



NEWSBRIEFS

Dinner and dance

The Oz Glaze Senior Center is having a Valentine's Dinner and Dance February 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and there are only 70 tickets. The tickets are available at the Oz Glaze Senior Center.

— Judi Verslype

Cost of smoking

With Tobacco-Free Awareness Week reminding us of the societal and economic costs of smoking, which total more than \$320 billion a year and rising, the personal finance website WalletHub has released its report *The True Cost of Smoking by State*. To encourage the more than 66 million tobacco users in the U.S. to kick the dangerous habit, WalletHub's analysts calculated the potential monetary losses – including the cumulative cost of a cigarette pack per day over several decades, health care expenditures, income losses and other costs – brought on by smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke. The financial cost and rank of smoking in Texas (with 1 being the lowest and 25 being average) is:

- Out-of-pocket cost per smoker – \$107,278 (26);
- Financial opportunity cost per smoker – \$1,014,432 (26);
- Healthcare cost per smoker – \$163,066 (30);
- Income loss per smoker – \$214,510 (27);
- Other costs per smoker – \$16,671 (50); and
- Total cost over a lifetime per smoker: \$1,515,958.

For the full report, please visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/the-financial-cost-of-smoking-by-state/9520/>.

— Diana Popa

Black History Month

El Paso Community College (EPCC) will be holding many events for its annual Black History Month observance during February. All activities are free and open to the public. The highlight of the EPCC Black History Month activities are the Monday night performances at the ASC Building A, 9050 Viscount Blvd. All performances are at 7:00 p.m. The dates and activities are:

- February 8 – Freedom Summer, a documentary presented in

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One thing is certain – if you laugh at your troubles you will always have something to laugh at.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

NATURAL BEAUTY – The Chihuahuan Desert is an eco-region that straddles the United States-Mexico border. On the Mexican side, it is bordered in the west by the Sierra Madre Occidental and Sierra Madre Oriental mountains and covers parts of the states of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Zacatecas, and Nuevo León. On the U.S. side, it occupies much of southwestern Texas and parts of New Mexico and Arizona. With an area of about 139,769 square miles, it is the third largest desert of the Western Hemisphere and the second largest in North America.

Texas Master Naturalist program seeks volunteers

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Trans-Pecos Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists program is currently seeking individuals who want to learn more about the Chihuahuan Desert and then teach others about the environment that encompasses this region.

The master naturalist program consists of a weekly series of classes. The next session is scheduled to be from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning February 10 and continue through May 18. The classes will be held at the Memorial Park Garden Center, which is located at 3105 Grant Ave. in central El Paso.

Since 1997, the Texas Master Naturalist program has grown to include 46 chapters and more than 9,600 volunteers serving Texas communities throughout 76 percent of the state's counties, according to Matthew Santillan, a Texas AgriLIFE

Extension representative.

"The mission of the program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service that is dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and areas within their communities," Santillan stated.

"What makes the work of a master naturalist so important is that they are not only individuals who love nature and offer their time, but are also trained naturalists with specialized knowledge of different ecosystems, species, habitats, and environmental demands- that is priceless when determining how to best manage natural resources," Santillan explained.

The master naturalist program members work with communities and organizations across the state to implement youth outreach programs; help operate parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and lead local natural resource conservation efforts, Santillan stated." In addition,

Texas Master Naturalist Trans-Pecos Chapter Volunteer Opportunities

- Help restore habitats at Rio Bosque and other sites;
- Rescue native plants and animals in areas undergoing commercial development;
- Help with projects at the El Paso Zoo and El Paso Water Utilities TECH20 Center;
- Present programs on environment to school students;
- Participate in bird banding and similar projects;
- Maintain nature trails and exhibits in state and local parks;
- Present interpretative programs during the annual Celebration of the Mountains event; and
- Participate in Trans-Mountain Adopt a Highway and Rio Grande Adopt a River cleanup projects.

private landowners depend on the expertise of these volunteers to help them gain a broader scientific understanding of the ecology and management of their natural resources," he added.

The instructional program classes consist of a wide range of studies including weather and climate, soils ecology and ecosystems, ornithology, geology, botany, desert aquatics, desert-urban ecology, archaeology, herpetology, and Hueco Tanks State Park and Rio Bosque Wetlands field trips.

Tuition for the three-month program is \$125. It includes materials. Scholarships are also available; if interested, submit an application by February 5. For more information visit the program's website at www.txmn.org/trans_pecos/.

To register for the upcoming classes contact Santillan, at (915) 851-2515, send email to msantill@ag.tamu.edu, or mail correspondence to 301 Manny Martinez Dr. 2nd Floor, El Paso TX 79905.

Registration open for 2016 Great American Cleanup and Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off

TEXAS – Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup (GAC) is the nation's largest community improvement program, taking place annually from March 1 through May 31. Activities can include beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning waterways, handling recycling collections, picking up litter, removing graffiti, planting trees and conducting educational programs and litter-free events – anything that keeps your community beautiful. Texans are invited to join the nation's largest community improvement program by hosting a local event.

The Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off

(DMWTTO) serves as Texas' signature event for the Great American Cleanup. The 2016 DMWTTO is scheduled for Saturday, April 9. The DMWTTO is a partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Any Texan can participate. Online registration is now available at www.ktb.org for local organizations to schedule events in their communities and gain access to valuable resources to plan, promote and host an event. Participants are encouraged to register their GAC

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Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

Sharing money problems with kids

Kids are surprisingly resilient in the face of a crisis. But even so, serious family money troubles can potentially affect a young person's home life, education and outlook on money management down the road. While my wife and I don't

have kids, children under the age of 10 who are particularly mature – and particularly observant – on a parent's stress over money or other issues. How can you be honest about your finances with a child

under the age of 18 without spreading confusion or stress? The American Psychological Association points out (<http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/children-economy.aspx>) that kids can often deal with a crisis fairly well but most aren't yet keenly aware of tension in the household. When sharing money problems with your kids, here are a few ideas from the APA and other resources you can use:

- **Tell the truth, but watch how you tell it.** You want to spare your child from hardship and worry, but it's important not to say things are great when they're clearly not. Try to explain in brief but truthful detail about what's happening and leave time for questions. Any child, no matter how sophisticated, can become worried if his or her parents reveal extreme fear about money concerns. Keep in mind there's a great opportunity in these conversations to understand your child's thoughts and attitudes. Make it a kind, understanding conversation, and listen for clues.

- **Keep the discussion age-appropriate.** Teens may be more aware of general financial circumstances because they can spot different behavior at home or because their friends' parents might be going through similar circumstances. However, younger kids generally have less knowledge and experience to process what's going on. Tell kids what they need to know, but don't overload them with information.

- **Set an example.** It may be

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Want a VA job? Bring a broom

The online Daily Caller headline was a bit of a shock: "Only VA Job Reserved Specifically For Vets: Janitor."

But that was only the tip of the iceberg. Additional investigative articles from the Daily Caller News Foundation [dailycaller.com] had even more disturbing facts.

The site has a comprehensive interactive chart that shows the number of veterans versus non-veterans in 300 managerial positions. The number of veterans out of that 300: 50.

Here are a few examples of executive positions:

- Albany, N.Y.: 19 non-veterans, 2 veterans;
- Bedford, Mass.: 21 non-veterans, 8 veterans;
- Glendale, Colo.: 5 non-veterans, 0 veterans; and
- Bronx, N.Y. 13 non-veterans, 1 veteran.

Of the officials who run Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers (with titles like associate director, nurse executive and chief of staff), only 13 percent are veterans.

And why is this allowed to happen? Because VA employees have a union. The

union agreement that says that any job will go first to any qualified candidate within the facility. And then there are the hiring categories. One hefty position for coordinator is open only to in-house employees. Lower-paying jobs, involving peer support, are open to veterans, but only if they've already been certified by the government for the position.

Never mind, apparently, the preference points that veterans get when applying for any government job.

Wandering through the job listings at usajobs.gov is an eye-opener when it comes to being a veteran trying to get a job at the VA. Some say that foreign citizens can be hired if no qualified American can be found. Many are open only to current employees of the VA.

So where does the janitor come in? The Daily Caller was right. Use only "veterans preference" as your one search parameter, and you get a long list of janitors. They call it "housekeeping aide."

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Clint Independent School District Public Notice

Clint Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2014-2015 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) as part of a School Board meeting, which is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 2016, at the Clint ISD Administrative Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, TX, 79928.

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

For more information, call 926-4031.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint Junta Pública

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint tendrá una Reunión Pública para informar sobre el "Reporte de Rendimiento Académica de Texas" (TAPR) del año escolar 2014-2015. El reporte sera parte de la reunión de la Mesa Directiva del distrito programada para el jueves, 18 de febrero del 2016 a las 5:00 p.m. en el cuarto de sala de Clint ISD oficina administrativa, 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, TX, 79928.

