



NEWSBRIEFS

Summer reading

Anthony ISD will be celebrating *Terrific Summer Tuesdays* at the Anthony Elementary School Library located at 610 Sixth St., Anthony, TX. All students are encouraged to come join us for story time, games and other fun activities, and of course, to check out books to read all summer. The library will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on the following Tuesdays: June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26 and August 2. The theme is *Be a Reading Superhero!* Students will be able to login their minutes of reading at the Scholastic Summer Reading challenge website. The program will coincide with the daily Child Nutrition Summer Food Program. For further information, please contact Karen Paterson, AISD librarian at kpaterson@anthonyisd.net.

— Karen Paterson

Lunch

The Eastlake Lions Club is having a Fish Fry on Saturday, May 21, 2016. It will be at the Oz Glaze Senior Center and Corky Corcoran Park. Lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. It is \$7.00 plate. Come and have a great lunch.

— Judi Verslype

Business of aging

As America grows older, the business of aging grows bigger, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. Pharmaceutical companies are now among the biggest advertisers on television. Shop-at-home medical suppliers offering everything from canes, reading glasses and catheters are racking up big sales, nationwide. Meanwhile, the at-home senior care sector has joined the ranks of the fastest growing industries in America with sales said to be approaching the \$40 billion level.

— John Grimaldi

EPCC expansion

El Paso Community College (EPCC) hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 12 at its Valle Verde campus. The event celebrated the beginning of construction on its Architecture Building. The building is a partnership between the Architecture programs of EPCC and Texas Tech University (TTU). Dignitaries from both schools participated in the ceremony. The

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We naturally admire the wisdom and good judgment of those that come to us for advice.

— Quips & Quotes

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Elks Lodge celebrates 125 years of service

EL PASO COUNTY – For the past 125 years, the El Paso Elks Lodge #187 has been quietly going about its mission of providing an array of healthy, educational, and patriotic community-minded programs that benefit hundreds of El Paso-area residents every year.

To observe the years of service milestone, the local lodge will hold a special celebration, beginning at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 22, at its new location (2278 Trawood Drive) in East El Paso. The public is invited to attend the event and learn more about the Elks.

The local lodge is a chapter of the national organization of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE). Members from all walks of life comprise the American fraternal order that was founded by Joseph M. Norcross in 1868, originally as a social club in New York City.

Today, headquartered at Elks National Veterans Memorial in Chicago, Illinois, it is one of the leading fraternal orders in the United States. With more than 850,000 members and 2,000 lodges nationwide, the Elks are providing charitable services that help build stronger communities, according to the national organization's website.

The local Elks Lodge's efforts have focused on programs that offer services for physically handicapped children, provide physical and occupational therapy for veterans, and promote patriotic activities in schools.

The local lodge also awards college scholarships and sponsors scout troops and athletic teams. Additionally, every year,

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— Photo courtesy of Teddy Martinez

SERVICE RECOGNIZED – Elks Lodge #187 Exalted Ruler Jesus M. Martinez, right, presents Elks awards to Chalio Arellano, left, for citizen of the year and to Maggie Hernandez for Elk of the year during a recent Elks meeting.

Bullard stays active in Texas school issues

By Blanca Cruz
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO – Marlene Bullard, Board President of the Tornillo Independent School District was one of 956 school board members that are developing the legislative program of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Bullard was elected to the TASB Legislative Advisory Council during a regional grassroots meeting of public school board members earlier this year.

The council met in Austin on April 16 to consider the regional legislative priorities identified by school board members across the state and develop one statewide list of priorities to guide the Association. The TASB Advocacy Agenda, created through direct input from Texas school board members, guides the legislative and advocacy efforts of the Association on

behalf of public students.

The council discussed issues related to school finance, governance, and accountability during its meeting which is the first of three. The priority statements finalized by the Council during its next meeting on June 16 will go to TASB's Legislative Committee and Board of Directors for review before they are sent to TASB's Delegate Assembly for final adoption in September.

TASB is a voluntary, non-profit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas School districts. Its membership includes every public school district in the state, as well as county school boards, junior



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

Marlene Bullard

colleges, tax appraisal districts, cooperatives and education service centers. TASB represents the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state.

In addition, Bullard was also selected as the President of the Far West Texas School Boards Association during a meeting held on April 21, 2016. When asked about being elected for both of these positions, Bullard responded "I am honored and excited to be representing our Region 19 at these levels. I look forward to learning more and developing my

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Finances

By Jason Alderman

Planning a home remodel that actually pays off

There was a time when contractors building McMansion-style home additions or Michelin-worthy kitchens were a regular sight in many neighborhoods – until around 2006, when the

Great Recession began to take hold.

Here’s the good news: home improvements are starting to add value in a rising housing market. Here’s the bad news: you have to be very careful about the renovation or remodeling projects you select to avoid over-stretching your budget.

In 2014, completing successful home improvements comes down to two critical questions:

- Will you get most of your money back when you sell your property? (The days of 100 percent-plus returns on renovations are over, at least for now.)

- How will project costs affect your overall financial plan?

Here are questions to fuel your planning:

- How long you plan to live in the home after the renovation. The Great Recession proved many homeowners didn’t recoup elaborate – or sometimes modest – improvement costs when selling their homes. Even in a recovering market, it’s good to be wary. For now, renovate for the long haul and your personal enjoyment, not overnight sale.

- Neighborhood style and standards. We’ve all seen it – the oversized addition that dwarfs the rest of the houses on the block, the \$50,000 kitchen upgrade in a small home where a spruce-up for \$10,000 or less would do. It’s important to know how your tastes align with what is salable in your market (see Cost vs. Value, below).

