

NEWSBRIEFS

EPCC chemistry

El Paso Community College (EPCC) has been named one of the top 15 colleges for students to complete an associate degree in Chemistry. The quality, affordable education students receive with dedicated faculty in smaller classes and the many avenues available to students after completing their degree are just two of the reasons EPCC's Chemistry Discipline was chosen for this distinction. "Majoring in chemistry is a good option for students, because when the student has a background in chemistry, the student has doors open in many fields of industry," Dr. Maria Arteaga, EPCC Chemistry Professor said. "The principles of chemistry deal with courses and majors under life sciences, so graduates will find they will fit in many job opportunities in scientific branches and industries." At EPCC, students who are contemplating getting a degree in sciences have the opportunity to take classes such as chemistry, mathematics, geology, biology, or physics. These courses prepare students for careers as well as transfer to a 4-year institution. "At EPCC, classes are fully transferable. During the two years working towards an Associate's in Chemistry, a student obtains an excellent foundation and is prepared with skills to obtain a good job," Arteaga said. As the College Cliffs article states, "With the two-year course of study in a specialization, you will have the liberty to create your pathway after completion. This program is enough to build the foundation for earning a bachelor's degree whenever you decide to. While other industries and jobs require a bachelor's or master's degree, these 2-year programs provide intensive training to help you gain employment in some fields. In a short time, you will be ready to go through the professional arena."

— Jim Heiney

A masked ID

It was a case of COVID confusion that caused the Department of Motor Vehicles in California to send a driver a new license using a picture of her wearing a facemask. Lesley Pilgrim told CBS news that she was wearing her mask when the DMV photographer snapped her picture, apparently by mistake. He took another shot of her mask-less but, somehow, the wrong ID photo was used. The DMV said it was "an oversight." Ms. Pilgrim said, "we all make mistakes."

— John Grimaldi

Philosophy is a study that shows men how to be unhappy with more intelligence.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

THE KID NOW STANDS GUARD – San Elizario's Main Street is home to the 1850s jailhouse, whose adobe brick walls and wood-plank door enclosed two steel-and-wrought-iron cage cells. Local legend has it that Billy the Kid, statue in foreground, helped his friend, Melquiadez Segura, escape from the jail in 1876.

San Elizario to hold Cinco de Mayo celebration

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – San Elizario Historic District businesses plan to throw a special fiesta to celebrate the Cinco de Mayo observance, as a weary community sheds its pandemic fears and invites West Texas residents to join in on the celebration.

Business owners hope the fiesta will lure visitors back to the San Elizario Historic District, which is about 17 miles southeast of downtown El Paso. The public is invited to visit the Los Portales Museum and Information Center, which offers self-guided brochures of San Elizario's many historic sites, galleries, and adobe buildings.

The San Elizario Historic District is featured on the National Park Service's (NPS) Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month website. And many of the historic district's buildings have been documented by NPS's Historic American Buildings Survey.

Al Borrego, who owns a studio and gallery in the district, said that the upcoming fiesta will be a bigger than ever celebration and feels confident that El Paso area residents are ready to be outdoors and celebrate with them. The last Cinco de Mayo fiesta was in 2018.

The fiesta is scheduled for Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2. There will be more than 15 different performances to entertain

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EVERY WHICH WAY – The public is invited to stroll the streets of historic San Elizario during the town's upcoming Cinco de Mayo observance, April 30 through May 2

Lazos, Kapuscik named top Canutillo ISD teachers

By Liza M. Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) community has chosen its top educators of the year.

Bill Childress Elementary School

(BCE) Teacher of the Year Sabina Lazos was selected as the CISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. Lazos teaches third-grade dual-English components. She has been at BCE for three years. Lazos is a former BCE student and later graduated as the 2011 Canutillo High School valedictorian. She continued her education at The University of Texas at Austin

earning a bachelor's degree in Applied Learning and Development with a focus on Early Childhood through sixth grade.

Canutillo High School (CHS) Teacher of the Year Christopher Kapuscik was selected as the CISD Secondary Teacher of the Year. Kapuscik has been at CHS for

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Woke this way

The way it usually works out, organized labor is aligned with the Democrats, and big business is closely connected to the GOP. And it is true that the Dems still march in lockstep with those who are the employees, by and large. However, it’s both Republicans and Democrats who are slugging it out with the corporations.

First of all, when I say “Republicans,” I mean the Trump party. When I say “ultra-

conservative,” these days that means “Trump-inspired.” You never hear of ultra-conservative Democrats; their opponents describe them as radical liberals and moderates. I happen to think that’s unfair; those on the far left should be titled the “Immoderates,” but that’s another discussion.

We were talking about the Trumpsters and how they are currently trash talking the decision-makers at the conglomerates. It’s regarding Republican voter-suppression efforts. GOP state legislators in 40-plus states are competing to return to the Jim Crow glories of yesteryear. And who has created

the biggest uproar about that? The corporations.

The state of Georgia has passed the most egregious [voter] suppression law [SB202], making it a crime [for anyone connected to *any of the candidates or campaigns*] to bring food or water to those poor folks, a natural Democratic constituency, standing in too-hot lines at their too-few polling places. Then, the mega-companies got in on the act.

Traditionally, “corporate responsibility” has been the ultimate oxymoron. In the name of profits and outrageously high compensation for their top executives, they stood for

polluting too much, paying their workers too little and cutting back on the quality of their consumer products and services as much as possible.

