



NEWSBRIEFS

SPOOKTACULAR

The Junior Woman's Club of El Paso is once again hosting El Paso's largest indoor Halloween carnival. The 29th Annual SPOOKTACULAR provides a safe and fun environment for families while raising funds for charities within the El Paso community. This year SPOOKTACULAR is being held one day only on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the El Paso County Coliseum. Tickets are \$4.00 for children, \$5.00 for Adults; children 2 and under are free. Advanced purchase \$3 tickets are available from club members. The mission of our event is to strengthen our community by fostering El Paso pride and creating opportunities to fortify the family unit according to Regina Dao-Bowman, 2019-2020 President of the Junior Woman's Club of El Paso. The event has the look and feel of a carnival, geared towards patrons of all ages. It will feature, non-stop live entertainment, a kids game area, cake walk, pumpkin decorating, a costume contest with prizes at 2 p.m., Mascot Challenge at 7 p.m., vendor booths filled with local El Paso wares and services, food booths, and free hands-on crafting among other activities. For 29 years SPOOKTACULAR has been a labor of love for the Junior Woman's Club of El Paso. Club members work tirelessly to bring a safe, family-oriented event to the El Paso community and to raise funds to donate to local El Paso charitable organizations. The event is made possible by the generous sponsorship of local companies.

– Beth Podol

Canutillo ISD saves millions

The Canutillo Independent School District has saved millions of dollars in debt service with the help of recent bond refinancing. The District conducted a taxable advance refunding of certain maturities of the District's outstanding debt. The interest rate on the new bonds is 2.62%. The move erases about \$3.69 million, or \$2.7mm in present value, in debt service from the books of Canutillo ISD. Officials say that the District acted at the right time. "We took advantage of the low interest rate environment we are in," said CISD Chief Business

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Everybody shuns trouble unless it comes to them disguised as money.
– Quips & Quotes

Sanchez is San Eli HS Honored Ex for 2019

By Jeannie Meza-Chavez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO, TX – Samuel Sanchez was chosen by San Elizario High School as the 2019 Honored Alumni. He was the guest of honor during the October 2 annual San Elizario Homecoming Parade and the Honored Ex Assembly. He was hand for the Friday night Homecoming Game on the 4th pitting the Eagles against the Tornillo Coyotes. The San Elizario Eagles won the game in a 69-19 blowout.

Sanchez is well known in San Elizario. He proudly his served country in the Marine Corps. He has received several local honors. He has been inducted into the El Paso Historical Commission and also served as the President of the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society. He is currently a chemical technician for T&R Chemicals, Inc.

Aside from his community involvement, Sanchez also writes and illustrates. In his memoir entitled, *Memories are Made of This*, and an article where he recalls his football experience titled

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SEHS HONORED EX – Samuel "Sam" Sanchez' shirt says it all. He's been part of the San Elizario community for a long time.



– Photo courtesy Christine Ann Perez

El Paso County property owners can expect tax increase next year

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso County Commissioners Court approved recently property tax increases for the coming year. Consequently, homeowners can expect to see an average \$77 increase per year for a house worth \$133,000, with \$27 of the \$77 going to the hospital district and the county receiving the rest of the increase.

County commissioners Carlos Leon, David Stout, Carl Robinson voted for the tax hike and Vince Perez voted against the increase. According to reports, the county's tax rate will increase 9.2 percent from the current tax rate and will include pay raises for the county judge, the four county commissioners, and several other elected county officials. The hospital district rate will increase 6.3 percent.

The hospital district's tax rate increase will help pay for a portion of an \$858 million district budget, including \$566 million for the University Medical Center (UMC). The district's budget will increase \$57 million to \$858 million, and the UMC budget will increase \$39 million to \$566 million. The district budget also includes El Paso Children's Hospital, and El Paso Health, a not-for-profit health maintenance organization (HMO).

With the new tax dollars, UMC plans to give its 2,700 employees a one percent merit-pay raises, and the Children's Hospital, with about 300 employees, will provide two percent merit raises. The

minimum wage for support positions will go from \$10 per hour to \$11 per hour.