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

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

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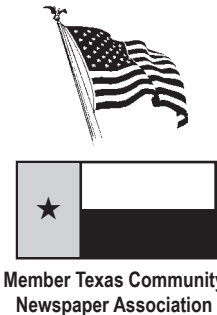
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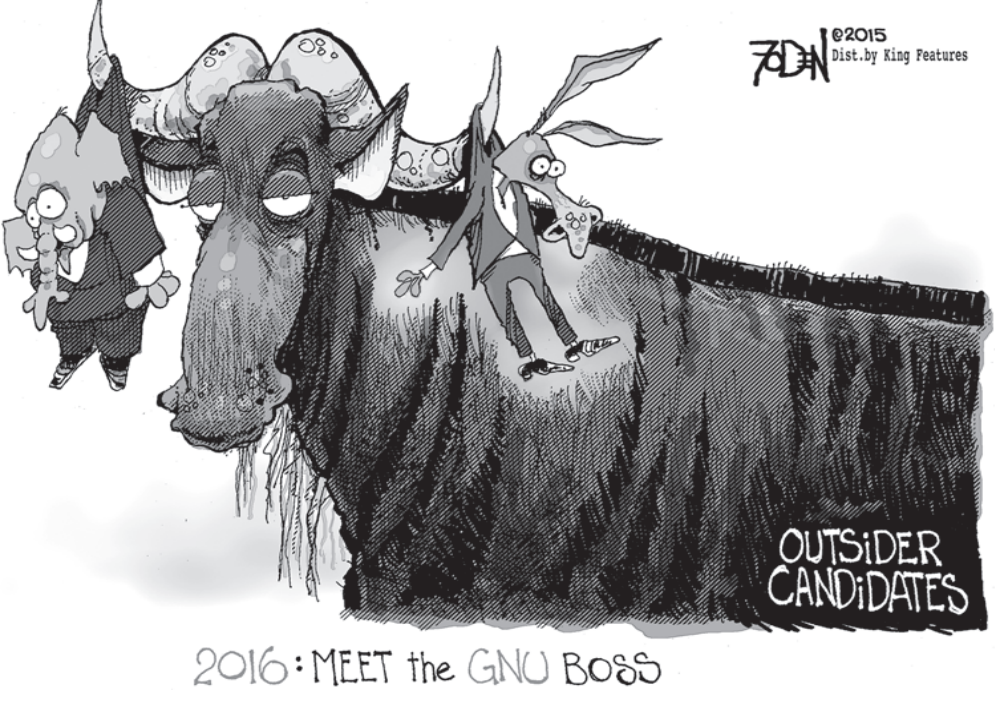
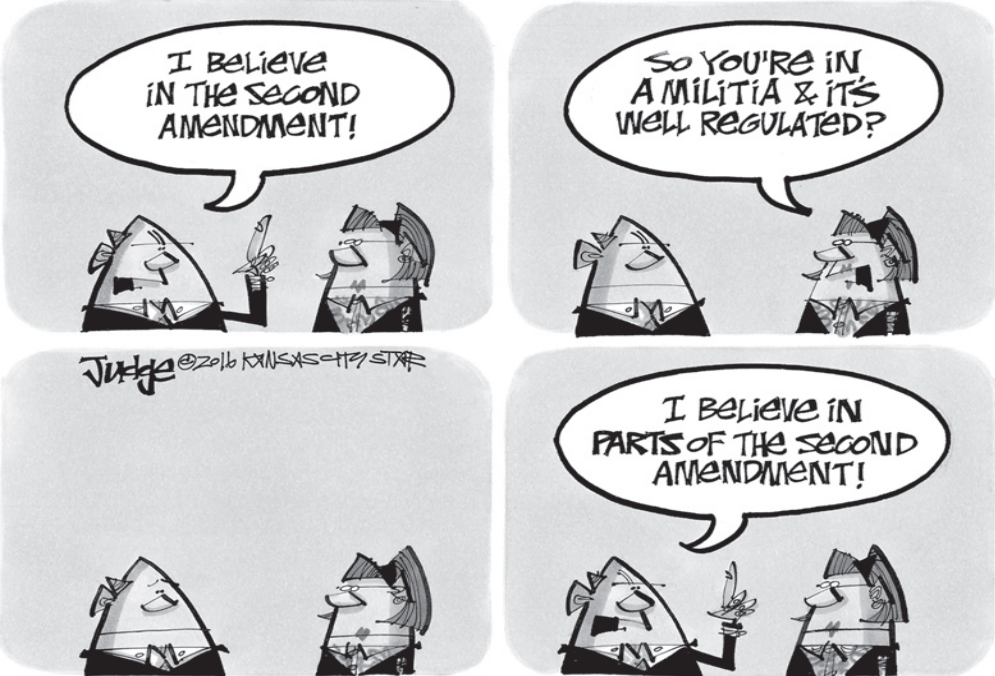
Editor:

Sir, I have lived in El Paso on 3 different occasions. I still own some property there. Recently I visited the office of the Tax Assessor-Collector, and was pleasantly surprised to see that Ruben Gonzalez, a graduate of Canutillo High School, is the new Tax Assessor-Collector. The customer service and courtesy at the tax office was excellent.

I was so impressed that I researched the career of Mr. Gonzalez. I was amazed to find that he had 38 years experience as a motor vehicle administrator. I am sure the automobile owners and car dealers in El Paso appreciate the excellent customer service and expertise that Mr. Gonzalez brings to the area of vehicle registrations and titles. I congratulate the County Commissioners on their selection of Mr. Gonzalez.

While living in El Paso I learned Spanish which changed my life in a very positive manner. As a result I was able to serve the Army in several interesting positions in Central and South America, and later help establish an Hispanic Outreach Committee and a television program called “Latinos en Columbus” in Columbus Georgia. Without the help and inspiration of the friendly people in El Paso, Socorro and the other communities in the Lower Valley, that would not have been possible. Every time I return for a visit to El Paso I see significant improvements in the city/county. A progressive and safe area, with people who are still as friendly as when I lived there.

Sincerely,
LTC (Ret) Olin Doss
Midland, Georgia



Finances

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difficult, but demonstrate grace under pressure. Be calm and reasoned. If you are looking for work, discuss that with your children and even share what that process is like. Remember, kids learn by example. If they see their parents dealing sensibly with adversity no matter how long it takes to right the ship, that’s a very important lesson. Communicate behaviors that they will need to learn if they’re going to successfully deal with money problems as adults.

- **Introduce or reinforce money lessons.** Whatever the problem, reinforce smart spending and savings behavior no matter what the child’s age. However old they are, (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/EducateKids/>) kids should get regular lessons in the relationship between money and the things in their life.
- **Make it educational.** Communicate behaviors that kids will need to successfully manage money in the future. Whatever the problem, reinforce smart spending and saving behavior no matter what the child’s age. Teaching kids about money can be fun by introducing educational games. The Practical Money Skills website offers a collection of games (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/games/>) kids can play to learn how to save money. Talk to them about important financial concepts such as budgeting – and bring them to life using real-life examples like planning an affordable family vacation or outing.
- **Introduce the emergency fund.** One of the essential building blocks of personal finance, the emergency fund exists to protect savings and keep borrowing to a minimum. Older children might embrace the value of an emergency fund as a way to offset the financial loss of a lost bike or smartphone or some other personal item. For adults, the general rule of thumb on emergency funds is to have at least three to six months of savings on hand in case of a lost job or expensive repair. The key is to talk with the teen about the parallel financial risks in their lives that might benefit from the existence of emergency savings.
- **Focus on things more important than things.** Parents can use a tough financial stretch to focus on the positive, such as time spent enjoying family, friends and pets, which doesn’t cost much at all. Good health and healthy behaviors are essential elements of correcting problems, overcoming tough times and living a full life. In short, use this moment in time to help your child put money in the proper perspective.