- Opportunistic buying and installation times for various projects. Take replacement windows, for example. Collect bids in mid-summer and recheck them in late fall -- you’ll likely find significant savings on both windows and installation.

- Available renovation tax credits on federal, state and local levels. Are there credits or tax incentives on structural equipment or appliances that

can offset the cost of whatever you’re planning?

- Potential effect on property taxes. Could an elaborate renovation actually turn off future buyers thanks to higher maintenance costs and property taxes?

- Intelligence on recent purchase prices and home features. Smart homeowners keep an eye on recent home sale prices in the neighborhood and the features – or lack of them – that made the transaction.

Now here’s where you can find some answers.

Remodeling magazine’s annual Cost vs. Value Report (<http://www.remodeling.hw.net/cost-vs-value/2014/>) has become a leading consumer resource for pricing improvements and cost recovery nationwide, regionally and in major metro areas. The online format allows users to compare project cost and recovery at sale all the way back to 2002.

While the nation’s housing market is generally in recovery, some of the publication’s 2014 top-producing projects were surprisingly small. The top three 2014 home improvements in terms of cost return were:

- Entry door replacement (96.6 percent cost recovery)
- Wooden deck addition (87.4 percent)
- Attic bedroom addition/renovation (84.3 percent)

Remodeling reported that the value of remodeling projects began to slide nationally with home values in 2006 and only began to recover in 2013. As home resale values rise, so will cost recovery on incrementally bigger projects. As the publication notes, it’s a cautious environment.

For more detailed information, seek knowledge on a more local level:

- Get to know your neighbors. If your neighbors have done home improvements inside and out, politely ask if they’ll share

their story.

- Befriend a broker. Real estate brokers and agents are happiest when they’re closing deals, but they like to build long-term relationships, too. The best brokers are happy to share neighborhood renovation value intelligence in exchange for a house tour. They can’t sell a house filled with overpriced improvements.

- Before major projects, consider a home inspector. A home inspector’s job is to determine if the structural and mechanical aspects of a property are up to code. If a home hasn’t had a structural or mechanical upgrade for many years, professional inspection may detect trouble spots and intermediate upgrades that could be far more valuable than cosmetic work.

- Talk to a tax professional. Federal and state tax credits and deductions may be available as part of any project you do. The IRS has a current summary (<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Energy-Efficient-Home-Improvements-Can-Lower-Your-Taxes>) of 2014 energy credits and related resources.

- Check your credit reports and scores. If you need to borrow to complete a project, it’s a good idea to check your credit reports and current credit score to determine whether you’ll qualify for a loan. You have the right to get all three of your credit reports – from Experian, TransUnion and Equifax – once a year for free. You can do so by ordering directly from AnnualCreditReport.com.

- Talk to a financial planner. Any home improvement project is potentially major when compared to what you earn or have in savings. A certified financial planner can help you evaluate potential projects against the competing financial

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Jobs via joining forces

Veteran unemployment isn’t as high as it used to be, down to 5.8 percent in 2015 from a high of 12.2 percent in 2011. It’s likely the Joining Forces program is at least partially responsible for that.

In 2011, first lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden challenged civilian companies to hire 100,000 veterans and spouses in an employment and training launch. Companies responded by hiring or training more than 1 million. One year ago, that same initiative saw numerous companies pledging to hire 90,000 veterans in the technology and energy fields over the next five years.

Fast-forward to now: Forty companies participating in a renewal of the program have committed to hiring 110,000 veterans and to training 60,000 veterans and spouses in the next five years, mostly in technology, aerospace and telecommunications.

Let’s see where some of those jobs are:

JPMorgan Chase will hire 1,000 veterans over five years. It’s going to commit to spending \$13.8 million through 2020 to support the Institute for Veterans and Military

Families. Since 2011 they’ve helped 2,400 earn information-technology certificates.

Amazon has hired 10,000 veterans and spouses since 2013 and is committing to hiring 25,000 more in the next five years. In addition, it will train another 10,000 in cloud computing.

The aerospace industry (including General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, BAE Systems and Boeing) will hire 30,000 veterans in total. The big phone companies (T-Mobile and Verizon, AT&T and Sprint) will hire 25,000 more.

Accenture and USAA will hire 5,000 each. Dell, Tesla, GoDaddy, Intuit, Seagate and Hewlett-Packard will hire as well. Multiple companies will provide training and certification.

Get your resume ready. For the full list of hiring companies, go online to whitehouse.gov and look for the press release dated May 5, 2016. To read the full reports and keep track of new ones as they come in, check www.va.gov/oig.