Additionally, uncompensated care, which is projected to cost the hospital district \$190 million in the 2020 fiscal year, will take \$96 million of the \$119 million in revenues produced from the new tax rate, UMC officials stated. UMC and the other organizations in the district will have to get the remaining needed funds from other sources, they acknowledged.

To justify the hospital district's tax increase, Ryan Mielke, director of Public Affairs for the University Medical Center (UMC), reminded the public that the county is growing. "If UMC were to stay stagnant, we would not be able to keep pace with the demands for our community. We have a greater call for more services. We have a greater call for emergency care. We have in between 65,000 and 70,000 visits to our emergency room every year. That's growing. We are creating two new emergency departments – one in the northeast and one in the east," Mielke affirmed.

The hike is the first property tax rate increase approved by El Paso County commissioners since 2015. The county tax increase will support a fiscal year 2020 budget of \$464.17 million, an increase of \$8.5 million from the current budget of \$455.7 million.

Perez was the only member of commissioners' court to vote against the new county tax rate and new budget. He asserted that more cuts were needed in the budget. Nonetheless, he supported the pay raises because he felt that El

Storm water mitigation is one of the areas getting more funding in the El Paso County's new budget including \$3.2 million to help alleviate flooding issues in the Lower Valley communities.

– County Judge
Ricardo A. Samaniego

Paso County was behind other counties in salaries for commissioners and other elected officials.

According to news reports, beginning in October County Judge Samaniego's annual salary will increase \$26,401 to \$131,481; county commissioners annual pay will go up \$21,153 to \$114,901. The county district clerk, county clerk, and county tax assessor/collector will each get an increase of \$20,435. The county sheriff's annual salary will increase \$8,080 to \$169,687, and county constables will get a \$16,800 increase to \$91,232.

County Judge Ricardo Samaniego said the tax increase was needed because after several years of no tax increases, the county needed a "make up year". He stated that the pay increases were needed since commissioners' court would not be able to pass increases next year because of a tax-rate increase cap mandated by the state Legislature in its last session.

"The court has been very conservative for four or five years. And so, we were at that point where we really needed to make some adjustments to stay ahead of the curve," Samaniego said after the budget and tax rate were approved.

Trump not benefiting from economic boom

(Publisher’s note: This was written one year ago, but still seems to be quite accurate.)

President Donald Trump is showing that it’s possible to preside over a period of peace and prosperity and still be notably unpopular.

Over the past several months, Trump has opened even more of a wedge between the largely benign material conditions in the country and his own political standing, which is precarious and appears to be sliding backward. This isn’t how it’s supposed to work.

Republican politicos believed, reasonably enough, that last year’s tax cuts would stoke growth and create a good-news backdrop for Republicans in the midterms. The substantive part of this theory has worked swimmingly, with headlines about middle-class incomes increasing over \$61,000 for the first time, blue-collar jobs

growing at their fastest clip in 30 years, and small-business confidence reaching an all-time high.

The only flaw is that the drumbeat of good news has coincided, lately, with a drop in Trump’s numbers. In much of the recent polling, he’s dipped back under 40 percent. He hasn’t done this with any spectacular misstep. What Trump has done, predictably, week after week, is mess up the easy stuff.

It’s not hard – through gritted teeth and insincerely, if necessary – to say the appropriate things about an American hero upon his passing.

It’s not hard to limit your tweets on the morning of Sept. 11, for just a few hours, to the topic of the anniversary of the attacks.

It’s not hard to avoid attacking your own attorney general in public, in an escalating fashion meant to inflict the greatest possible humiliation.

It’s not hard to avoid throwing around the word “TREASON” loosely or to muse about changing the libel laws to exact retribution on your critics.

Any president grapples with the fact that he can’t control events; Trump grapples with the fact that he can’t control himself. It’s not as though any one thing – the Stormy Daniels affair, the Cohen plea deal, the security-clearance controversy, the Omarosa book, etc., etc. – is as consequential as it’s portrayed, but one damn thing after another adds up.

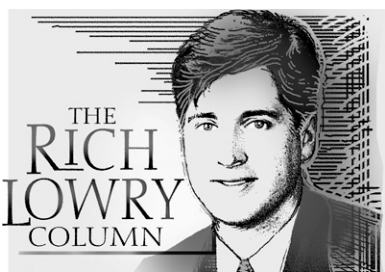
Trump has an amazing ability, through the force of his personality and his mediagenic provocations, to blot out the sun. He wouldn’t be president without this quality. It’s just that, given the positive state of the country, less blotting and more sun are called for.