Bottom line: A money crisis can truly test the strength of a family. Should you find yourself in a financial bind, use it to teach your kids some very important money lessons.

This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It’s always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.

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partnership with the El Paso Museum of History;

- February 15—Performing Arts Night: Music, dance and dramatic interpretations of contributions African-Americans have made to the world;
- February 22 – Jazz Night: an evening with Billy Townes; and
- February 29 – Remembering and Honoring Our Past.

The college will also take part in the 27th annual African-American Read-In Day in celebration of the written word. Students, faculty and community members will read their favorite selections. The following campuses will offer readings:

- Northwest Library, room L114, 6701 S. Desert Blvd., 11 a.m.-2 p.m., February 10;
- Rio Grande Little Temple, 906 N. El Paso, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., February 24; and
- Transmountain Foyer,

9570 Gateway North, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., February 26.

For information on all Black History Month activities, contact the EPCC Diversity Programs office at 831-3324.

— *Jim Heiney*

Cheers!

Those fun-loving folks in North Korea recently announced a new “first”-booze without the morning-after hangover, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. According to the Pyongyang Times Koryo Liquor is made with six-year-old Kaesong Koryo insam, which is known to have

medicinal effect. The paper said the beverage is “highly appreciated by experts and lovers as it is suave and causes no hangover.” United Press International reports that the liquor, which is 30 to 40 percent alcohol, is only available in North Korea but revealed the secret to eliminating hangovers is the use of “boiled and scorched glutinous rice instead of sugar.”

— *John Grimamldi*

‘Old’ people watch TV, too

Ninety-three year old TV producer Norman Lear is on a

mission to produce a news sitcom about “older” Americans, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. Lear was the man behind such cutting edge television series as *All In The Family* and *Maude* in the 1970s. His new show is called *Guess Who Died* and it takes place in a retirement community. He wrote it five years ago and has been pitching to network executives ever since, with no luck. He recently told CBS News that “television executives think that young people only want to watch other young people. These are the same television executives that didn’t think Archie should say this or that.”

— *John Grimamldi*

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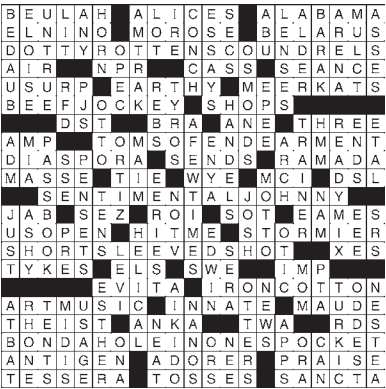
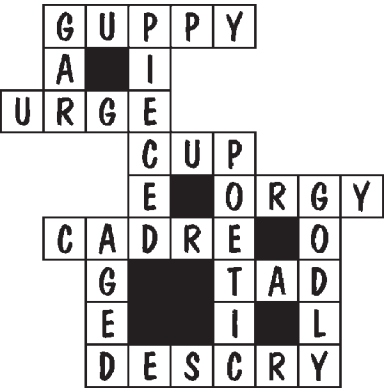
A man is critically injured after being attacked by three men at a central El Paso bar. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the community’s help in identifying the men involved in this brutal assault, through the Crime Stoppers. On Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 the victim, a 49-year-old man, was with his girlfriend at the El Patron Sports Bar located at 5622 E. Paisano. After a while three men approached the couple. One of the men began to call out the victim. During this time, the victim got up and was pushed by one of the men. The three men pushed and pulled the victim out of the bar. Once outside of the bar, the victim fell to the ground and lost consciousness. During this time one of the men continued to assault the victim. As a result the victim suffered critical injuries. The first suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 5’10” in height, has an average build with an average complexion. He is described as clean-shaven and was wearing a red t-shirt. The other two suspects are also described as Hispanic and are approximately the same height as the first suspect. The suspects in this case were Spanish speaking. The bar was very crowded that night and investigators are certain that someone knows the identity of these attackers. Anyone with information on the identity of the men involved in this brutal attack 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).

— *Javier Sambrano*

Anthony Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

Data Control Codes		General Fund	Summer Feeding Program	Capital Projects Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,935,421	\$ 406	\$ 3,948	\$ 330,016	\$ 2,269,791
5800	State Program Revenues	5,876,350	—	—	185,914	6,062,264
5900	Federal Program Revenues	884,029	598,212	—	478,563	1,960,804
5020	Total Revenues	8,695,800	598,618	3,948	994,493	10,292,859
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	3,953,029	—	—	393,907	4,346,936
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	180,878	—	—	3,998	184,876
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	181,853	—	—	45,423	227,276
0021	Instructional Leadership	136,271	—	—	1,666	137,937
0023	School Leadership	446,711	—	—	4,849	451,560
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	224,471	—	—	93,196	317,667
0033	Health Services	121,687	—	—	—	121,687
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	144,796	—	—	—	144,796
0035	Food Services	717,727	552,202	—	—	1,269,929
0036	Extracurricular Activities	404,954	—	—	603	405,557
0041	General Administration	591,295	—	—	2,640	593,935
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	836,247	16,990	—	—	853,237
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	54,958	—	—	—	54,958
0053	Data Processing Services	327,984	—	—	—	327,984
0061	Community Services	18	—	—	21,023	21,041
Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long Term Debt	—	—	—	160,000	160,000
0072	Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	—	—	—	219,628	219,628
Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Aquisition and Construction	—	—	1,540,811	—	1,540,811
Intergovernmental:						
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	—	—	—	8,341	8,341
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	25,939	—	—	—	25,939
6030	Total Expenditures	8,348,818	569,192	1,540,811	955,274	11,414,095
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	346,982	29,426	(1,536,863)	39,219	(1,121,236)
0100	Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	2,590,595	36,825	2,790,583	31,498	5,449,501
3000	Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,937,577	\$ 66,251	\$ 1,253,720	\$ 70,717	\$ 4,328,265