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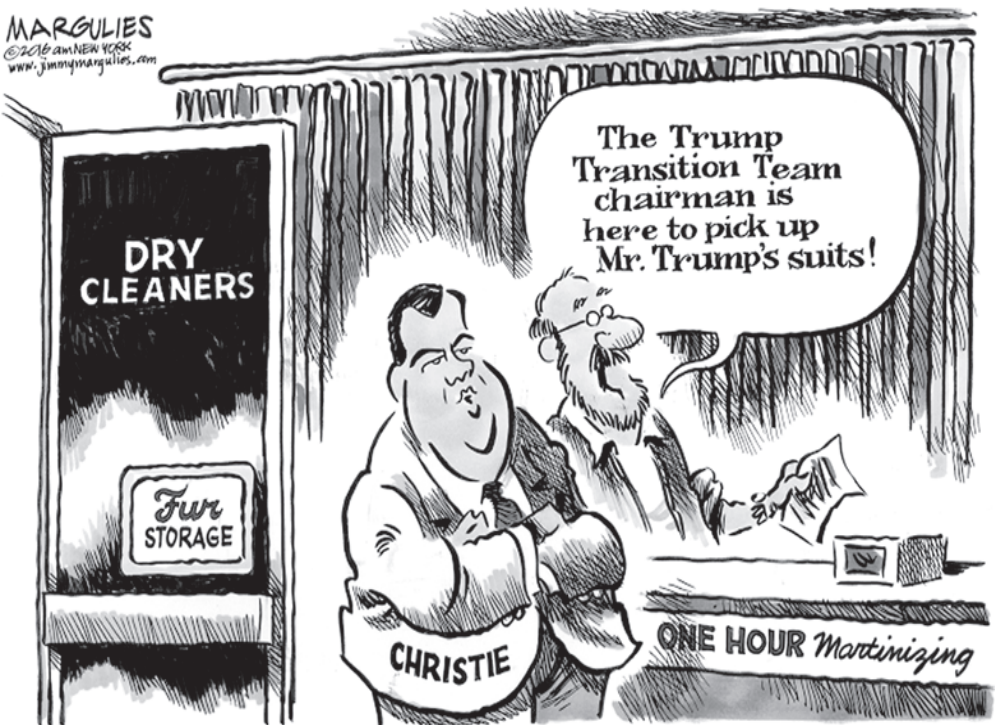
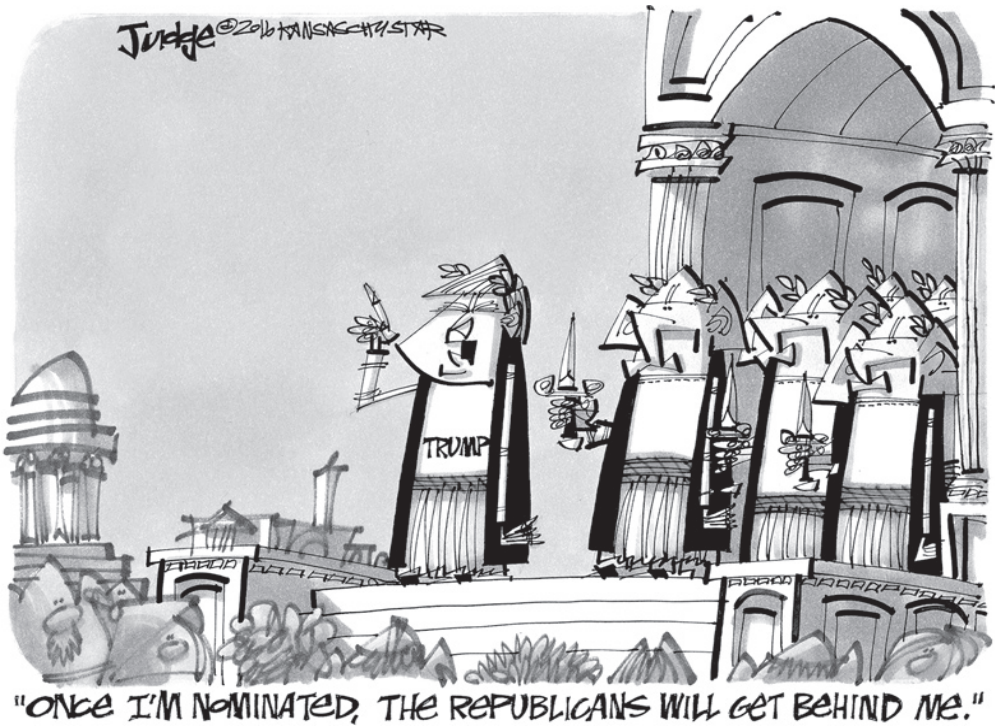
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Briefs

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Architecture Building is being built in part by a Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) STEM Grant with other funding from EPCC. The building will comprise 19,606 square feet and be built at a cost of \$4,041,900. The architect is Alvidrez Architecture Inc. with input from EPCC students. Construction will be done by Baines General Contractors. The structure is expected to be completed in February 2017. Architecture students will have the opportunity to receive an associate's degree from EPCC and continue onto TTU's upper-level Architecture program in the same building.

— Jim Heiney

Wanted

A man robs a Central El Paso pharmacy and detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the public's help in identifying this robber through the Crime. In the early afternoon of Monday, April 25, 2016 a man walked into the K-Mart located at 6375 Montana. The man went to the pharmacy and began asking questions about different medications. At one point the suspect asked for medication that had been ordered. As the employee went to check on the medication, the suspect jumped into the pharmacy through the counter window. The

suspect pushed one of the employees, injuring her arm. He grabbed several bottles of medication containing codeine and another controlled substance that is often associated with drug abuse. Then he jumped out of the window and was briefly detained by a loss prevention employee. He managed breakaway from the employee and fled the scene. Investigators have discovered that the suspect was at the business with another individual three days earlier. He is described as an Hispanic male in his early 20s, 5'1" in height, with a thin build, has a medium complexion and short hair with a long goatee. The suspect also has several tattoos on his neck, forearms, legs and a teardrop tattoo on the right side of the face. He was wearing a white and green Kentucky sports jersey, black pants, a red baseball cap, a gold watch and sunglasses. He is believed to have fled the scene in a gray, four-door car similar to a Honda. Anyone with information on this robbery is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— Javier Sambrano

