



## NEWSBRIEFS

### EPCC theater

El Paso Community College (EPCC) Summer Theater continues its 2017 season with *A Masterpiece of Comic... Timing*. The play is about a Broadway producer who wants to write the next comedy hit. He hires a writer who is suffering from depression and no one knows why. They try to make him happy so that he will write the next hit show. The play is written by Robert Caisley and directed by EPCC Theater Instructor, Matthew Smith. Performances are scheduled for June 30, July 1, 7 and 8 at 8:00 p.m. and July 2 and 9 at 2:30 p.m. The EPCC Summer Theater performs at the EPCC Forum Theater, 9570 Gateway North. General Admission is \$15, non-EPCC students and military are \$10 and EPCC students/staff and senior citizens are \$7. Tickets are available at the door. The box office opens two hours before each performance. All proceeds from the EPCC Summer Theater benefits student scholarships. For theater information call (915) 831-5056.

— Jim Heiney

### Discounts

Too many older Americans lose out on discounts when they shop or go to a restaurant or a movie because they fail to ask whether they are entitled, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. But, 59-year-old entrepreneur Steve Mitchener says his new cell phone app automatically notifies you of available discounts. The app is called Skiddy and it uses GPS technology to alert you when a discount is offered. You'll hear a "ping" when you walk into any of the 260,000 businesses that are currently programmed into the Skiddy application. And, he says he has a team that is constantly looking for new establishments that offer discounts to the over-50 set.

— John Grimaldi

### Tree ID

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The book, *What Tree Is That?*, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization. It is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the

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*The chief benefit of education is to discover how little we know.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**LASTING GIFT** – Bailey Cemetery, the historic cemetery in the midst of the community of Canutillo, is named after the doctor who donated the land, Dr. James Bailey. The doctor was buried there in 1919.

## County cemeteries receive historical marker designations

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Four new historical markers will soon be added to the nearly 90 existing ones in El Paso County.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently gave the go-ahead to designate four El Paso County historical cemeteries- Bailey, Smelter, La Isla, and San Elizario- as historically significant places and deserving of an official state marker. A specific timeline for their installation has not yet been set, officials said.

The four local cemeteries, approved for historical markers, have deep connections to history in the Borderland.

The Bailey Cemetery, located in the

county's upper valley community of Canutillo, has graves dating back to 1880. The town of Canutillo began as a rest stop named *La Salineta*. When the Santa Fe Railroad reached the area in 1881, a sign was placed at a railroad station called "Canutillo." Soon, the railroad established a telegraph office, cargo station, and loading zone for cattle and crops at that stop.

Shortly afterwards, Jesuit missionaries had the first chapel constructed in Canutillo, under the patronage of La Purísima Concepción. It served the Catholic community until 1938 when the parish of St. Patrick was created. The Canutillo cemetery dates to the early 1900s. It occupies land that was donated by Dr. James Bailey, one of the town's pioneers.

The Smelter Cemetery, sitting near

### LA ISLA

When Mexico became independent in 1821, a chain of six towns in the El Paso County area were situated from three to five miles apart and stretched along the southern bank of the Rio Grande. In the early 1830s the meandering river formed a new channel south of the old one, thus placing three of the towns – Ysleta, Socorro, and San Elizario – on an island some twenty miles in length and two to four miles in width. For the remainder of the Mexican period, this area was called La Isla, "the Island." The Rio Grande continued to flow primarily through its new channel, and by 1848, when the river became the boundary between the United States and Mexico, water had ceased to flow in the old riverbed.

where the Asarco smokestacks once stood, dates back to 1882. Individuals, mostly residents of Smeltertown, have been buried there since the 1800's. Smeltertown is the neighborhood where

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## Grants to pave way for hiking, biking trails in San Elizario

By Maya Sanchez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, via the National Recreational Trails Fund (NRTF), awarded the City of San Elizario \$184,395 toward the San Elizario Historic Circuit Trail (Phase 1) project. And PeopleForBikes awarded \$2,000 in funding for the Historic District Bike Rack Stations project.

The San Elizario Circuit Trail Phase 1 is a .66-mile hike and bike trail, situated primarily along the bank of the San Eli Main irrigation canal and connects the heart of the historic district and Tedd F.

Richardson Park – which is currently undergoing renovations with TPWD Local Parks funding. The genesis of the project was in 2015, when the City of San Elizario received approval from the El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 (EPCWID#1) Board of Directors to research options for a safe canal trail.

"For generations, residents have utilized the banks of canals for pedestrian use – and they will continue to do so. But thanks to this project, the safety of this route will be improved." Stated project administrator, Alderman David Cantu

San Elizario is committed to working with EPCWID#1 to follow all processes and to ensure we don't interfere with the

primary function of the irrigation canal. The end goal is to complete Phase 2, which will create a 1.2-mile circuit trail.