Some caveats: Presidential popularity means something different in the age of Trump. He won election in 2016 with a favorable rating below 40 percent in many polls, so a return to that level may be less debilitating for him than prior presidents.

It’s not as though he’s creating controversies in an otherwise

placid environment. He is confronted with an inflamed opposition, an extremely hostile press corps and a wide-ranging, aggressive special counsel investigation.

Finally, it is still possible that garden-variety Republicans will find a way to distinguish themselves from Trump this year. All that said, business is booming, and yet the president who is presiding over the good times – and signed the tax package that has boosted the recovery further – isn’t enjoying



their full political benefit.

An economic boom is a terrible thing to waste.

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

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Briefs

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Officer Martha E. Piekarski. “The refunding allows for the District to maintain its current Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate for years to come.” Canutillo ISD Board President Sergio Coronado says that the result is good news for taxpayers. “This is a huge benefit and the savings can be put to good use for our students,” Coronado said. “The diligence of our administration coupled with leadership of our board has put our district in sound financial position, ready for future growth.” Recently, Canutillo ISD improved its credit rating and is now among the best rated school systems in the region. Moody’s Investors Service upgraded the District’s credit rating to Aa3, from A1.

– Liza M. Rodriguez

Quite the leap

She’s 103 years old, but that didn’t stop her from showing that she has the right stuff. Seattle’s “Kitty” Hodges likely earned a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records when she jumped out of a plane at an altitude of 10,000 feet recently. She was strapped to an instructor, but it still took guts. Evidence of her feat has been submitted to the folks at Guinness to prove that she is the oldest woman to make a tandem jump.

– John Grimaldi



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"I HAVE TRUST ISSUES."

EPCC program is finalist for Texas Star Awards

By Jim Heiney
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) named the El Paso Community College (EPCC) *Pasos* Program as a finalist for the 2019 Star Awards for exceptional

contributions toward meeting one or more of the goals of the Texas higher education plan, 60x30TX. The mission of the *Pasos* Program is to increase the number of educationally underserved students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities; earn certificates and higher degrees; and to return to the community as mentors and leaders of future generations.

“EPCC and its *Pasos* Program are inspired knowing that a significant number of our students work hard motivated by their goal to become the first in their family to complete college,” Lucia Rodriguez, Director, Office of Student Success said. “*Pasos* is leading the way at EPCC in closing achievement gaps using culturally relevant teaching (CRT), student learning and civic engagement.”

Star Award finalists will be publicly recognized for their efforts. The winner(s) will be announced on November 22 during the annual Star Awards luncheon and ceremony that will be held in conjunction with the 2019 Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference on November 21-22 in Austin, Texas. The annual leadership conference brings together regents, trustees, chancellors, presidents, chief academic/instructional officers, and other higher education leaders to discuss critical higher education issues such as the 60x30TX strategic plan.

San Eli Eagle, Contreras, already soaring

EAGLE ON THE LIST – Camila Contreras, a senior at San Elizario High School (SEHS), has been selected to the 2019 AVCA/ Under Armour All-American Watch List. The list is made up of volleyball athletes from across the country. Of the 1,216 Elite Seniors who are being watched, 24 athletes have the opportunity to be selected to compete in the Under Armour All-American Match in Orlando, FL. The SEHS varsity volleyball season is underway and Camila’s stats at the end of September were 135 kills and 77 blocks. The Eagles’ head volleyball coach, David Desrosiers says, “Camila continues to improve her game as the season goes on.”

– Jeannie Meza-Chavez



Village of Vinton, Texas Notice of Election / Aviso de Elección

TO THE REGISTERED
VOTERS OF VINTON, TEXAS

A LOS VOTANTES
REGISTRADOS DE VINTON,
TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on November 5, 2019 for voting in a Municipal Election, to elect a Mayor and Aldermen for Place 1 and Place 2 for full (3) year terms.

Notifíquese, por presente, que las Casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el martes 5 de noviembre de 2019 para votar en la elección para elegir un Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo, posición 1 y posición 2, cada puesto es por un periodo de (3) años.

