrast that to the assessment of our new VA secretary, Robert McDonald, former president and CEO of the consumer products company Procter & Gamble. He says that over 900 employees have been fired, 60 specifically in relation to the wait list scandal. Real numbers were more like 75 people investigated and eight fired. He later claimed he misspoke. Boehner says that Congress gave the VA more than \$16 billion (that’s with a “B”) to fix the problems of long waits for appointments by opening new clinics, starting up the new Choice program and hiring more medical staff.

McDonald said that wait times were down by 18 percent. The reality: The number of veterans waiting more than 90 days for an appointment at VA clinics has doubled. Sad to say, the new VA secretary has some problems. It doesn’t help that he told a homeless veteran that he had been in “special forces.” McDonald and VA public relations had to jump in later and say that, no, McDonald wasn’t ever in the special operations forces. He finished Ranger training and left the Army.

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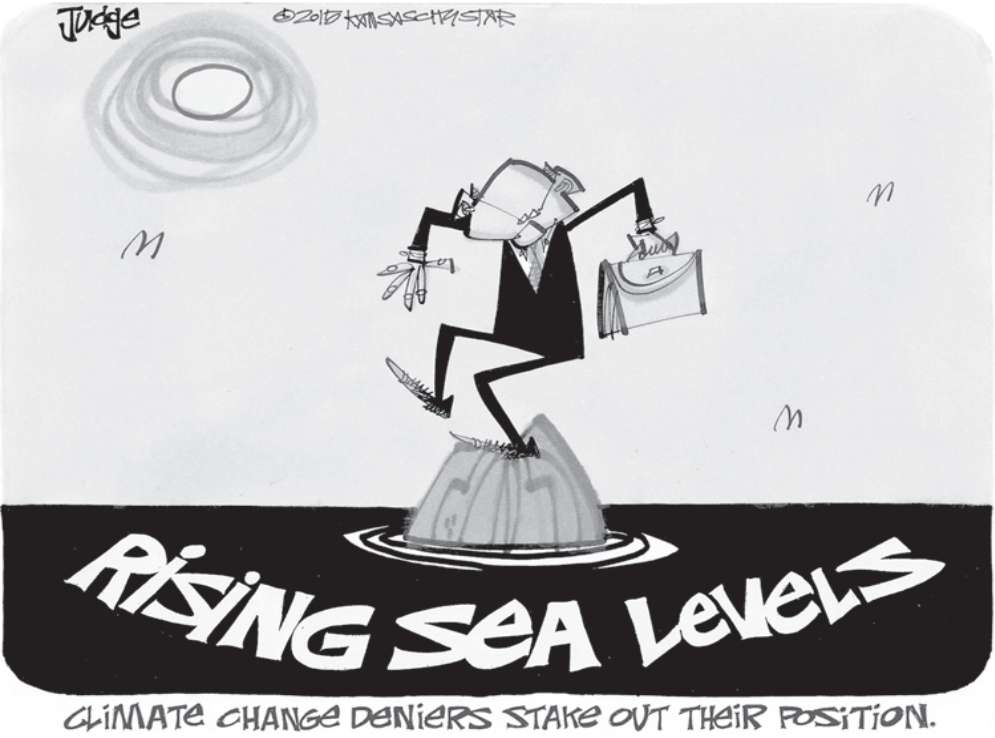
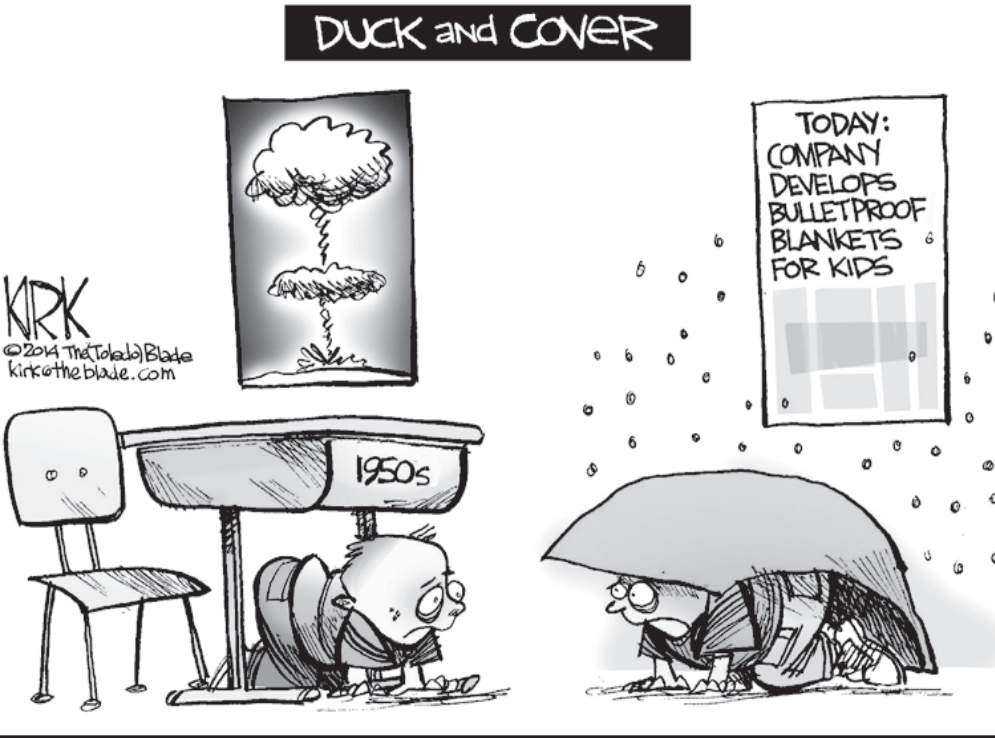
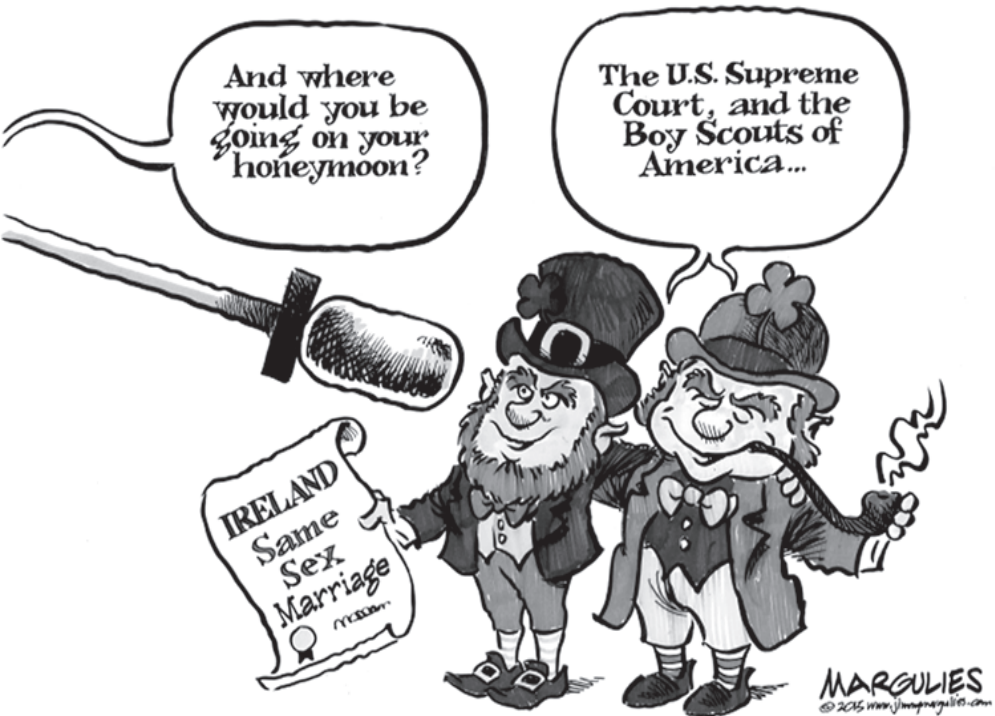
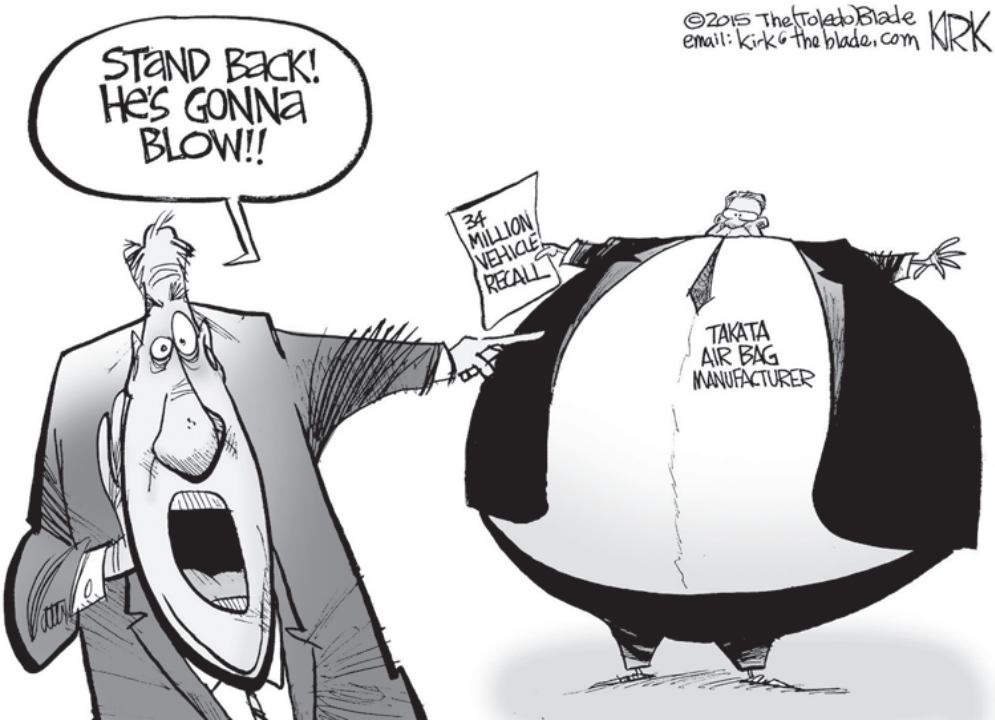
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Finances

