



## NEWSBRIEFS

### SISD walk

Socorro Independent School District administrators, principals, assistant principals, counselors, and other staff members are gearing up to walk SISD neighborhoods and encourage students who have left school to return to the district during the third annual Walk for Success on Sept. 17 from 8 to 11 a.m. Team SISD conducted a call-out day on Aug. 27 to begin the outreach to students who have not returned to school this year. During the call-out, high school principals and counselors personally called students to invite them back. As a result of the call-out, 13 students already have returned and re-enrolled in Team SISD schools. In addition, as a result of the last two Team SISD Walk for Success events in 2014 and 2015, 26 students returned to school and graduated from high school. The students who are reached during the walk will be given information about how to re-enroll and the support services that they will receive to help them continue their educational journey to earn their diploma.

— Christy Flores-Jones

### Help for seniors

The senior population in the U.S. is expanding at an astounding rate. Each day 10,000 of us celebrate our 65th birthdays, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. Although the longevity statistic implies that medical care for the elderly is progressing at a fast pace, the fact of the matter is that not all older Americans are in good health. And, not all of them are financially healthy. Many of them need help and so AMAC encourages family members and friends to get involved in their lives to whatever extent they are able. And, if you need help in order to offer help, you may want to visit such Web sites as [aoa.gov/](http://aoa.gov/), [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov/), [eldercare.gov](http://eldercare.gov) and [fda.gov/oc/seniors](http://fda.gov/oc/seniors). In addition there are sites that provide information on how to find financial help for older relatives or friends such as the National Council on Aging's [benefitscheckup.org](http://benefitscheckup.org) Web site. There are numerous commercial sites for senior assistance, but it is advised that you check them out before using them, AMAC advises.

— John Grimaldi

*A political promise today means a new tax tomorrow.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Buildings rise in San Elizario ISD

By Hector Gonzalez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Construction is underway for three new, state-of-the-art buildings for the San Elizario Independent School District. The buildings include a new Field House for the high school, an additional building for Career & Technical Education courses, and a Support Services Operations Center.

Thanks to the 2014 Bond that was approved by the voters, the development of this project is afoot. The upcoming Field House will be adjacent to the new artificial turf field in the football stadium. It will have a weight room, locker areas separately for boys and girls, Coach's offices, multipurpose rooms, and a dance studio.

Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses are aimed at promoting advanced skills to students. These high demand career paths are required to provide the opportunity to transition to a post-



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**INSPECTION – SEISD Maintenance Supervisor Dexter Harman, left, and Support Services Director George Luevano monitor the construction of each building daily.**

secondary education and workforce. Engineering Science and Culinary Arts The district believes that the expansion of the existing vocational building for

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## Fabens High School expands curriculum

By Denise Peña  
Special to the Courier

FABENS – Fabens High School has made some new courses available to students this year. Having been designated a T-STEM Academy last year, the school added a Concepts of Engineering class to incoming freshman enrolled in the T-STEM academy or who opted for a STEM endorsement on their high school diploma plan. The class was designed as an introduction to the different

types of engineering so students could begin deciding which career path they liked best.

This year Engineering Design and Presentation will teach students to draft, design, and use software to create final products such as blueprints and land surveys using U.S. government standards from the American National Standards Institute and ASME, American Society of Mechanical Engineering.

To prepare for the course,

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— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

**PUT TO THE TEST – Daniel Estrada and Emiliano Castro work on their first hand-drafting quiz in their Engineering Design and Presentation class.**

## Desert fiesta connects people to natural wonders

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Twelfth Annual Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., September 17, at the Tom Mays Unit of the Franklin Mountains State Park. Because of on-going road construction, access to Tom Mays and the fiesta is only on the westbound side of Transmountain Road (Loop 375). To reach the park safely, fiesta officials recommend that would-be visitors coming from the west side of El Paso take I-10 east and then 54 north and exit on Transmountain Road (Loop 375), turn left under 54 and go west. The free park entrance will be on the right by the road construction zone.

A program schedule will be passed out at the park entrance on the day of the event. Highlights of this year's event will include local musician Brandon Baily Johnson, who will open the event with the National Anthem and entertain guests until 10 a.m. The remainder of the entertainment schedule will be: Champion Studio (Folklorico), 12 to 12:30 p.m.; Samathan Zumba Crew (Low Impact Zumba), 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.; Maru Zumba Crew (Zumba), 1:30 to 2 p.m.; and April Ticket (Duo), 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. The live entertainment will be presented by the City Parks and Recreation Department.

