



NEWSBRIEFS

Military in free

This summer, the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) state historic sites are participating in the Blue Star Museums program that gives active military personnel and their families free admission to museums and historic sites. The program, coordinated by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), began Memorial Day and lasts through Labor Day (Sept. 3, 2018). More than 1,800 museums in all 50 states are taking part in the initiative, the eighth consecutive year of the program. The program is a collaboration of the NEA, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums and state agencies such as the THC. A number of the THC's historic sites are dedicated to preserving the memory of military service in Texas, such as the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg and Fannin Battleground in Fannin. Blue Star Families is a national, nonprofit network of military families from all ranks and services, including guard and reserve, with a mission to support, connect, and empower military families. For more information, and to learn which museums are participating, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. For more information about the THC's Historic Sites program, visit www.texashistoricsites.com or contact (512) 463-7948.

— Leah Brown

Credit card debt

The personal-finance website WalletHub has released two key reports, one showing that consumers repaid \$40.3 billion in credit card debt during Q1 2018, the second-biggest quarterly paydown ever, and the other finding that a Federal Reserve rate hike on Wednesday would cost people with credit card debt an extra \$1.6 billion this year alone. Below, you can find a handful of highlights from WalletHub's *Q2 2018 Fed Rate Hike Report* and its *2018 Credit Card Debt Study*, which is accompanied by a nationally representative credit card survey.

- At 3.80% for Q1 2018, the charge-off rate is up nearly 6% year over year and at the highest point since mid-2012.
- We began the year owing more than

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There are people that can't tell a lie, people that can't tell the truth and others that can't tell the difference.

— Quips & Quotes

Elks scholar celebrates through service

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso's Elks Lodge 187 members are thrilled that Leonardo Moraveg, one of their student scholars nominees, is taking advantage of the Elks National Foundation (ENF) scholarship program's many offerings including participating in *The 150 for 150 Service and Celebration Weekend*, June 29 through July 2, in San Antonio, Texas. It is expected to be the largest gathering of Elks scholars ever.

Maryann Dernlan, programs relationship associate at the Elks National Foundation, notified local Elks Lodge officials recently that Moraveg, a 2018 Elks Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship finalist whose application was sponsored by the local lodge, would be attending the weekend leadership conference.

ENF awards more than \$2.4 million in college scholarships to about 500 high school seniors nationwide each year

through its prestigious MVS scholarship program. In total, the ENF provides more than \$3.6 million in college scholarships through its three annual scholarship programs, according to lodge officials.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), also known as the Elks Lodge or simply the Elks, is an American fraternal order founded in 1868 originally as a social club in New York City. Today, headquartered at Elks National Veterans Memorial in Chicago, it is one of the leading fraternal orders in the United States, claiming more than one million members.

The Elks organization provides charitable services that help build stronger communities, explained Jesus Martinez, a local lodge member. As an example, he cited their current programs that offer services for physically handicapped children, provide physical and occupational therapy for veterans, and promote patriotic activities in schools.

"The trip is a perfect opportunity to immerse myself in the community and

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— Photo courtesy of Teddy Martinez

Leonardo Moraveg, an Eastwood High School graduate and an Elks National Foundation scholarship recipient, will attend *The 150 for 150 Service and Celebration Weekend*, June 29 through July 2, in San Antonio, TX.

Eastlake wins 2018 School of TechXcellence Award

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

HORIZON – The School of Advanced Technology Applications (SATA) at Eastlake High School has won the national 2018 School of TechXcellence Award for its education technology initiatives by the District Administration Magazine, HP and Intel.

SATA is one of 22 schools and districts from 13 states being honored for implementing innovative, effective and replicable technology programs that contribute to student success. The 22 schools and districts honored in this round of TechXcellence have programs that incorporate technology powered by Intel, including laptops, tablets and 3D printers.

"TechXcellence is a great award because it showcases the great things we do at SATA and at Eastlake," said Sheila Robles, SATA coordinator. "We teach computer science in a very unique way. Everything is project based and we cover content that is current. Our curriculum is constantly adapting to new

technologies."

The advanced academics academy gives students the opportunity to learn computer programming and web and mobile app development through a problem-based curriculum that prepares students to be college and career ready. It emphasizes programming, problem solving, collaboration, and real-world application of skills.