By Jason Alderman

Looking for work: Plan a money-smart job search

A successful job search goes well beyond snagging the title and the paycheck. From the day you start looking until the day you're hired, there are strategic and financial issues to consider that may be more valuable to you in the long run.

To start, job seekers should always begin with a plan to promote themselves both in person and online, and some aspects of that process may be tax deductible. Keep in mind that if you are already employed, you may want to consider certain timing and legal issues that will define how and when you search. And finally, taking the job requires a close look at benefits.

It makes sense to discuss any potential job search with a qualified financial advisor who can evaluate your current financial circumstances as well as offer tips on how to strengthen your preparations for retirement and other goals.

Start with market research and improving your public profile. A recent Jobvite study notes that Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn profiles are the ranking social media options reaching employers and for industry hiring and pay projections, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Occupational Outlook Handbook (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>) is a wide-ranging and constantly updated online resource for that data.

Check your credit reports. Remember that many employers screen applicants' creditworthiness as part of their candidate review. Go to [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action) (<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>) for free access to reports from the three major credit agencies – Experian, TransUnion and Equifax – to check for potential errors or credit negatives you need to repair.

Evaluating search expenses and potential tax savings come next. Here are a few of the current rules listed by the IRS (<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Job-Hunting-Expenses>). Make note that your current job status will affect how the rules apply to you:

- Expenses may qualify as deductions only for a job search in your current line of work. You won't be able to deduct expenses for a job search in a new occupation.
- You can't deduct job search expenses if you're looking for a job for the first time or if there's been what the IRS calls a "long break" between your last job and beginning your search for a new one.
- If you travel to look for a job in a qualified job search, you may be able to deduct the costs of all or part of the trip.

A job search is always a good time to revisit current budgeting and savings goals. For example, you might want to do more specialized budgeting (<http://>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET

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Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	2.23%	Increase
Debt Service	0.21%	Decrease
Total Expenditures	1.96%	Increase

Johnson

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was practicing at the urging of her coach. This singular, vivid memory Michael Johnson recalls as the precise moment when his

love of running was sparked. Since then the San Elizario High School senior has experienced a long and successful journey as a student track athlete that culminated on May 16 with his winning two state titles. “It was a long journey and its

is hard to describe how I feel because I couldn’t believe I was a state champion until the day after competition when I saw the two gold medals laying on the table,” Michael said.

Michael along with sophomore Ulises Cardoza competed in the Conference 4A 2015 State Track and Field Championships inside a packed Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas at Austin. Michael captured two gold medals in the 800m run with a time of 1:54.49 and in the 1600m run coming in at 4:23.54. In his first appearance at state competition and only a sophomore, Ulises ran the 800m in a time of 2:02.07. San Elizario High School finished a commendable 7th place in the team rankings with 20 points against a wide field of over 60 schools from across Texas.

The San Elizario High School track team is coached by San Elizario High School teachers Michael Warfield and Cesar Morales. Coach Warfield has known Michael since he was a 7th grade student when the Garcia-Enriquez Middle School team would come over to practice at the high school and train with his runners. Once he came on board as a freshman to run for the Eagles, Warfield recognized something special in Michael that would someday make him a state champion.

“You can go your entire coaching career without ever taking a team to state competition, but Michael has blessed me with going there three times,” Warfield said.

Coach Warfield credits Michael and 2013 graduate Daniel Calderon for elevating the standards for the entire track and field program in San Elizario ISD. Both Michael and Daniel competed at the 2013 UIL state track and field championships running in the 800m and 400m events respectively.

“Our athletes now look to getting to state and not just showing up to competition. They are setting the bar high through

and through because they are also successful in their academics,” Warfield added.

Michael doesn’t want to just be known for his running achievements and he is already prepared to follow his dreams outside the track. On May 28 he signed his letter of intent to attend the University of North Texas (UNT) on a track scholarship. He chose UNT not just because he received a scholarship to the Division I school but because it also offered the programs of study that he is interested in pursuing as a double major: mechanical and energy engineering, and marketing.

According to Michael, winning his state championships and leaving San Elizario to attend a large public university in the Dallas-Fort Worth area was possible for him because of the long standing support he has received all his life from his family. His grandmother Tomasa Johnson has supported him since day one and been one of his most dedicated cheerleaders. Thanks to his grandfather Paul Johnson’s military service, Michael will receive educational assistance from the Hazlewood Act for his college expenses. Finally, his uncles three of whom were also successful runners instilled in him a healthy competitive spirit. In fact, one of his uncles Ray Johnson was the last state medalist from San Elizario High School and that was back in 1977. Michael was encouraged by his family to break his uncle’s long-standing school record and they developed a saying that has become part of their family’s running legacy, “It takes a Johnson to beat a Johnson.”

Michael’s triumphant senior year at San Elizario High School included not only the two gold medals he earned for his victories just a few weeks ago but also a third state crown that he received as part of the cross-country team back in November. Michael has definitely made it difficult for another Johnson to top his three state titles.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, who made the following sage observation: “The first human who hurled an insult instead of a stone was the founder of civilization.”

• Many people make provisions in their wills for their pets; it’s the compassionate thing to do. Singer Dusty Springfield went a bit further than most, though; she specified that her cat was to be fed only imported baby food.

• For a nation based on a foundation of democracy, the U.S. certainly has a lot of states (that were originally colonies, of course) named for British royalty. The state of Virginia, for instance, was named for Queen Elizabeth I, known as the “Virgin Queen”; and Georgia was named in honor of King George II. King Charles II got both North and South Carolina, while the Duke of York and Albany – later King James II – was honored when the state of New York was named. Even France got in on the action: When explorer Robert de la Salle claimed a large chunk of territory for France in 1682, he named it Louisiana, after King Louis XIV.

• Sissy Spacek was originally considered for the role of Princess Leia in the iconic 1977 film “Star Wars,” but she turned it down, paving the way for Carrie Fisher to play Luke Skywalker’s twin. Interestingly, the year before, Carrie Fisher had been offered the title role in the horror flick “Carrie”; when she declined, Sissy Spacek stepped in.

• If you’re planning a trip to California this summer, you might want to keep in mind that in that state, it’s illegal for a woman to drive while wearing a housecoat.

Thought for the Day: “Hell is paved with good Samaritans.”
– William M. Holden

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Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

