



NEWSBRIEFS

SISD online registration

The Socorro Independent School District began its online registration process for the 2018-2019 school year on April 16. Current SISD students returning for the 2018-19 school year can register online through the summer using the online registration process Student 360. Parents must have a valid email address and Parent Portal account to complete the online registration process. This registration process will allow parents to verify student data, update contact information, complete yearly required registration forms, acknowledge/review critical district information and policies. Also, parents should please note that an option is available to receive emergency notifications from their school and/or the district. Parents are highly encouraged to opt in to receive those phone/text messages during emergency situations. New students to the district must register at their home campus. For more information, parents may contact their child's school.

— Christy Flores-Jones

Visit Magoffin Home for free

In celebration of National Preservation Month and Texas Travel and Tourism Week, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) is offering free admission to 20 state historic sites Sunday, May 6 – including Magoffin Home State Historical Site. A striking adobe structure, the Magoffin Home explores the stories of a multicultural family that influenced the development of the Southwest borderlands. The 1875 home is a prime example of Territorial style architecture and features a center courtyard and peaceful landscape. It is located at 1120 Magoffin Ave. in El Paso (online: www.visitmagoffinhome.com). Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. The THC's state historic sites host events year-round for visitors of all ages and interests, such as stargazing parties, cooking classes, living history programs, and archeology workshops. Several of the THC's sites are currently undergoing renovations or restorations. Please visit thc.texas.gov/freeday to make sure a site near you is open and to make plans to visit.

— Leah Brown

One man's trash...

It appears that Turkish sanitation workers are not your typical garbage

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It often seems like the United States is building up its enemies while flattening its taxpayers.

— Quips & Quotes

They'll be dancing in the streets in San Eli

By Al Borrego
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The arrival of the Don Juan de Oñate Expedition in April 1598, marked the Birth of the American Southwest with the official 'Act of Possession' known as 'La Toma', by the Spanish colonizer. The San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society (SEGHS) will commemorate the event with the 27th Annual History Conference and 2nd Annual Rio Grande Festival in Historic San Elizario, TX. The Conference highlights the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro that was extended by the expedition into the American Southwest, featuring over 28 speakers from Mexico City to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Specialists from the National Park Service and the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH) the Mexican counterpart will be participating, as will Tribal representatives along the Camino in Texas and New Mexico.

The conference will open on Thursday, April 26 with a presentation by the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Binational Committee and a presentation of the Preservation Projects in Valle de Zaragoza and Santa Barbara in

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— Photo courtesy SEGHS

FESTIVE DANCE – Jazmin Quesada, shown above from the 2017 Rio Grande Festival performing a Gitana Dance (Spanish Gypsy Dance), will be returning for this year's festival. Quesada is from Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico.

Texas education board approves ethnic studies course

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – Texas State Board of Education voted recently to create curriculum standards for a Mexican-American studies course that will be referred to as "Ethnic Studies: An Overview of Americans of Mexican Descent."

Texas advocates for Mexican-American studies classes claimed that they won a bitter victory because they gained approval to move forward with the classes they wanted, but they lost the course title.

The State Board of Education debated for more than four years over how and whether to offer teachers instructional materials and guidance to teach Mexican-American studies. Finally, the board voted nearly unanimously to create curriculum standards for the elective classes. But, the board stipulated that the course would be called, "Ethnic Studies: An Overview of Americans of Mexican Descent".

The name change came about after

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Vinton hosts golf tournament

By Josh Luna
Special to the Courier

VINTON – Keep Vinton Beautiful (KVB) will be hosting its 2nd Annual Village Vibes Golf Tournament on Friday, June 1, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Painted Dunes Desert Golf Course (12000 McCombs Street, El Paso, TX 79934). The golf tournament is a collaborative event between the environmental non-profit, KVB, the Village of Vinton, Texas, and other great community partners.

The proceeds from the event will go towards Vinton's first community garden and learning center, located on four acres of property in the heart of Vinton. The community garden will address residents' lack of access to fresh, locally sourced produce – as well as provide economic opportunity for local farmers and an educational resource for local residents and elementary school students.

Last year, the tournament featured a Hole-In-One contest, raffles, live music, drinks and free lunch and dinner for all participants. Barnett Harley-Davidson sponsored the Hole-In-One contest, putting a brand-new motorcycle up for grabs to the winner. Canutillo High School golf coach Tim Barno won the motorcycle. Participants have another chance to win a motorcycle this year. Barnett will be sponsoring the Hole-In-One competition again.

You can support the cause by playing in the tournament or through different

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— Photo courtesy Village of Vinton

GET IN THE HOLE – An unidentified player from last year's tournament took his shot at winning a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Pruitt awaits his fate

In spite of all the controversy about Scott Pruitt’s cushy D.C. condo, it’s entirely appropriate that he was getting a sweetheart deal on a place to sleep. After all, for his entire political career, he’s been in bed with the special business interests who resist any and all government efforts to protect against their ravaging of the environment.

In Oklahoma, as a state senator, then attorney general, and now the Trump administration’s Environmental Protection Agency administrator, Pruitt has been a stalwart opponent of any regulation that would get in the way of the energy companies that have been his patrons. They and their extremist advocates have rewarded his efforts on their behalf handsomely.

Now that he has brought their bought-and-paid-for agenda to Washington, he has turned the EPA into the “Environmental Punishment Agency.” He has been dismantling clean-planet rules left and right, and dogmatically ignoring climate change science as he represents big business in pushing President Donald Trump’s anti-regulation agenda.

He’s also been living large, or trying to. His ridiculously cheap living arrangement at a lobbyist-owned apartment within spitting

distance of the Capitol has been exposed by media reports, so he violated scoundrel rule No. 1 – which, of course, is “don’t get caught.” He was charged \$50 dollars a night, far, far below market rate in D.C., but even with all the industry largesse, he’s gotten greedy. And clumsy.