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.

LOCATION OF POLLING
PLACE FOR ELECTION DAY
VOTING:

UBICACIÓN DE LA CASILLA
ELECTORAL EL DIA DE
ELECCION

- Precinct/Precinto 2

El Paso County
Northwest Annex
435 E. Vinton Road
Vinton, Texas 79821
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Precinct/Precinto 3

Canutillo Middle School
7311 Bosque Rd.
Canutillo, Texas 79835
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

On Election Day the El Paso County Courthouse will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ONLY for ADA and 65 Years of age or older.

Día de Elección
Noviembre 5 de el 2019
La Corte de El Condado
estara abierta de 7:00
a.m. a 7:00 p.m. SOLO
para ADA y Personas
Mayores de 65 Años

LOCATION, DATES AND
HOURS OF OPERATION
OF POLLING PLACES FOR
EARLY VOTING:

DIRECCION, DIAS Y HORAS
HABILES DE LAS CASILLAS
ELECTORALES PARA
VOTACION ANTICIPADA:

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas en el Anexo A adjunto al presente.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations including mobile voting locations within El Paso County at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning Monday, October 21, 2019 and ending on Friday, November 1, 2019.

Para votar anticipadamente puede acudir en persona de Lunes, 21 de octubre 2019 al Viernes, 1 de noviembre 2019, a cualquier centro de votaciones inclusive las casillas móviles del Condado de El Paso donde el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado realice votaciones anticipadas.

Mobile/Additional Early Voting locations are established by the El Paso County Elections Department and are subject to any necessary change(s).

Casillas Móviles/locaciones adicionales para votacion adelantada en persona estan establecidas por el Departamento de Eleccion del Condado de El Paso y estan sujetos a cualquier cambio(s) necesario.

Applications for ballot may be emailed to ballotrequests@epcounty.com; faxed to (915) 546-2220 or mailed to: Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada pueden enviarse por email a ballotrequests@epcounty.com; fax a (915) 546-2220 o por correo a:

The County of El Paso
Elections Department
Early Voting Clerk
500 E. San Antonio, Ste. 314
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 25, 2019

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el viernes, 25 de octubre 2019.

Issued this the 6th day of August 2019.

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Andrea N. Carrillo
Village Administrator

EXHIBIT A

Early Voting Locations
Locaciones para
Votación Anticipada
October 21, 2019 -
November 1, 2019

- El Paso County Courthouse

500 E. San Antonio Ave.
3rd Floor., Back Lobby

October 21 to 25, 2019
(Mon. - Fri.)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

October 26 and 27, 2019
(Sat. - Sun.)
12 p.m. (noon) - 5 p.m.

October 28 to 30, 2019
(Mon. - Wed.)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, 2019
(Thurs. - Fri.)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

OTHER LOCATIONS,
UNLESS NOTED*
October 21 to 25, 2019
(Mon. - Fri.)
Regular Hours

October 26 and 27, 2019
(Sat. - Sun.)
12 p.m. (noon) - 5 p.m.

Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, 2019
(Mon. - Fri.)
Regular Hours

Bassett Place
6101 Gateway West, #620
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Bowling Family YMCA
5509 Will Ruth Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*CLOSED Sun., Oct. 27, 2019

Canutillo ISD
Administrating Facility
7965 Artcraft Rd.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Chayo Apodaca
Community Center
341 N. Moon Rd.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Clint ISD Early
College Academy
13100 Alameda Avenue
Admin. Building, Rm. 112
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dorris Van Doren Library
551 Redd Rd.
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*CLOSED Sun., Oct. 27, 2019

El Paso County
Eastside Annex
2350 George Dieter Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

El Paso County
Northwest Annex
435 E. Vinton Rd.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

El Paso County
Sheriff's Department
3850 Justice Dr.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Esperanza Acosta
Moreno Library
12480 Pebble Hills Blvd.
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*CLOSED Sun., Oct. 27, 2019

Grandview Park Senior
Citizen Center
3134 Jefferson Ave.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Marty Robbins
Recreation Center
11600 Vista Del Sol Drive
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mountain View-Rae Gilmore
Recreation Center
8501 Diana Dr.
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*CLOSED Sun., Oct. 27, 2019