But suddenly, the top executives have decided to get a conscience, or they have done market research that shows they should pretend they have one. In Georgia, for instance, Coca Cola and Delta Airlines, headquartered in Atlanta (sorta Georgia), made it clear to Major League Baseball that they would look with displeasure on continued plans to play the All-Star Game in the Braves’ spiffy new stadium outside Atlanta. Ever mindful of who the big advertisers are, MLB decided to pull the game and place it in Denver.

Republicans have had a cow! They have accused the corporations of everything short of treason, or even worse... of being “woke.”

It’s a trendy way of describing being aware of social injustices, particularly in matters of race. But it suffers from overuse. A rule of thumb is that once white fuddy-duddies use the word “woke,” it’s not trendy anymore. There is nobody more white fuddy-duddyish than Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. Yet there he was, accusing the chief executives of being a “woke parallel government.” I bet that drew blood.

But let’s change the subject. Let’s talk about the infrastructure,

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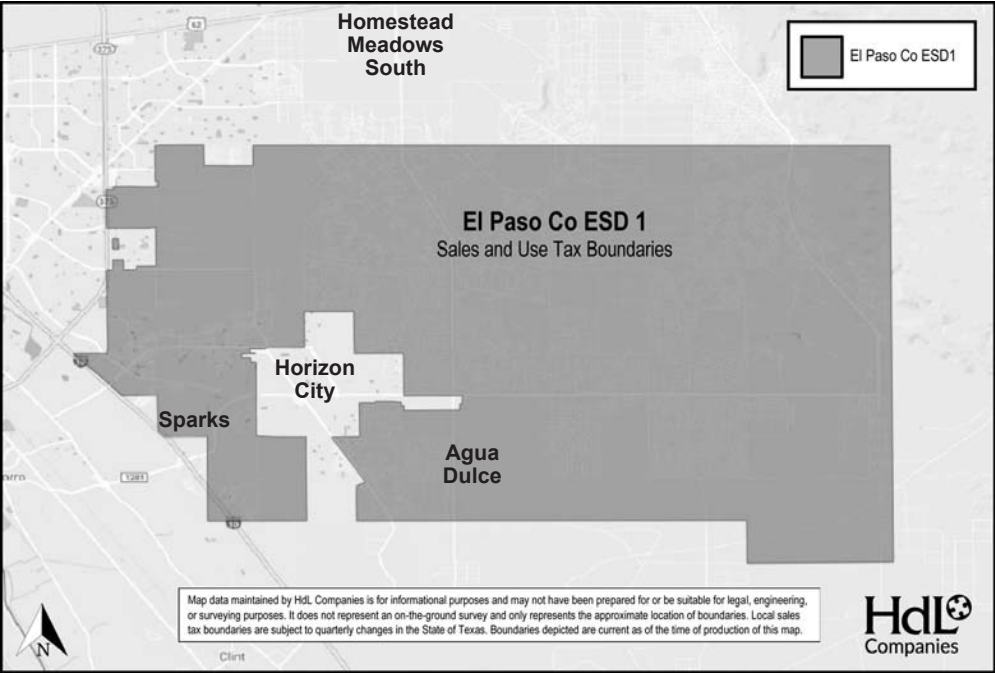
EPCESD No. 1 proposes sales tax in May 1 election

By Kris Menendez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Board of Commissioners of El Paso County Emergency Services District No.1 (EPCESD No. 1) has called for a sales and use tax proposition to be on the election ballot for Saturday, May 1, 2021. If approved by voters, this proposition would authorize up to one-and-a-half percent (1.5%) to be captured by the District in all areas not yet at the state maximum of 8.25%. If the proposition passes, the funds will be used to address the needs of the District as we have seen rapid population and commercial growth in the area.

EPCESD No. 1, home of Horizon Fire Department, services 144 square miles to include the Town of Horizon City with an all-Volunteer Fire Department, responding to 3,500 calls in 2020. They are collecting the state maximum allowed tax rate of .10 per \$100 evaluation to fund Fire Services.

Single-family homes in the district have increased by 80% and commercial properties by 165% since 2010. EPCESD No. 1 is preparing for the rapid growth and potential short falls in the budget by preparing a 10-year Strategic Plan in coordination with the Horizon Fire Department administration, staff and membership. The three main goals of the plan are paid fire fighters, additional fire stations and new equipment and



The El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 1 is shaded in the map above.

nentially, increasing the demand for emergency services. Currently, Horizon Fire Department is funded through property taxes collected by EPCESD No. 1. However, EPCESD No. 1 responds to calls that support a greater community of individuals and families, working, traveling through, or visiting EPCESD No. 1. A sales and use tax places some of the funding for growth and response upon non-residents and non-property owners, allowing EPCESD No. 1 greater flexibility to fund Horizon Fire Department. If the District levied an up to one-and-one-half percent (1.5%) sales tax, it could supplement the existing funding of emergency services from solely depending on

residents’ property taxes to those people traveling to and through the EPCESD No. 1 community, who may also use local emergency response.

The Proposition on the ballot reads as follows: “The adoption of a local sales and use tax in El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 1 at a rate not to exceed one and one-half percent (1.5%) in any location in the District.”

Visit www.epcsd1.com for more information about the election or EPCESD No. 1.

Kris Menendez is the Fire Chief of El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 1.