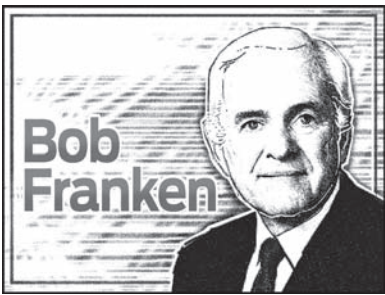
In fact, Pruitt is quickly becoming legendary, even by Washington’s dreary standards. His insistence on spending \$40,000-plus of taxpayer money to construct a soundproof telephone room at his agency for his use was just one embarrassment. Until the drumbeat of criticism got too loud, he insisted on flying first class. EPA policy requires economy seating, with permission granted for an upgrade in exceptional circumstances.

Pruitt has adopted a policy of avoiding any but the friendliest, churning out interviews with the likes of Fox News and the right-wing Washington Times.

However, even the Fox News interview was awkward, with correspondent Ed Henry asking tougher questions than he expected. He fumbled them, plain and simple. Looking bad on TV is the original sin in the Gospel According to Donald Trump.

So down at Casa Blanca, el presidente is trying to determine whether all the bad publicity is enough to add Scott Pruitt to the list of those he must replace. On the one hand, Pruitt has been shamelessly effective at gutting environment-saving regulations at the EPA. That pleases POTUS, who insists he has full confidence in Pruitt.

But is that the Don Trump Kiss of Death? The indicators are becoming familiar. The president and maybe chief of staff John Kelly assure the unfortunate one that they have his back. At the same time, Sarah Huckabee Sanders or another White House-designated knife-wielder makes it clear that they possibly mean



that his back is there to stab. So here was Sanders, making sure reporters knew: “We’re reviewing the situation. When we have had a chance to have a deeper dive on it, we’ll let you know the outcomes of that.”

Scott Pruitt may be the next to take the dive... with concrete. If he’s smart, even while he struggles to stay on, he’ll be making sure all those wealthy special interests are there when he leaves power, so he can cash in his chits.

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Canutillo Independent School District – Public Notice

In accordance to the TEC Section 12A.002, the Board of Trustees shall hold a public hearing to consider whether the district should develop a local innovation plan for the designation of the district as a district of innovation. The public hearing is embedded in our regular board meeting agenda scheduled on April 24, 2018, at 6:00 PM at the Canutillo ISD Central Administration, Board Room, located at 7965 Artcraft El Paso, TX 79932.

At the conclusion of the public hearing or shortly thereafter of the public hearing, the Board of Trustees may:

- Decline to pursue designation of the district as a District of Innovation; or
- Appoint a committee to develop a local innovation plan in accordance with the TEC Section 12A.003 of the Texas Education Code.

Individuals with disabilities or that require auxiliary aids and wish to attend this meeting should contact the Canutillo ISD Public Information Office at least 2 days before the meeting at (915) 877-7482.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo – Noticia Pública

Conforme al reglamento 12A.002 del Código Educativo del Estado de Texas, la mesa directiva tendrá una audiencia pública durante la junta regular para decidir si el distrito desarrollará un plan innovador local para la designación del distrito como un distrito innovador. La audiencia pública está incluida como parte de la agenda de la junta regular de la mesa directiva el 24 de abril de 2018, a partir de las 6:00 PM en la sala de juntas de la mesa directiva ubicada en las oficinas administrativas del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, 7965 Artcraft de El Paso, TX 79932.

Al final o poco después de esta audiencia pública, la mesa directiva podrá:

- Declinar el proceso del nombramiento del distrito como un distrito innovador; o
- Elegir un comité para desarrollar un plan innovador local conforme al reglamento 12A.003 del Código Educativo de Texas.

Personas con discapacidades o que requieran asistencia auxiliar y que gusten asistir a esta junta, favor de llamar a la oficina de información pública del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo por lo menos 2 días antes al (915) 877-7482.

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Chihuahua, Mexico which are part of the binational effort to complete the investigations necessary to establish the criteria for a UNESCO nomination. The conference will continue through Sunday, April 29 at the Adobe Horseshoe Theatre. The Conference Luncheon – Texas Style BBQ – will take place in the Adobe Horseshoe patio on Saturday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. Luncheon tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased at www.AdobeHorseshoe.com or by telephone at (915) 851-0093.

A fundraiser, *La Feria: Noche Española Mestiza* will

be presented by the Sociedad Cultural de España and the SEGHS, will take place on Friday evening, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. The dinner and show will feature a reception with music by pianist Stephen Jones, followed by the crowning of the 2018 Reina del Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, an Andalusian Flamenco show by Luna por Medio, a Classic Mestizo Gala by the Compania de Ballet Clasico de la UACJ accompanied by El Mariachi Alegre, and highlighted by a Mestizo Dinner by renown Chefs Irasema Ontiveros and Diamanti Dimakis. The fundraiser will take place at the Adobe Horseshoe Theatre and these tickets can also be purchased online at www.AdobeHorseshoe.com or

by telephone at (915) 851-0093.

The 2nd Annual Rio Grande Festival is a Cultural explosion. Featuring four *Pueblos Mágicos*, a select group of Mexican villages whose cultural, historical, or natural treasures have been deemed, well, magical. Jiquilpan, Michoacan; Guerrero, Coahuila; Tepotzotlan, Estado de Mexico; and Casas Grandes, Chihuahua will showcase their treasures. Regional arts and crafts, live music and shows, cultural exhibitions, old west shootouts, heritage booths, guided tours, regional food, fun and more. The Conference and Festival will present two art exhibits: A photography exhibit of the *Captures* of Lance Levine, at the Golden Eagle Gallery and *Arte del Camino Real de Tierra Adentro* by Southwestern Artist Bert Saldaña, at the Protzman Gallery inside the Adobe Horseshoe Theatre. The exhibits will run throughout the conference. The reenactment of the arrival of the colonizer Don Juan Oñate’s historic expedition will take place on Sunday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. on the Festival grounds. The reenactment will highlight *La Toma* and the theatrical performance of Farfan’s play that was originally performed in 1598. It is directed by David Mills and Hector Serrano of Eden Enterprises Theater Company.