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American journalist and poet Max Eastman who made the following sage observation: “People who demand neutrality in any situation are usually not neutral but in favor of the status quo.”
 - When you were in school, you may have had to memorize the names of all 50 states. You probably weren’t taught, though, that fully half of those names are derived from the languages of the continent’s native peoples.
 - The declarations that the physical book is dead have been overstated (as I’ve always maintained). In a recent survey of college students, 72 percent of respondents made known their preference for print textbooks over ebooks; only 27 percent of this youthful, tech-savvy demographic said they preferred the electronic version.
 - Those who study such things report that beloved British author Charles Dickens was adamant that he always sleep with his head pointing north. He even carried a compass with him everywhere to ensure proper positioning.
 - If you’re a fan of James Bond, you may be surprised to learn that Ian Fleming, the creator of that notorious character, also wrote the beloved children’s book “Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang,” based on bedtime stories the author made up for his young son.
 - If you’re traveling in China and propose a toast in someone’s honor, be sure you’re holding the glass with both hands; only rude people – and unenlightened foreigners – use just one hand.
 - Clyde Barrow was already a notorious criminal when he wrote a letter to Henry Ford in 1934 complimenting him on the “dandy” automobile he’d made. The Ford V-8 was Barrow’s preferred getaway car. Just a month later, Bonnie and Clyde were killed in a stolen Ford Deluxe V-8 in a shootout with police.
- Thought for the Day: “The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.”
– Steve Biko

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Cleanup

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and DMWTTTO events with KTB in order to receive trash bags, volunteer giveaways, promotional items, and more, to assist in facilitating their cleanup event. Participants may also elect to post their event information on the KTB event calendar. KTB will be leading individuals and community groups looking to volunteer to the KTB event calendar to find an opportunity in their area.

In 2015, 1,500 Great American Cleanup events were held in Texas, with 85,516 volunteers contributing 401,925 hours. More than 10 million pounds of waste and recyclables was collected in all.

Also in 2015, 235 DMWTTTO events were held across the state, featuring 27,848 volunteers. All told, 3,709 miles of highway were cleared of litter and debris, totaling 1.4 million pounds of trash.

– Raymond Weyandt

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U.S. General Services Administration

Fabens Independent School District Public Notice of Meeting

Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District’s 2014-2015 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). The meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 in the Fabens Independent School District’s Board Room at 821 N.E. “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (915) 765-2600, x2102.

Junta Pública

Distrito escolar independiente de Fabens celebrará una audiencia pública para discutir el informe de rendimiento académico 2014-2015 Texas del distrito (TAPR). La reunión se celebrará a las 6:30 p.m. el miércoles, 17 de febrero de 2016 en la sala de juntas de Fabens ISD, 821 N.E. “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

El público está invitado a asistir. Para obtener más información, llame al (915) 765-2600, x2102.

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Tornillo Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

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REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 847,250	\$ 136,999	\$ 984,249
5800 State Program Revenues	10,758,705	1,106,206	11,864,911
5900 Federal Program Revenues	912,812	1,404,792	2,317,604
5020 Total Revenues	12,518,767	2,647,997	15,166,764
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	5,267,530	1,198,238	6,465,768
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	138,162	7,999	146,161
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	60,635	275,776	336,411
0021 Instructional Leadership	74,727	136,816	211,543
0023 School Leadership	684,597	16,602	701,199
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	109,870	1,270	111,140
0033 Health Services	72,412	–	72,412
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	221,044	–	221,044
0035 Food Services	990,321	23,107	1,013,428
0036 Extracurricular Activities	410,060	–	410,060
0041 General Administration	807,983	4,144	812,127
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,250,222	–	1,250,222
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	223,743	–	223,743
0053 Data Processing Services	379,782	–	379,782
0061 Community Services	43,765	41,537	85,302
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	70,000	545,000	615,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	24,981	364,476	389,457
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	3,100	3,100
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	121,324	–	121,324
Intergovernmental:			
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	11,968	–	11,968
6030 Total Expenditures	10,963,126	2,618,065	13,581,191
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,555,641	29,932	1,585,573
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	455,182	4,266	459,448
8911 Transfers Out	(432,808)	–	(432,808)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	22,374	4,266	26,640
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,578,015	34,198	1,612,213
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	6,506,767	296,614	6,803,381
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 8,084,782	\$ 330,812	\$ 8,415,594

Super Bowl 50 will be a game of contrasts

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

This is the 50th year of that monstrosity they call the Super Bowl and the NFL couldn't have scripted it any better.

It's a battle between the veteran Denver Broncos and the young Carolina Panthers.

The Broncos have a long history of winning while the Panthers barely have a history.

What makes this game so intriguing is the path both quarterbacks took to get here.

Just like their respective teams, the quarterbacks, Peyton Manning and Cam Newton represent the old and the new of the NFL.

Many believe that this will be Manning's last game, win or lose. And many believe that this is just the beginning of Newton's success in the league.

The appearance of Manning and Newton in this game would have surprised many had it been suggested at the start of the season.

Manning showed signs of deterioration last season and had a rather miserable

regular campaign this year.

Newton has been a mediocre quarterback at best over his first few years, completing just over 50 percent of his passes and seemingly more interested in his on-field celebrations than winning football games.

But in fairness, Newton has turned himself into a quality quarterback, hitting the open man on a consistent basis and running it when the opportunity presents itself.

The fact that Manning struggled through the regular season and missed some games due to injuries makes his start in this year's big game even more mind-boggling.