This the second year that Team SISD is recognized by the national program. Last year, SISD received the award for the success of its Math as a Second Language 4 English Language Learners Academy, which promotes math literacy and builds comprehension of math among English Language Learners.

"We hope our readers are inspired by the integration of technology demonstrated by these honorees to launch similar initiatives in their own schools," said JD Solomon, editorial director at District Administration magazine in a press release.

To view a full list of TechXcellence honorees, visit www.districtadministration.com/techx. For more information, visit www.districtadministration.com.

EPSO to perform at 8th annual 'Pop Goes The Fort' on July 4

By Rosemary Flores
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The El Paso Symphony Orchestra will perform a free concert celebrating America's Independence on Wednesday, July 4 at Biggs Park (11388 Sergeant Major Blvd.). EPSO Assistant Conductor James Welsch

"We feel honored to keep this special tradition going and to perform for our troops at Fort Bliss."

— Ruth Ellen Jacobson

will lead the El Paso Symphony in a patriotic and pops concert featuring USO Show Troupe and violinist Andrew Sords in salute of the brave men and women of Fort Bliss and all those who served to protect our country.

Biggs Park will be open at 4:30 p.m. and the festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a Cannon "Salute to the Union." Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and the evening culminates with a spectacular fireworks display.

The El Paso Symphony is working with the Fort Bliss, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) to make this event a fun-filled family day for everyone. The concert and activities are free and open to everyone. There will be vendors selling food, drinks and beer and activities for the entire family. Simply present valid ID for access to Biggs Park through Biggs gate. Lawn chairs and coolers are welcome. Pets, alcohol and glass containers are prohibited.

"This wonderful collaboration between the El Paso Symphony Orchestra and Fort Bliss' MWR began 8 years ago. We feel honored to keep this special tradition going and to perform for our troops at Fort Bliss," said Ruth Ellen Jacobson, Executive Director of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra Association. "James has put together an exciting and varied program mixing traditional patriotic music, contemporary patriotic music, and pop music by Adele performed with the USO Show Troupe. In addition, we are very honored have guest violinist Andrew Sords join us on stage."

This concert would not be possible without the financial support of our community who support the El Paso Symphony Orchestra especially Pioneer Services and Clark McCarthy Healthcare Partners II (Clark Construction and McCarthy Building Companies), Andeavor and the Hunt Family Foundation. The El Paso Symphony Orchestra is supported in part by the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

View from here By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD

Disrupt this: Jettison Medicare and Medicaid

“Disruptive innovation” is all the buzz. Repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is so last year. Well, disrupt this: repeal Medicare and Medicaid and get the government out of the medical care business.

The federal government appropriately began its involvement in health care in 1798 when Congress established the U.S. Marine Hospital Service. It should have ended with taking care of our soldiers and sailors.

This is America, and the private sector knew what to do. The mid-1800s brought “sickness funds,” financed by small wage deductions. In the late 1800s, mining, lumber, and railroad companies created industrial clinic plans that prepaid physicians a fixed monthly fee to provide medical care to employees. Workers were so satisfied with these that they rejected the idea of state-sponsored compulsory insurance.

To guarantee payment in the midst of the Depression, pre-paid group plans were established. Hospital and surgical insurance featuring physician choice and fee-for-service payment was introduced in the 1930s. Government policies in the 1940s influenced the growth of employer-sponsored health insurance. Favorable tax treatment and World War II’s wage and price controls led employers to offer health insurance in lieu of higher wages.

The poor were not forgotten. Charity hospitals developed from almshouses that cared for the poor. Public hospitals grew from community efforts to care for those who could not afford to care for themselves.

By 1964 some 80 percent of Americans were privately insured with 821 companies offering individual plans. Health insurance was an affordable safety net because most people are healthy most of the time and people took care of their simple medical needs out of pocket. The challenge was insuring the poor-risk top 5 percent of health consumers who spend half of the medical dollars. The government could have – but did not – use the opportunity to encourage the private sector to innovate practical, cost-effective insurance products and launch public education campaigns to invigorate community public hospitals.

Unfortunately, the Sixties brought us far more than flower power. After an uphill battle fighting images of wizened widows without medical care, the Kerr-Mills Act of 1960 giving federal funding to the states to help low-income seniors with their medical bills was passed. This opened the door to a bureaucratic monster that took on a life of its own.

The Great Society’s social engineers would not be satisfied until the government burrowed deeper into medical care. Thus Medicaid for all the “medically indigent” and Medicare for all seniors (aka middle class welfare) were born.