Nations Tobin Sports Ctr.
8831 Railroad Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Officer David Ortiz
Recreation Center
563 N. Carolina Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Veny Webb Drive
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pavo Real
Recreation Center
9301 Alameda Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Rogelio Sanchez Center
1331 N. Fabens
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

San Elizario Fire Rescue
1415 San Antonio St.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunland Park Mall
750 Sunland Park Dr.
Lower Level Next to Express
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wellington Chew
Senior Center
4430 Maxwell Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

W.E. Neill Community Center
19210 Cobb Ave.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

YMCA - East
10712 Sam Snead Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

YMCA - West
313 Bartlett Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

California law may change the face of college athletics

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

In my lifetime, there are certain things that are just the way they are and have never changed.

Like the fact that I have a boatload of cars to crawl behind on the way to work every day, and then the same thing awaits me on the way home.

You think over the last 40 years that technology would have figured out a way to end bumper-to-bumper traffic – but no.

Another thing that has never changed is the button. Think about it – how many buttons do you push in a single day?

Whether it's a keyboard, phone, calculator, bank transaction, door entrance, grocery store, remote control, camera, ATM, or any one of a million children's toys, you've got to press down on a button.

When I was a kid I thought that by 2020, we'd surely be controlling all appliances with our the power of our brains. C'mon science!

And as always, all collegiate athletes would compete for their schools solely for the love of the game.

Oh, a precious few would go on to play professionally, but at least while in college, getting paid was a no-no.

Well, I guess some things do change – the California legislature is now saying that it's a yes-yes.

The State of California recently passed a law making it legal for any college athlete in the state to profit from the use of his or her likeness, or appearance, for endorsements. The law also allows them to hire an agent.

Naturally, the NCAA, the governing body for collegiate athletics, is totally against this decision and vows to fight against it.

While California is the only state to challenge this long-held norm, there are other states waiting in line to try to get the same measure pushed through their government.

This has been a conundrum for many years. Though it hasn't always been this way, some colleges are now making huge amounts of money through their athletic programs.

And though the better athletes are saving all kinds of money by having their college experience paid for through scholarships, they aren't able to make any money outside the school.

All other students are allowed to make money while in college; many of them are on scholarship as well. Of course, how much they make could affect any financial aid they're receiving.

But as the new law states, athletes who are recruited for endorsements, can get paid. Seems to me that if a local car dealership wants to recruit a player, it won't be a bench warmer.

Only the star athletes will be signed up to make the cash. The other 95 percent of the players won't make a penny.

Here's another thing, how long will it take for this to get totally out of hand? I mean legally.

A big company contacts a star high school athlete and promises him a small fortune if he signs up with a certain university near his establishment.

Nah! That would never happen. Just because they can now hire an agent doesn't mean there's a chance that some illegal activity could take place – does it?

There are other questions.

Will the amount of money they make affect the amount of scholarship money they receive?

How long before the non-star athletes sue for their slice of the pie?

There's talk that the NCAA may disqualify California teams from competing in the football playoff, or in March Madness. What then?

Now I believe totally in the capitalist system. I believe that if a person is willing and able to work, they should be paid what they're worth.

That includes athletes, if a company is willing to pay a player, outside of the college, for legitimate work they do, then they should get paid just like any other student.

But the one thing I've learned over the years is that once something has been established, it grows and grows.

Once you open this can of worms, the snakes won't be far behind.

Many states will be keeping their eyes on California to follow the progress of this law.

But if the rest of the state's economy is any indicator – I'm not very optimistic.



By Samantha Weaver

- It was Democratic governor and presidential hopeful Adlai Stevenson who made the following sage observation: “A free society is a place where it’s safe to be unpopular.”
- Statistics show that for every 71,000 skydiving jumps made, there is only one fatality. That might not seem surprising until you put it in context: You have a one in 20,000 chance of dying from a regular fall right here on solid ground.
- A.A. Milne, the British author best known for his children’s books about Winnie the Pooh, had a teacher and mentor you might not expect: H.G. Wells, one of the acknowledged fathers of science fiction and author of such novels as “The War of the Worlds,” “The Invisible Man” and “The Island of Dr. Moreau.”
- Here’s a smart idea: Some fitness centers are now using the energy clients expend on its exercise bikes to help power the building’s lighting.
- Arctic biologists say that polar bears can go weeks without eating – which is certainly handy in an environment where food isn’t always easy to get. Evidently, if a polar bear goes a week to 10 days without eating, its metabolism will slow down and the animal will live off its fat reserves until it finds its next meal.
- According to not one, but two studies conducted on the subject, those who have a ring finger that is longer than their index finger tend to be better athletes.