Manning may not be the player he was just two years ago, flinging the ball all over the field for touchdown after touchdown, but he has become very efficient mixing the run and the pass and is still probably the smartest quarterback in the league.

Based on what they've done to their opponents all season and especially in the playoffs, the Carolina Panthers are the overwhelming favorites to win the game this Sunday.

But so were the New England Patriots,

who were knocked off by Denver 20-18 in the AFC title game.

What both teams have are extremely tough defenses. Carolina is stacked with quick players who fly to the football and force turnovers. The Broncos have the best pass rush in the game and barely give quarterbacks a chance to get into their throwing motion.

The difference between getting to the Super Bowl, and getting to the Super Bowl and winning will come down to the quarterbacks.

Right now it appears that Cam Newton has the physical edge over Manning, but will the pressure of a first-time Super Bowl be a little overwhelming for the young quarterback?

This is Peyton's fourth time in the championship game and he won't have any nerves. But can he stay one step ahead of that swarming defense?

This game has everything a football fan could ask for. Especially concerning that argument of whether it's better to have experience or youth. You have a franchise that has been around for 56 years and one that is only been playing for 20 years.

The older fans will stick up for Manning

and hope that he proves that the old guy can still do it. Younger fans will gravitate toward Newton and his exuberance and gunslinger mentality.

When you consider the neck surgery and other injuries Manning has gone through over the last few years, it's astounding that he is still playing at all, let alone leading a team to the Super Bowl.

It's one of the incredible stories in sports that will be told to kids before they go to sleep many years from now.

The only thing that would make the story any better would be an upset victory in this big game.

But the consensus is that the Panthers are just too big, too quick and too brash for the conservative Broncos. Experts believe that Denver's defense can limit a Tom Brady because he isn't mobile.

They feel that stopping Newton like that is almost impossible.

Either way, the game should be entertaining and the matchup is as intriguing as we've had in a while.

The old man and the young buck.

If this game is indeed Manning's last, it would be nice to see him hoist the Lombardi Trophy.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

The long drive

Picture, if you will, a jam-packed Cleveland Municipal Stadium. The Browns, the league's perennial heartbreakers, have taken a 20-13 lead in the AFC Championship Game against the Denver Broncos. There are less than six minutes

left in the game, and the crowd is in a frenzy.

The Broncos would muff the kickoff return and start their possession on their own 2-yard line. For most quarterbacks, this would seem like a daunting task. Not Broncos quarterback John Elway.

The record-setting Stanford grad, standing 6-foot-3 and weighing in at 215, was basically engineered for just this sort of thing. Smart, cool under pressure, howitzer of an arm, had legs that could plow a field. He could punt, too. Put simply, he wasn't like the other guys in the league.


So he went to work, providing us what is today simply known as "The Drive":

After the mishandled kick, the

Broncos face first down and 10 at their 2-yard line. Elway from the end zone, dumps to running back Sammy Winder for 5 yards. Second down and 5, Denver 7-yard line. Winder 3-yard run. Third down and 2, Denver 10-yard line. Winder 2-yard run, first down. Denver 12-yard line, Winder 3-yard run. Second down and 7, Denver 15-yard line. Elway breaks for a 11-yard run, first down. Denver 26-yard line. Elway has time, smashes tight-end Steve Sewell for a 22-yard pass over the middle. First down, Denver 48-yard line. Elway fires to Steve Watson for 12 yards to bring us to the 2-minute warning. Cleveland fights back, Dave

Puzzuoli sacks Elway for a loss of 8 after his incomplete pass intended for Vance Johnson. It's third down and 18 at the Cleveland 48-yard line with 1:47 left in regulation. Elway drops back before rifling a pass to Mark Jackson for 20 yards. The Broncos have not failed to convert a third down. Denver at the Cleveland 28 with 1:19 left. A 14-yard rocket to Sewell, then a 9-yard scramble by Elway. It's third and 1, and Denver is at the door on the Cleveland 5-yard line with 39 seconds left in the game. Cleveland fans are screaming. Elway drops back, stops and

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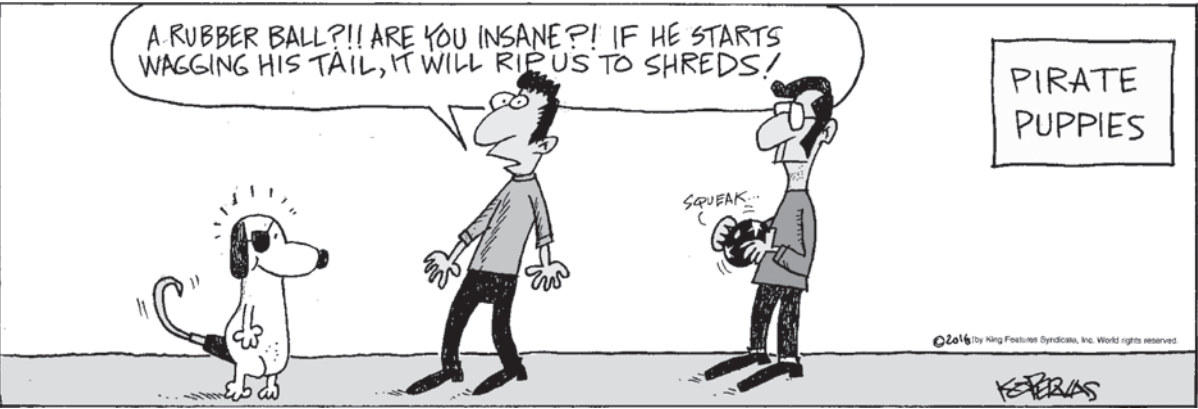
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Your good health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have lower-back ache and have been seeing a chiropractor, which helps a little. Would yoga help? – A.