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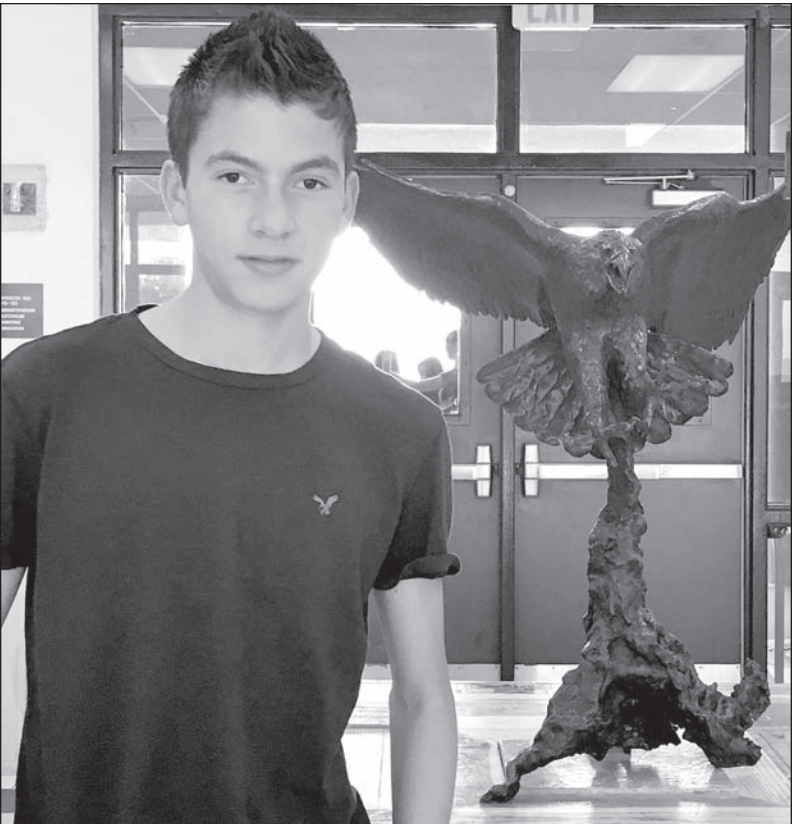
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HARD WORK NOTED – Erick Arambula, a San Elizario High School junior, is El Paso County’s ‘Male Athlete of the Year’.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

A public meeting will being held on **June 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Anthony City Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas** to discuss the Town of Anthony’s proposed project to construct an Arsenic Treatment Plant and Water System Improvements at various locations within the City limits. One of the purposes of this hearing is also to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it. The total estimated cost of the project is \$8,491,883. The estimated monthly bill for a typical resident is currently \$29.10. A user rate increase of \$20.19 will be required to finance this project. In addition, a tax increase of approximately 0.04% may be required. An application for financial assistance for the project has been filed with the Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231. An Environmental Information Document for the project has been prepared and will be available for public review at City Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, TX 79821 between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m through Monday, June 20, 2016. Written comments regarding the proposed project may also be sent to Town of Anthony at the above listed address, or to the Texas Water Development Board.

Accommodations for handicapped residents will be available at the hearing location. Those in need of special assistance for attending this hearing are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944, at least 24 hours prior to the hearing, so that arrangements can be made.

*Cynthia Ramirez, Town Clerk
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Arambula named ‘Male Athlete of the Year’

By Hector Gonzalez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – San Elizario High School junior, Erick Arambula, was recently named ‘Male Athlete of the Year’ for county schools. This is the first time ever that a student from San Elizario ISD is honored with such recognition by the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

“This is an awesome recognition,” said Arambula. “I want to dedicate it to my family, my teammates, my coaches, my high school, and my community. I am very proud to be representing San Elizario and to put us on the map once again,” he said.

Last year, Erick also took home the title of ‘Individual State Champion’ at the 4-A Cross Country State Championship in Austin, Texas. For this young athlete, running is more than just a sport— it is a passion.

“I like the feeling I get every time I run, it is a feeling that I cannot describe,” said Arambula. “Running makes me feel free and allows me to forget everything and helps clear my mind, especially from all the negative things.”

The person who inspired Erick to become a runner was his sister. He gives her a lot of credit because if it were not for her, he would not be running at all. “Every time I saw my sister run, she made it look easy and she seemed to be having fun doing it,” he said. “That’s when I knew I wanted to follow in her footsteps and start running

myself.”

One of the things Erick looks forward to every day is meeting up with his teammates for practice. He considers them brothers and enjoys spending time with them because they motivate each other. They like to compete with one another to see who can run the fastest, which allows them to be better prepared for a race against other schools.

Cesar Morales is the Head Coach for the Boys Cross Country and Long-Distance Boys Track teams. He is very pleased to be coaching a group of talented and dedicated individuals. “These guys are the most hard-working group of athletes you will ever meet,” said Morales. “I have always told them that if they work hard and give it their best, they will triumph. We are very fortunate to have won the 4-A Cross Country State Championship two years in a row, in 2014 and 2015, but we attribute that to our hard work and perseverance.”

Coach Morales often uses Erick as an example to motivate the others. “His teammates look up to him and see him as a role-model,” said Morales. “Erick is the type of person who encourages others to do better, which is what a leader does. He is humble, respectful, and has a big heart.”

Erick thanks his family and coaches for never giving up on him and always being supportive. He plans to continue with Cross Country and Track next year and hopes to pick up another victory for San Elizario.

Finances

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goals in your life like saving for retirement and your children’s college tuition.

- Figure out what you can do yourself. Whether it’s painting, landscaping, carpentry or electrical work, helping with a few DIY finishing touches on a home improvement project can save money. Just make sure you have the time and skill to pitch in.

Bottom line: Approach a home

renovation as you would any other major financial decision – do your homework and see how it fits into your overall financial plan.