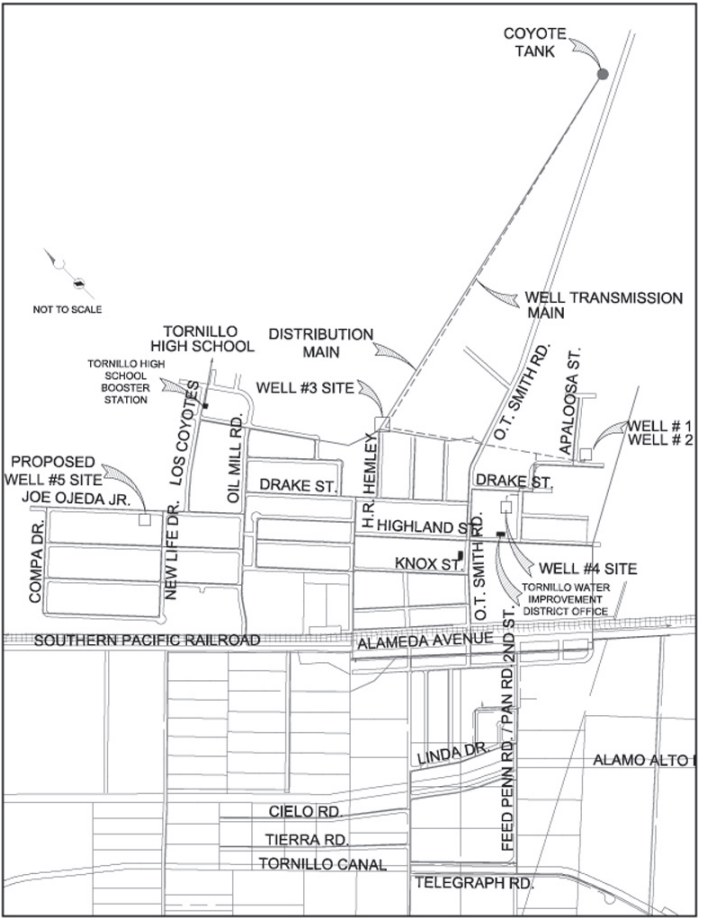
The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposal. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposal consists of improvements to the water distribution system in the El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District area. The following mitigating measures will be used to minimize any environmental affects:

If cultural materials or human remains are encountered during construction, work must cease in the immediate area; work can continue in the project area where no cultural materials are present. In the discovery area, work must cease, and the contractor must notify the consultant engineer, El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District and both the State Historic Preservation Officer at (512) 463-6100 and the USDA Rural Development State Environmental Coordinator at (254) 742-9789. The alternatives considered to the proposal include the same as proposal with different sizing.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at Rural Development, 2306 W. Dickinson Blvd., Fort Stockton, Texas. For further information contact USDA Rural Development at 432-336-5206 ext. 118. Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by July 6, 2015.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.



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Weakness On One Side May Mean A Stroke.

Recognizing the signs of stroke and acting fast may make a difference between life and death. Call 9-1-1 immediately if you experience one or more of these signs: sudden weakness especially on one side of the body; trouble speaking or understanding; dizziness, loss of balance; trouble seeing in one or both eyes; and severe headache with no known cause. New treatments can help reduce damage to the brain

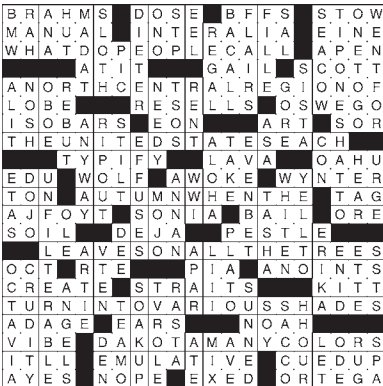
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To learn more about stroke, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit us online at www.americanheart.org/tx

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9-1-1

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Guns

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carry of handguns in most state university buildings.

Democrats adamantly opposed both measures of the open carry proposal. They pointed to reservations from most law enforcement officials – a group that includes the Dallas County Sheriff. And, they said the bill was unnecessary, given the broad acceptance of the current concealed handgun-licensing program.

“The vote to allow the open carry of handguns is not at all surprising – this session has been an alarming show of politicking that caters to a gun lobby agenda rather than listening to the majority of Texans and law enforcement who oppose the open carry of handguns,” Sandy Chasse, a volunteer with the Texas chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, said in a statement. “There is no evidence to show the open carry of handguns makes Texas safer.”

The bill, nonetheless, passed after lawmakers made concessions to law enforcement groups, who had been upset by an original provision that barred police from questioning people carrying guns if they have no other reason to stop them.

The final bill scrapped that language, meaning police will be able to ask Texans with handguns in plain sight if they have proper licenses. Police groups had demanded that Abbott veto the bill if it wasn’t taken out.

The “campus carry” attachment to the open carry bill was included in the proposal after last-minute allowances were added to give university leaders leeway to designate gun-free zones on their campuses.

Several amendments to the bill offered by Democrats to weaken the bill’s impact – like making it easier for businesses to post “no guns” signs, requiring open carriers to display their license, and allowing big cities like Dallas to opt out of open carry – were tabled.

CryptoQuip

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Supposing you couldn’t get a subtraction problem to work, would you say “Makes no difference to me!”

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Briefs

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to sign up for the Americas Volleyball Camp, which will be June 1-3 at the school, 12101 Pellicano. Third through sixth is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and seventh through ninth is from 1 to 4 p.m. Fee is \$30 for third through sixth and \$45 for seventh through ninth. Call 309-3872 or 471-3380 for information.

- Boys and girls in grades kinder through sixth are invited to sign up for the Eastlake High School Soccer Camp, which will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. June 1 through 5 at the school, 13000 Emerald Pass. Call 937-3600 for information.
- Boys and girls can sign up for the tennis camp at Americas High School, 12101 Pellicano. The camp will be June 8-11, June 15-18, and June 22-25. Camp for ages 6-11 is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and ages 12-18 is from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Cost per week is \$20. Call 256-2739 for information.
- The Montwood High School Emerald Dancers Children’s Dance Camp will be from 8 a.m. to noon June 15-19 at the school, 12000 Montwood Dr. You can also register at 7 a.m. June 15-19. Camp fee is \$50.

– Christine Flores-Jones

Aging and trust

With all those restrictions that come with growing old, it’s hard to believe that aging can be an experience that sets you free, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. Some think the older folks among us are more poised and self-assured because they say what they think, dare to be grumpy when they feel like it and cranky when the situation calls for it. Those traits can be a liberating experience. But, no, according to new research. Studies by the University of Buffalo and Northwestern University suggest that it’s because we become more trusting, in a good way, as we age. The researchers “found a positive association between trust and well-being,” says UB associate psychology professor Michael Poulin. Poulin says that when we get older we tend to be more selective about friendships. In other words, we tend to hang around more with a select group of people in whom we have more confidence, with individuals we feel are trustworthy. And, that can give us a feeling of comfort and happiness, as long as we remain wary enough to avoid the scammers who prey on seniors.