And since money grows on third-party and government trees, medical costs were ignored, and expenditures dramatically increased from 5.0 percent of GDP in 1960 to 17.9 percent in 2016. And at 28 percent, healthcare expenditures are the single largest piece of the federal budget pie.

The ACA’s justification for commandeering the remainder of the health insurance market was to rid our nation of the uninsured. Yet six years later, the nation’s uninsured dropped a mere 3.8 percent, and premiums have more than doubled. The number one reason the current uninsured did not buy insurance was because the cost was too high. Of course it was. The ACA’s mandated “free” benefits had to be paid for somehow. Worse yet, it now takes a Herculean effort to find individual health insurance; nationally, there are only 3.5 issuers in the ACA marketplace.

Medicare and Medicaid began the upending of the health insurance business. These programs became the siren call, enticing us to cede control over our health to disinterested third parties and middlemen. Government largesse led us to accept blind pricing as the norm. Where else do you buy something before you know what it costs? Freebies lured us into relinquishing our privacy to government data banks and now leave us longing for the comfort and simplicity of a computer-free doctor visit.

Medicare and Medicaid started us down the road to dependency and government control. The nightmare has become a reality: when government controls your medical care it controls your life and death through treatment denials and Medicare’s ever-expanding direct-to-hospice pathway.

In the 50s drama, *The High and the Mighty* airplane passengers were forced to throw all their baggage into the Pacific Ocean to save themselves from certain doom. Likewise it’s time to shed our government healthcare baggage and move forward.

Dr. Singleton is a board-certified anesthesiologist. She is also a Board-of-Directors member and President-elect of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS). She graduated from Stanford and earned her MD at UCSF Medical School. Dr. Singleton completed 2 years of Surgery residency at UCSF, then her Anesthesia residency at Harvard’s Beth Israel Hospital. She attended UC Berkeley Law School, focusing on constitutional law and administrative law. She interned at the National Health Law Project and practiced insurance and health law.

Socorro Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The Socorro Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following ESSA Federal Grants:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Migrant Education Program
- Title I, Part D SP 2 – Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth
- Title II, Part A – Preparing, Training and Recruiting High Quality Teachers, Principals or Other School Leaders
- Title III, Part A – Language Instruction for English Learners
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment

The meeting will be held:
Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Service Center, 12440 Rojas Drive.

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa Educativo Migrante
- Título I, Parte D SP 2 – Programas de Prevención e Intervención Para Niños y Jóvenes
- Título II, Parte A – La Preparación, la Capacitación y la Contratación de Maestros, Directores de Escuelas de Alta Capacidad u Otros Dirigentes Escolares
- Título III, Parte A – La Instrucción del Idioma Para Aprendices de Ingles
- Título IV, Parte A – Apoyo Estudiantil y Enriquecimiento Académico

La junta se llevará a cabo:
martes, 19 de junio del 2018, 6:00 p.m. en la Sala de Juntas del Distrito Centro de Servicio, 12440 Rojas Drive.

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Roseanne’s lunacy tells nothing about America

Valerie Jarrett, the former Obama aide targeted by Roseanne Barr, says the comedienne’s train wreck should be a “teaching moment.” And so it should – about the poisonous kookery of Roseanne Barr.

Given the political freight piled atop the hit revival of her TV program, it was inevitable that Barr’s spectacular Twitter flameout would be interpreted as a portentous statement on Donald Trump’s America.

Chris Hayes of MSNBC says that her “problem turned out to be that she far too authentically represented the actual worldview of a significant chunk of the Trump base.” Activist Michaela Angela Davis said on CNN that Trump had enabled Barr – a common theme on the left – and then went all the way: Asked point-blank if all Trump voters are racist, she said, “Yes.”

Nothing so perfectly encapsulates the dynamic of the Trump era than a TV show that was supposed to be a sympathetic portrayal of Trump supporters by liberal America leading – once again – to the ritualistic denunciation of Trump supporters by liberal America.

Barr is not a typical Trump voter just because she played one on TV. She shares much more in

common with a celebrity culture that never lacks for its share of nut jobs and toxic personalities, especially among comics. Her wild ramblings don’t tell us anything about what Trump voters think, about the state of race relations in America, or about working-class culture. Her crackpot views are all her own.