And to culminate National Bike Month, PeopleForBikes stated, "We believe this project has great potential to improve the environment for bicycling in your community and we are pleased to be able to support it." Beginning in June for two weeks, a crowdfunding campaign will be launched to raise up to a total award of \$10,000 to be divided between the City of San Elizario and two other recipients. For more information on PeopleForBikes, visit <http://www.peopleforbikes.org>.

Maya Sanchez is mayor of San Elizario.



Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

Prepare for major life expenses with tax-advantaged accounts

College tuition, a new pair of glasses and retirement may seem unrelated, but the tax law says otherwise. By knowing how and where to save your money, you could pay for each of these expenses with tax-advantaged – or in some cases income-tax-free – money.

Individual Retirement Agreements (IRAs) and 401(k)s are perhaps the two most well-known examples of these types of accounts. But they’re not alone.

With educational and medical expenses in mind, consider the following types of accounts and how you might be able to use one to help yourself or your family.

Invest your college fund in a 529 plan. State-sponsored 549 plans come in two forms. Prepaid tuition plans let you lock in today’s rate for in-state public schools and 529 college savings plans allow you to invest your savings based on your goals and risk tolerance. Contributions aren’t a federal tax write-off, but if you invest in your state’s plan, there might be a state income tax write-off.

disability could come at any time. Following the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act in 2014, states can now sponsor ABLE savings accounts. Like 529 plans, contributions may be tax-deductible on the state (but not federal) level and the investment earnings can be withdrawn tax-free to pay for qualified expenses related to a mental or physical disability.

ABLE account.

Make medical expenses more affordable with an FSA. Some employers offer a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) as a benefit to their employees. Employees can fund the accounts by putting aside a portion of their paychecks. You can then spend the money on qualified medical expenses, including eye exams, glasses and dental procedures, without paying income tax.

FSA accounts have a use-it-or-lose it provision and the money you don’t use could be forfeited at the end of the year. Employers could, but aren’t required to, allow employees to roll over up to \$500 each year or give them an additional two-and-a-half-month grace period to use the money.

Bottom line: Paying for higher education, covering medical-related expenses and saving for retirement are three important financial goals. Incorporating tax-advantaged accounts into your long-term plan could be a win-win for your wallet. You might be able to save money now by lowering your tax bill and lower your effective costs later by withdrawing and using the money for qualified expenses.

*This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered health, 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.*

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Physician ambassadors

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a new program: the Physician Ambassador Program, which pairs volunteer medical personnel with VA medical centers and clinics. Since they will be volunteers, they’ll be working for free.

These won’t be the nice ladies who bring around a cart of magazines. These will be licensed and trained physicians and clinicians for mental health, cardiac care, emergency medicine, primary care, urgent care, rural care and more. They’ll work alongside the health teams in any of the 1,700 VA facilities.

And did I mention that they’ll work for free?

I have questions:

- Who is going to check their credentials?
- In the event of a dispute, who does the veteran patient turn to if the medical person in question isn’t part of the VA?
- Who has the authority to hire/fire a volunteer? Each volunteer will have the credentials, but we know that doesn’t actually mean anything

when it comes to the level of care given. Since they’ll be volunteers, will they answer to the Voluntary Services Office, the same department that provides the magazine cart lady?

• How is this new program different from the one already in place? For example, a partial list of ambassadors needed at a few of the VA medical centers includes taking lab and blood samples, working in the nursing unit, assisting in the dialysis unit, helping in the ER, assisting with patient care and pharmacy support.

• If the plan is to use volunteers in lieu of hired (paid) staff, how will it impact the level of care if volunteers don’t show up?

The bill for the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Act was first promoted by a Texas congressman in 2014. It was introduced in the Senate and the House in early 2015. Where has it been since then?