– John Grimaldi

Clint Independent School District Public Notice

Child Find – All children with disabilities residing in the State, who are in need of special education and related services, including children with disabilities attending private schools, must be identified, located, and evaluated. This process, called Child Find is the responsibility of Clint Independent School District where your child’s private or home school is located. For additional information, please contact the Special Education Dept. at (915) 851-8383.

Noticia Pública

En Busca de Niño – Cada niño con deshabilidades que vive en el Estado, que necesita servicios de educación especial, incluso niños con deshabilidades que asisten escuelas privadas, tienen que ser identificados, establecidos y evaluados. En Busca del Niño es la responsabilidad de el distrito escolar de Clint donde la escuela particular de su niño esta ubicada. Para información adicional, favor de comunicarse con el departamento de educación especial al teléfono (915) 851-8383.

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Clint Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Clint Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

- 1) Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12)
- 2) Diagnostic Services
- 3) Transportation Services
- 4) Speech Therapy
- 5) Counseling Services
- 6) Adaptive Equipment Services
- 7) Physical Therapy
- 8) Occupational Therapy
- 9) School Health Services
- 10) Homebound Services
- 11) Dyslexia Services

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one and to private/home school students who qualify for special education services.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-P provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact the Special Education Director at 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 79836, or call (915) 851-8383.

SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El distrito escolar de Clint provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como deshabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

- 1) *programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumplea–os hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12)*
- 2) *servicios diagnósticos*
- 3) *servicios de transportación*
- 4) *terapia de habla*
- 5) *servicios de consejo*
- 6) *servicios de equipaje adaptivo*
- 7) *terapia fisica*
- 8) *terapia ocupacional*
- 9) *servicios de salud escolar*
- 10) *servicios de clases en el hogar*
- 11) *servicios de dyslexia*

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como deshabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años y para estudiantes en clases privadas/en el hogar que califican para servicios de educación especial.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-P explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña deshabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Clint que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con la Directora de Educación Especial en la direccion 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 79386, o al teléfono (915) 851-8383.

Corruption, greed exposed in FIFA is nothing new

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Over the years, people have tried to define America’s sports pastime. At one time it was boxing. At one time it was horse racing. And for the longest time it was considered to be baseball. Now the obvious consensus is that football is king. But it varies from place to place. In Canada, hockey is considered the top sport. In Australia and India, the sport of cricket is king. In China the top sport by far is table tennis and everywhere else on the planet, sports fans flock to soccer. It’s amazing how much the sports vary from country to country. But one thing is certain; people love the competition and all the drama that comes along with it. Unfortunately, there’s one thing people love even more than sports and drama – money. And all the drama surrounding the FIFA soccer scandal last week was mind numbing. Remember, I said it was mind numbing – I didn’t say it was surprising. The United States has indicted 14

members of the organization on bribery, racketeering and money laundering, involving tens of millions of dollars since 1991. If anyone was surprised at the announcement that FIFA officials were taking bribes in exchange for favorable World Cup tournament placements, shame on them. How could anyone think any differently? Just like Tom Brady denying that he gave the order to tamper with the footballs, or Hillary Clinton denying... well... everything, some things are just painfully obvious and the attempt at insulting of our intelligence is rather sad. It’s no secret that high-ranking officials of soccer around the world have been selling out the sport – literally. There’s been so much talk about soccer games being fixed. There’s been talk about referees being bought and paid for, in exchange for giving one team “an advantage” over the other. In other words, the sport is totally up for grabs and favorable rulings are for sale. Most of the problems stem from the announcement of the 2018 and 2022 host countries for the upcoming World Cup tournaments.

As soon as Russia and Qatar received those bids, the talk of scandal began. The information has been released that both countries ranked low in the bidding process for a number of reasons, yet both received the surprising bids. Some may ask why the U.S. is bringing these indictments when soccer is far down the list of sports we care about? It’s very simple, the crimes were committed in this country using the United States banking system. FIFA officials were attempting to do here, in an emerging soccer market, that they have done everywhere else where soccer is king. All this was pointed out by the American government last week. And if anyone knows a thing or two about accepting bribes it’s the American govern... well, you know. And things only get better. If all the indictments weren’t bad enough, the very next day FIFA went out and re-elected Sepp Blatter as the organization’s president. Blatter will be starting his fifth term as president and has been in charge while all the corruption has been taking place. That’s as idiotic as some country declaring that certain corrupt businesses

are too big to fail and bailing them out financially while keeping the same bosses in power that reined when the corruption occurred. Good thing that could never happen in the United States, right? Anyway, corruption in sports is nothing new. But when it’s as worldwide as this one is; and when you’re talking about as much as \$150 million, we’re venturing into new territory. It’s good that these scoundrels have been exposed – but will these indictments change anything? Let’s put it this way, politicians have been arrested and charged with similar crimes for centuries – has it stopped? Do I really have to answer that? Many people are two things – dumb and greedy. They are greedy to the point that they don’t care who they hurt and they’re too dumb to believe they’ll ever get caught. So of course it will go on. Unfortunately, when the criminals are removed from the process, a whole new batch of thugs is ready to take their place. Maybe instead of yelling goooooaaalllll at the next soccer match, we should yell greeeeeee!