Roseanne was a kook long before President Trump showed up. She maintained that Sept. 11 was “an inside Bush job.” She used to call Israel a “Nazi state” and denounce “warmongering American rabbis,” before turning around and calling Hillary Clinton “anti-Semitic” and Huma Abedin “a filthy Nazi whore.”

Her subsequent explanations for her heinous Valerie Jarrett tweet should make it clear – she thought Jarrett was a Saudi, or a maybe a Jewish Persian – that this is fundamentally a story about an unhinged person advertising her lunacy on social media.

Of course, Trump gave his critics reason to associate him with Barr by calling her to congratulate her on her show and eagerly trumpeting its success. Trump’s boosterism was typical of him – it’s all about the ratings – but also reflects an endemic weakness of the right. We have low regard for pop culture, but



crave its validation. If it must come via a program that is a 1990s throwback reliant on a ticking time bomb of a star, so be it.

The genesis of the “Roseanne” revival was innocent and laudable enough. The president of Disney-ABC Television Group explained the show’s inception after the 2016 election: “We looked at each other and said, ‘There’s a lot about the country we need to learn a lot more about, here on the coasts.’”

He was right. The appetite for the show, which partook of none of the toxicity of Roseanne’s real-life personality, speaks of the hunger for more programming about Red America. Surely, there must be other vehicles for that – assuming Hollywood doesn’t internalize the critique of Roseanne Barr as a characteristic Trump voter.

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

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Canutillo ISD receives financial reporting award

By Andrew Reynoso
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO—For these second consecutive year, Canutillo ISD (CISD) was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting (COE) by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). ASBO International’s COE recognizes districts that have met the program’s high standards for financial reporting and accountability. CISD earned the Certificate of Excellence for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 2017 fiscal year.

The District was recognized for the demonstration of their commitment to financial transparency. The CAFR is reviewed by a team of professional auditors, who provide feedback to improve future documents. If the CAFR

meets the requirements of the program, the document may receive the Certificate of Excellence. A district’s participation in the COE program can facilitate bond rating and continuing bond disclosure processes.

“This award recognizes the excellent reporting by our dedicated finance staff,” Canutillo ISD Chief Financial Officer Martha Piekarski said. “The report informs our stakeholders about the healthy financial state of the district, making it an important tool for displaying transparency, building trust, and engaging with the community.”

Canutillo ISD is proposing a balanced budget for the 2018-19 school year. And, the Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees recently approved an increase of the starting pay for teachers to \$50,000 including a 2 percent general pay increases for all employees.

Briefs

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\$1 trillion in credit card debt for the first time ever, after adding a post-Great Recession record \$91.6 billion to our tab in 2017.

- 37% of people think travel is worth getting into debt for, behind just housing (47%) and health care (61%).
- 89% of people say their personal finances are run better than the federal government.
- 41% of people with credit card debt say they’ll pay it off in less than a year.

The Fed has cost the average homebuyer roughly \$42,000, if you assume its six recent rate hikes are fully responsible for the rise in the average mortgage APR since January 2015.

– Diana Popa

Dads with kids

With Father’s Day approaching and nearly 93 percent of dads with young kids working today, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2018’s Best & Worst States for Working Dads*. In order to help dads balance their dual role as parent and provider, WalletHub compared the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia across 20 key indicators of friendliness toward working dads. The data set ranges from average length of work day for males to child-care costs to share of men in good or better health. Texas ranked 38th, placing:

- 33rd – Male Life Expectancy;
- 46th – % of Kids Younger than 18 with Dad Present Living in Poverty;
- 1st – Unemployment Rate for Dads with Kids Younger than 18;
- 51st – Male Uninsured Rate;
- 46th – Avg. Length of Work Day (in Hours) for Males;
- 32nd – % of Physically Active Men;
- 8th – Child-Care Costs (Adjusted for Median Family* Income); and
- 3rd – Day-Care Quality.

*Refers to families with kids aged 0 to 17 and in which the father is present.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-states-for-working-dads/13458/> for the full report.