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Zuckerberg’s insufferable tripe

Once again, Mark Zuckerberg is sorry.

The founder of Facebook, who has apologized for privacy breaches throughout much of his company’s existence, is back at it, on a much larger stage than ever before.

The proximate cause is the Cambridge Analytica controversy. In violation of Facebook’s rules, the Trump-linked political consultancy schemed to get access to the data of 87 million users. This has made Facebook a scapegoat for President Donald Trump’s victory on par with the Russians and James Comey (at least before the FBI director got fired and became a Trump adversary).

It’s not Zuckerberg’s fault that he has suddenly been deemed on the wrong side of history, but the Cambridge Analytica blowup is bringing a useful spotlight on the most sanctimoniously self-regarding large company in America. Facebook can’t bear to admit that it has garnered the largest collection of data known to man to sell ads against and line the pockets of its founder and investors.

The problem isn’t that Mark Zuckerberg is a businessman, and an exceptionally gifted one, but that he pretends to have stumbled out of the lyrics of John Lennon’s

song “Imagine.” To listen to him, Facebook is all about connectivity and openness – he just happens to have made roughly \$63 billion as the T-shirt-wearing champion of “the global community,” whatever that means.

It’s this pose that makes him and other Facebook officials sound so shift. In a rocky interview with Savannah Guthrie of the “Today” show, Sheryl Sandberg was asked what product Facebook sells. “We’re selling the opportunity to connect with people,” she said, before catching herself, “but it’s not for sale.”

Something or other must be for sale, or Facebook is the first company to rocket to the top ranks of corporate America based on having no product or profit motive. Guthrie, persisting, stated that Facebook sweeps up data for the use of advertisers. Sandberg objected: “We are not sweeping data. People are inputting data.”

Uh, yeah. That’s the genius of it. In a reported exchange with a friend while he was a student at Harvard, Zuckerberg boasted of having data on thousands of students because “people just submitted it.”

Zuckerberg has now managed the same trick on a global scale. On the one hand, Facebook has indeed made efforts to protect



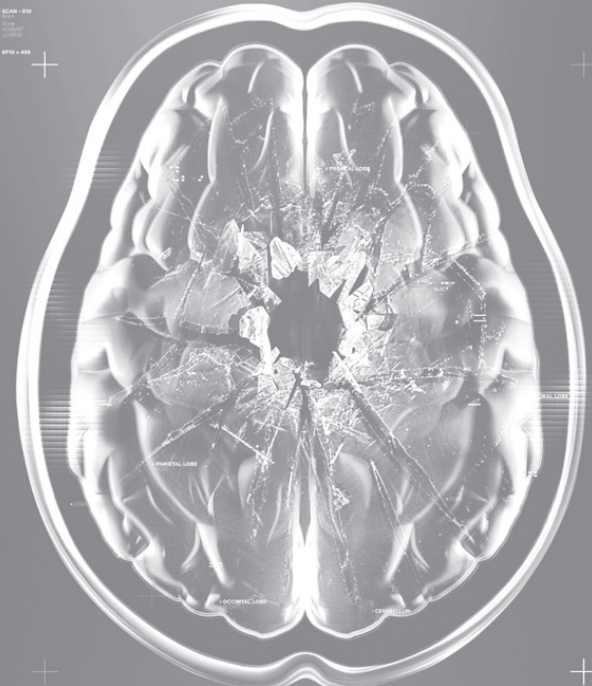
the data of its users, knowing that it can’t risk a fundamental breach of trust. On the other, Zuckerberg has repeatedly said he’s sorry for offenses against his users’ privacy because his business model contradicts his self-righteous public posture.

It’s possible to imagine something like Facebook run as a nonprofit service for the global commons. That’s not what Zuckerberg chose to do to. To his credit, he created a compelling – nay, for some people, addicting – product and made a killing for the ages.

Perhaps the public pressure will force the social network to give its customers even more control over the use of their data. At a minimum, it will have achieved something if it gets Facebook to give up the saccharine one-world rhetoric about its mission and admit the bottom line is as important to it as any other profit-making company.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2018 by King Features Synd., Inc.