The fiesta will also include a Chihuahuan Desert animals presentation, a Serna Ranch Dutch Oven cooking exhibition, and a cowboy coffee demonstration. Also available will be guided walks and education partners booths to share information about this desert region. In addition, from 10 a.m. to noon, local, favorite mascots will greet young guests to add to the festive atmosphere and to provide photo opportunities for kids of all ages.

"The theme for this year's celebration is 'It's Y(our) Desert'. The fiesta is an opportunity for our community to

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Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

# Preparing to become a caregiver

Becoming a caregiver for an aging relative is a profound expression of love. You may find that you will begin to take on many of the responsibilities they might have had while raising you. Like raising a family, being a caretaker can be physically, emotionally and financially challenging but it is also extremely rewarding. It's a responsibility that millions of people take on each year out of love for their families. Whether you are preparing to care for a parent or another relative, understanding and preparing for the financial implications can help you provide the best care possible.

### Start the discussion with your family

Whether you think you'll provide direct care, decide to

hire a caregiver, or both, you can work with your family members, including the relative in question, to create a plan.

Starting the conversation early can help you all reach conclusions without pressure to make a quick decision. You may want to cover the types of care that are available and learn which your parent prefers. For example, does he or she want to stay at home for as long as possible or prefer to live in an assisted-living home or elderly community?

You should discuss who'll be responsible for managing personal, financial and medical affairs if your parent can't handle those responsibilities anymore. Beyond making a verbal agreement, a parent can give someone legal authority by signing durable power of attorney agreements, which keep the delegation of decision-making authority intact even if your parent becomes incapacitated. There are two durable powers of attorneys, one for medical-related decisions, and a second for legal, personal and financial decisions.

Your parents might also want to execute a living will, also known as an advance directive. It has instructions for the medical treatments they want, or don't want, if they are unable to communicate.

### Determine what resources are available to your parent

Your financial situation may depend in part on your parent's finances and the assistance that's available to him or her from outside sources. Creating a list of these resources ahead of time can help you all plan for the future.

- **Your parent's finances.** Together with your parent, and possibly with the assistance of a financial planner, you can create a list of your parent's current financial assets and future income.

- **Government and non-profit programs.** Medicare and Veteran Affairs benefits may be available for those that are 65 or older. Medicaid, a joint federal and state program, often provides benefits to those with limited income, although the qualifications and benefits can vary by state. There are also non-profit organizations that provide

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## Fabens Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The Fabens Independent School District has the following instructional arrangements and services available to eligible students.

1) Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD), 2) Inclusion Program, 3) Content Mastery, 4) Resource, 5) Transitional Learning Class (TLC), 6) Program for Academic and Vocational Skills (PAVS), 7) Vocational Academic Program (VAP), 8) Fundamental Living Skills (FLS), 9) Behavior Development (BD), 10) Homebound, and 11) Speech Therapy.

In addition to providing the above instructional arrangements for special education students, the district also provides the following additional services to eligible students:

1) Teacher for the Visually Impaired, 2) Physical Therapy, 3) In-home Training, 4) Occupational Therapy, 5) Counseling Services, 6) Physical Education, 7) Transportation, 8) Extended School Year Services (ESY), 9) School Health Related Services, 10) Adaptive Assistive Devices, 11) Psychological Services, 12) Visual Itinerant Specialist, and 13) Auditory Impairment Specialist.

Services are provided to identified auditory and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

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

If you would like more information or know of a child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Jorge Saenz, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 765-2690.

## El Distrito Escolar de Fabens SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens tiene las siguientes disposiciones y servicios de instrucción disponibles para los estudiantes elegibles.

Programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), 1) Programa pre-escolar para niños con discapacidades, 2) Programa de inclusion, 3) Salón de apoyo, 4) Clase de recurso, 5) Clase de trancisión de aprendizaje, 6) Programa de habilidades academicas, y vocacionales, 7) Programa académico vocacional, 8) Habilidades fundamentales de la vida, 9) Desarrollo del comportamiento 10) Clase en el hogar, y 11) Terapia del habla.

Además de proporcionar los arreglos educativos anteriores para estudiantes de educación especial, el distrito también ofrece los siguientes servicios adicionales a los estudiantes elegibles:.

1) Maestro para estudiantes con problemas visuales, 2) Terapia física, 3) Entrenamiento en casa, 4) Terapia ocupacional, 5) Servicios de consejería, 6) Educación física, 7) Transportación, 8) Servicios del año escolar extendido, 9) Servicios de salud relacionados con la escuela 10) Dispositivos de ayuda de adaptación, 11) Servicios psicológicos, 12) Especialista itinerante visual, y 13) Especialista en discapacidad auditiva.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como desabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

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

Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Fabens que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Jorge Saenz, Director de Educación Especial, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 765-2690.