– Diana Popa

Safe states

With the U.S. recently hit hard by tragedies from hurricanes to mass shootings, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2018’s Safest States in America*. In order to help families find the most secure places to settle down, WalletHub compared the 50 states across 48 key metrics. The data set ranges from assaults per capita to unemployment rate to total loss amounts from climate disasters per capita. Texas ranked 47th, placing:

- 27th – Murders & Non-Negligent Manslaughters per Capita;
- 29th – Assaults per Capita;
- 42nd – Loss Amounts from Climate Disasters per Capita;
- 32nd – Fatal Occupational Injuries per 100,000 Full-Time Workers;
- 37th – Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel;
- 21st – Law-Enforcement Employees per Capita;
- 38th – Sex Offenders per Capita; and
- 50th – Share of Uninsured Population.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/safest-states-to-live-in/4566/> for the full report.

– Diana Popa

Musical charm

Sixty-three year old Texan Anna Henry has been playing to flute for more than a half-a-century. She even played for the doctors and nurses gathered around her at Houston’s Texas Medical Center while she lay on an operating table during brain surgery, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. The surgeon was implanting tiny electrodes to deal with a condition “Essential Tremors,” which interfered with every day activities, including Ms. Henry’s musical hobby. The operation doctor had her play her flute to show that the operation was a success and would allow her to use her hands without shaking.

– John Grimaldi



By Samantha Weaver

- It was French author, philosopher and journalist Albert Camus who made the following sage observation: “Nobody realizes that some people expend tremendous energy merely to be normal.”
- Famously flamboyant country singer and songwriter Dolly Parton once entered a Dolly Parton look-alike contest – and she lost.

- If you’re a sailor you’re probably familiar with the hazards of being out on the water: high seas, storms, hidden reefs. You probably wouldn’t count whales among the dangers, but you’d be wrong. In 2010, on a day sail out of Table Bay Harbor in South Africa, a couple on a 30-foot sailboat were whale-watching when one got too close for comfort. A 40-ton whale they had been viewing breached right next to the boat and landed on the deck, breaking off the mast and then thrashing around before sliding back into the water. The whale lost some skin and blubber, but was otherwise unharmed; the couple were lucky to still have a seaworthy craft and made it safely back to the harbor.

- Married women aren’t likely to be surprised by the following tidbit of information: Studies show that women with husbands typically do 30 percent more housework than single women do.

- If you’re heading to the state of Washington with mischief on your mind, you’ll need to keep in mind this state law: “A motorist with criminal intentions [must] stop at the city limits and telephone the chief of police as he [or she] is entering the town.” I bet that one has been really effective in stopping crime.

- It’s been reported that singer Sting doesn’t use deodorant. In fact, after interviewing him for a concert once, the journalists nicknamed him “Stink.”

Thought for the Day: “It’s far better to be unhappy alone than unhappy with someone.” – Marilyn Monroe

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Moments in time

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- On June 25, 1969, the U.S. Navy turns 64 river patrol gunboats valued at \$18.2 million over to the South Vietnamese Navy so that they could assume more responsibility for the war, raising the number of boats in its navy to more than 600.
- On June 26, 1945, delegates from 50 nations sign the United Nations Charter, establishing the world body as a means of saving “succeeding generations from the scourge of war.” Four years later, the cornerstone was laid for United Nations headquarters, in New York City.
- On June 27, 1829, English scientist James Smithson dies, leaving behind a will with a peculiar footnote. Smithson decreed that the whole of his fortune would go to the United States, to found an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge. Today, the Smithsonian Institution is composed of 19 museums.
- On June 28, 1953, workers at a Chevrolet plant in Flint, Michigan, hand assemble the first Corvette. The car carried a price tag of \$3,490 and could go from zero to 60 mph in under 12 seconds.
- On June 29, 1989, in reaction to the Chinese government’s brutal massacre of protesters in Tiananmen Square in Beijing earlier in the month, the House of Representatives unanimously passes a package of sanctions against the People’s Republic of China. China remained largely unrepentant.
- On June 30, 1975, less than a week after her divorce from Sonny Bono, Cher tied the knot with rock star Gregg Allman, only to file for divorce from him just nine days later. She then reconsidered and remained married to Allman until 1979.
- On July 1, 1997, Hong Kong reverts back to Chinese rule, ending Britain’s 99 years of rule over Hong Kong. In exchange, China pledged to preserve Hong Kong’s capitalist system.

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Elks

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opportunities that the Elks National Foundation has,” commented Moraveg, an Eastwood High School graduate who has been awarded at least \$4,000 in ENF scholarships so far this year.

“I am very excited to meet other scholars and see potential positions or groups that I can join to promote the values of the Elks Foundation,” Moraveg stated. “I desire to propagate and emphasize the benefits of an education to a wide diverse public,” he added.