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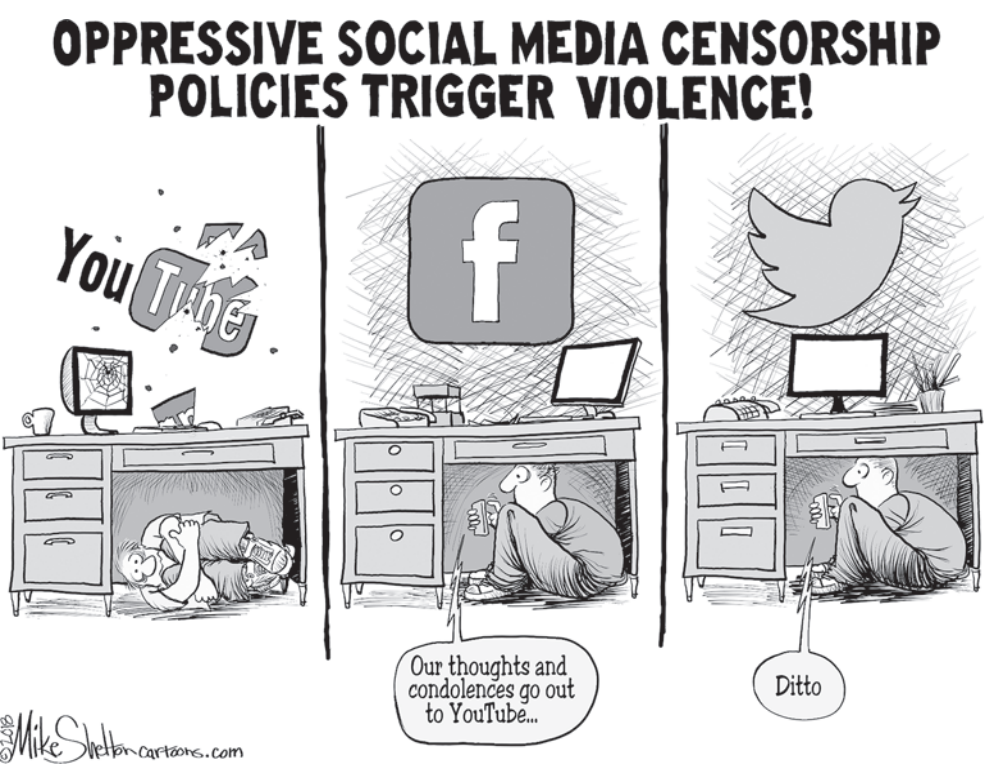
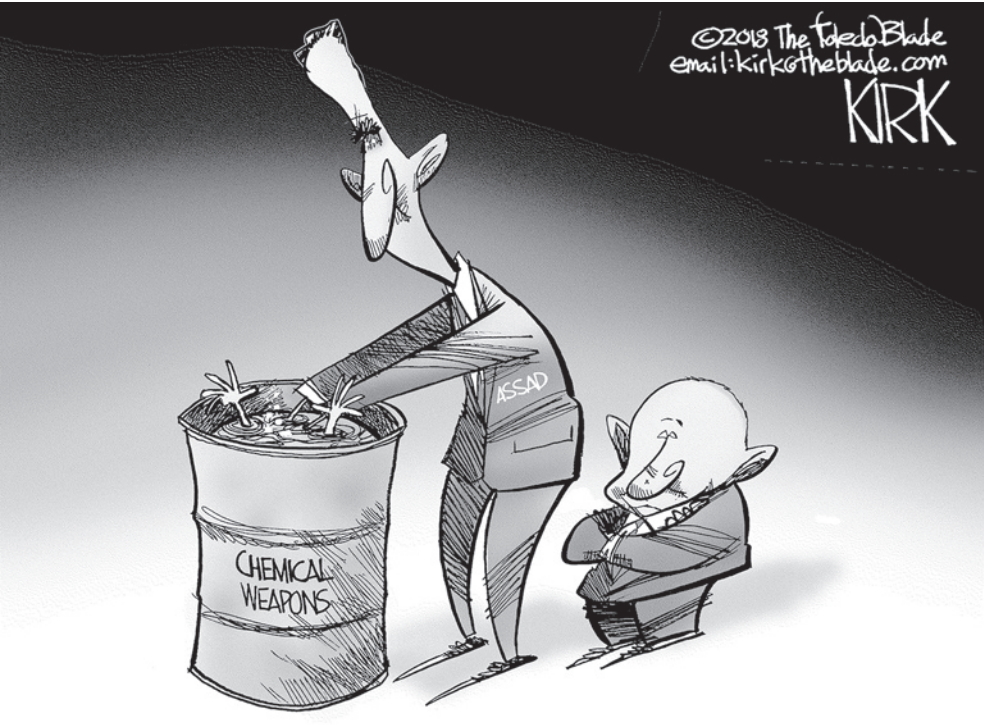
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San Eli students are ready for their challenge

By Hector Gonzalez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO, TX— Evelyn Trejo, Arlette Esparza, Darlene Silva, Marcos Argumedo, and Dailyn Velez are among the 40 semi-finalists selected from over 7,000 students who participated in the *Do the Write Thing Challenge* this year. They demonstrated important critical thinking abilities, creativity, and most importantly, their essays offered important solutions to the issue of violence.

The *Do the Write Thing Challenge* gives middle school students an opportunity to examine the impact of youth violence on their lives. Through classroom discussions and writings, students communicate what they think should be done to reduce youth violence. They also make personal commitments to do something about this problem.

A recognition event honoring all student finalists will be held on Saturday, April 28, at UTEP’s Union Cinema and two students will be announced as the National finalists. The National finalists, a parent, and a teacher will be awarded with an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. where they will attend the National Do the Write Thing Leadership activities.



FESTIVE DANCE – Teachers, back row from left, Rachel Pena, Brenda Jara, and Stephanie Zaragoza will find out with their students, from left, Arlette Esparza, Darlene Silva, Evelyn Trejo, Dailyn Velez, and Marcos Argumedo will find out who will be traveling to Washinton D.C.on April 28 to attend a national conference.

– Photo courtesy SEGHS

Golf

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sponsorship options. Single player

registration is \$150 and includes lunch, drinks and dinner. Team registration (4 players) is \$500 and includes lunch, drinks and dinner for each. Player tickets and

sponsorship options are available now and can be purchased online at www.painteddunes.com/village_vibes/ or in person at Vinton City Hall.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in being part of this year’s golf tournament contact the Village of Vinton at info@vintontx.us or (915) 886-5104.

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Pursuant to Texas Election Code section 11.052(c), a Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Clint Independent School District will be conducted May 3, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Clint Independent School District Board Room at 1452 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas, in order to give the registered voters of the school district the opportunity to comment on whether they favor the election of the Board of Trustees based on a 5-2 Single Member District Plan (Five Single Member Districts and Two At-Large Positions) as being recommended by the Board of Trustees. Individuals unable to attend this meeting may submit their comments in writing to Dr. Juan I. Martinez, Superintendent.

Para más información en español, se deben comunicar con el Distrito al (915) 926-4000.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Hungarian psychiatrist Thomas Stephen Szasz who made the following sage observation: “If you talk to God, you are praying. If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia.”
- That iconic symbol of the Old West, the Pony Express, was based on the mail system used throughout the Mongol Empire in the 13th century. However, the Mongol riders often covered 125 miles in a single day, which was faster than the best record held by a Pony Express rider.
- Someone with way too much spare time discovered that a quarter has 119 grooves on its edge.
- What’s in a name? A great deal, it turns out, if you’re talking about housing prices. Those who study such things say that a house on a “boulevard” is valued at over one-third more than the same house that has “street” in its address.