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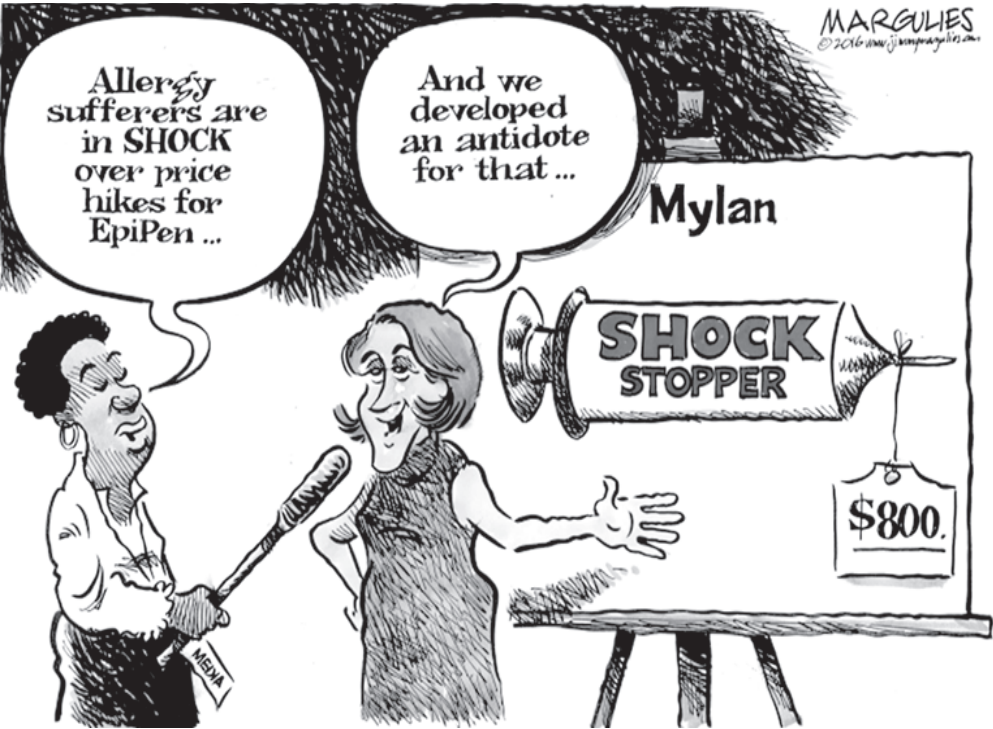


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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

# A vet's success story

I'm always impressed by people who do things for themselves. Marine veteran Nick Baucom is one of those people. Not only has he created employment for himself, but he's built a growing company that provides solid jobs to other veterans.

Why are his services so popular? It's the quality of work that veterans bring to the job, he says. Tenacity and perseverance and getting the job done. Decisiveness, gathering data and moving forward. Initiative, stepping up when you see something that needs to be done.

In 2008 Baucom started building a moving company – Two Marines Moving – that now has so much business that he's booked three to four weeks out. He made it to Inc. magazine's list of fast-growing companies by the time he was 24 years old. A year later, the company hit its first \$1 million in revenue.

At this point, Two Marines Moving has completed over 20,000 moves and employs 90 veterans, half of whom are Marines.

You can read about the company at

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## CORRECTED NOTICE - NEW DATE

### Lower Valley Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2016 on Thursday, September 22, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at 1557 FM 1110, Clint, Texas 79836. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal:
- David Armstrong, Henry Trujillo, Rodrigo Chavez and Gerald Grijalva
- AGAINST the proposal:
- NONE
- PRESENT and not voting:
- NONE
- ABSENT:
- Rosalinda Vigil

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.193292/\$100	\$0.189467/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$0.003825/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 1.98%	
Average appraised value	\$ 74,563	\$ 76,258
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 74,563	\$ 76,258
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 144.12	\$ 144.48
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 0.36	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 25%	

#### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.





## Buildings

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is necessary. The additional classrooms will also allow for

more students to enroll in CTE courses.

The new Support Services Operations Center will be the district’s receiving and distribution site and will centrally

## Courses

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science teacher Julieta Bañuelas attended a 40 hour, week-long, hands-on training at Austin Community college. “It was very interesting, exciting and very intense,” Bañuelas said. “It’s just so amazing to see what we are exposing our kids to in school now compared to when I attended high school. I know if I had been exposed to engineering earlier, I would have gone into the field.”

The two new courses also focus on teaching students the Research, Development and Design loop. They learn how to meet deadlines, work in teams and present their projects orally – all skills they will need in college. “With the R, D and D loop, the high schooler’s

mentality is changed from ‘my end product receives the grade it deserves’ to ‘my end product must be revamped over and over until it works,’” Bañuelas said.