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

RV survival guide

So you’ve bought an RV and you’re ready to take to the open road in 3 mpg increments. Due to the RV’s sheer size and the

amount of money invested in it, you’re going to have a lot of questions and concerns your first couple of times out. That’s why

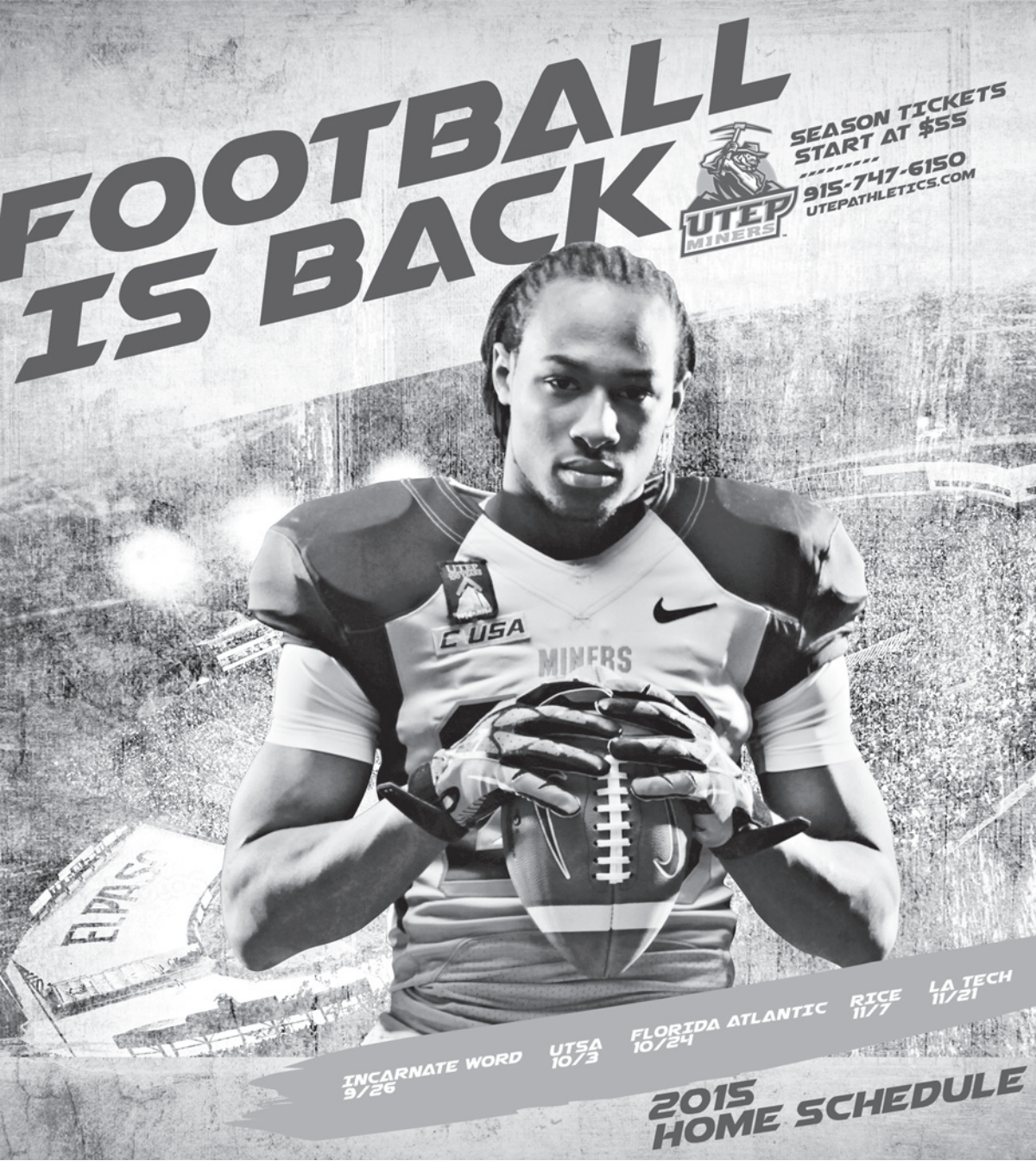
most people recommend you do a “dry run” in your driveway or local RV park. Here, are some more suggestions. You need help. This should be self-evident. Most people never have problems with their RV, but when you consider what can go wrong with a car or truck, or a vacation home or boat, and

combine them into one vehicle, you’ll learn soon enough that stuff happens. And when it does you’ll need special RV insurance, and that insurance should come with roadside assistance or else you’ll have to pay for RV-specific roadside help – even if you have roadside assistance for your cars.

It also helps to have another set of eyes on board (and no, your dog or cat does not count). You’ll need someone to help you back in and out of tight situations and to remind you of all the things you forgot to do before taking off. Make a checklist. Like any good pilot, you need a checklist of things to do before taking off and landing at your site. There are apps for this and lists on the Internet, and they come in handy when you have about 20 things to shut off, like your water heater and pumps. Also, you don’t want to forget to lower your TV antenna before leaving the campsite, as they make terrible tree pruners. Have a plan. Wanderlust can be a great thing, but you have to understand that you can no longer drive and/or park where you are used to driving and parking. You need to research RV-specific routes that take into account things like your propane tank and the size of your vehicle. You don’t want to drive 20 miles down a dirt road in, say, West

Virginia only to encounter a small bridge intended for 19th-century mule traffic, with no space to turn around. Also, you might want to check up on the site you plan on visiting. Good Sam is a RV resource online that offers trip planning and Frommer-like RV-park ratings. Learn to love Walmart... and baskets. One of the few places that will welcome an RV with open arms is Walmart, where you can park without hassle (something you cannot do in most municipalities) and stock up on supplies, as they have a whole row dedicated to RVs. Also they sell baskets, lots of them, which you’ll need to put everything in because, remember, your house on wheels moves and things definitely will have shifted during the ride. Also, if you just got done camping, you are one of those people dressed weird in Walmart... just saying. Relax, or don’t do it. Take the slow road, and stop and see the world’s largest ball of twine, have a sandwich at the beach and see the sights with your family and friends. Sure, it gets a little Outward Bound at times, but in the end, the memories are what you’re really buying.