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.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century Dutch post-Impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh – one of the most popular artists of all time – who made the following sage observation: “Conscience is a man’s compass, and though the needle sometimes deviates, though one often perceives irregularities when directing one’s course by it, one must still try to follow its direction.”

- Those who study such things say that penguins are so well insulated that, in general, they have a harder time staying cool than they do staying warm.

- You’ve probably never wondered how to categorize the dill pickle, but some people have. Is it a fruit? Hard to say. The cucumber is, technically, a fruit – part of the gourd family – so it would seem that a pickle is, too.

- You’ve almost certainly heard of the Rock of Gibraltar – as a metaphor for strength and solidity, if for no other reason. This famed monolith of limestone on the European side of the Strait of Gibraltar, that narrow connection between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, makes up only half of the Pillars of Hercules. On the African side of the strait is Jabal Musa, and this southern half of the Pillars is twice as tall as its more famous partner to the north.

- Many people don’t realize that the popular name Renee means “reborn.”

- The state of Delaware was named for Delaware Bay, which in turn was named for the first English governor of the colony of Virginia. His name was Thomas West, but his title was Baron De la Warr. Ultimately, his title is derived from the Old French term “de la werre,” which means “of the war.”

Thought for the Day: “Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.”

– Mark Twain

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Elks

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the El Paso lodge participates in the “Hoop Shoot” free-throw contest that brings together more than 3 million children nationwide.

During the course of the 125 years, approximately 97 individuals have held the position of Exalted Ruler (president of a lodge). For the past four years, Jesus M. Martinez has been the Exalted Ruler (ER) for the El Paso Lodge #187.

Martinez, who is a retired educator, has been an Elk for seven years. “I got involved with Elks due to playing golf. I was playing in a golf tournament where an Elk member was also playing, and he invited me to participate in an Elk golf tournament,” Martinez said. “After playing with them in a couple of tournaments they informed me that I needed to join the Elks Lodge in order to continue playing with the group. I joined to play golf but was immediately asked to become an officer.”

Martinez related that he has remained a member, however, because of the goal of the Elks Lodge which is to help the community. “Helping veterans, special needs children, and individuals/families in need became the driving force to stay in the Elks. Serving the community and enjoying it is one reason I continue to be an Elk,” he said.

As president, Martinez stated that he presides over the general meetings, selects chairpersons for the different committees, and attends district, state and national Elks conferences. Plus, he co-chairs the scholarship and drug awareness committees. His wife, Teddy, is also involved with the lodge, she currently produces the group’s monthly newsletter and helps out with other activities.

During Martinez’s four-year ER tenure, the lodge has garnered grant monies from the Elks national grant foundation including the Promise Grant (\$2,500) to support Boy Scouts training programs; the Beacon Grant (\$2,000) to purchase golf equipment and hold a two-day golf tournament for individuals with special needs who are enrolled in two middle schools in the Ysleta School District; and the Gratitude Grant (\$2,000) to support St. Pius X special needs kids athletics programs. The

local group has also awarded more than \$12,000 in college scholarships in the last five years.

Any additional funds are used to support year-round coaching activities in basketball, golf, bowling, gymnastics, and track and field events, Martinez stated.

In the lodge’s recent charitable-giving report, it indicated that last year 482 Elk members participated in numerous programs; members volunteered 3,497 hours and donated \$59,260 in non-cash items and \$6,194 in cash contributions, according to Martinez.

In looking at the history of the Elks in El Paso, according to Jerry Bear, past Exalted Ruler and an Elk member for over 30 years, the local lodge has been housed in seven different locations throughout the city since 1891.

“First 15 years were spent in the hall over a grocery store in the 500 block of South El Paso Street. There were originally 50 members, mainly El Paso lawyers and businessmen,” Bear stated.

Presently, there are 134 active Elk members and the average age of the members is 70 years old, Martinez cited. During its peak years, in the 1950s and 60s, membership was more than 1,400 volunteers.

“In 1906, the group moved from South El Paso Street to the old Central High School at Myrtle and Campbell Street. Then in 1931 or 25 years later, the Lodge was moved again, this time just across the street,” Bear explained. “Another move came four years later in 1935. The move was to the Toltec Building on 717 San Antonio Avenue. In 1965, the Lodge was moved again, this time to the Elks Lodge Building, which was built at 1211 Cliff Drive. This place would be the Elks home for the next 46 years,” he said. The building was eventually sold in 2010. The Elks then purchased its present facility on Trawood Drive in East El Paso and opened its doors in January 2012, according to Bear.

Lodge #187 is part of the New Mexico Southwest District, which includes Silver City, Las Cruces, Lordsburg, Alamogordo, and Deming. All of the state conferences are held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For more information about the upcoming celebration or about Elks Lodge #187, send email to liliamartinez48@hotmail.com.

Bullard

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knowledge as a trustee and being able to help on the other side of the educational system.” Marlene Bullard has served the public education system since 1999. Her contributions include: the development of

an ESL program for a local district: teaching (grades K-12); coaching; and currently serving as an Instructional Facilitator at Fabens Middle School where she has been employed since 2006. She has also served as Executive Director of the Girls Club of Sherman where she helped establish a Family Literacy Program.

VILLAGE OF VINTON, TX

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the Village of Vinton. 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 pubic review and comment.

The proposal consists of installation of a looped water system with wholesale supply of treated potable water provided through a purchase agreement with the El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU). The total project will be broken down into three phases. Phase I will serve customers south of Vinton Road and subsequent phases will serve the remainder of the village.

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, the Village of Vinton 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 using wells within the Village of Vinton.

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 Monday, June 13, 2016.

A location map of the complete proposal is shown below.