View from here By Jane M. Orient, M.D.

No vaccine passports at one border

If an American citizen crosses the Oregon-Washington or the New York-Pennsylvania border to shop at a nearby store, he might have to quarantine for two weeks. If the U.S. follows Israel’s example, a person might have to show a vaccine passport to drink a beer in a pub.

The police may be out in force to arrest rule violators for not wearing a mask even outdoors, for sitting on a park bench, for entering a deserted park to play, or for being at an Easter service with too many worshippers. So far, no disabled or elderly people or young mothers have died after being tased or knocked to the ground by

officers in riot gear – as far as we know. But while shrinking police forces are thus occupied, homicides and other crimes escalate, and many calls go unanswered.

All of this masking, physical distancing, obsessive testing of healthy people, travel restrictions, quarantining people who have been near a test-positive person, constant disinfection, etc. must be necessary (and effective) to protect us from a third or fourth wave of COVID, right? No matter how many livelihoods and unalienable civil

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Woke disinformation shames Russian trolls

Why do the Russians need to bother spreading disinformation when our own domestic sources do a much better job at it?

We just went through a four-year national obsession with Kremlin disinformation. It supposedly swayed the 2016 presidential election. It was “sowing divisions” in American society. It accounted for the discovery of Hunter Biden’s laptop during the 2020 election. Social media companies were excoriated for allegedly letting Russian disinfo poison their networks, and the American mind.

There was nothing that some Russian operators – spending a pittance—couldn’t do. The former *Time* magazine managing editor and Obama state department official Richard Stengel wrote a book called *Information Wars: How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation and What We Can Do About It*. According to Stengel, the Russians had mounted “an unprecedented attack against the very foundation of our democracy.”

The Russians were amateurs, though. If they really knew what they were doing, they’d spread rank lies about election reforms passed by an American state, make the deceptions so

pervasive that the president of the United States would casually repeat them, unjustifiably dredge up memories of a terrible period of repression in America, relentlessly racialize the debate, and intimidate corporate America into thoughtlessly entering the partisan fight and discrediting itself with a significant segment of the population.

No, Russian trolls operating somewhere in St. Petersburg didn’t undertake this highly successful information operation against the Georgia election law – Stacey Abrams and her allies in media and politics did.

If the Russians had the requisite skill, they’d spread the false story that a talented American governor had sold out his citizens by letting a campaign contribution distort his distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, suppressing all facts to the contrary and stoking yet more conspiratorial thinking about the governor among his political opponents.

The Russians couldn’t pull this off – yet *60 Minutes* did, in a laughably dishonest report about Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis using the most popular grocery store chain in the state to get the vaccine in the arms of Floridians.

If the Russians were devious

enough, they’d take an awful mass shooting, ignore all of the evidence about the perpetrator’s motives to define it as a crime driven by racial hatred, and undermine faith in the local police and FBI when they presented the facts.

The Russians couldn’t manage this, either – but a veritable army of media commentators and progressive politicians could. They insisted against the available evidence that the Atlanta spa shooter must have been driven by hatred of Asians, while Democratic senators openly dissented from the FBI director’s statement that the shooting wasn’t a hate crime.

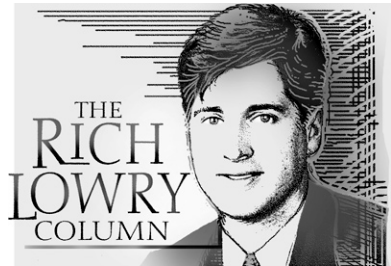
If the Russians had the power or know-how, they’d spin a story of American law enforcement as a racist occupying force that should be resisted in “largely peaceful” protests all over the country, putting the cops on their back foot and creating an environment of spiraling disorder and violence in some of the most iconic U.S. cities.

Of course, the Russians also had nothing to do with this – Black Lives Matter and the media did all of the hard work and have largely managed to ignore the rising tide of crime that is undoing one of the signal America domestic

accomplishments of the past several decades.

None of this is to dismiss the pernicious influence of Russian information operations and cyber strikes, especially overseas, or to minimize the hideousness of the Putin regime. But it is galling to see the same people who sounded the klaxons about Russians undermining faith in the American system for years themselves spread – or at least casually accept – progressive narratives based on poisonous lies about our own country.

The Russians are never going to stop running their



information campaigns against the West, which date back to the Soviet Union. But they must occasionally be tempted to stand back in envy and awe at all that the U.S. promoters of woke narratives have been able to accomplish without them.