By the end of the year, students will have a blue print of a cabin house complete with floor plans, elevation, foundation plans and a survey of lot and block. “I hope that the kids don’t just stop there,” Bañuelas said. “I would want for them to further their education and make a career of it.”

Bañuelas’ commitment to her students’ education is what earned her the runner-up place at Region 19’s Teacher of the Year Gala. “We are very proud to have had Ms. Bañuelas represent our district as Teacher of Year,” Principal Ruben Carrillo said. “Her passion and energy is going to propel our STEM students to achieve new levels of success.”

locate 60 plus Support Service employees. The Operations Center will house offices and three work bays/bus barns for Transportation, Maintenance, Grounds, and Warehousing. The district’s Security Offices will also be located in the same site.

San Elizario ISD is looking forward to the completion of these buildings and would like to thank the community for the tremendous amount of support they have received. All three buildings are expected to be ready by summer of 2017.

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## Public Notice Fabens Independent School District SECTION 504 SERVICES

The Fabens Independent School District provides the following educational services/options to identified disabled students who reside within the district.

- ◆ Child find activities to notify students with disabilities and their parents of the their rights and the district’s obligation to provide a free, appropriate public education.
- ◆ Referrals to Sections 504 when it is believed the students have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and the students are in need of educational accommodations.
- ◆ Procedural safeguards under Section 504.
- ◆ Evaluations of students to determine eligibility for the Section 504 program.
- ◆ Placement into the Section 504 program, which means the student may receive:
  - ✓ individually planned modifications in the regular classroom,
  - ✓ transportation services to and from school,
  - ✓ health services from the school nurse,
  - ✓ accommodations regarding access to any part of the campus, or
  - ✓ assistance in reading for students with dyslexia in a reading program which meets the state’s standards for a dyslexia reading program.
- ◆ Special education services are available to Section 504 students, if the students qualify for one of the specific disabilities under special education.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact Gilbert Alarcon, Section 504 Coordinator, P.O. Box 697/821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2600.

### SERVICIOS DE LA SECCION 504

El distrito escolar independiente de Fabens provee los siguientes servicios/ opciones educacionales a los estudiantes con discapacidades identificados que residen dentro del distrito.

- ◆ Actividades para encontrar a niños para notificar a los estudiantes con discapacidades y a sus padres de sus derechos y de las obligaciones del distrito a proporcionar una educación publica que sea gratuita y apropiada.
- ◆ Referimientos a la Sección 504 cuando se cree que el estudiante tiene una discapacidad mental o fisica que limita substancialmente una o mas actividades vitales importantes y los estudiantes necesitan modificaciones en su educación.
- ◆ Derechos legales garantizados bajo Sección 504.
- ◆ Evaluaciones de estudiantes para determinar si califican para el programa de la Sección 504.
- ◆ Colocación dentro del programa de la Sección 504, lo que significa que el estudiante puede recibir:
  - ✓ modificaciones en el salon de educación regular planeadas individualmente,
  - ✓ servicios de transporte para la escuela y para atras,
  - ✓ servicios de salud por la enfermera de la escuela,
  - ✓ cambios que garanticen el acceso a cualquier parte de la escuela,
  - ✓ ayuda en lectura para estudiantes con dislexia en un programa de lectura que cumpla con los requisitos que pide el estado a un programa de lectura de dislexia.
- ◆ Se ofrecen servicios de educación especial a los estudiantes Sección 504, si los estudiantes califican para una de las discapacidades especificas bajo educación especial.

Si usted desea más información o conoce a niños con discapacidades que no estan recibiendo servicios educativos, por favor comuniquese con Gilbert Alarcon, Coordinador de la Sección 504, P.O. Box 697/821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2600.

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## Fabens Independent School District Public Notice of Non-Discrimination

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The Fabens Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Gilbert Alarcon, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, TX 79838. Phone: (915) 765-2600. Fax: (915) 764-3115.