Confectioner Milton Hershey suffered through founding two candy companies that ended in failure, then succeeded on his third attempt, and finally sold that company and used the proceeds to found the Hershey Company. After all his hard work, though, he seemed to be less interested in enjoying the fruits of his labors than in helping others. In 1909 he established the Hershey Industrial School for Orphaned Boys, and 10 years later he donated control of the company to a trust for the school. Today the institution is called the Milton Hershey School, and it continues to have a controlling interest in the candy company.

Southern California has more cars than India has cows. If cows are sacred in India, what does that say about how Californians feel about their automobiles?

Thought for the Day: “Men are not against you; they are merely for themselves.”
– Gene Fowler

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On April 30, 1933, Willie Nelson is born into a family of Texas musicians. He penned his first song at age 7. Years later he wrote “Funny How Time Slips Away,” “Night Life” and the Patsy Cline classic “Crazy” all in one week.
- On May 1, 1963, despite running out of oxygen, James Whittaker of Redmond, Washington, becomes the first American to reach the summit of Mt. Everest, the tallest mountain in the world.
- On May 2, 1957, Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wisconsin) succumbs to illness exacerbated by alcoholism and dies at age 48. McCarthy had been a key figure in the anticommunist hysteria known as the “Red Scare” that engulfed the U.S. after World War II.
- On May 3, 1980, 13-year-old Cari Lightner of Fair Oaks, California, is killed by a drunk driver while walking along a quiet road on her way to a church carnival. Cari’s tragic death compelled her mother, Candy Lightner, to found the organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).
- On May 4, 1977, British journalist David Frost interviews former President Richard Nixon. In the televised interview, Nixon admitted that he had not thought the White House tape recordings regarding the Watergate scandal would come out.
- On May 5, 1944, Bertha Benz, the wife of inventor Karl Benz and the first person to drive an automobile over a long distance, dies in Germany. In 1888, Bertha drove 65 miles to her mother’s, over unpaved roads. She refueled the car with Ligroin, a detergent then used as fuel. When the car’s fuel line clogged, she unclogged it using one of her hairpins.
- On May 6, 2004, the familiar theme song (“I’ll Be There For You” by the Rembrandts) heralds the final original episode of NBC’s long-running comedy series “Friends.” The show had debuted in 1994 and ran for 236 episodes.

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Porras awarded scholarship of up to \$40 thousand per year

By Ismael De La Rosa
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC) student Andrea Porras is one of 47 recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation’s Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship (JKCFUTS). This highly competitive national scholarship will provide Andrea Porras with up to \$40,000 annually for a maximum of three years to complete her bachelor’s degree.

Porras was raised in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, graduated from Chapin High School in 2015 and soon after, started taking courses at EPCC in the Fall 2015. Porras has been actively involved in EPCC.



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BIG BUCKS – Andrea Porras’ scholarship could be worth as much as \$120,000.

She is currently serving as the President for the EPCC Student

Government Association, enrolled in the Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, has listed on the Dean’s and President’s List.

For Porras it is not the first time she has earned a scholarship. In 2016 she received the North East Rotary Club and the Student Government Scholarship; 2017 she earned the Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarship. With all these achievements is no surprise that Porras will graduate in May 2018 with an accumulative GPA of 3.96/4.00.

With the support of her family and this prestigious scholarship Porras is planning on studying out of state. “I am applying to different universities such as Stanford, UTSA, Baylor and NYU,” Porras said “My goal

is to earn my Bachelors in Communications and Public Relations and then go to law school.”

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, El Paso Community College congratulates Ms. Porras’ selection as one of 47 students selected nationally for this most prestigious scholarship. EPCC is committed to helping students achieve their academic goals and preparing them for transfer to UTEP and other 4-year institutions,” Dr. William Serrata, EPCC President said. “We produce competitive and qualified students and Ms. Andrea Porras, selected for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, is one example of EPCC’s academic excellence.”

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some state board representatives pointed out that the new course should not be just for students of Mexican descent. Consequently, board members also voted to create a process for approving other elective courses in ethnic studies including classes in Native American, Latino, African American, and Asian Pacific Islander studies.

The newly approved ethnic studies curriculum is based on a state-sanctioned innovative course implemented by Houston Independent School District (HISD) in 2015. According to TEA staff, needed changes to the curriculum standards will be addressed; then, the revised document will be brought back to the state board for the first of two public hearings and votes in June.

Even before this recent vote, Texas teachers could offer Mexican-American studies as a social studies elective, but the teacher had to put in additional work to build a course structure and choose textbooks. That made it difficult for smaller school districts with limited resources to get a class started. Also, with little centralized guidance on what to teach in Mexican-American studies, districts currently offer varying versions of the course, claimed advocates for the new course.

During one of the board’s deliberations on this matter, teachers, who currently offer some version of Mexican-American studies in their classes, shared the positive reviews from their students who talked about being thrilled to see their lives reflected in their coursework. These teachers urged the board to

approve a set of centralized standards for how to teach the course so that they could spend more time teaching rather than planning what to teach.

Other teachers and professors who testified during the hearings, cited research showing that students who learn their cultural histories do better academically. “We’re not proposing a supplement to what is already being done,” said University of Texas at Austin professor Emilio Zamora. “Research has demonstrated that Mexican-American studies... does improve academic performance,” he asserted.

In 2014, the board rejected a proposal to create an official Mexican-American studies course, with some members arguing that creating a separate class would be racially divisive. Instead, board members voted to put ethnic studies classes, including Mexican-American, African-American, Asian-American and Native American studies, on a list of social studies textbooks it would ask publishers to develop for Texas schools, according to news reports.

Critics of that decision argued that asking publishers to create books without curriculum standards to reference is ineffectual. They said approving the course first, and the standards to go along with it, would give publishers much needed guidance as well as reassurance that school districts might actually buy their textbooks.

Apparently the critics were right because despite the lack of purposeful curriculum standards the state education board has twice put out calls for the ethnic studies textbooks since 2015 and has yet to find Mexican-American studies materials that it can approve.