- If you drive a white automobile, you have a lot of company. There are more white cars in the United States than any other color.

Thought for the Day: “The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.”
– Albert Einstein

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- On Oct. 14, 1947, U.S. Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager becomes the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound. His X-1 rocket plane was dropped from a B-29 aircraft, rocketed to 40,000 feet and exceeded 662 mph.
- On Oct. 15, 1917, Mata Hari, the seductive female spy, is executed for espionage by a French firing squad. Mata Hari claimed to have been born in a sacred temple, but in reality, the exotic dancer was born Margaretha Geertruida Zelle in Holland.
- On Oct. 16, 1958, Chevrolet begins to sell a car-truck hybrid that it calls the El Camino. The vehicle, a combination sedan-pickup truck built on a station-wagon platform, was discontinued two years later, but was brought back in 1964.
- On Oct. 17, 1931, gangster Al Capone is sentenced to 11 years in prison for tax evasion. Capone had avoided long stints in jail by bribing city officials and intimidating witnesses, and tax evasion was the only way federal agent Elliot Ness and “The Untouchables” could get him.
- On Oct. 18, 1977, in the sixth game of the World Series, New York Yankees outfielder Reggie Jackson hits three home runs in a row off of three consecutive pitches from three different pitchers. Only Babe Ruth had ever hit three homers in a World Series game, but he didn't do it on consecutive at-bats.

- On Oct. 19, 1987, Black Monday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average experiences its largest-ever one-day percentage decline, plunging 22.6%. Unrelated world events compounded by computer-governed trading conspired to tank global markets.

- On Oct. 20, 1968, American Dick Fosbury wins gold and sets an Olympic high-jump record when he clears 7 feet 4-1/4 inches at the Mexico City Games. It was the international debut of his unique jumping style, known as the “Fosbury Flop.”

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Here is an idea... why don't you & your pals just shoot the white ones from now on?



Moore Texas by Robert T. Moore
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CryptoQuip Answer

I don't like to bad-mouth metalworkers because I think people should respect their welders.

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Food for thought

By John Grimaldi

Get your flu shot early this year,
particularly if you are 65 or over

It's fully covered by Medicare

“Almost all people who get influenza vaccine have no serious problems from it,” according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). And, if that doesn’t motivate you to get a flu shot this year, the “CDC estimates that influenza has resulted in between 9.3 million and 49.0 million illnesses, between 140,000 and 960,000 hospitalizations and between 12,000 and 79,000 deaths annually since 2010.”

“As you get older, your immune system gets weaker and you become more susceptible to the flu virus, so get your flu shots early,” cautioned Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens.

In fact, the CDC says that seniors 65 years old and older are at greatest risk of dying from the flu. The CDC reports that “between about 70 percent and 90 percent of seasonal flu-related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older and between 50 percent and 70 percent of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations have occurred among people in that age group.”

The flu season starts in late September and early October, but it takes about two weeks for the vaccine to become fully effective. So, Weber urges everyone to get their shots as early as possible, noting that the vaccine is fully covered by Medicare. He suggests setting up an appointment with your family doctor to get vaccinated sooner rather than later or visit the CDC’s vaccine finder Web site [www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/flu-finder-widget.html] to find locations near you where the vaccine will be available.

“There are a lot of myths out there about vaccines, in general, and flu shots, in particular, that suggests offer reasons why not to get immunized against the flu. Perhaps the most senseless misconception people might have is that they need not be vaccinated every year to be protected. The most important reason for getting a shot every year is the simple fact that in the course of a year the vaccine loses its effectiveness. In addition, the makeup of the flu virus, itself, changes each year so a new vaccine needs to be produced annually. And, that is why the CDC strongly recommends that everyone six months old and older should be immunized at the onset of flu season.