Legend

PROPOSED WATER LINES

PROPOSED WATER LINES

VILLAGE LIMITS

Source: Esri, Incubed, USDA, USGS, AEM, GeoEye, User Community

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PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

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Escalante might be out for the count after latest arrest

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

How many of us have ever wondered how different our lives would be if we had done this instead of that?

How many of us have been at the right place at the right time, or at the wrong place at the wrong time?

Sometimes it's the most insignificant choices we make in life that produce the greatest results – we just don't recognize them at the time.

Sometimes it's an obvious choice that causes our downfall – but we just can't help ourselves.

In the case of El Paso boxer Antonio Escalante, he just can't seem to walk past a glass of alcohol without stopping for a sample... or two... or three.

And that's been his downfall.

The super-featherweight, who was once mentioned highly by Ring magazine and fought in front of huge crowds on ESPN and HBO, now finds himself in jail, again, and I'll let you guess the reason.

Right – alcohol.

Escalante was sentenced to eight years probation after being arrested and charged for DWI for the fourth time.

For the fourth time! Why wasn't he put in jail after the second time?

On the fourth occasion, Escalante was found asleep in a car with beer bottles all over the passenger-side floor and an open beer container in the center console area.

He was sentenced to probation back in April of last year.

So after being sentenced to eight years of probation, Escalante not only should have considered himself very lucky, but also scared to death to do anything stupid again.

Well, evidently he just felt lucky.

His probation forbade Escalante from consuming, possessing and transporting alcohol. It also banned him from bars and set a curfew.

But six months after his probation sentencing Escalante was arrested for showing up at a nightclub. He spent two months in jail before posting bond.

He said he was just at the nightclub promoting his career and boasted that he didn't drink anything.

Of course his probation clearly stated

that he couldn't go into any bars. The alcohol and beer all around him should have given him a hint.

But how strong must the addiction be if your whole future is riding on the line and you still can't help yourself.

It's a very sad state of affairs when someone isn't control of their own faculties and decisions. And Escalante clearly is not able to control his own destiny.

And once again he has proven that his love of alcohol is greater than his love for himself.

Late last month Escalante was seen at a local bar downing drinks. Of course he was recognized and police received the tip.

They went to his house to test him and he was arrested for violating his probation after he failed a urine test. He sits in jail again today.

I've lost count on how many strikes that is now against him but I've got a feeling that this is going to be the time that he finds himself behind bars for the rest of his probation period.

I've met Escalante on a couple occasions and I found him to be very likable and

easy to get along with. I sincerely liked the guy.

But unfortunately, he is a danger to himself and more importantly, a danger to others – especially because he doesn't seem to see the difference between drinking and getting drunk. And getting drunk and driving home.

Escalante's probation hearing is set for May 26 and his worst nightmare could become a reality... and it should.

If it were you or I, we would certainly be sitting in a jail cell for quite a while.

There's no doubt with that many violations and still being free to get drunk last month, Escalate received some very generous rulings because of his celebrity.

There's no telling where Escalante would be today if he'd made different choices at critical times. Many of us like to have a beer with the guys but the ability to say that's enough – and mean it – is the difference between getting up the next morning at home or getting up the next morning in jail.

The worst thing of all for Escalante is that once you make that life-altering decision, you can't undo it.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Unconquered and undefeated

If you ever have the opportunity to visit a newspaper office, you will immediately notice the decorations, particularly in the meeting rooms and lobbies of the newspapers who have been around awhile (and have managed to stick around).

If they own their own presses, you will see thin sheets of tin called "plates" hanging on the walls. In other cases, you will find reprints of front pages that span the decades, featuring

prominent moments in time. In almost every case, you are certain to find front pages, declaring in large, bold type any number (or all) of the following: the sinking of the Lusitania, the sinking of the Titanic, the assassination of JFK, the resignation of Nixon and the Challenger disaster. On occasion, you may come across a "V-J Day" or the moon landing, but those would be rare finds.

Just about the only place you will find moments of archival triumph enshrined instead of tragedy is at the sports desk. There, you will find pictures of local athletes and teams with their hands held high in victory, trophies aloft, flags raised, ticker tape and confetti streaming down.

But imagine, if you will, driving to your local market one day and running over an improvised explosive device (IED) that kills all your passengers in the fiery aftermath, leaves you unconscious, flesh burning away. You awaken three months later from a coma to learn that 80

percent of your body suffered third-degree burns, lungs injured from inhaling toxic smoke. You have lost fingers from both hands and the nerves in your right foot have been sheared away. After enduring more than 120 surgeries and skin grafts, would your first inclination be to return to the market?

Well, that's precisely what Air Force Master Sgt. Israel Del Toro Jr. did... only in his case, he went back to the frontline of a war. On Sunday, May 8, he stood atop a podium in Orlando, Florida, and delivered the keynote speech for

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Your good healthBy Keith Roach, M.D.