Yoga does help many people with back pain, but it’s important to find an instructor with experience with beginners and in using yoga specifically for back pain. Similarly, tai chi and Pilates exercises have been shown to be useful treatments for back pain.

DEAR DR. ROACH: After viewing an infomercial that praised the benefits of probiotics, I would like to know what you think. Probiotics have been prescribed when one is taking antibiotics to replenish the good bacteria that is lost. When taking no medication, I found that when I took one capsule (30 billion live cultures per capsule/10 probiotic strains) on a daily basis, I would get gas and diarrhea; therefore, I stopped taking them. I thought that this was the exact opposite reaction that should have occurred. Please write about the pros and cons and the reasons/ necessity for taking probiotics on a daily basis. – D.A.M.

Probiotics are microorganisms, usually bacteria or yeast, that have beneficial properties. There is at least some evidence to support the use of probiotics for inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn’s and ulcerative colitis), colon inflammation from radiation, irritable bowel syndrome and other diseases of the GI tract. However, with a few exceptions, there is very little evidence that taking anything (prescription or supplement) is of benefit to people who are healthy

with no symptoms. Probiotics haven’t been shown to benefit healthy people. Any treatment can have side effects.

While there may be some benefits, such as preventing antibiotics-associated diarrhea, I hesitate before recommending any treatment to a healthy, asymptomatic person.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Does high blood pressure cause irregular or abnormal heart rhythms? – P.K.S.

Not usually. In some people with very longstanding high blood pressure, the heart can become dilated – blown up like a balloon to much more than its normal size. When the heart, particularly the atria (the top chambers), becomes dilated like that, it makes atrial fibrillation more likely.

High blood pressure is very common. Irregular heartbeats are universal – we all have some every day. It is human nature to associate one problem with another, since they are both related to the heart. However, it’s more likely that the everyday irregularities you may have had without noticing take on new significance with a diagnosis of high blood pressure.

That being said, since it is possible they are related, it’s certainly worth an EKG next time you see your internist or cardiologist to make sure you don’t have a dangerous heart rhythm. Sometimes doctors order 24-hour (or longer) EKGs for use at home, which can be correlated with any symptoms of heart irregularities.

The booklet on abnormal

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Super Crossword

- ALLOT THE PRESS!
ACROSS
- 1 _ , peel me a grape" (Mae West line)

7 _ . Adventures in Wonderland"

13 Mobile locale

20 Pacific weather phenomenon

21 Sullen

22 Neighbor of Ukraine

23 Eccentric, corrupt rascals?

26 Part of A/C

27 "World Cafe" broadcaster

28 "Mama" of pop music

29 Spiritualists' event

30 Seize illegally

33 Coarse

36 African mongooses

38 One dealing in red meat for a living?

40 Selling points

42 June hrs.

43 Bit of intimate apparel

45 Suffix with prop

46 Number of Stooges

51 Audio system part

54 Lovable male turkeys?

59 Jews living outside Israel

62 Conveys

63 Alternative to Red

Roof

64 En _ (as a whole)

65 Bit of formal apparel

67 Zee lead-in

68 AT&T rival, once

69 Hi-speed connection

70 Actor Depp being mushy?

75 Hit in a ring

77 "Really? _ who?!"

78 King, in Toulon

79 Barfly, say

80 Charles for whom a chair is named

83 One of golf's majors

85 Request in blackjack

87 More tempestuous

89 Stroke from the tee made while wearing a tee?

92 Strike marks, in bowling

93 Little squirts

94 Trains to Wrigley Field

95 Scand. land

96 Mini-devil

99 Peron of Argentina

101 Press chinos and corduroys?

107 Classical pieces

112 Inborn

114 Bea Arthur title role

115 Believer in God

116 Onetime teen idol

Paul

118 Onetime flight inits.

120 They cross aves.

121 Use glue to mend pants?

127 Immunity trigger

128 Swooning fan, e.g.

129 Laud

130 Mosaic piece

131 Throws

132 Sacred places

DOWN

1 Smear

2 Plaza Hotel

heroine

3 Erroneous

4 Set aflame

5 "Is there _ hope?"

6 It's honked

7 Acela runner

8 Building site

9 Cholera

10 Spiral shell

11 English class assignments

12 Min. parts

13 _ Dhabi

14 Zooms, e.g.

15 Tree of the birch family

16 Israel's Ehud

17 Boxing venue

18 Punish by fine

19 Burros

24 Intl. oil group

25 Singers Donny and Marie

31 "Mayberry _" (old sitcom)

32 Nighty-night garb

34 Union foes

35 Neophytes

37 Saber's kin

39 "High Noon" actor

Kruger

41 _ "Messiah" (oratorio)

44 Twice or thrice

46 Gym hiree

47 "Let me see..."

48 Having pre-blended ingredients

49 Finales

50 Series finale?: Abbr.

51 Nav. rank

52 Hamm on a soccer field

53 Deposits are recorded in it

55 David of the Red Sox

56 Really injure

57 "Book of Days" singer

58 Brow shape

60 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.