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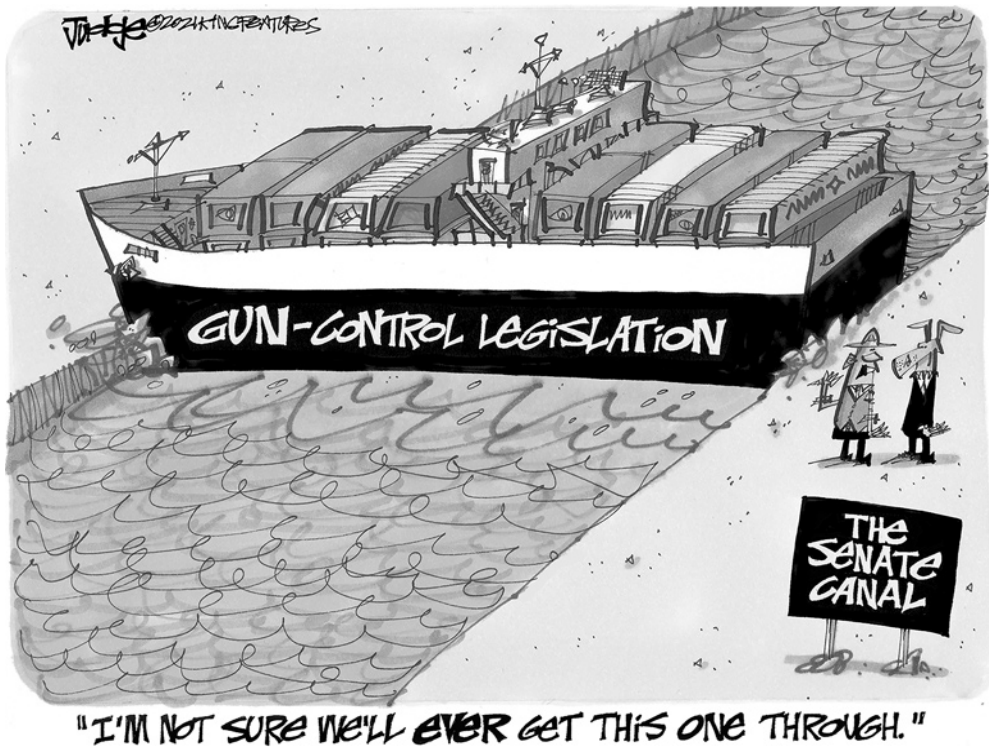
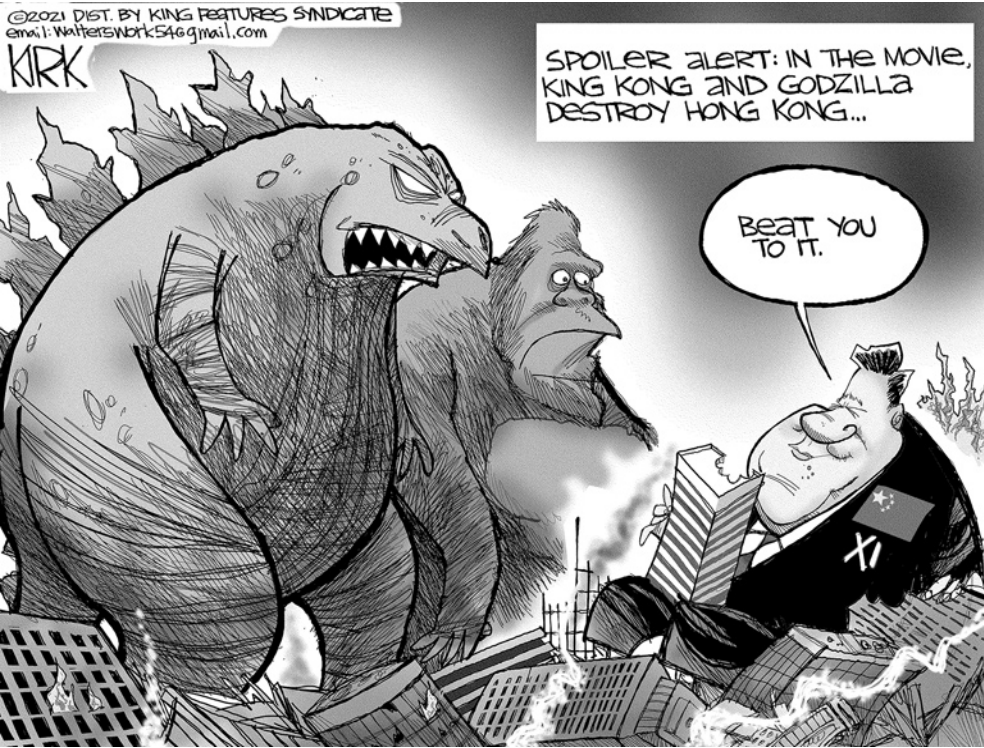
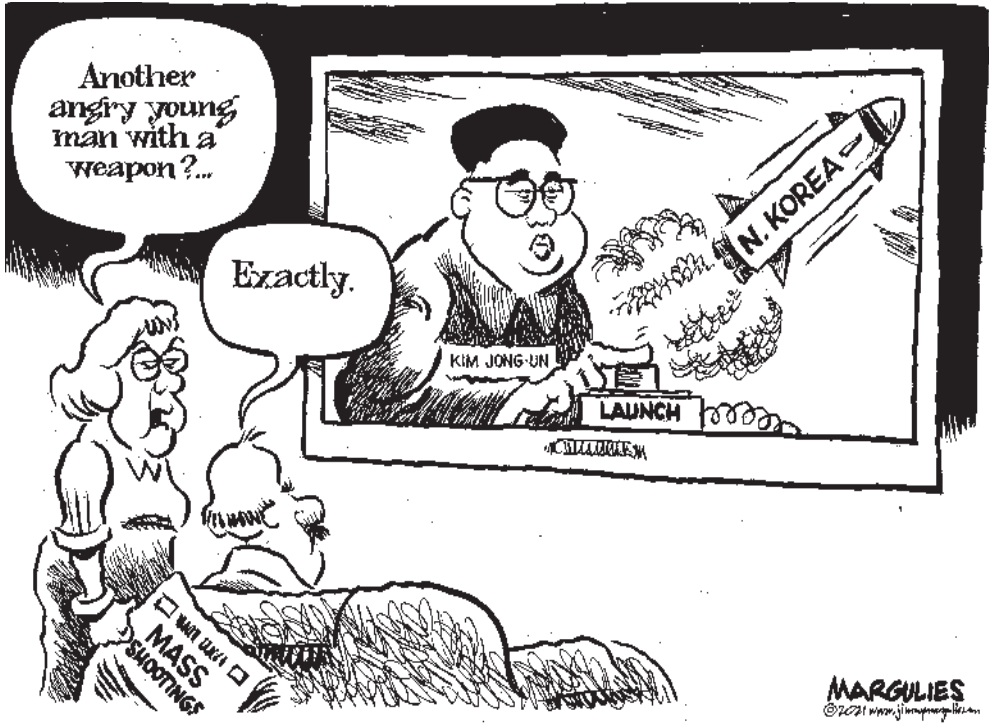
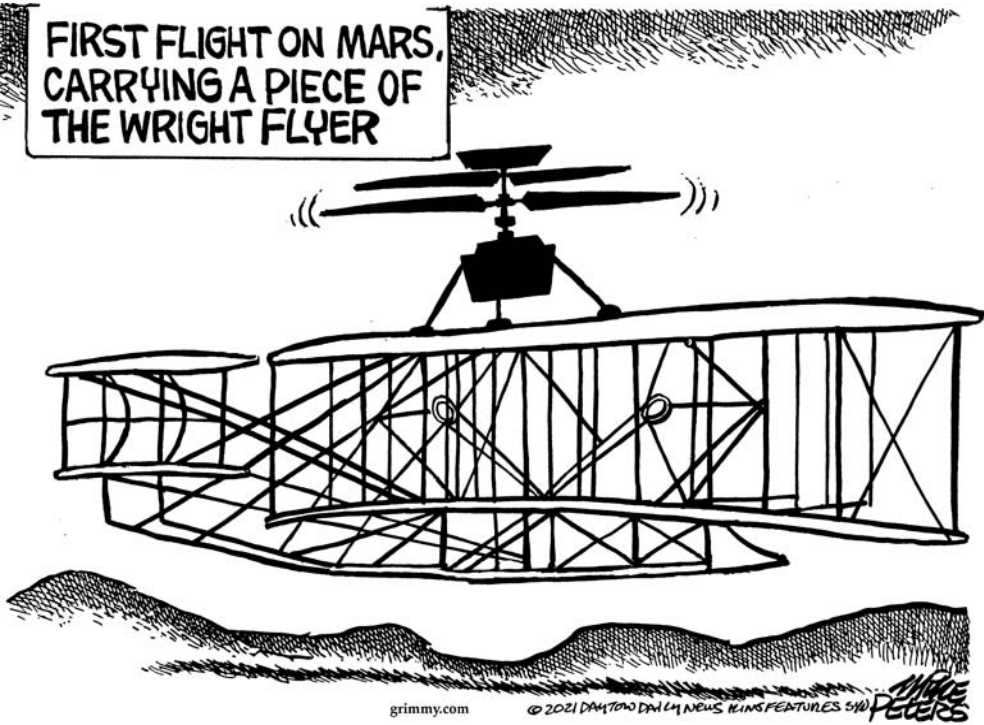
rights are destroyed, or how many suicides or drug overdoses occur. Obviously, the authorities do not believe this themselves. Not only do they famously violate their own rules, but they are silent about what’s happening at our southern border.