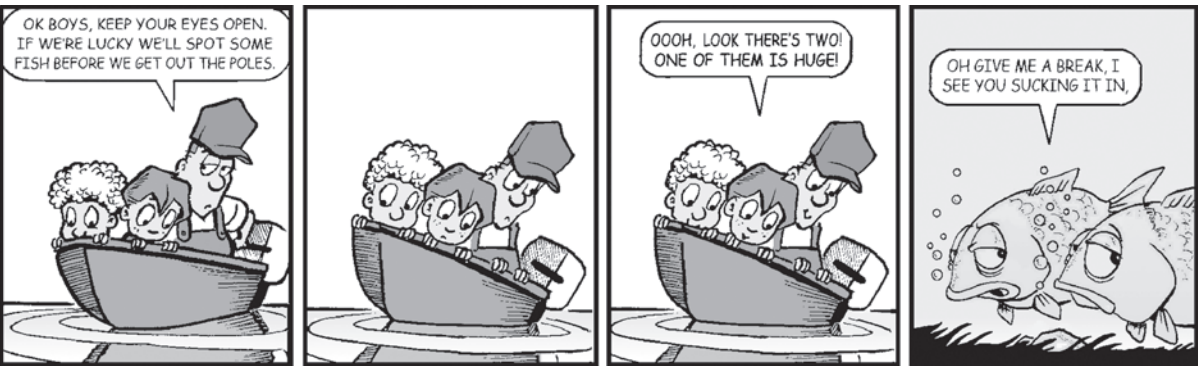
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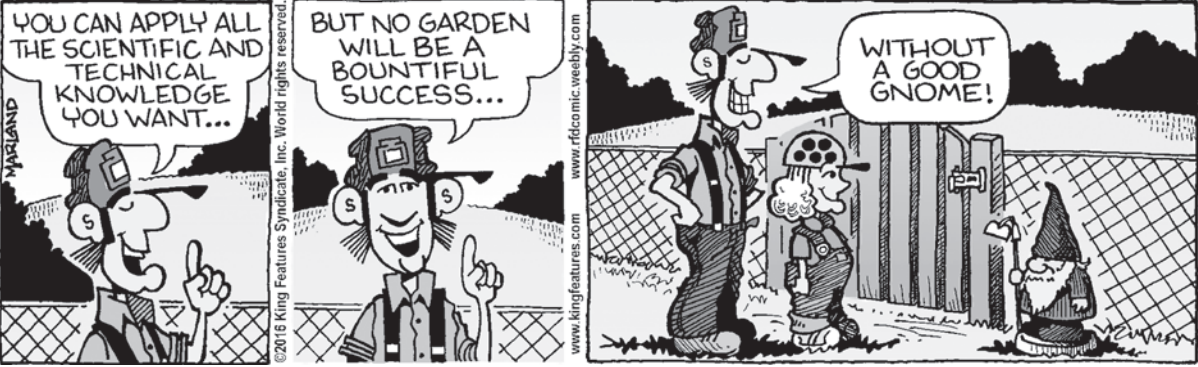
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



DEAR DR. ROACH: I read in a medical advice column that tea tree oil can help cure the nail fungus that I have had for more than 10 years on my big toe. It did dramatically reduce the inflammation around the nail, but the nail is unchanged, and the inflammation subsequently returns. Recently, though, I have seen or heard of several nail fungus treatments that do not present a danger of liver damage. Are there any new treatments for the nail fungus that actually are effective? – J.S.

think to ask. I've yet to see the licensed doctor in that office. Walking is the one exercise that generally doesn't bother me, so that's how I keep a bit active. Judging by charts, I am about 30 pounds overweight. My leg and hip pains now do have me thinking about having at least one hip replaced. How do I initiate this? What sort of improved mobility can I expect? How long is recovery? Might my insurance cover a second opinion? What options are there? Which implants are best? – J.W.

According to the Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database, 100 percent tea tree oil cream, applied twice daily for six months, is effective at curing infection in only 18 percent of people who try it. Most people have some benefit that isn't permanent, as you did.

The only highly effective medicines I can find good evidence about, with cure rates of 50 percent to 75 percent, all have the possibility, albeit small, of liver damage.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 72. Several years ago, because of bad back pain, I had tests and X-rays. The orthopedic physician assistant I was directed to afterward said I'd need hip replacements, or I could get a shot. No more comment than that. At my own insistence, I tried physical therapy instead of a shot. It merely aggravated the situation. Twice since, I've seen the same PA. We have a little conversation, and he bills me for the same advice. He did not display the X-rays, and I didn't

You need a different orthopedic surgeon. He or she will go over all the questions you have – all of which are reasonable, but can be answered only by someone who has examined you, listened to your concerns and knows your particular orthopedic problem. Almost all insurances will let you seek a second opinion.

If you are feeling kind, let the orthopedic surgeon you didn't see know the treatment you got from the PA. It has been my experience that physician assistants give out very good care, within the scope of their expertise, but this one is not giving good care to you, and I'm sure the surgeon would like to know.

The booklet on back problems gives an outline of the causes of and treatments for the more-common back maladies. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 303W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.75 U.S./\$6

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Super Crossword

- KEEPING TO ONE SIDE ACROSS

1 Blazing

7 Greek vowel

12 Alternative to "mac" or "bud"

20 One offering hush money

21 Tons

22 Mayonnaise, butter or mousse

23 Thing pushed by a flight attendant [left hand]

25 Unimportant matter

26 Atop, to poets

27 Not keep in

28 Plant that's a drug source [right hand]

30 Dog-paddles [left hand]

35 Upfront stake

36 Date steadily

37 "How Do I Live" singer Rimes

38 Full of frost

40 _chi

43 Sore

46 Mama's man

48 One on the same squad

53 Ziploc product [left hand]

56 Fashion designer with the "3.1" label [right hand]

58 Greene of "Bonanza"

59 People hauled in

61 Dial and Zest

62 "That's _" ("Negative")

63 Minnelli of "Cabaret"

65 "... _ gloom of night..."

66 Double curve

67 Hand over formally

69 Typing (and the theme of this puzzle)

74 Orient

78 Charlotte of sitcoms

80 Telecast

81 Excavates

83 "No noise!"