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– Photo courtesy Christine Ann Perez

FRONT AND CENTER – Sam Sanchez is smack dab in the middle of this 1952 photo of the San Elizario Middle School football team.

Sanchez

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Recollected Images: Football, San Eli Style, Sanchez captures moments in San Elizario during his childhood. His most recent work is the *Pirates in the Desert*. His work as an illustrator includes having illustrated for Texas historian Leon Metz, *Indian Artifact Magazine*, author Elroy Bode, and Conroy Brison – the President of the El Paso County Historical Society.

His daughter, Christine Ann Perez said, “My Dad is not only a football player, a chemist, a Marine, a historian, an artist, an author, an illustrator or an old west re-enactor, but he is a kind, loving father.”

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Why do we have hair?

DEAR DR. ROACH: There is a question that has intrigued me for years: What is the purpose of underarm and pubic hair? I guess, for that matter, what is the purpose of any body hair and hair on your head? – B.H.

Hair provides protection from the sun and helps regulate body temperature. Many evolutionary biologists believe our distant ancestors began losing most body hair when we began walking upright.

Axillary (underarm) and pubic hair are thought to be conserved because they reduce friction, wick moisture away from the skin, provide a small degree of protection and as part of sexual selection, possibly due to pheromones, hormones that act outside the body to attract others.



DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm confused. While it may be true that the majority of men having prostate cancer may never be bothered by it, what about the minority whose lives will be threatened by it? If they aren't screened and treated, many will die. – G.F.

I had a professor in medical school, Dr. Larry Wood, who used to say, "If I have confused you, you're probably paying attention." You have identified a major issue with prostate cancer screening (and screening in general): If screening harms some but saves the lives of a few, is it worth doing? That answer may be different if you are coming from a public policy perspective versus an individual perspective.

Although we don't know the exact numbers, it is estimated that about 47 men need to be treated for prostate cancer in order to save one life. Put another way, 46 out of 47 men are treated for prostate cancer, with its attendant risk of side effects, such as loss of sexual function and incontinence, without reducing their likelihood of dying of prostate cancer. We can't predict with certainty whose prostate cancer is destined to kill them and whose is destined to be more indolent and slow-growing. The Gleason score, a measure of pathologic appearance of the cancer, helps, but is not completely accurate.

Ninety percent of men with screening-detected prostate cancer elect to get it treated. Based on the many letters I get, all of them feel like they were the lucky ones to have had their lethal cancer removed – even if, statistically, most of them were not destined

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Super Crossword

DRUNK IN THE KITCHEN ACROSS

1 Deceive

8 Scarce supply

14 Champaign's twin city

20 Composer Vivaldi

21 Concert bonus

22 "La Cage aux _"

23 What Swiss steak may be braised in

25 Circular window

26 Personal identity

27 High-arching shots

28 "Gotcha!"

30 To be, in Bordeaux

31 Expanded

35 Ballpark snack with lots of toppings

37 Amtrak stop

40 Care for

41 Make sad

42 Title for Tuck

44 Big bird that doesn't fly

47 Honeybunch

48 They may be sprinkled on sauteed spinach

55 Partner of Porgy

56 Southern French city

57 Yuletide

58 Quits

61 Arab prince

62 Mine metal

64 Genie's gift

66 Actor Cariou

67 Actor Jacobi

70 Popular cookout side

73 Armour product in a can

76 With 96-Down, "Hang on a minute!"

77 "I'm impressed!"

78 Jane of fiction

80 Suffix with pagan

81 Final words from Caesar

82 Superstars

84 Two-masted craft

86 Exhorting individual

87 Abnormally deep sleep

90 Movie theater

94 Staves off

97 Colo.-to-Ga. direction

98 Thrashes

99 Old World elk

101 "'Tis a shame"

104 Midday snoozes

109 Specialty of Popeyes

112 Cause of heartache

113 Elvis' middle name

114 Go _ spree

115 Indian tourist city

117 Ride ordered by app

118 Like some census

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121 Rollmop's main ingredient

126 Big name in online brokerages

127 Alternative to PJs

128 Oozing stuff

129 Teeterboard

130 PC-linking protocol

131 Head locks

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17 Mentally alert

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37 Homer's TV neighbor

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50 Comparable

51 Sahara-like

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72 Finches' homes

74 Wavy mark in Spanish

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79 Reuben bread

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83 Natl. voting day

85 Spun traps

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87 Subway charges, e.g.