Migrants are pouring in from Central America and Mexico, where there are large outbreaks, traveling under crowded conditions where good hygiene is impossible.

Some of the migrants are tested for COVID-19. According to the National Sheriff’s Association, as many as 50 percent may test positive¹ in some areas. In February, the Border Patrol apprehended more than 100,000 illegal immigrants at the southern border, and about 26,000 evaded capture. Of course, none of the latter are tested.

What would one expect the rate to be after three days in

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San Eli

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The free three-day fiesta will be from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., on Saturday and Sunday.



HEAVY DUTY – San Elizario’s prominence as a point of trade began in the late 18th century, when a Chihuahua merchant won a contract as the presidio supplier, luring more trade caravans north along El Camino Real. Shown in photo above, is an antique mill grinding apparatus that still stands near the placita.

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Border Patrol facilities for unaccompanied children², where more than 4,100 may be crammed into space intended for 250?

These migrants are probably on their way to where you live, maybe by bus, maybe by charter flight. After all, the town of Ajo, Arizona, population 3,700, can’t absorb 60 asylum seekers per day. The health precaution is to make those being transported by bus wear an N95 mask³. Such masks are used by medical workers to protect themselves, but they do NOT protect others, especially if they have an exhaust valve to permit easier breathing. They are NOT suitable for potentially infected persons.

Asylum seekers are supposed to be given a court date, but many are now being released without one because of the huge numbers⁴. In the past, 90 percent did not show up in court. Unlike for Americans tagged by the COVID authorities, there is no tracking mechanism.

Where are the public health officials, the fear-mongering media, the American Medical Association, the mayors who continue to keep businesses closed, the people eager to snitch on their neighbors for inviting too many people to dinner? Why are they not raising a hue and cry?