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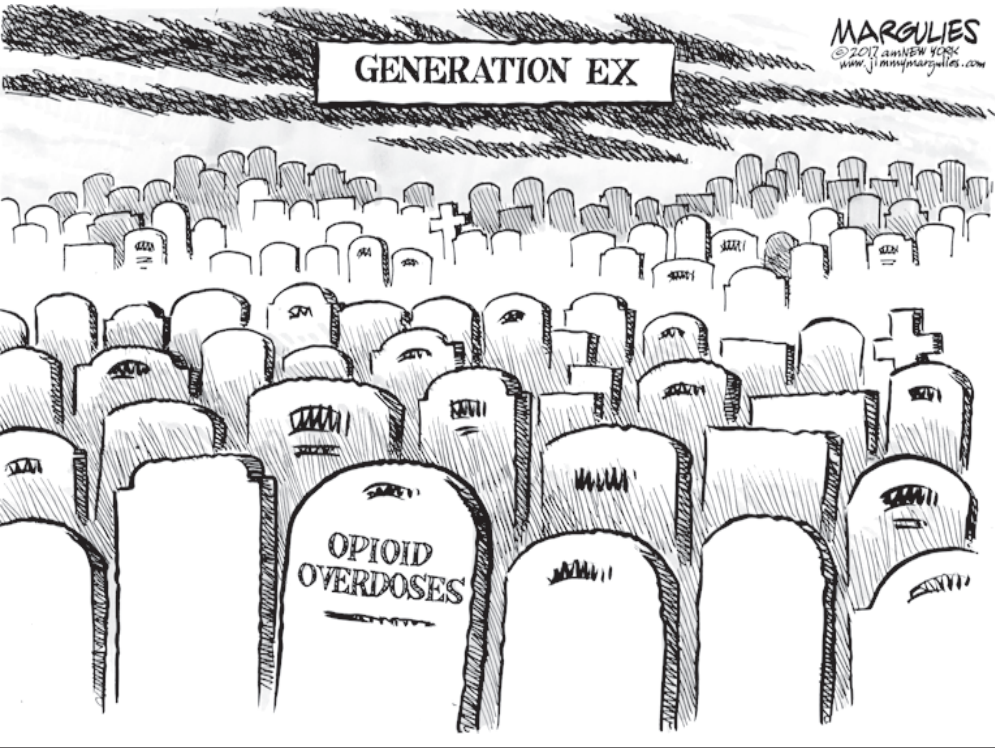
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# Socorro ISD receives music award

By Christy Flores-Jones  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Socorro Independent School District (SISD) was designated as a 2017 Best Communities for Music Education Award recipient for its exceptionally high commitment and access to music education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM).

SISD is one of 527 recipients in the nation to be recognized for its outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students, a prestigious honor only four percent of school districts receive, according to NAMM.

“Our department is extremely honored to have been selected as a national recipient of the 2017 Best Communities for Music Education Award,” said Don Rominsky, director of fine arts. “This award validates the quality music education classes we offer at all SISD campuses and gives students endless opportunities to be prepared for the future.”

Music education is an integral part of SISD curriculum offering more than 30,650 students unique learning experiences that develop creative and expressive potential through inspiring instruction.

“SISD fine arts is committed to providing students with a balanced, comprehensive, sequential, and rigorous program of instruction in the fine arts disciplines,” Rominsky said.

Research shows children in music programs experience educational, cognitive and social skill benefits that lead to life-long academic success, higher high school graduation rates and college attendance, according to scientists and researchers at Northwestern University in a press release by NAMM.

Starting at the elementary level students are exposed to music education for a minimum of 30 minutes every other week to enhance their education and foster their academic, social and emotional growth. In addition, students at the middle and high school level have the opportunity to join award-winning band, choir, orchestra, mariachi and guitar, piano and fiddle programs that compete at the district, region, area or state level.

To qualify for the award, the SISD fine arts department completed a detailed survey and answered questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and other factors that affect access to music education for students.

To learn about the NAMM Foundation, visit [www.nammfoundation.org](http://www.nammfoundation.org).

## Briefs

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distinctive characteristics of many tree species. Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have, user-friendly resource. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes, and textures so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps. The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. *What Tree Is That?* uses a unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds, and bark. To obtain a tree

identification guide in full color, send your name, address, and \$5 for each guide to *What Tree Is That?*, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).  
– Danny Cohn

**Wealthy vampires**  
A new company in California, Ambrosia LLC, is offering transfusions to old timers using the blood of younger men and women at \$8,000 a pop to undo the ravages of aging, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. The transfusions use the blood of individuals 25 years of age and younger and are available to those who are 35 and older. Despite the fact that there is much doubt that the treatments work, according to Science Magazine, the company has managed to attract investors for its start up.  
– John Grimaldi

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The cemetery's death records, overseen by the nearby Catholic church of San Jose de Cristo Rey, begin October of 1893 and go through 1956. Many of its parishioners were laid to rest at the Smelter Cemetery, also known as "La Calavera" (the Skull).

Several years ago, a memorial plaque dedicated to those people



**OLD BONES** – The Smelter Cemetery, a slice of 19th- and 20th-century El Paso history, remains stuck in time between a major interstate highway and Mexico.

Catholic Church during early times served as The Mother Church for this and surrounding communities. This land served as

The THC designations regarding cemeteries are for those burial grounds that are at least 50 years old and deemed worthy of recognition for its historical associations, according to the state agency's website.

Currently there are more than 16,000 Texas Historical Commission markers around the state. Texas, with 254 counties, has the most prolific state historical marker program in the United States.

THC is the official agency that is dedicated to historic preservation within the state of Texas. It administers the National Register of Historic Places for sites in the state.

The commission also identifies Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks and recognizes them with Official Texas Historical Marker medallions and descriptive plaques. The commission identifies State Archeological Landmarks and Historic Texas Cemeteries.