Vega is the new tech head in Canutillo ISD

By Andrew Reynoso
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District recently named Albert Vega as Director of Technology to lead the District’s Information Technology Services Department. An experienced professional in data management, analysis and reporting, Vega has led educational and financial institutions in New Mexico for more than 10 years.

“We welcome Albert and his IT leadership to Canutillo,” said Canutillo ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pedro Galaviz. “His experience and skills with data management and technology systems will bring added value to our District.”

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collectors; they can be quite bookish at times, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. A group of them in Ankara, for example, have built a lending library inside an abandoned factory. They started by sorting out reading materials thrown out with the garbage by residents along their routes. Once their generous venture was revealed those same residents and many others began donating books. The library currently has some 6,000 works of fiction and nonfiction for children and adults. It even has books for scientific research.

– John Grimaldi

Vega most recently served as the Chief Technology and Research Officer at Las Cruces Public Schools since 2016 and also served as Executive Director of Analysis and Research, and Senior Human Resources Data Analyst at LCPS. He has additional experience in data processing project management at Citizens Bank of Las Cruces and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Computer Systems from New Mexico State University.


“My world has been data,” Vega said. “Data analysis can help us see trends in student assessments, balance class loads and save money. We can evaluate data and make decisions to operate more efficiently for the benefit of students.”

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Out with the old and in with the new

Cowboys say adios Dez, Sun Bowl to get facelift

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The NFL draft is only a week away and teams and cities and fans and the media, are anxiously waiting to see how the landscape of the league will change.

The draft can set the tone for teams, both positively and negatively, for years to come.

Just ask the New England Patriots and the Cleveland Browns.

Anyway, the draft is the one place where teams can quickly get younger and improve themselves at specific positions.

The draft is kind of like a drama with twists and turns that can come out of nowhere.

One of those turns came last Friday when the Dallas Cowboys announced they were parting ways with Dez Bryant, one of the best receivers they’ve ever had.

Bryant, who will be turning 30, is still a valuable receiver with a few good years ahead of him. He just won’t be wearing a star on the side of his helmet anymore.

And of course all the sports pundits out

there are predicting whether this was a good move by owner Jerry Jones.

Obviously, the first consideration was money. By getting rid of Bryant, the Cowboys will now have \$8 million more to play for possible free agent signings.

And that’s a good thing. The Cowboys need help on defense. They lost a few key players at linebacker and Sean Lee, although maybe the best linebacker in the league when he’s healthy – is often not healthy.

Dallas also needs a top receiver – or do they? It seems that Dak Prescott was at his best when he was spraying the ball around to any receiver that was open.

He seemed to struggle more when trying to force the ball to Bryant, after Dez would throw one of his tantrums over not getting the ball enough.

That’s one thing the Cowboys will not miss.

But what was Bryant known for? Was he just a wide receiver diva who cried like a little baby on the sidelines because he wasn’t getting the star treatment?

Or was he a player with so much passion that he just cared more about winning

than most of the other players?

The Cowboys don’t have to worry about the answer to that question. That’s some other team’s problem now.

And where will Bryant end up? He did say that he’d like to stay in the NFC East so that he could stick it to the Cowboys twice a year.

Are those the words of a professional with a fire under his belly or a broken-hearted schoolgirl who just got uninvited to the prom?

Dez Bryant is a little like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re going to get.

Sun Bowl renovations

In news that was about 20 years overdue, UTEP’s Sun Bowl is finally going to be introduced to the 21st century.

Some \$10-15 million in improvements are going to be made to the concourse area, the façade, the restrooms and the press box. Plus some luxury boxes and additional prime seating will be added.

And by prime seating, I mean some real 600-900 seats and not just more hard

aluminum benches.

I’ve been covering UTEP football games in the Sun Bowl for 25 years and believe it or not, the cooling unit has consisted of an oversized electric fan. It looks like something you’d see in Hollywood to replicate a windy day.

On cold days, there was a time when small electric heaters were strategically placed in areas to try to warm the place.

Let’s just say it hasn’t been the most comfortable of working environments.

But all that is going to change with a new air conditioning system.

The concourse, which was totally covered in dull concrete will be renovated to look more modern and have some color.

An elevator will be installed, and box-seat areas will include mini fridges, a TV and a personal waiter.

The whole project is scheduled to be finished by the start of the 2019 season opener.

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1 Former Delta rival

4 Humane org. since 1866

9 Shining

14 Birds' beaks

19 On top of, in verse

20 Nerd relative

21 City in Utah

22 Bugged a lot

23 Support a female donkey?

25 All fired up

26 Flag sewer Ross

27 "Dies _" (Mass hymn)

28 Squirmy

30 "Listen up, warm-blooded animal!"

32 More itty-bitty

34 African country

36 Disfigure

37 Horror director

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38 Open a new tavern?

41 Magna _ laude

42 Baltique or Adriatique

43 Units of bag thickness

44 "Bridge of Spies" actor Mark

46 Core belief of orthopedic practice?

48 Home to Pago Pago

52 "Vesti la giubba,"

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53 _ Majesty the Queen

54 IM-offering ISP

55 Choose a wooden peg?

57 Aromatic resins

59 Chai or pekoe

62 Pyle and Els

63 Railcar walkways

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66 Church call

67 Makes a warden gentle?

72 Australian avians

73 Be the king

75 Delilah duped him

76 Rub down

78 Sketch show since '75

79 Estate of a winegrower

81 Curly-furred cat's giggle?

84 The way, to Lao-tzu

85 Undertake

86 Thing to hum

87 Wraith

88 Descend upon a certain grainfield in droves?

92 Circles around heavenly bodies

94 Sails through

95 Neither hide _ hair

96 Bad review

97 Very tentative taste of food?

102 Greek "H"

103 Match unit

104 Ballroom dance

106 Dr. Seuss' real surname

107 Pale people writing things quickly?

110 Jetsons' dog

113 Caffeine-laden nut

114 Perrier rival

115 Aristocratic

117 Toast topper that's nifty?

119 Tuscan town

120 Bugs a lot

121 Sporting site

122 Big cat's lair

123 Stunning gun

124 Cries out

125 Cyclist, e.g.

126 Before, in verse

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1 Way of being thrilled or torn

2 What to do if the shoe fits

3 Esoteric stuff

4 Modifying word: Abbr.

5 Really rely on

6 100-Down's partner in magic

7 Euro fraction

8 Big gulf

9 Orang, e.g.

10 Minister Billy

11 Boston airport

12 Outranking

13 Guys on the job site

14 Elephant king of kiddie lit

15 Agenda unit

16 "Open up!"