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# UTEP against Army should put seats in the bleachers

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Let’s be honest, the UTEP Miners don’t exactly have the best resume when it comes to fielding a football team. Oh, there have been times when they’ve bucked the trend and put some good seasons together. But no college football fans have suffered more than those living here in El Paso. Maybe those fans in Las Cruces come the closest. The expectations are always high at the beginning of the year and by the third or fourth game, reality sets in and fans start looking forward to basketball. Making things even worse are the usual opponents local fans have to endure, like the Florida International’s and Old Dominion’s and Middle Tennessee’s and Western Kentucky’s and Florida Atlantic’s of the world. Not exactly teams that get butts off the couch and into the stadium. But there are those rare occasions when Houston or Texas Tech or even Oklahoma and Texas come to town. Those are the

once-every-five-years-or-so times that the city is a buzz and the Sun Bowl is rocking. And even if the Miners get blown out, the fans are just appreciative of seeing their team get the chance to take on one of the big boys in our own backyard. One of those rare occasions takes place this Saturday at the Sun Bowl. They may not have the firepower of Ohio State, Alabama or Clemson, but the name, the reputation and the significance of this weekend’s opponent speaks for itself. Army comes to town this Saturday night and the excitement in the Sun Bowl will be as high as it’s been in a few years. The Black Knights from West Point will bring all their history and notoriety with them. And with the proximity of Fort Bliss, the Sun Bowl should be filled to capacity. At least I hope so. There were only 30,000 fans on hand for UTEP’s impressive victory over NMSU in the season opener. With all the talk about how improved the team is supposed to be, one would think the crowd would have reached at

least 40,000 or 45,000 given it was the first game of the year and against a hated rival. But I guess fans are thinking to themselves, “we’re not falling for that again.” It seems that whenever UTEP has the opportunity to take on a team like Tennessee or Arkansas or Texas, it has to do it on the road to collect a big paycheck. It seems like a nice trade; get your brains beat in – in exchange for some spending money. But having Army come to El Paso brings the best of both worlds. The very rare combination of facing a nationally recognized football program that UTEP can actually compete with. And maybe even be favored against. How often does that happen? This may be the first time. Army may not be the strongest football program in the country, but they always play a schedule El Pasoans would give anything for. Still on their schedule is Wake Forest, Duke, Air Force, Notre Dame and of course, Navy.

And speaking of Fort Bliss, the Sun Bowl should be jam-packed with soldiers who are stationed here from all over the country. The patriotism should be at a fever pitch for those men and women who risk their lives for the freedoms we often take for granted. Though it isn’t often that big-name schools make their way to the Sun Bowl, El Pasoans won’t have to wait long for the next big event. Next season, the Arizona Wildcats come to El Paso. The Miners will go on the road to meet Oklahoma and Army, but as long as UTEP can schedule that one big home opponent – the fans will stay interested. The Army game this weekend has the town talking. Fans are asking each other if they are going to the game? Strangely, no one is talking about UTEP basketball this week. Because UTEP does next to nothing to promote the football program, it relies a lot on the schedule to sell itself. And this Saturday, with the Army Cadets coming to town, this is one of those very rare instances when the fans are truly excited about the opponent.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Heeeere’s Carson!

I was eating a grilled octopus at Dimitri’s in Philadelphia when I learned that the Eagles had traded Sam Bradford to the Vikings in exchange for a first-round pick in the 2017 NFL draft. All I could do was take a deep breath, because I knew I had to pace myself. The news made a walk across the street to the New Wave, a legendary Philadelphia sports bar, mandatory. I cannot honestly say whether or not Philadelphia has the best sports fans, but I can tell you that they come off like the perfect sports-fan stereotype you often see caricatured in sitcoms and

film. In Philadelphia, the mere notion of a casual sports fan is abhorrent. You don’t have to paint your face, but you must own at least one article of officially licensed clothing and you must get to the stadia off of I-95 at minimum once per year or you risk expulsion. To recap, tonight we learned that Sam Bradford, a former top pick in the draft, was traded to Minnesota, elevating the Eagle’s first-round pick from this year, Carson Wentz, to the helm. Wentz, billed as a “smart” mobile quarterback with a cannon arm, put up very

impressive numbers at North Dakota State. The Eagles worked very hard to explain this rationale to their fans, and for the most part the strategy seemed to work as most Eagle fans condoned the pick. Well, at least they didn’t boo. Bradford was never really beloved in Philadelphia. Fans appreciated his talent but really disdained his fragility (yeah, and that’s how they talk at the New Wave... “You know something? I really disdain Bradford’s fragility... wanna shoot some darts?”). The guy always got hurt. So what do the Eagles do? They elevate a guy that got his ribs cracked open after completing 12 passes and missing three pre-season games to the starting position.