88 Judge too highly

89 So-so

91 Ship wood

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93 Big elevator innovator

95 Nugent with a guitar

96 See 76-Across

100 Pi-sigma link

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103 "Life of Pi" director

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Health

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to die from prostate cancer.

Because it is likely that the harms of screening outweigh the benefits, the U.S. Preventive Service Task Force has recommended against prostate cancer screening in general. However, there are certainly cases in which I feel prostate cancer screening (remember that “screening” means that there are no symptoms or signs of cancer) is appropriate, which is why it’s important to have an individualized discussion of the risks and benefits of screening.

The booklet on the prostate gland discusses enlargement and cancer. Readers can obtain

a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 1001W, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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: S equals L

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Getting your medals



by Freddy Groves

Maybe all you wanted at the time was to get out, to leave the service and not look back. But now, with the passage of years, perhaps you want the medals you earned and never received.

If that’s you, there are steps you can take to get what you earned. The more time that’s passed, the more difficult it might be, but it can still be done, especially if you have your original paperwork.

Go online to vetrecs.archives.gov and click on Replacement Medals. You’ll be taken to eVetRec or you can click Mail or Fax to get the Standard Form 180 (SF-180). Both veterans and next of kin can use this form.

If you’re going to apply by mail, you’ll need to be service specific in your request. Not only are there different mailing addresses, but depending on the service and whether you’re

a veteran or next of kin, the request for replacement medals will either be free... or not. To learn the details about who can request replacement medals, go online to archives.gov and search for Military Awards and Decorations.

You best bet, however, is to use the eVetRec link. Have all your information in hand when you start answering the questions. You’ll need your DD-214, and some of the information on it, including your service number, Social Security number, place of birth and date you left the service. If you don’t have your separation papers, apply for them at the eVetRec link.

It gets complicated if you were in more than one service or if you were both enlisted and officer. The drop-down menus only allow one choice.

If you need help, call the National Records Center in St. Louis at 314-801-0800. They don’t issue the medals but can help you with the paperwork.

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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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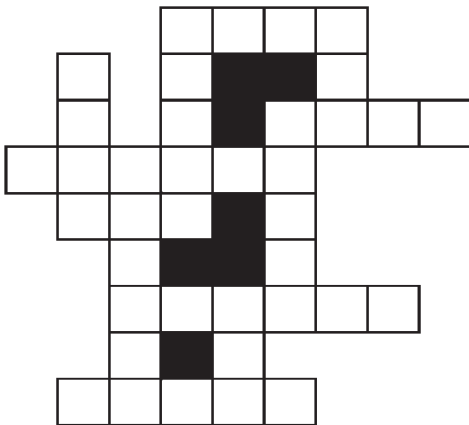
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string’s word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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• If you have wood floors, you might already know about felt furniture pads, the little self-stick felt circles you can add to the legs of furniture to reduce scratches on your floors. You might not know that these same pads can reduce scuff marks that appliances make on countertops. It also makes it easier to scoot around a heavy mixer or other appliance.

• Got tired, achy and possibly stinky feet? Mix 1/2 cup vinegar and a chamomile tea bag in a pan of medium-hot water. Soak for up to 10 minutes. Follow up with foot powder or deodorant.

• “We purchased a large, weatherproof storage bin that we keep out front. It has balls and bats, plus other toys that the kids like to play with outside. They put the toys back in the bin when done playing, and then we don’t have to worry about what’s under that surprise layer of snow.” – U.D. in Wisconsin

• Buy cheap razors from the dollar store to de-pill knits that are starting to show wear. The razors shave the bumps right off.

• R.W. in Washington writes: “Prevent loss of hot water in case of a leak. Turn the handle to cold water position, then cold water not hot water is lost.”

• If you have mildew on walls, try cleaning it off with a stiff brush and vinegar. Put a 50-50 vinegar and water mix in a spray bottle and spray liberally. Use the brush to get everything off and then use a clean rag to wipe clear. Allow to dry thoroughly.

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