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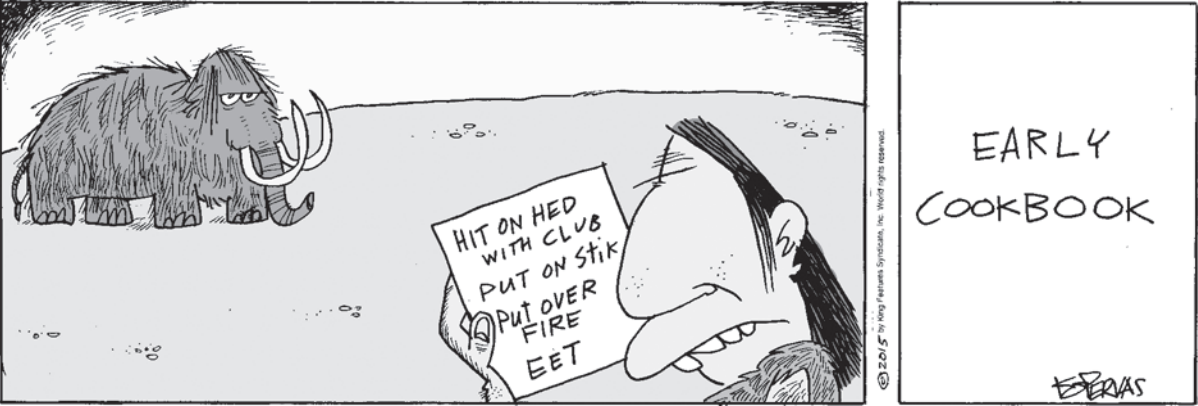


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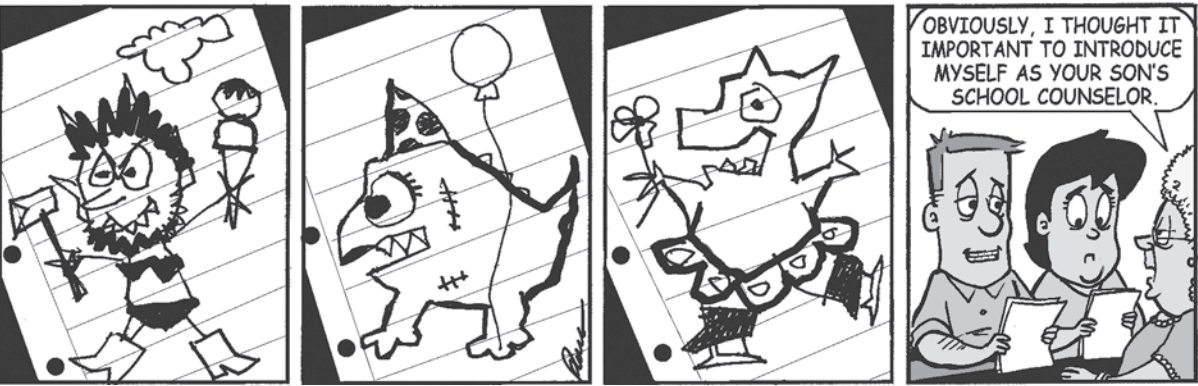
OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Medical advice is to reduce sugar consumption. Does this apply to 100 percent fruit juices, fresh fruit, sweetened cereal products or other fruit-sweetened products? – R.B.

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I think it makes sense to limit sugar intake, as most North Americans take in remarkably large quantities of sugar. This week, while giving a lecture at the medical school, I noticed that the carbonated sodas served contained 45 grams of added sugar per can. That’s more than the American Heart Association recommends in a day (no more than 25 grams of added sugar per day for women, 40 grams a day for men)! Be careful of products that claim to be sweetened by fruit juice or fruit sugar; this still counts as added sugar.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have statin myopathy. I am in pure agony. I am taking muscle relaxants and pain relievers. The muscles all over my body ache. I have had pain for two months. Do you have any advice or remedies? – B.A.

Statin drugs are used to reduce risk for people with an increased chance for heart attack, depending on cholesterol levels, blood pressure, family history and other risk factors for coronary heart disease. As many as 9 percent of people treated with statins have muscle aches, which can be severe.

The treatment is stopping the statin. After stopping, the average time for symptoms to get better is two months. Only 7 percent have symptoms after six months. Coenzyme Q-10 has shown promise as a treatment for statin myopathy, in the dose of 200 mg a day, once daily or divided. It doesn’t work for everybody.

I do make an exception for fruits, as the body processes natural sugars from fruit differently. You can try this out at home by eating four medium-size oranges or drinking its equivalent in an 8-ounce (250 ml) glass of orange juice. I think you will find a big difference in how full you feel.

Although reducing sugar is critical for diabetics and is very important for anyone trying to lose weight, even for people with no sugar or weight problems, the evidence is accumulating that eating too much added sugar increases future risk for heart disease and diabetes.

Diabetes has become epidemic in North America. The booklet on it provides insight on its diagnosis and treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach –

DEAR DR. ROACH: Recently I was told that the “new way” to take blood pressure readings was to hold your arm against your chest and over your heart. I have not seen this on the Web anywhere. Is this true? – W.S.

It’s not so new: We have long known that the arm should be at the same height as

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Super Crossword

- FALL NICKNAME ACROSS**

1 "Alto Rhapsody" composer

7 Amount of medication

11 Very close pals, briefly

15 Lay away

19 Handbook

20 Among other things, in Latin

22 A, in Austria

23 Start of a riddle

25 With the stroke of _

26 Busily engaged

27 Actress O'Grady

28 Actor Baio

29 Riddle, part 2

37 Brain part

38 Vends again

39 New York port on Lake Ontario

40 Some weather lines

44 Untold millennia

45 Gallery works

46 Frat.'s counterpart

47 Riddle, part 3

53 Epitomize

54 Volcano outflow

55 Waikiki whereabouts

58 Coll. e-mail ending

61 Coyote kin

62 Stopped sleeping

64 Actress Dana
- 66 Truckload

67 Riddle, part 4

70 Kid's "It" game

71 Four-time Indy 500 winner

73 Supreme Court justice Sotomayor

74 Get-out-of-jail fee

75 Metal-bearing rock

76 Tarnish

77 _ vu

78 Mortar and _

80 Riddle, part 5

88 Mo. no. 10

90 I-10, e.g.

91 _ mater (brain cover)