A quarterly publication, The Medallion, is published by the agency and includes news and advice about preservation projects, Texas' historic sites, and heritage tourism opportunities.

The agency also maintains the

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# Mayweather goes from The Money Team to cash bandit

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Fool me once – shame on you. Fool me twice – shame on all the suckers who will dish out millions to watch the Floyd Mayweather-Conor McGregor super-fiasco in August.

Sometimes the gullibility of the modern sports fan makes me chuckle.

Mayweather, one of the best boxers in history, decided to come out of retirement when he actually heard that he could make about \$200 million by fighting a non-boxer in a couple months.

And of course by non-boxer, I mean that McGregor, an MMA star, will not be allowed to use any of his MA skills.

This is like asking Tom Brady to play quarterback but not allowing him to throw the ball.

From the days of P.T. Barnum, to Harry Houdini, to David Blaine, tricksters and charlatans and conmen have perfected the art of deceiving the general public.

At least Barnum and Houdini and Blaine attempt to make their victims believe the

illusion is real.

The crooks involved in this fight have made no illusions at all about this being about making money and nothing else.

Usually, when someone spends a good deal of money it’s because they expect something of equal value in return. It’s rare when a person gives \$100 to the ticket taker and says, “I’d like about \$5 worth of entertainment please.”

But that’s exactly what will happen here. Even some of the experts and their listeners on talk radio are saying that they give McGregor a zero-percent chance of making it past the third round, but they’re going to buy the fight anyway because of the curiosity factor.

Remember the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight? When two champions fought about five years after their prime. People dished out \$100 to watch the fight and there was an uproar afterward about how they had wasted their money.

Amazingly, fans expected the two fighters to magically return to their youth and stage one of the greatest fights of all time. All the fighters produced was a snooze-fest with Pacquiao too slow

to connect on a punch and Mayweather auditioning for Dancing with the Stars.

Well, to his credit, Mayweather is about to do it again.

The same guy is about to dupe millions into spending their money on another farce.

But don’t blame Mayweather. If people are dumb enough to support this fight financially even knowing that this is a total mismatch, then kudos to him.

Mayweather, who has spent his career making as much noise with arrests out of the ring and he has winning bouts in it, has never lost a fight.

He is 49-0, but doesn’t 50-0 sound better? It’s a nice round number that’s easy to remember.

It’s just too bad that he has to win #50 this way, against a guy who will be forced to fight while being severely restricted.

McGregor, who wins his bouts with fists and kicks and elbows and choking and submissions holds, will not be able to kick and elbow and choke nor use any submissions holds.

Mayweather uses his fists and will be allowed to use his fists.

Sounds a little weird to me. How can

two opponents face each other but one is forced to change its rules.

That’s totally crazy. It’s like forcing a MLB team’s pitcher to bat while the other team’s pitcher doesn’t bat. Okay, bad example, but I think you get my drift.

I heard one commentator make a great suggestion. He said let these two go with boxing rules for the first nine rounds. If McGregor can stick around, the last three rounds would go with MMA rules.

Of course now you’re talking about an exhibition. But this isn’t what we’re getting in August.

This is the equivalent of the boxer taking on the wrestler, or the wrestler taking on the boxing kangaroo.

It’s a novelty. It’s a curiosity. It’s a freak show. What it isn’t is worth the money they’ll be charging.

But as P.T. Barnum is famous for saying, “there’s a sucker born every minute.”

And around midnight on August 26 when the match is over and zombie fans are roaming the streets wondering who to blame for them blowing their money on such a disaster – just point them toward the nearest mirror.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Sorry, cousin Mike, Jordan’s not greatest

So my cousin Mike comes up to me at a funeral and says to me, “Yo, cousin Mark... am I right about this? Tell me Jordan wasn’t the greatest of all-time? That the NBA is boring now.”

Now, he asked in a New Jersey dialect, you must understand. He wasn’t asking me to tell him Michael Jordan wasn’t the greatest. He was seeking vindication for an argument and telling me in a passive-aggressive way to confirm the fact that Jordan was the greatest. I chose to go the opposite route. “Jordan wasn’t the greatest of all-time.” I

took him at his word.

That player, to me, will always be Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. But it wasn’t easy being Kareem; even he was swept out of the finals twice. The Jordan argument is always a valid one, and he is always on my first team, NBA Mount Rushmore.

But this year’s Golden State Warriors team made me rethink the NBA. The ‘80s and ‘90s era was a glorious time for the NBA. Every single team had a poster-ready superstar, and the NBC games of the week – punctuated by Marv Albert’s “Yes!” – were

must-see TV. But the game was played differently. Basically, Jordan got the ball, wagged his tongue, broke somebody’s ankles, jumped in the air, flew about 20 feet and simply put the ball in the basket because he was right there. Then came the Kobe and hack-a-Shaq era, and people started to tune out. The NCAA became king.