There is no talk of vaccines. It is too late for many or most migrants, as they have already been infected. Many are too young. And how could we get uncoerced, informed consent for these still-experimental products from masses of non-English speakers? Injecting them would violate international law. How would we find adverse effects in untraceable people? How would we get them their second dose, or manage the large proportion suffering disabling immediate side effects, or treat severe allergic reactions in Border Patrol facilities? Would we deport refusers?

One proposal the Administration has evidently not considered: Give all the migrants and the agents caring for them a dose of ivermectin, repeated in 48 hours. This would wipe out the COVID threat, along with scabies, head lice, and all manner of parasites. It has been safely taken by billions of people since 1981.

Why not protect the migrants, along with people who will be in contact with them?

This wouldn’t solve all the problems of a leaky or absent border, or all the public health issues, but it might show us how to stop the pandemic fears in the rest of the country and free us all from COVID tyranny.

The links in the digital copy of this issue, at www.wtxcc.com, are clickable.

- 1 – https://www.theepochtimes.com/up-to-50-percent-of-illegal-immigrants-estimated-to-have-covid-19-national-sheriffs-association_3737923.html
- 2 – <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-border-patrol-migrant-holding-facility-over-capacity/>
- 3 – https://tucson.com/news/local/pima-county-officials-want-to-streamline-transport-of-asylum-seekers-near-ajo/article_7047a12b-b36c-56e8-bd98-b8551444e55d.html#utm_source=tucson.com&utm_campaign=%2Fnewsletter-templates%2Fnews-alert&utm_medium=PostUp&utm_content=3149f36320f0e64ca2e6cbe50eb780fea839a310
- 4 – <https://www.immigrationreform.com/2021/03/23/migrants-released-no-court-dates-immigrationreform-com/>

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Strange BUT TRUE


- By Lucie Winborne
- Johnny Cash’s estate was approached by an advertising company asking for permission to use “Ring of Fire” in an ad for hemorrhoid cream. The request was refused.
 - Tulips can continue to grow as much as an inch per day after being cut.
 - A man with severe OCD and a phobia about germs attempted to commit suicide with a gun to his head. Instead of killing him, the bullet eliminated his mental illness without any other damage.
 - Nobody knows how the Academy Awards came to be referred to as “the Oscars.” The earliest mention was in 1932 and became official in 1939.
 - In 1911, Elmer McCurdy robbed a passenger train he thought contained thousands of dollars, and was shot by lawmen after making off with just \$46. His unclaimed corpse was then embalmed and sold to a traveling carnival. It would be used as a prop or attraction in haunted houses and wax museums for the next 66 years (even showing up on the set of “The Six Million Dollar Man”), until he was finally buried at the famous Boot Hill cemetery in Dodge City, Kansas.

- A statue of Nikola Tesla in Silicon Valley radiates free Wi-Fi. It was created as an homage to his vision for wireless communication.
- By the time they have been retired for two years, 78% of former NFL players have gone bankrupt or are under financial stress because of joblessness or divorce.
- A company in the U.K. offers “being hungover” as a valid reason for calling in sick to work.

Thought for the Day: “The beautiful thing about life is that we will never reach an age where there is nothing left to learn, see or be; it’s magical, really.”
– Dulce Ruby

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On April 19, 1995, a massive truck bomb explodes outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The blast collapsed the north face of the nine-story building, killing 168 people, including 19 young children in its day-care center.
- On April 20, 1971, the Pentagon confirms that fragging incidents (tossing fragmentation hand grenades into sleeping areas) are on the rise. Fragging incidents in combat were usually attempts to remove leaders perceived to be incompetent and a threat to survival.
- On April 21, 1980, Rosie Ruiz, age 26, finishes first in the women's division of the Boston Marathon. Ruiz was stripped of her victory eight days later after race officials learned she joined the race about a mile before the finish line.
- On April 22, 1945, Adolf Hitler, upon learning that no German defense was offered to the Russian assault at Eberswalde, admits to all in his underground bunker in Berlin that the war is lost and suicide is his only recourse.
- On April 23, 1954, Hank Aaron hits the first home run of his Major League Baseball career. Twenty years later, Aaron broke Babe Ruth's long-standing record of 714 career homers. Aaron retired from baseball in 1976 with 755 career homers.
- On April 24, 1800, President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to establish the Library of Congress. The first books, ordered from London, arrived in 1801. Twelve years later, the library was destroyed when the British army invaded the city of Washington and burned the Capitol.
- On April 25, 1719, Daniel Defoe's "The Life and Strange Adventures of Robinson Crusoe" is published. The book, about a shipwrecked sailor who spends 28 years on a deserted island, is based on the experiences of Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish sailor who spent four years on a small island off South America.

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Unemployment insurance fraud and Social Security

By Ray Vigil
Special to the Courier

Scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to file fraudulent unemployment claims, often using someone else's identity. Scammers may even use the identity of someone who is receiving or applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

SSI applicants and recipients who begin receiving – or appear to begin receiving – State Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits could appear to be ineligible for SSI benefits. They could even appear to be overpaid because of an unemployment claim filed in their name.

These UI fraud schemes are widespread and affect most states. The United States Secret Service is investigating more than 500 claims in over 40 states related to unemployment fraud.

At Social Security, we're taking steps to verify whether SSI applicants and recipients are victims of UI fraud. We will not reduce or terminate your payments due to a fraudulent unemployment claim filed on our behalf. If you suspect you may be a victim of fraud, report it to your state fraud hotline at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/UIIDtheft. You may also report suspicions of fraud to your local unemployment office.