He will be playing for rookie head coach Doug Pederson, a guy who brings great bonafides as a former Eagles QB and from his years of coaching the Kansas City Chiefs under former Eagle’s head coach Andy Reid. For good measure, Pederson also brought along former Mizzou QB standout Chase Daniels to back Wentz up. If Pederson thought Missouri was the “Show Me” state, he has to know that Philadelphia brings that mentality to a completely new level. Vegas has them at 100-to-1 odds to win the Super Bowl, but they are loaded with talent, having signed Darren Sproles at running back and Rodney McLeod for their secondary. They have a great set of tight ends in Brent

Celek and Zach Ertz. Still, even with Bradford, this season was considered to be a rebuilding year. What do they have now? A quick survey at the New Wave sets the tone. “All I can say is this, the Eagles just better win... I’m not into this ‘rebuilding’ (expletive),” says a fan who hails from Pennsauken. “Let’s see what this guy (Wentz) can do.” That about sums it up. Looking for a great storyline (and great meal) to follow this season? On the whole, you’d rather be in Philadelphia.   
  
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The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The October 20 and October 27, 2016 issues will go to press on Monday, October 10, 2016. All material for these publications must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Thursday, October 6, 2016. The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Thursday, October 13, 2016. The office will open again on Monday, October 31, 2016.

## Fiesta

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get together to celebrate our West Texas mountain region and our desert home, known as the Chihuahuan Desert,”

stated Rick LoBello, a member of the Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition (CDEC), which is sponsoring the event. For more information about the upcoming outdoor activity, call 588-7200, or visit CDEC’s website at Chihuahuandesert.org



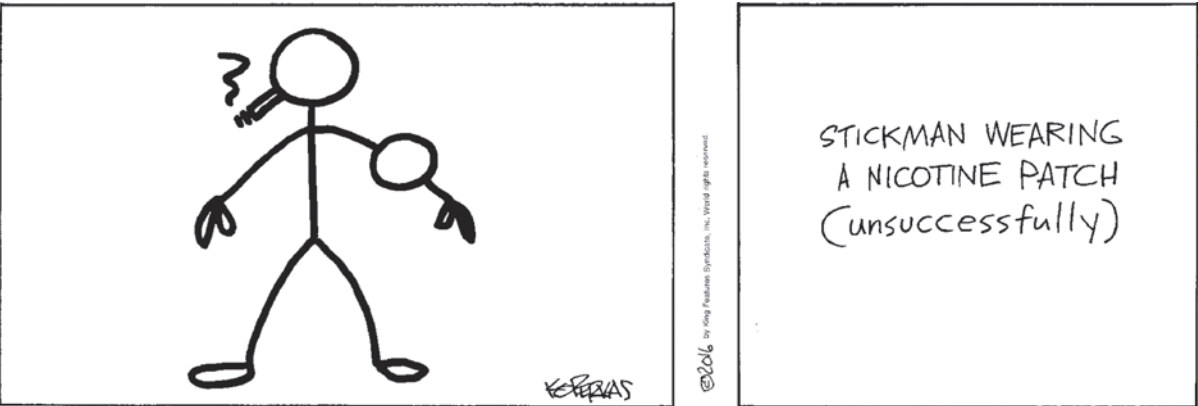
– Photo By Alfredo Vasquez

**NATURE’S ALLURE – Over the past eleven years, thousands of El Paso County residents attending the Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta at Tom Mays Park have discovered the rugged beauty of Franklin Mountains State Park. The park features hiking trails, camping and picnic sites that are surrounded by an undisturbed Chihuahuan Desert landscape.**



Comix

OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



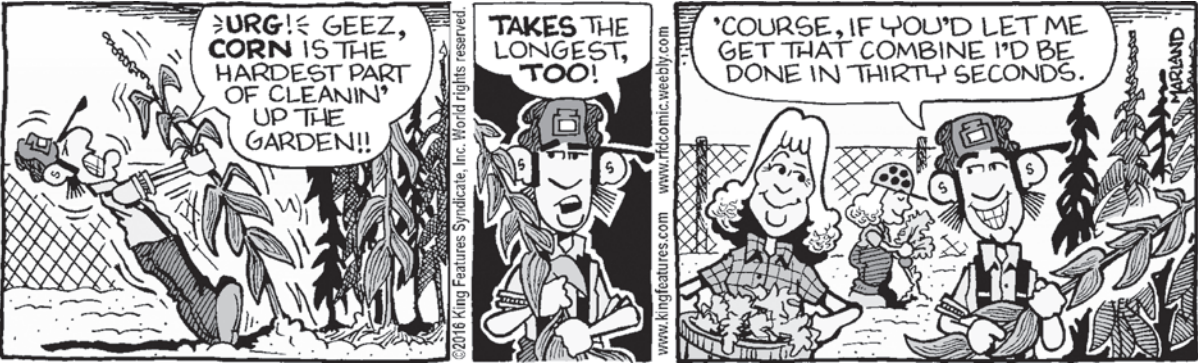
AMBER WAVESBy Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATSBy Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Your good healthBy Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been diagnosed with multiple myeloma in the smoldering stage, based on a bone marrow biopsy and blood tests. Every three months, my hematologist checks my blood tests and tells me that when I feel bone pain, it will be time to begin chemo. While I am in the smoldering stage, is there anything I can do to prolong the shift to the full-blown stage? I am 79 and otherwise in good health. My only symptoms are some fatigue and lack of energy. – W.K.