17 The Bunkers' "old" car

18 Hair salon employee

24 Actor Dullea

29 Agave plant

31 Actress d'Abo

33 Online brokerage

35 Receivable

39 What "there oughta be"

40 Uncommon

42 Choice bit

43 Hollywood's Gibson

45 Zippo

46 Celebrity lawyer

Melvin

47 Mix, as salad

48 Pickle units

49 Flying guys

50 "Chicago Hope" doctor

51 Assenting to

53 _ impact on (effects)

56 East, in Ulm

57 Small jewel

58 Suffix of enzymes

59 V8 ingredient

60 Musician's exercises

61 Affirm

63 Analyze

65 Australian state capital

68 _ whole

69 Subject

70 Manicure aid

71 Scoundrel

74 University sports org.

77 Tuna variety

80 Wasp variety

81 1921 sci-fi play

82 Sufficient, in verse

83 TV "Warrior Princess"

84 "Conan" network

86 Pacific island country

88 "My Little Chickadee" co-star

89 Wife of Nero

90 Head-hugging hats

91 Mega Millions, e.g.

92 Soup holder

93 French forest region

96 Soft shade

98 Moped, e.g.

99 "Tristan und _"

100 6-Down's partner in magic

101 Boosler of comedy

103 Sub detector

104 Quaver

105 Actor Werner

108 Tarzan's lady

109 Author Wiesel

111 Actress Polo

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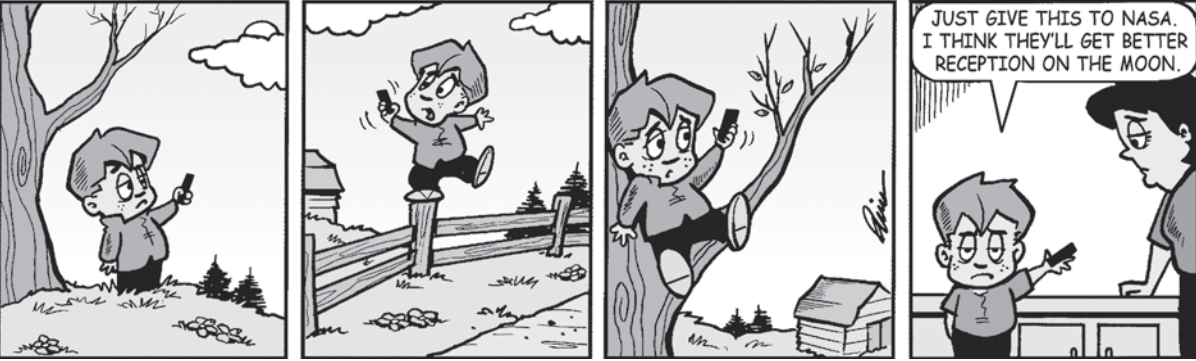
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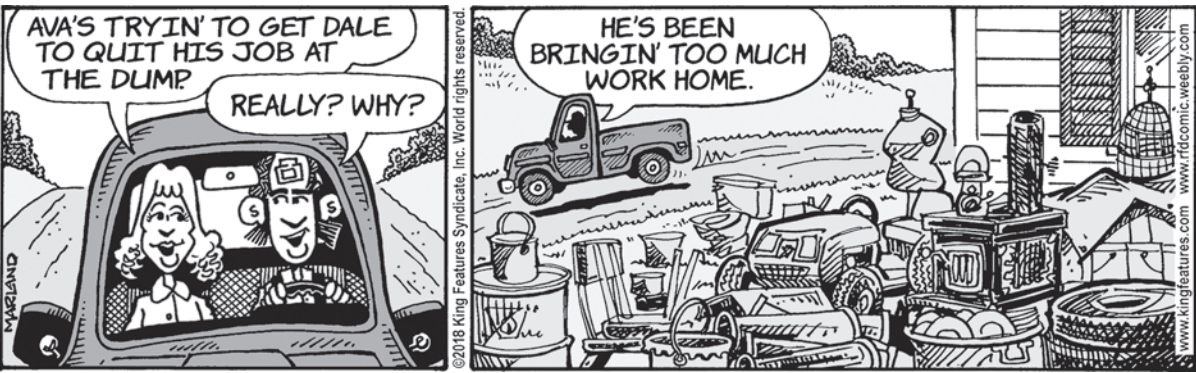
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What could cause voice to change?

DEAR DR. ROACH: Over the past year, my voice has become hoarse or raspy. I find that I often have to clear my throat while speaking. I've had a stomach endoscopy and a colonoscopy done, the results of which were noted as "normal." Nothing has changed in my life, such as climate, diet, clothing, furnishings, etc. I have never smoked. I suspect it may be allergies, since antihistamines seem to help somewhat. Is this the best solution? – N.G.



Vocal changes can be the result of many common conditions. Voice changes lasting more than two or three weeks should be evaluated by an ENT doctor, since there are serious conditions that can manifest in voice changes. In particular, anyone with a history of smoking needs a prompt and thorough evaluation for voice changes, since the nerve to the vocal cord is commonly damaged by lung cancer. Fortunately, alternate diagnoses, such as chronic laryngitis and benign vocal fold lesions (such as polyps) are more common. Reflux disease can affect the vocal cords, which may be why you had the upper endoscopy. Chronic sinusitis with postnasal drip is one cause of hoarseness that can be improved with antihistamines. However, I would not be comfortable treating this long-term with antihistamines without a more thorough evaluation than you have reported.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My wife works in the operating room of a local hospital. She came down with a Staph infection, and has been treated. Do only certain blood types catch a Staph infection? She is type A, and I am O positive. – R.S.