Well, this season has had people talking about the Golden State Warriors. They’re a superteam of superstars, and they play in a way that boggles the mind. I just don’t understand why people are complaining. These guys don’t do the Jordan thing... they just sink the ball from anywhere on the court. It’s truly amazing to see.

Steph Curry isn’t the greatest of all time... but he’s one of the greatest shooters of all time.

Yeah, he pinned a clown suit on LeBron James and acted like a real villain lying on the side of the court, but there was no denying that he was fantastic, as was Kevin Durant. They went 16-1 in the playoffs – sparing LeBron the shame of sharing Kareem’s sweep record – and established themselves as being one of the greatest teams to ever take the court.

Oakland drops the ball with this team. I get that you have to call them Golden State to appease the San Francisco market, but to me you have a city desperate to improve its reputation, and probably half the kids in America watching haven’t a clue where Golden State is. Even the Kings admit to being from Sacramento. Then again, they might want to tamp down on the riots before making

a name change.

Can people in America stop rioting over sports? In other countries, people riot over things like not getting enough food off the back of a U.N. truck. Here, some guy sinks 39 points, holds up a trophy and people go berserk all night. Why does a championship mean you have to destroy cars and light couches on fire? Enough with the couch fires, America.

So sorry, Mike... Jordan may not be the best ever, but the lack of parity in the NBA shouldn’t overwhelm the fact that there’s great basketball being played. So enjoy. Just don’t riot.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey.(c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

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the Town of Clint has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands

Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant Program under contract 7216100. The Town of Clint proposes a First-time Gas Service project to provide first-time gas access to households in Clint by installing 1,700 LF of 2" poly gas line, gas meters, yard service lines, fittings, pavement repair, and all related connections and appurtenances on Pioneer St from Williams St west to the dead end, and on Williams St from Pioneer St to Lawson Ave. The project shall include activities within approximately 0.002 acres of the wetland. The Town of Clint

has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: a reduction in scope, alternate locations, and no action. The scope and location of project activities were chosen based on minimum improvements necessary to correct the health and safety risks existing facilities pose to the natural and human environment. Because the project scope includes only system components most in need of installation, the alternatives considered would preclude the

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project goal of providing adequate gas service to households that would normally not be able to afford it. Additionally, there shall be no significant increase to impervious surface, best management practices shall be employed during construction to ensure erosion control and to prevent the unintentional discharge of dredged or fill material into the wetland, and the activity shall comply with state and local wetlands protection procedures. The Town of Clint has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental

files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request during regular business hours at the City Hall for receipt of comments. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received on or before 6/29/2017 by the Town of Clint at P.O. Box 350 or 200 N. San Elizario Rd, Clint, TX 79836-0350, (915) 851-3146. Attention: Charles Gonzales, Mayor,

during regular business hours. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at 200 N. San Elizario Rd, Clint, TX 79836-0350. Comments may also be submitted via email to Lauren@grantsworks.net. *Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición a la Ciudad.*

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Village of Vinton, Texas

PUBLIC NOTICE

The VILLAGE OF VINTON WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, July 3, 2017 and Monday July 10, 2017 at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed items:

1) A request to Annex Tracts 1B, 1B1 & 6B of the Trinidad Jaquez Survey No. 158, El Paso County, Texas; and

2) A request to Annex Tracts 12B, 12B1 & 13 of the Aurelio Delgado Survey No. 173, El Paso, County Texas.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Administrator at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821.

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the Vinton City Hall at (915) 886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aid or services for this meeting should contact the Vinton City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Para mas informacion en español, comuniquese con Andrea Carrillo al 915-886-5104.

Jessica Garza Village Administrator

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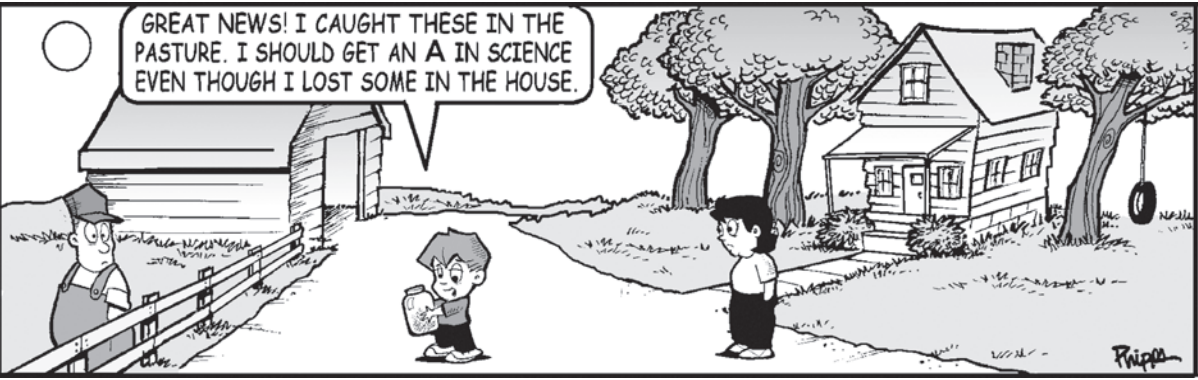
OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