For people with MGUS or smoldering myeloma.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I had colon cancer nine years ago and had 12 inches of my colon removed. Quite a few times since then, I have lost control of my bowels, or have had a large movement that I couldn't stop. Last night, I had one in my sleep. This is the first time that has happened. I take Metamucil, which was recommended by my internist, but it doesn't seem to work. What kind of doctor should I see to help it? – J.W.

Multiple myeloma is a type of cancer of blood cells – the plasma cells, which are responsible for making antibodies. Most, if not all, cases of myeloma have a precursor stage called MGUS, monoclonal gammopathy of uncertain significance. About 3 percent of all people over 50 have MGUS, and about 1 percent of people with MGUS will develop MM per year. “Smoldering” MM is the diagnosis when the bone marrow biopsy shows evidence of MM, but there are no other signs of MM. Signs of MM include myeloma in the bones (on X-ray or CT, called lytic lesions, since they cause holes in the bones), anemia, high calcium, poor kidney function and high viscosity of the blood, which predisposes a person to strokes.

In addition to looking for physical symptoms, your hematologist is searching for any of these findings. In addition, the amount of immunoglobulin in the blood predicts risk for developing overt MM (the higher the immunoglobulin, the higher the risk). A level over 1.5 g/dL puts you at high risk. Although trials are ongoing, there are no generally accepted treatments to prevent progression to MM

Fecal incontinence is a common problem, but one that is so embarrassing for some people that they won't bring it up with their doctor. It can lead to social isolation, and is the No. 2 cause listed for nursing-home placement. Incontinence has many possible causes and, therefore, many types of treatments.

Your internist is probably right about fiber, as it is very helpful in people with liquid stool, but it can make things worse in people with a stricture, such as from radiation, a common cause of incontinence. If you do try fiber, adjust amount so that you are having one or two soft but formed bowel movements daily.

Other types of treatments depend on the underlying problem. Biofeedback, medications, surgery and nerve stimulation are all treatments that have been useful in some people. A gastroenterologist, the specialist in this area, or your cancer surgeon would be the right person to start with.

To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com). (c) 2016 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

COLOSSAL COINAGE ACROSS

1 Mafia VIPs

6 Chocolate substitute

11 Maintain

15 Molecule bit

19 Animated

20 North Pole explorer Robert

21 "My Friend \_" (old radio show)

22 Erie or Eyre

23 It has many food aisles

25 Used a sketchpad

26 Diploma holder

27 Arise

28 \_ of Aquitaine

30 Flip one's lid

31 Result of an armistice

34 Rialto locale

36 Actress Birch

39 Like some double-decker buses

43 Yak's land

44 Strong rapids, say

46 Opposite of

31-Across

47 Wallach of "Lord Jim"

50 Daughter of Agamemnon

51 Flawlessly

53 Movie critic Gene

56 Sheltered, to sailors

57 Suze of CNBC

59 Posts such as "10 Signs You're a Puzzle Addict"

61 \_ Moines

62 A8 carmaker

63 Onto land

66 Geared up

67 Product label stamps

70 \_ Gras

73 Light touch

74 To be, to Zola

75 Rx safety org.

78 Straightening

80 Medicare section

82 Middling grades

83 Actions of a trained horse

84 Sell as a business

87 Ties surgically

89 2012 Best Director \_ Lee

90 Old Delta alternative

92 Sheeplike disposition

94 Milo of film

97 Alma mater of Samuel Alito

98 Tip over

99 Kicked out of

102 Pale yellow

104 "Nay" sayers

105 Devotees' Web page

109 City on the Illinois River

113 Fast one

114 "Put \_ on it!"

115 Source of the long

word made from the starts of eight Across answers in this puzzle

118 Wyatt out West

119 Soccer legend

120 Pool slime

121 Kate's TV roommate

122 Energetic

123 Cold War abbr.

124 Bozo, e.g.

125 River deposit

24 " \_ culpa!"