61 Multi-piece office gifts

66 Most weird

68 Maxim

71 Certain till fill

72 Tube addict's punishment

73 Kid around

74 '60s war site

75 Barely

76 Pasty-faced

81 Wide shoe width

82 Yearbook div.

84 Kin of ante

85 Spiral

86 Moses or Meese

88 Of ears

90 _ Strauss

91 Immunizing fluids

97 May VIP

98 Sch. group

99 Sitcom actress

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100 Alternative to judo

102 River critters

103 Current events

104 Like the Kazakh language

105 Most weird

106 Tetley rival

107 Hitler's turn to hit

108 French river

109 Fair shelters

110 Calf-length skirts

111 Gas bill info

113 Small iPods

117 No-clutter

119 Tablet extras

122 "Leaving _ Jet Plane"

123 Surg. centers

124 Born, to Fifi

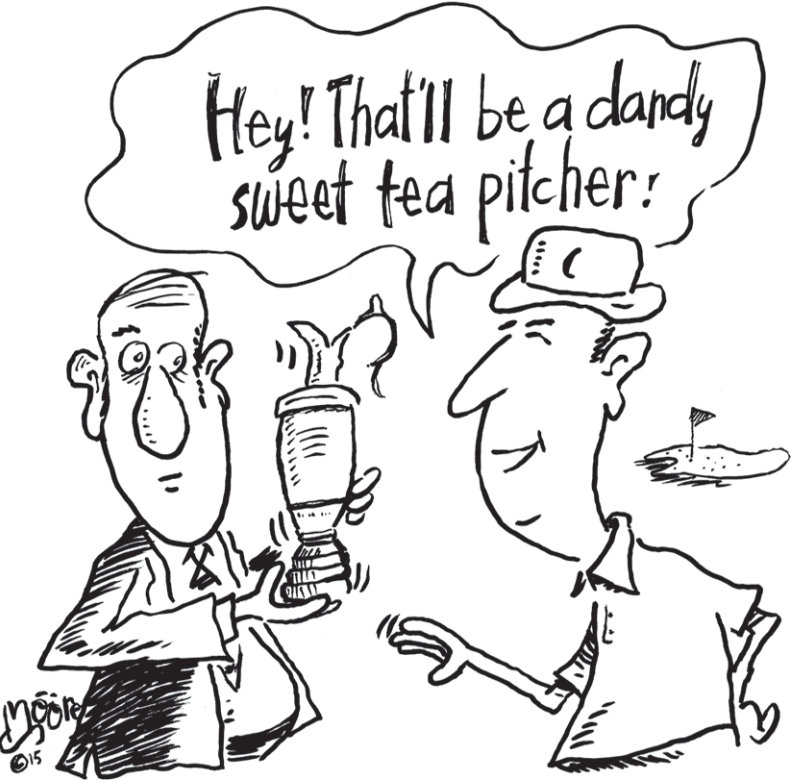
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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

Ben Hogan was the first native Texan to win the British Open and receive the famous Claret Jug.



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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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: My dad, who is receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), will be coming to live with me. Does he have to report the move to Social Security?

A: Yes. An SSI beneficiary must report any change in living arrangements within 10 days after the month the change occurs. If the change is not reported, your dad could receive an incorrect payment. Also, your dad needs to report his new address to Social Security so that he can receive mail from us. Even if benefits are paid by direct deposit, we need to be able to get in touch with him. He can report the change by telephone, mail, or in person at any Social Security office. Keep in mind that failing to report a change to Social Security could result in incorrect payments that may have to be paid back or a penalty deducted from SSI benefits. Just call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You can get more information in the booklet Understanding SSI, at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi.

Q: My son, who gets Social Security, will attend his last year of high school in the fall. He turns 19 in a few months. Do I need to fill out a form for his benefits to continue?

A: Yes. You should receive a form, SSA-1372-BK, in the mail about three months before your son’s birthday. Your son needs to complete the form and take it to his school’s office for certification. Then, you need to return page two and the certified page three to Social Security for processing. If you can’t find the form we mailed to you, you can find it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-1372.pdf.

For more information on any of the questions listed 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, 1111 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: G equals T

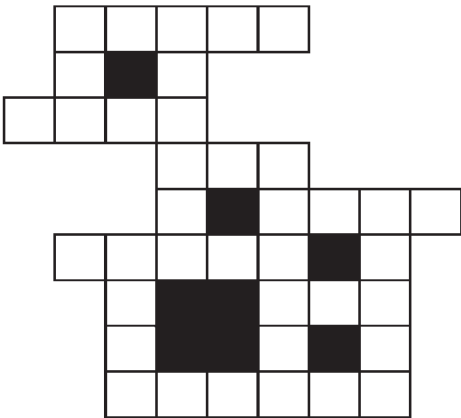
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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Sports

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drills Jackson in the end zone for a touchdown, and the Rich Karlis extra point sends them into overtime. He later kicks the field goal that will send them to the Super Bowl.

The Broncos were trounced by the Giants and the Redskins in successive years, the 49ers would crush the Orange in 1990. The secret to beating them was simple: stop Elway. Between Dan Reeves’ predictable, conservative play-calling and a thin supporting cast, Elway was almost a man alone. In the late ‘90s, this time armed with Terrell Davis and a stiff defense, Elway would win two Super Bowls in a row, including one over the Reeves-coached Atlanta Falcons.

Now 55, Elway is the general manager of the Broncos, a team recently crushed in the Super Bowl by the Seahawks. Their quarterback is an aging legend, Peyton Manning. Elway is credited with rebuilding the team around him, setting the stage for a comeback against the Cam Newton-led Carolina Panthers. Newton, at 6-foot-5 and 250 pounds, is the modern-day Elway. The Broncos game plan will be simple: stop Newton. Just as the Giants, Redskins and 49ers did to Elway in years past.

The Broncos again stand at the precipice. This time they are reloaded. Can Newton be stopped? Can Manning retire on top, or will it be another long drive home?

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

Health

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heart rhythms explains atrial fibrillation and the more common heart-rhythm disturbances in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 107W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. 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.

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