Remember that scammers always look for a chance to exploit your fears. Don't fall for their tactics – and guard your personal information. Please share this information with your friends and family – and let's help each other stay vigilant.



Christopher Kapuscik

Teachers

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nine years and teaches ninth-grade AP Human Geography. Kapuscik was the first in his family to attend college, graduating from The University of Texas at El Paso. He believes teaching is not just about the content but really getting to know your students and developing positive intentional relationships.

Lazos and Kapuscik will represent CISD in the Elementary and Secondary Teacher of the Year Contest for Region 19 later this summer. If they're successful there, they could represent the El Paso region in the Texas Teacher of the Year contest.

"This year has been exceptionally tough on our teachers. We can't thank them enough for their dedication to teaching our students through all the challenges of COVID-19," said CISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz. "Our teachers have inspired us with their exceptional dedication to supporting and delivering a



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Sabina Lazos

high-quality education. Mr. Kapuscik and Ms. Lazos are remarkable teachers, beloved by students and held in high esteem by their peers."

Monroy accepted to American Academy of Dramatic Arts



– Photo courtesy EPCC

Elijah Monroy, an El Paso Community College (EPCC) Theater Arts major, has been accepted to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Elijah said being accepted by the American Academy "really opened my eyes to what I truly wanted to pursue as a career." "It is my belief, and my teaching philosophy, that we here in theater at EPCC are in the job of opening students' minds to the incredible possibilities of a lifetime pursuit of theatre" Ted Karber, Jr., EPCC Theater Arts Coordinator said. "Elijah is an example of what we, as teacher and theater artists, can do for our students." Elijah is currently co-starring in the EPCC online production of Candy Matson, P.I. and the Cable Car Murder as Detective Ray Mallard. You can view the production at <https://youtu.be/8Pzn-1zwp4Y>. The Academy alumni hold a total of 110 Oscar®, 324 Emmy®, and 95 Tony® nominations that include Robert Redford, Spencer Tracy, Danny DeVito and Anne Hathaway. Founded in 1884, The Academy is the most prominent conservatory for actors in the English-speaking world. Its purpose is to provide students with the tools needed to make acting their profession.

– Jim Heiney

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Re-elect Socorro ISD Board Members! A+

In a tough year for educators and students, the Socorro ISD school board made the grade. These incumbents deserve reelection because they have stood up for competitive salaries for educators, supported full day Pre-K, helped the district maintain a superior financial rating, and have been nationally recognized for their fight against for-profit charter schools. Cindy Najera, Angelica Rodriguez, Paul Guerra, and Gary Gandara deserve re-election.



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UTEP players need the passion and energy of Golding

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Now that we’ve had a little time to adjust to all the changes surrounding the UTEP basketball program, let’s take a look at what it all means.

First of all, let’s look back on how it all came about.

UTEP suffers through another mediocre season with a disappointing 12-12 record and a first-round loss in the Conference USA Tournament. So it’s safe to say that El Paso fans aren’t exactly thrilled with the job coach Rodney Terry is doing, or has done (37-48 record in three years).

Little Abilene Christian University gets into the NCAA Tournament and upsets the mighty Texas Longhorns.

Seeing the writing on the wall, Texas coach Shaka Smart leaves the program to take the head coaching job at Marquette.

Texas hires former Texas Tech coach Chris Beard to take over there.

Beard is good friends with UTEP’s Terry and hires him as an assistant.

The final brick is put into place when UTEP searches for a new coach and goes back to that Abilene upset over Texas and hires their coach, Joe Golding.

It’s funny sometimes how a single action can start a whole series of events that lead to a certain outcome.

Of course, the hiring of Golding doesn’t guarantee anything. It doesn’t guarantee a winning record, it doesn’t guarantee any championships and it doesn’t guarantee it’ll put fans back in the Don Haskins Center seats.

But people are talking about it, and any kind of change usually triggers interest and optimism.

The good news is that UTEP has filled its coaching vacancy. The bad news is that with six Miners entering the NCAA transfer portal, UTEP has to fill a bunch of player vacancies.

Star forward Bryson Williams recently joined Tydus Verhoeven, Adam Hess, Kristian Sjolund, Epe Odigie and Vuk Vulicik in the transfer portal since the season ended on March 10.

Who knows how many more Miners will be leaving El Paso, and there’s no clue what talented transfers Golding and his staff will recruit to UTEP.

But one thing we do know is that Golding comes to UTEP with as much passion and drive as anyone ever has.

I’ve been covering UTEP basketball for 25 years and I’ve seen many press conferences, from coaches being introduced to the city, to coaches announcing they were leaving the program.

But I’ve never witnessed one that captured as much of my attention as Joe Golding’s presser last week.

The very first thing that impressed me about Golding, as a person, not a coach, is that he opened by giving his condolences to the Jones’ family over the passing of Aaron and Alvin Jr’s father Alvin Jones Sr. Then he said some words about the devastating car accident that former Miner Daryl Edwards was recently involved in.

The fact that he took the time to mention those “real life” situations said a lot about his character and perspective on things that are really important. It gives you an idea of the kind of person he is and of the kind of young man he’ll recruit to UTEP.