29 Come at \_ (not be free)

30 Dollop

32 Lack of bravery

33 Fuel economy org.

35 Top spot

36 Walk on

37 Oscar winner

Berry

38 S-curves

40 Kett of comic strips

41 Week-old baby, e.g.

42 Singer's syllable

45 Collection

46 More quirky

48 Bore false witness

49 Tiny, to a tot

52 Tesla Motors CEO

Musk

54 New staffer

55 Tennis stat

58 Carmen with fruit hats

60 Puget Sound city, in an address

62 Pink-slipping

64 Gal in the family

65 Home for the sick

67 Threshold

68 Joking Johnson

69 Amtrak sight

70 Baby's cry

71 Comic King

72 Beat-keeping

Beatle

75 One in utero

76 John of tractor fame

77 Beneficial thing

79 Portioned

81 Dye in blue jeans

82 1942 horror classic

85 John or John Quincy

86 "U R funny!"

88 Cut-covering cloth

91 Pancake alternatives

93 Take it on the \_ (flee)

95 Ren's cartoon pal

96 "For \_ a jolly good fellow"

97 At a distance

99 Fertile areas in deserts

100 Open, as a pill bottle

101 Amtrak sights

103 NYSE event

106 Apple on a desk, maybe

107 Towering

108 Accordingly

110 Small stream

111 Middle of many a sig.

112 Offshore

114 Kwik-E-Mart storekeeper

116 Swerve

117 Put in writing

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Moore Texasby Roger Moore

Sept.12 ,1874: Six settlers hold off 100 Comanches for 3 days at Buffalo Waller in Hemphill Co.



GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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21			12			15		
1	2	2	3	5	6	7	8	9

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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  
Answer Page 4 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Finances

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helpful services to the elderly.

- **Family assistance.** Whether it's unpaid care or financial assistance, also take into account the family's contribution to your parent's care. Call a family meeting with your parent, siblings and extended family to discuss how you'll take care of each other.
- **Professional support.** You could hire an outside expert as well. A quick internet search may turn up organizations that specialize in working with families and elderly family members to plan for the future.

After gathering this information, you'll have a better understanding of where the caregiving funds will come from and how they can be used. You may also discover gaps in coverage that you may want to fill in on your own.

**Look for tax savings while paying for care**

As an adult child and caregiver, there may be ways to structure an arrangement to improve your parent's, and your own, financial situation.

Working with a tax professional, you may find there are ways to

use the tax laws to maximize your parent's money. For example, if your mother has gifted you money, you could then use it to pay for her medical expenses. If you're able to claim the expenses as a deduction, you could put your tax savings back into her "medical care" fund. You might also be able to claim medical expenses you paid on behalf of your parent, which could include supplies and at-home caretaking, as an itemized deduction.

**Find the best services you can afford**

There are many different types of programs available, and someone might move back and forth from one facility or service to another as their health and preferences change.

- **Home care.** Non-healthcare related assistance, such as buying groceries, preparing meals, cleaning the home, helping with bathing and other day-to-day tasks.
- **Home health care.** At-home health-related support, including services from a physical therapist, nurse or doctor.
- **Assisted living.** Assisted living homes are non-healthcare providing facilities that may provide supervision, a social environment and personal care

services.

- **Skilled nursing home.** A care facility designed to deliver nursing or rehabilitation services.

Your parent's location can impact which option makes the most sense, and you can research and discuss the pros and cons of your parent moving. For example, some states have Medicaid waiver programs that allow Medicaid recipients to receive care in their home or community rather than in a nursing home or long-term care facility. Also, a parent that lives near or with a relative might only require part-time outside care.

**Bottom line:** As you prepare to take care of aging parents, work with them to understand their wishes, needs and financial situation. Together you can explore the family's ability to provide physical and financial support and learn about the help available from government, non-profit or other programs.

*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.*

Vet

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www.twomarinesmoving.com. While you're roaming around the website, check out the video with a message from Nick Baucom, president of the company, and the testimonials.

Baucom served in the Marines from 2002 to 2008, including a tour in Iraq. He also is the author of "On the Move: A Marine's Guide to Entrepreneurial Success," available on Amazon.com.

If you're a veteran who is looking for motivation to start your own business, take a look at what Nick Baucom has accomplished since 2008. The book explores his experiences in the Marine Corps and how that has translated into success in business. The story he tells will inspire you to take what the military taught you and use it to create the life you want for yourself.

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FMWC

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everyone living in El Paso as well as our visitors," FMWC president Scott Cutler stated.

For more information, contact Cutler, at (915) 494-2193, or FMWC secretary Judy Ackerman, at (915) 755-7371.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals E

SCBWELE LYL FJSZLFL GLDCS VJ  
VCBQZ, GBQ WCQ TQ TDD TGCYL,  
U IBKKCIL U STI ZTFVLE QC QZL  
QLLQZ.

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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ATEFIS  
♥EREST  
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♥DYARE  
ZFE  
♥ELODOT  
YOLTZ  
RYPA


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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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