Some 150 Elks scholars- a mix of current college students and alumni- will gather in San Antonio for a big Elks scholar service trip celebration in recognition of the Elks’s 150th anniversary.

While in the Alamo city, scholar participants will volunteer at a local non-profit shelter, called Haven for Hope. They will also help pack thousands of hygiene kits for individuals and veterans experiencing homelessness.

“By connecting Elks scholars with Elks members from across the country, we hope to connect them to their Elks family and encourage them to stay involved in the future,” Dernlan stated.

“The Elks are investing wisely,” stated Lilia (Teddy) Martinez, Elks Lodge 187 Scholarship Committee chairperson. “We urge all local area high school students to apply for ENF scholarships, which are based on school work, leadership, and financial need,” she stated. ENF scholars are graduating from college at a rate of nearly 90 percent, about 40 percent higher than the national average, according to the committee chairperson.

Martinez stated that every year starting in September, El Paso Elks Lodge 187 scholarship committee members begin to disseminate the scholarship information to all local school districts. She said that the 2018-19 scholarship application should be available online (at www.elks.org/enf) beginning this fall. Any high school senior, who is a U.S. citizen, can apply.

Martinez noted that male and female student applicants are judged separately on their scholarship and leadership achievements as well as financial need. In the 2017-18 school year, 107 students from the El Paso area schools submitted applications for the ENF Most Valuable Student scholarships. There were 37 boys and 70 girls who applied.

For more information on ENF scholarships, and to learn more about how the Elks are investing in the local community, visit the El Paso Elks Lodge 187 website, at <http://www.elpasoelks187.org>.

Moore Texas

by Roger Moore

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By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Whether it was a sharpie, or a tub of popcorn, or some cheering pompoms, former NFL wide receiver Terrell Owens used whatever he could to help promote his own personal brand.

Throughout his 15-year professional football career, Owens, who played for five NFL teams, was never shy about insulting or embarrassing or arguing or disrespecting opponents, the fans, the media, and even his own teammates and coaches.

There was never any secret about he being one of those “me first” and often

“me only” kind of guys.

Although he ranks very high on the NFL all-time receiving charts, he’s always been among the league-leaders in the “most disliked” department.

It’s funny, he spent his entire career working hard on developing that bad guy reputation, and now he seems distraught over the lack of love he’s receiving in retirement.

The rule in the NFL is that a player becomes eligible for enshrinement into the Hall of Fame five years after he retires.

Nominees must receive at least 80 percent of the votes from a committee to make the Hall.

If a player doesn’t get 80 percent, they come back the following year and go through the process again hoping for better results.

And that’s where Terrell Owens has proven once again that even after all these years – he’s still a “me only” kind of guy.

Owens became eligible for the Hall of Fame three years ago and was elected this year.

For most guys, to be selected as a Hall of Famer is one of the greatest honors they’ll receive in their lifetime. It is the ultimate recognition that they will always be considered one of the very best that ever played the game.

And like many of the best who are no longer with us like Sammy Baugh, Frank Gifford, Otto Graham, Walter Payton, Johnny Unitas and Reggie White, just to name a few – a Hall of Famer will be remembered long after they’ve left this Earth.

But because he feels he was snubbed, or disrespected, by not being voted in right away, Owens has decided he’s not going to be a part of the induction ceremony this summer.

Usually, players with controversial and selfish careers tend to mature as the years go by. Many have put their childish ways behind them and even mentor the younger players not to make the same mistakes they made.

But it appears that Owens hasn’t matured a bit.

Acting in a manner that would make any 8-year-old proud, Owens has decided to take his ball home with him and hold his breath until someone apologizes to him.

The other modern-era players who are entering the hall with him this summer, Ray Lewis, Brian Urlacher, Randy Moss and Brian Dawkins, will all be making their speeches at Canton, Ohio on Aug. 4.

And two of them, Ray Lewis and Randy Moss, didn’t exactly have “boy scout” reputations during their playing time but they slowly shed their reckless skin to become respected members of the league.

By standing up in front of a national audience and speaking from the heart, Terrell Owens has a chance to turn his perception completely around.

He has a chance to thank everyone who has ever helped him be the player he was; a chance to thank coaches, other players and family members.

But he has chosen to be what he’s always been – selfish.