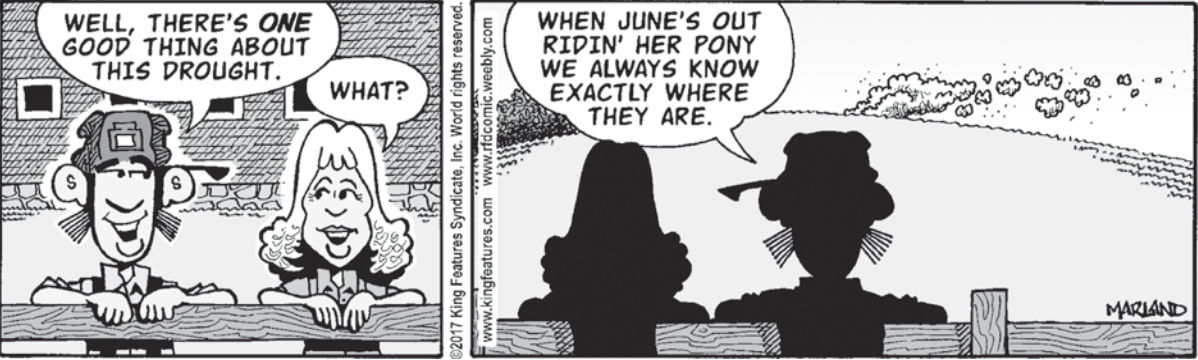
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I had mitral valve prolapse for many years. In 2005, I got an infection, and it ended up as endocarditis. My mitral valve was not able to be repaired. I got a porcine valve. I am starting to have a little problem with my heart. Have you heard of a doctor doing a second replacement? My cardiologist says it is a really big deal. – J.L.F.

Endocarditis is an exceedingly serious infection of the heart valves. It is much more likely in people who have damaged heart valves, such as from rheumatic fever, but it also can happen in people with normal heart valves. Endocarditis is treated with antibiotics, almost always intravenously to begin with, but complications such as an abscess or heart failure may require surgery, either repair or a valve replacement.

I have seen many cases of replacement of a damaged prosthetic valve. As your cardiologist suggests, the risk of the operation is high. However, if the valve is very damaged, you don't really have any other options. It is clear that the decision to replace a prosthetic valve is difficult and should be undertaken only if other treatments have failed. An experienced cardiac surgeon, hospital and entire team is critical.

You didn't say what the new problem with your heart is. A recurrence of infection is fairly common, since artificial valves, both bioprosthetic (like your porcine valve) and mechanical, are at higher risk of becoming infected. Consultation with an infectious disease expert certainly would be appropriate, if that were the case.

Readers wishing for more information on heart valve disorders can order the booklet on that subject by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 105W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. ROACH: At age 45, I was diagnosed with bipolar II disorder. I am now 60 and have diligently taken medication, and I have never experienced the manic/depression swings associated with bipolar disease. I rarely hear anything about bipolar II. Can you tell me something about it? – D.T.

Bipolar disorder is a complex spectrum of diseases that have in common drastic changes in mood and behavior. Depression is the most common initial mood disorder in bipolar disorder. Bipolar I disorder is diagnosed when there are manic episodes. A manic episode is defined medically as an abnormal, persistently elevated mood with increased activity or energy, lasting at least a week. Feelings of increased self-esteem, decreased need for sleep, being unusually talkative, having racing ideas and distractibility are common. Spending sprees, sexual indiscretions and foolish investments sometimes happen during these episodes.

In bipolar II, true manic episodes are not present. Depression always is, as is at least one episode of hypomania, which is similar to manic episodes but less severe or long-

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Super Crossword

- HOLLYWOOD HEDGING ACROSS

1 Really dislike

5 First-string athletic group

10 Black mark

16 Suffix with fiend

19 27-Across' continent

20 Elder Obama daughter

21 Approached to assail

22 Bakery treat

23 Start of a riddle

26 Carte or mode lead-in

27 Seoul's land

28 Engine sound

29 Also include

30 Erfurt article

31 Spider-Man co-creator

34 Declares, informally

35 Spread of pureed liver

37 Wish for

38 Riddle, part 2

42 Romanov ruler

46 Very regretful one

47 Pretense

48 Lew of "State Fair"

49 Riddle, part 3

55 Jewish holiday in spring

56 Give \_ on the back

57 Pop singer

58 Times of distinction

62 Informal name for Utah

65 Easter entrees

67 Many truck engines

69 Farrow of films

70 Riddle, part 4

73 Beer in Bath

74 Gucci or Armani rival

76 "That's all there is \_"