84 Rigging poles

87 Spike heels

91 Autumn bloomer

93 University in San Marcos [left hand]

95 Hit song from a Leslie Caron film [right hand]

97 Recorded in advance

98 Light beams

100 English Channel swimmer Gertrude

101 Vote in favor

102 Fast WWW hookup

103 Astronomer Tycho

105 Tennis unit

108 Manage OK

111 "What I think is..." [right hand]

117 Strike zone, say [left hand]

121 Boat blades

122 Livy's 1,006

123 Software clients

124 American violet [right hand]

129 Diverges

130 Develop

131 Bassett of "Notorious"

132 Thin quality

133 See 29-Down

134 Limy cocktail

DOWN

1 Chief monk

2 More relaxed

3 Book, in Nice

4 1860s prez

5 Sea, in Nice

6 History topic

7 Sci-fi hominid

8 Lawful

9 Entrée holder

10 The woman

11 Re

12 Country in West Africa

13 Folder's call, in poker

14 Dull bluish-gray color

15 Freak (out)

16 Bygone U.S. gas brand

17 Some speech flaws

18 Jeweler's magnifier

19 Not bat _

24 Ball dress

29 With 133-Across, amounts that rise with raises

31 Non-earthling

32 Actor Washington

33 Very wise

34 Put a tear in

39 Hostage holder, e.g.

41 Wrong

42 Force (upon)

43 Insurer with a duck icon

44 Witchy woman

45 Judean king

46 Hole number

47 Epoch

48 Cravat, e.g.

49 Lofty trains

50 Carte lead-in

51 Gratuity

52 Letters before ens

54 Bulldoze

55 Donkey's cry

57 Bovine bunch

60 Kind of drum

64 1950s prez

66 Nest nugget

68 Galley goofs

70 Angling need

71 NHL team

72 Revered one

73 Not yet final, in law

75 In motion

76 Snail coverer

77 Piercing pain

79 Appraise

82 Gave a quick greeting

84 Indy sponsor

85 Part of mpg

86 Log chopper

87 _Foy, Que.

88 Iota

89 "Love _ neighbor..."

90 "... a shame"

92 Actor Martin

94 Watch a sports event

96 Vault

99 Liston fighter

102 Poor grade

103 "77 Sunset Strip" actor Edd

104 Optimistic

105 Earring types

106 Studio prop

107 Fountain in Rome

109 Caravan layover sites

110 Iron

112 Perfectly pitched, in baseball

113 Parson's estate

114 Motivate

115 Future seed

116 Bite gently on

118 Forbidding

119 "My People" writer Abba

120 Partially open

125 "... _ mouse?"

126 Spree

127 One: Prefix

128 "Gigi" studio
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TRUE TEXAS FACTS *by Roger Moore* May 19, 1868: a storm in San Antonio hurls 2 lb. hailstones killing chickens, sheep and even cattle.



GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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Answer Page 4

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: Do I need a Social Security card? I want to get a summer job and my dad can't find my card.

A: If you know your number, you probably don't need to get another card. If you find out that you do need a replacement card, the best place to go to find out how to get a replacement is www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber. In some states and the District of Columbia, you might even be able to request a replacement Social Security card online. In other areas, you can download the application to print out, complete, and submit by mail or in person. If you do get a replacement card or find the original, you shouldn't carry it with you. Keep it in a safe place with your other important papers. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Q: I was turned down for disability. Do I need a lawyer to appeal?

A: You're entitled to hire an attorney if you wish to, but it is not necessary. And, you can file a Social Security appeal online without a lawyer. Our online

appeal process is convenient and secure. Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/appeal. If you prefer, call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to schedule an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to appeal.

Q: I just got back from an overseas military deployment and I want to plan ahead. How will my military retirement affect my Social Security benefits?

A: Your military retirement won't affect your Social Security benefits at all. You can get both. Generally, there is no offset of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement. You will get full Social Security benefits based on your earnings. The only way your Social Security benefit might be reduced is if you also receive a government pension based on a job in which you did not pay Social Security taxes. You can find more information in the publication *Military Service and Social Security* at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html. Or call us at 1-800-772-

1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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.

Sports

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the Invictus Games not only as a hero, but as an athlete.

The Invictus Games, a Paralympic-styled competition, is the brainchild of Prince Harry, who founded the games with a grant from his foundation in 2014. And while the event certainly draws its share of celebrity involvement and the competition is fierce, it isn't the sort of event that has any losers in the traditional sense. And, unfortunately, it isn't the kind of event that many newsrooms would choose to enshrine on their library walls.

But men like Master Sgt. Del Toro, who will compete in cycling and powerlifting, embodies the word "invictus," Latin for "unconquered," perhaps as well or better than any other athlete ever, and the words he shared transcend competition and speak more to the human heart.

"I will never let the guys who set that bomb get the satisfaction that they ruined my life," Del Toro declared.

Now that's something you can put on any wall. Remember to never forget our soldiers.

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: C equals Y

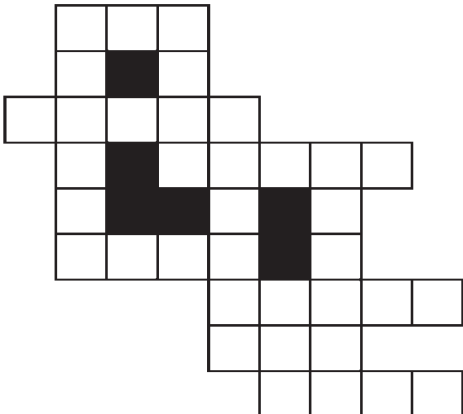
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RKH SJOQHU WN HQUH NWO JV
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as 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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Health

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Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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 Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2016 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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.

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
Answer Page 4 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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