By making this decision he’s getting what he’s always craved, all the attention. Everyone is talking about Owens and his choice not to attend. He’s taken all the glory away from the other players being inducted.

It would be nice if the media decided not to mention him from this point forward and focus on the players who will be showing up.

But why would the media bother covering any good deed when there’s a perfectly entertaining fatal car crash to report on?

Owens is known for famously telling fans to get their popcorn ready and enjoy the show he’d be putting together on Sunday.

However, this final act of defiance may erase a lot of those shows and leave fans with one final unsavory memory of TO.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2018 in the Board Room, in the Central Administration Building, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, TX 79932.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	4.16%	Increase
Debt Service	7.64%	Increase
Total Expenditures	4.54%	Increase

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Super Crossword

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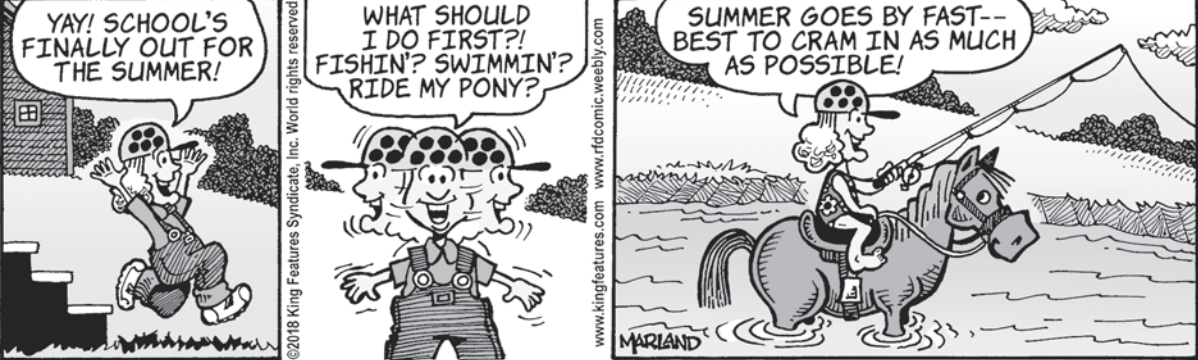
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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R.F.D. By Mike Marland



The case against hydrogen peroxide

DEAR DR. ROACH: My dental hygienist recommends rinsing your mouth with hydrogen peroxide to kill germs after flossing. Lately I have heard the using too much hydrogen peroxide can be harmful. What are your thoughts? – T.W.

Hydrogen peroxide is a powerful antiseptic that has some usefulness for household objects; however, I don't recommend it as an oral rinse. It is too toxic to tissues. In a 1993 study, even hydrogen peroxide solutions diluted to half and quarter strengths caused damage to mucous membranes and caused "overwhelmingly negative subjective reactions." Thus they were not recommended for oral care. A regular mouthwash is a much better choice, and your dentist can prescribe a medicated mouthwash if needed.



Incidentally, I don't recommend hydrogen peroxide for cleaning cuts and abrasions, either. It isn't effective at inhibiting bacterial growth. I recommend careful cleaning with mild soap and water or saline and an antibiotic ointment like Bacitracin.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have heard of yeast infections, but I don't know what causes them. How do they affect the body, and what can be done to get rid of them? – C.R.

Certain yeasts, but especially the Candida species, are found on our skin, mucus membranes and GI tract. They normally live in balance with the 100 trillion or so bacteria we carry around. However, yeast can cause disease that ranges from fairly mild, like thrush of the mouth or vagina, to life-threatening, like a blood-borne, widely disseminated invasive infection.

Candida infection of mucus membranes is usually caused by changes in our bacteria, especially after the use of antibiotics. The antibiotics kill the bacteria they are supposed to (hopefully), but they also may kill the healthy bacteria that assist us in digestion (leading to diarrhea or worse), and this allows the other bacteria and yeast to grow.

Some people with genetic faults in their immune system are predisposed to chronic candida infections. These are uncommon but can be severe, and may require treatment by specialists, such as infectious disease doctors and immunologists.

The life-threatening yeast infections generally happen in people with severe illness and with poor immune system function.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been diagnosed with Fuchs' corneal

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Health

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dystrophy by an ophthalmologist, whom I saw for an eye exam recently. Would you please tell me more about this disease? Is there any treatment? What can I expect in the future? It is getting harder to read and do close work. – N.O.