77 Trials by fire

79 "Hey, you there"

80 Suffix with switch

82 Brand of hair remover

84 Prefix with tasking

86 Riddle, part 5

91 Moved like a kangaroo

94 Stock debut, for short

95 "Oh, uh-huh"

96 Spanish for "other"

97 End of the riddle

103 "Bill" penner

Jerome

104 Butterlike product

105 \_di-dah

106 Stir-fry tidbit

111 Meyers or Onassis

112 Leave agape

113 Sun. church talk

114 Sphere

115 Giant in pens

116 Riddle's answer

123 Feline sign

124 Fighting spirit

125 Old major-league team

126 Inert element

127 N.J. hours

128 Elmo's street

129 "10" star Bo

130 Dams, e.g.

DOWN

1 Pro-war sorts

2 "Give it \_!" ("Try!")

3 Triple crown

4 Worn (away)

5 "I love," to Ovid

6 Frat "T"

7 Pipe fitting

8 Give a boost

9 Chaos

10 Pond coating

11 Sea\_ Airport

12 " \_ little teapot..."

13 Cold Italian desserts

14 Actor Karl

15 Very little

16 Apple debut of 2013

17 Quiet

18 Brick floors of fireplaces

24 Young cow

25 Anise-flavored liqueur

32 Italian money

33 Adequate, to Li'l Abner

34 Waffle pour-on

35 Painter Pablo

36 Allstate rival

37 "Indubitably!"

39 Counteract

40 Dirt Devil, e.g., for short

41 \_Mart

42 Phone bug

43 Crams, e.g.

44 Overdue debt

45 Social reformer

Jacob

50 Frat "O"

51 Loutish sort

52 Endurance

53 Opposite of chaos

54 Water nymph of myth

59 Portion out anew

60 Sports VIP

61 Louisville-to-Atlanta dir.

63 Houston college, for short

64 "If \_ Would Leave You"

66 Silver or gold

68 Rival

69 Sports VIP

71 Go as low as

72 What the weary get, in a saying

75 Walk over

78 Sedan, say

81 Of sheep

83 From Cork, e.g.

85 " \_ perfect world..."

87 Fourth of a fiscal yr.

88 \_ au vin (chicken dish)

89 Shar\_ (wrinkly dogs)

90 Russia's Trotsky

91 Pleasant

92 Manicure boards

93 Yellowish fruit

98 Red-eyed sparrow

99 Tips off

100 " \_s Gold" (1997 film)

101 Part of ERA

102 Usual

107 Takes off the bottle

108 Check recipient

109 Ulna's end

110 Prayer ends

112 PIN points

113 Pal of Hook

117 11-Down guess, briefly

118 Wood for dartboards

119 Hack down

120 "World Cafe" airer

121 Female koala

122 "Fire away!"

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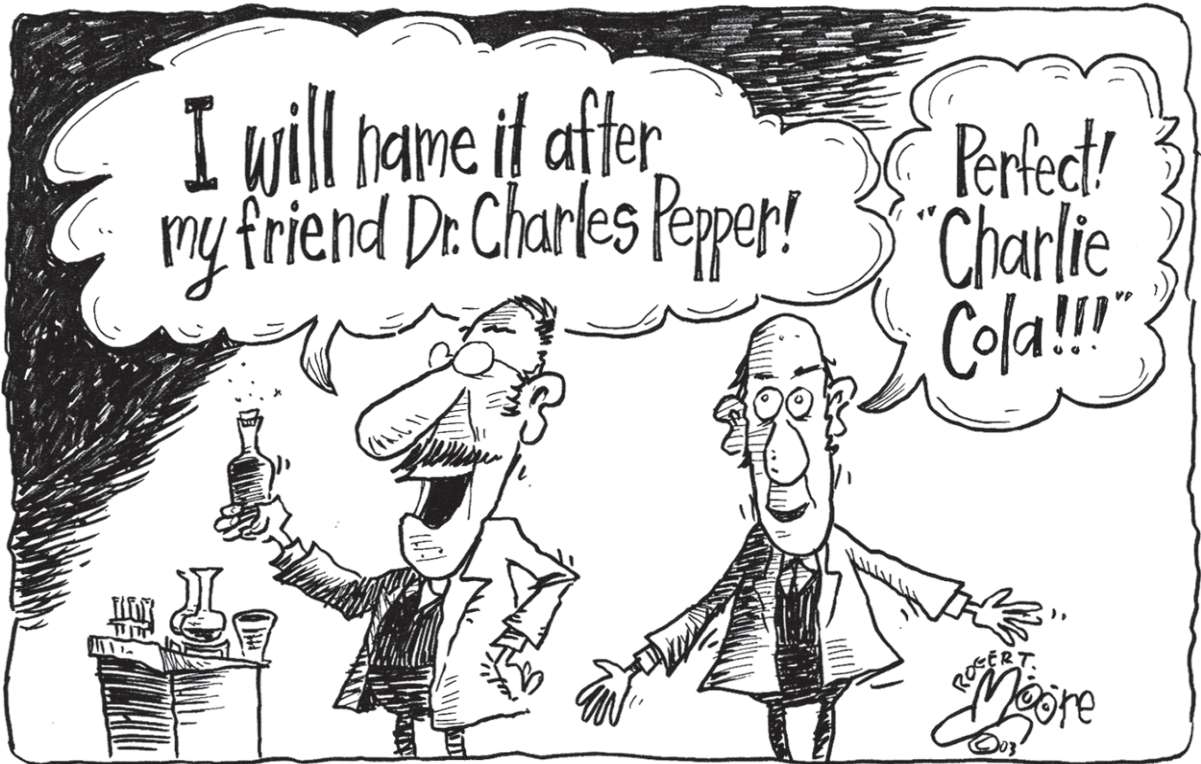
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including state vocational rehabilitation agencies that provide various employment support services. Some services they may help with include résumé writing, interviewing skills, and job leads.