Staphylococcus aureus is a feared infection, and rightly so – it is an aggressive bacteria that is capable of going through tissue due to its digestive enzymes. Recently, resistance to multiple antibiotics has made it even more dangerous. Methicillin-resistant Staph aureus (MRSA) is resistant to many antibiotics, even though we don't use the antibiotic methicillin anymore. Anyone can be infected by Staph, and most of us will have a Staph infection at some point in our lives, such as a boil (furuncle) or abscess. Although I did read in a popular book that people with blood type A are more likely to get Staph infections, that seems to be myth, not science. Certainly, people of any blood type can get life-threatening Staph infections. All kinds of Staph, including MRSA, can be transmitted via the hands, which is why hand-washing is so important.

DEAR DR. ROACH: You recently mentioned that apples are high in sugar. I am a 74-year-old man with borderline diabetes and an A1c level of 5.7 percent. I have been eating an apple a day for a long time and worry that I might be making my diabetes worse. – L.T.

The best data I can find on this still show that whole fruit, such as apples, do not adversely affect blood-sugar control if eaten in reasonable quantities (i.e., up to four a day). An apple a

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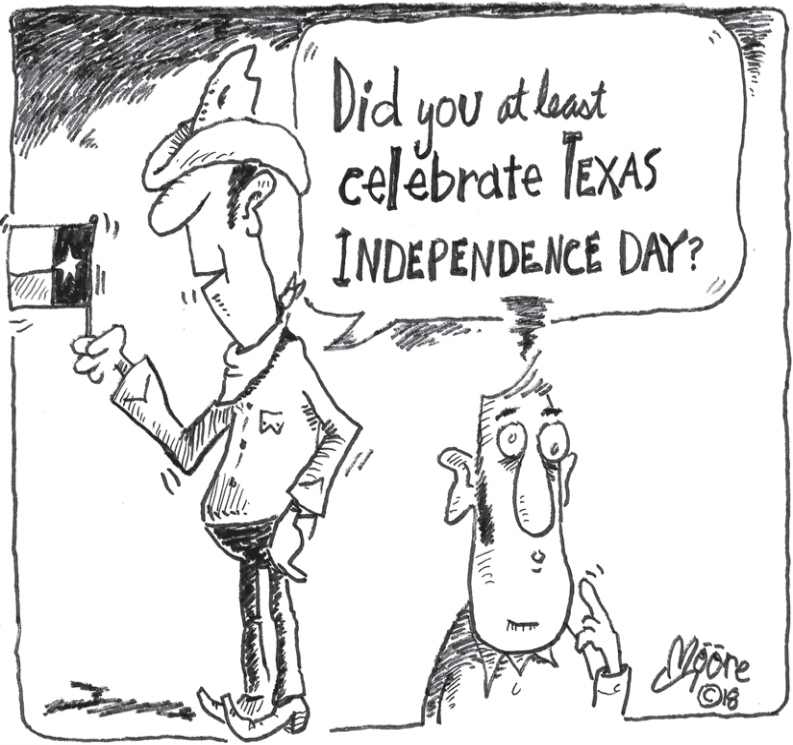
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The Texas Legislature recently designated March as Texas History month.



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **G** equals **H**

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GUZBGGUJL MKZLV FMVJ. DPC
BPCTF EMD UZ'E QLLI RD VCTL
PK ZGCRQ.

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Privatizing the VA



by Freddy Groves

To hear David Shulkin tell it, he was bounced from his position as head of the Department of Veterans Affairs because he was anti-privatization, pressured by those (who were unnamed) who want to privatize the VA's medical services. Now he's used the media to defend himself, not mentioning his ill-advised European trip on the government dime.

The truth is, others are very much against privatizing the VA. Sen. Jon Tester, the ranking member on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, is against privatization. The American Legion is against it, as is the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

We need to keep the VA, with the Veterans Choice Program (VCP) on the side, if that's what we want. A version of Choice care actually started in 1945 under the name Hometown Program. (Look for VHA DIRECTIVE 1601. The current version is 1700.)

If all our care, or even most

of it, is farmed out to the civilian world, what does the VA become? There will be less money for innovations; facilities will close, leaving fewer options for those who still want VA care; less veteran-centered research will be done; and the civilian care will be provided by those who don't understand the specialized help many veterans need.

To make VCP better, do away with the 40-mile distance requirement. If the VA can't get us in for appointments in a reasonable amount of time (30 days at this point), we'll go to wherever we can be treated quickest.

Spend the money needed to fix up VA facilities. Too many are old, with vintage surgical wings and aging roofs.

Start firing those who are only marking time in their government jobs, collecting a paycheck without putting veterans first. That includes those who manage the money and don't recognize the waste.

At this point, it looks like a political football. Call your senators and speak up.

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- Check your dishwasher for food particles, and run a cycle every week with a cup of white vinegar in the bottom. It will clear your lines of yucky mildew buildup and leave it smelling fresh.
- "If you get a small cut, try sprinkling it with black pepper (fine ground). It stops the bleeding right away and doesn't hurt or sting at all. I did this when I accidentally nicked myself in the kitchen. It worked! I rinsed it off after a minute of two, and it still didn't bleed."
- J.J. in Florida
- To get your white sneakers clean again, mix a paste of peroxide and baking soda, wet the canvas and rub the paste in with a toothbrush. Rinse and repeat scrubbing as needed. Allow shoes to dry before wearing.
- Save plastic cups from fast-food or convenience-store visits, because they make good containers when you are painting. Pour some paint in the cup to use when you are cutting in the edges. Many paint ladders have a spot that accommodates a cup, so it's more secure.
- Have a little empty spray bottle from a travel-size body spray? They are perfect for small cleaning solutions. Add rubbing alcohol to use in cleaning off your glasses or cellphone touch surface. Add window cleaner and store with a half roll of paper towels in your vehicle for quick windshield cleanups.

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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.

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By: rj johnson

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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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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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