92 Smears with holy oil

93 Engender

95 In dire _

99 Songstress Eartha

100 End of the riddle lines

105 Wise words

106 Mr. Spock's pointy pair

107 Flood figure

108 Feeling, informally

109 Riddle's answer

117 "_ do in a pinch"

118 Desirous of equaling someone else

119 Advanced to the starting point, as a tape

120 Floor votes

121 "Fat chance"
- 122 Deleted, with "out"

123 Salsa brand

DOWN

1 German car

2 Yell of cheer

3 California's Santa _

4 Castaway's shelter

5 Irked with

6 Sluggish mammal

7 One trying to lose weight

8 Yoko of music

9 Big inits. in fuel additives

10 Elver, e.g.

11 Lauren of "Key Largo"

12 Natural talents

13 Daughter, in Dijon

14 Paradise of "On the Road"

15 Manatee or dugong

16 Praise with a cap motion

17 "Just the last item is left"

18 Tried to get

21 Kingly

24 Snapshot, for short

28 Blues singer _ Monica Parker

29 Stepped off

30 Little snack

31 Wind instrument
- 32 Prove false

33 Indigent

34 General _ chicken

35 Monopoly card statistic

36 Spear

41 Nonetheless

42 Detach, as a book page

43 Clown prop

45 Flat _ board

48 Radiates

49 Hawaii "hi"

50 Tolerate

51 50-50 gamble

52 Cheat

56 Use one's 106-Across

57 Impulse

58 Guesses at JFK

59 Judo hall

60 Too large to be strained, maybe

62 Former UN leader Kofi

63 Doughboys' conflict: Abbr.

64 Bleach

65 Shout at

68 Magic hex

69 Actress Smith of Tyler Perry films

72 Bullfight holler

77 Passing grade, barely

78 Greek philosopher

79 Slezak or Eleniak

81 Shaw playing a clarinet
- 82 Powerful car engine

83 On _ (of equal value)

84 Nero's 53

85 Faithful wife of Geraint

86 Suffix with bachelor

87 Booming jets of old

88 Nero's wife

89 Crassness

94 Winged ones in heaven

95 Absorb

96 Part on a drama series, say

97 Dreadlocks wearer, often

98 Basked

101 "I love you," in Spain

102 Sushi sauce

103 Vanzetti's partner in anarchy

104 D-day time specification

109 Forest lair

110 Ingested

111 Mingle

112 Rd.'s cousin

113 Authorize to

114 Lofty work

115 Floor cover

116 Relaxing site

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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

Texas has over 70,000 miles of highway that requires 1.6 million gallons of white and yellow paint !



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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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

Q: How can I protect myself against identity theft?

A: First, don't carry your Social Security card with you. Keep it secure at home with your other important papers. Second, don't readily give out your Social Security number. While many banks, schools, doctors, landlords, and others will request your number, it is your decision whether to provide it. Ask if there is some other way to identify you in their records. If you are the victim of identity theft, you should report it right away. To report identity theft, fraud, or misuse of your Social Security number, the Federal Trade Commission (the nation's consumer protection agency) recommends you:

- 1) Place a fraud alert on your credit file by contacting one of the following companies (the company you contact is required to contact the other two, which will then place alerts on your reports):
 - Equifax, 1-800-525-6285;
 - Trans Union, 1-800-680-7289; or
 - Experian, 1-888-397-3742.
- 2) Review your credit report for inquiries from companies you have not contacted, accounts you did not open, and debts on your accounts you cannot explain;
- 3) Close any accounts you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently;
- 4) File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place; and
- 5) File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 (TTY 1-866-653-4261).

For more information the question above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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: L equals P

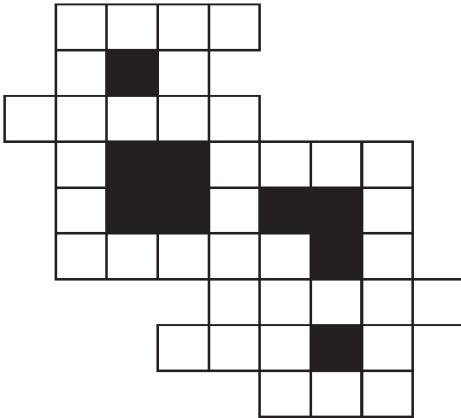
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ASIKP OSI RYO "NYZDR ES
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♥ASGH



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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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Finances

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www.practicalmoneyskills.com/calculators/budgetgoals) as you aim for a particular salary offer.

You'll also want to consider the timing of your search to exhaust benefits you've earned at your current employer. You will see many employees schedule a job search after annual bonuses are paid or after they're able to spend out in tax-advantaged Health or Flexible Spending accounts (HSAs or FSAs) for qualified health care, dependent care or other approved benefits. Also, before you start applying, it might be worthwhile to review confidentiality or non-compete agreements you signed at the time your current employer hired you in case those agreements might restrict any element of your search.

Sometimes job offers distract workers from taking a thorough look at the value of potential benefits (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/employerbenefits>). You may not get all the details until your actual starting date, but see whether your future employer's human resources department can share details of the health, retirement or tax-advantaged benefits programs they offer. Above all, find out how soon you'll be eligible to sign up for your new employer's 401(k) retirement plan.

Finally, touch base again with your financial advisor before you accept to make sure you've got all the information you need. You will need to do parallel retirement planning if you are to retire successfully, and qualified advisors can also assist with transferring previous-employer retirement assets and suggestions on ways to use other work-related benefits efficiently.

Bottom line: When searching for a new job, go beyond the paycheck issues to research tax and benefit issues that can make a good job a great one.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Health

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the heart. The arm also should be supported. Otherwise, the readings will be slightly (or not so slightly) off.

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) 2015 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.