Ticket to Work gives individuals the opportunity to choose from several employment networks. Participants are free to talk with as many employment networks as they want before choosing one. If someone signs an agreement with an employment network, they'll help the individual develop an employment plan. We'll review their progress toward achieving the goals of their employment plan every 12 months. If they are making timely progress in their return to work plan, we will not conduct a medical review of their disability during the time they're in the program.

Many people have successfully completed the Ticket to Work program. Anyone interested in the Ticket to Work program should call the Ticket to Work Helpline toll-free at 1-866-

**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** *by Roger Moore*  
June 21, 1857: Charles Alderton is born. As a pharmacist in Waco in 1885, he would concoct a famous carbonated beverage.



968-7842 (TTY 1-866-833-2967). More information on the program is available online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/work](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work). Remember, Social Security is with everyone through life's journey, providing resources that can help people reach their work and retirement goals.

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: M equals S

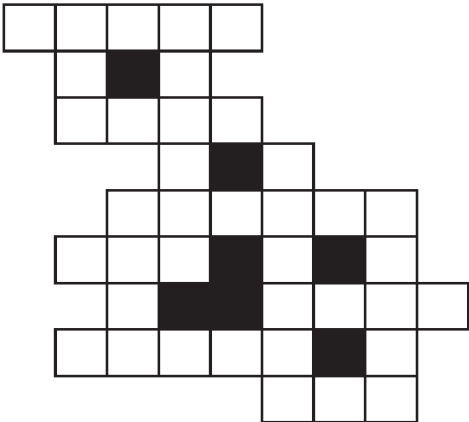
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CRMKOMOIY MDSOGM, ZRMDRGCSZ  
WR GRMFUPRC DF KBUU FBD SUU  
DWR MDRKM.

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♥ RATSEB  
♥ TREGE  
♥ VLIE  
LEV BRA  
♥ BTU  
♥ OBGL  
♥ NATTI  
LAL  
REO THE  
AVE BO  
♥ UTNR



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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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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	3		8					5
		1		5		9		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Here's a Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• "Here's a tip that impressed me so much I love sharing it with everyone! A friend of mine went away for a month, and forgot about a package of ground meat in the refrigerator. When he got home the smell was hideous. We tried pure bleach first, then boxes and boxes of baking soda. The smell was imbedded! Then a buddy of mine told me to use newspaper. Take eight of more sheets and lay a few on each shelf. To my surprise the next day the odor was gone! Imagine that!"

— T.D. in Pennsylvania

• C.J. in Idaho writes: "When making lemonade, get the most out of your lemons by heating them before juicing." Good call! You can do this by placing them in the microwave for 15 seconds at a time, or submerging them in hot water for several minutes.

• "My sister is always trying new 'diet' recipes, but she hit on one that I really like. Instead of a traditional crust for a pizza, slice zucchini very thin, brush with oil, then brown in a pan. Transfer to a pre-warmed pizza pan and top with sauce and cheese. It's so good... and low-carb!"

— M.D. in Wisconsin

• "I use clothespins to keep the garbage bag in place in my small bathroom can. I line it with paper bags, and to keep them from trying to close, I just use the clothespins. If they get dirty, I just knock them into the trash bag too."

— O.C. in Texas

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Health

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lasting. Bipolar II is probably underdiagnosed, partly because hypomania can be hard to recognize. It is important to make the diagnosis, since treatment is different, and it is worth reconsidering the diagnosis if treatment is ineffective.

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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com). (c) 2017 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.