Fuchs’ dystrophy is a condition of older eyes, which happens when the cells in the innermost lining of the cornea (the translucent, colorless front part of the eye) degenerate, causing, initially, deposits in the cornea and later swelling of the cornea. The disease has a complex genetic pattern of inheritance, and tends to progress slowly. Treatments include soft contact lenses to “bandage” the cornea, and eyedrops. Transplant surgery of the affected lining of the cornea (called Descemet’s membrane), or the whole cornea, is the definitive treatment.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2018 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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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: Y equals E

HGXI YXFKXYYCU ATN
AYCY OGUUKNXGQY TNLRYI
GMKLKNXGVNU AYCYNEXV
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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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Stand Downs for 2018



by Freddy Groves

Stand Down season has begun, and whether you’re on the side of needing services or providing help to homeless veterans, the information is out there and waiting for you.

Stand Downs are events that take place over one to three days, depending on the location. On a typical day, homeless veterans can get services for benefits eligibility screening, personal care items, employment help, legal assistance, haircuts, case management, housing and mental health services. In addition, many locations have food, clothing, shelter, health and dental screenings right on the spot, with multiple agencies and sources of assistance coming together. You might find college resources, a career fair and more, depending on the location. If you have your DD-214 or a Department of Veterans Affairs medical card, bring it.

Stand Downs have been going on since 1988, and there now are locations all across

the country. To see the VA list of Stand Downs, go online to www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp and scroll down. You’ll find dates, location, and names and phone numbers, as well as email addresses. The season runs until December in some areas. Make contact as early as you can, whether you need services or can volunteer. Many locations have transportation to the event, if you call ahead. If you don’t see a listing for your area, contact the nearest VA Medical Center. Perhaps your event isn’t posted yet, or maybe they need to gauge interest. You also can search online by listing your state for “veterans Stand Down schedule 2018.” The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans has its own Stand Down page at www.nchv.org. There’s also a list of contacts for immediate help, such as the crisis line [1-800-273-TALK (veterans press 1)] and community-based organizations near you. If you know veterans who need this information, please clip and copy, then pass it around, especially to homeless shelters.

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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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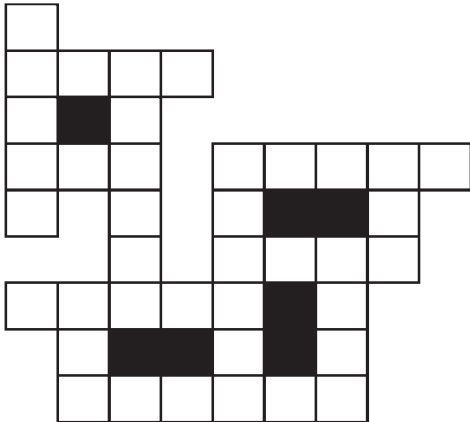
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- KOA
- CYAR
- NOGAC
- CEA
- ♥ NAROID
- ♥ DRUCE
- ♥ OKRC



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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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• “Restore the shine on dull buttons by painting them with a coat of clear nail polish. I’ve renewed the buttons on my cardigan several times this way. I think it also strengthens the threads holding the buttons on.”

– R.H. in Maine

• “Turn a regular bra into a racerback strap with a simple paperclip. Just tuck both arm straps into the paperclip and adjust the point on your back where they come together. This has saved me when I had a nice tank top under a light jacket but then wanted to remove the jacket without my straps showing.”

– A.J. in California

• A paintbrush makes it really easy to clean out the crevices in your car. You can tape it to a ruler to get a longer reach and use it between the chairs and the center console, where there are a lot of crumbs but it’s hard to reach.

• “I found an all-plastic mattress cover, meant to be a protection against spills or wetting the bed. I use it instead to protect my outside picnic table when the kids are doing messy crafts, like painting or working with glue or dyes. Because it’s a fitted sheet, it grips the table in any amount of wind, so it never flies up. I can hose it off to clean up, and when it’s dry I just store it until next time.”

– M.W. in Minnesota

• Thrift store pillowcases make an excellent dust cover for stored purses and bags. They can be trimmed to size, if necessary, and tied closed with a bit of string.

• “For fun pancake shapes, use a turkey baster. Fill it with pancake batter, then spell or draw on a heated and oiled pan. Just make sure your letters are backward to start with; they look better when flipped!”

– E.L. in Washington

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