Socorro ISD wins music award for five consecutive years

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Socorro Independent School District Fine Arts Department earned its fifth consecutive Best Communities for Music Education Award from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. The prestigious award recognizes school districts that provide access to music education and the arts to ensure all students receive a well-rounded education.

Team SISD is once again the only district in the region and one of 686 honorees in the nation to be recognized as a leader in music education by NAMM.

“Team SISD provides endless opportunities for students to be prepared for college, careers and life. Among those are the music education opportunities that are provided districtwide by our skilled and dedicated fine arts educators,” said SISD Superintendent José Espinoza, Ed.D. “Our amazing fine arts team,

including administrators, teachers, and parents of band, orchestra, choir and mariachi students, are an integral part of our success. Thank you and congratulations to all who have ensured SISD remains a leader in music education and have contributed to this awesome award for five years in a row! ”

The Best Communities for Music Education Award is given to school districts based on funding, staffing, commitment to standards and access to music instruction. SISD students can take numerous music courses and participate in award-winning music programs including band, mariachi, guitar, piano, orchestra, fiddle, and choir. SISD also offers formal music instruction in general and IB music, music appreciation, music history and music theory.

For the 2020-2021 school year, all elementary students are enrolled in a music course, 55 percent of middle school students are taking a music class, and 28 percent of high school students are enrolled in a musical program.

“Music education is a key component

of developing the whole, well-rounded student. This award is a testament to the dedication of all the fine arts educators in TeamSISD ensuring that students are provided endless opportunities to develop their creativity,” said Armando Martinez, SISD Fine Arts director. “This year’s award is extra special as it highlights the commitment of our teachers to ensure students continued to have a positive music experience during this pandemic.”

Music education is a path to life-long learning and knowledge of self and culture. It supports healthy social development and the quality of a young person’s life, and it prepares students for success in the 21st century workplace, according to research into music education.

The Best Communities for Music Education Award for school districts offers opportunities to increase awareness and support for music programs. This year, the program celebrates 22 years of honoring schools and districts across the country.

He went on to talk about Don and Mary Haskins, all the coaches who applied for the job, the city of El Paso and how he grew up in west Texas, his wife and two boys, and most important of all, he said El Paso won’t have to wait long for a successful program.

In his last three years at ACU, Golding compiled a 71-23 record and made two trips to the NCAA Tournament. And what will make Miner fans especially happy is that he does it with defense.

Abilene Christian led the nation is forcing turnovers. They hustle and hassle their opponents all over the court. Can you imagine how loud the Haskins Center will get for that kind of defense.

And though Golding says he isn’t here to rebuild, he actually is. UTEP has just a few players on the roster and the new coach will have to put together a new team.

But just going by his mile-a-minute press conference, you can tell he’s excited, humbled and honored to be here and relishes the challenge.

Then again, we said that three years ago when Terry and Dimel were hired, so...

Super Crossword

POWER USERS ACROSS

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It may follow "Co."

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Give a hug

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Fave buds

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Location

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Sheep sound

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Flan topping

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Smell _ (be suspicious)

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_pedi

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Groups with queens and workers

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Talk wildly

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Lickety-split

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_ IRA

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Ending for host

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Nitric acid, old-style

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Knife incision

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Best Actor awards, e.g.

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Blood vessel

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Dairy Queen treat

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Freshen up

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Apple product

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Tax-taking org.

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Razor-billed seabird

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Made a lap

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Xenon and neon

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Some nameplates

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Certain recyclable

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Syringe fluid

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"Touched" actor

Beatty

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Suffix with Midwest

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Like dweebs

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Sleep lab study

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Ocean route

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Expectation

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Airport uniform

inits.

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Peddle stuff on the street

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The, in Cannes

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Apple product

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View lustfully

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Really clean

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Whole bunch

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Patriotic ladies' gp.

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"I told ya!"

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Hoarse

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Rival of Evander

"The Real Deal"

Holyfield

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Petroleum distillate used as fuel

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"Death Be Not Proud" poet

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Pro vote

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URL letters

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Ocean east of N. Car.

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Eternally, poetically

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_ de corps

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Spanish wife

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Ozeki's sport

108

Tiny garden pest

111

Mothers

114

Witty writer

Bombeck

116

Showoff's cry

117

Spanish coin

118

Basis of this puzzle's theme

122

Part of QED

123

Deli dish

124

Ouzo flavorer

125

Walk_ (small parts)

126

_ terrier (dog breed)

127

Wallet bills

128

Items in the classifieds

129

Word that can follow the starts of nine answers in this puzzle to make the names of

118-Across

DOWN

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Steel girder

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Measurable in microns

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Cow carrier on rails

4

With 24-Down, organic cotton garb, maybe

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Drone, e.g.

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Dudes

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Demand from a kidnapper

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Gallic friend

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Fair grade

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Golfer Ernie

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Brand of root beer

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German wife

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_ bean (risotto bit)

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Tennis great

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Mobile device worn on the wrist

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Broadcasting

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See 4-Down

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"How _ you?"

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Salem's state

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Victory

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Suffix with land or moon

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"How _ you?"

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"My Way" lyricist

Paul

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Wee devils

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Prior to, to a bard

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Pack animal

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Material carried away in a deluge

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End-of-list abbr.

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Soda insert

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Bar furniture

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Flee to marry

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Monica of the court

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Sine _ non

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Perceives

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Purchaser

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Unaided vision, with "the"

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Nita of silent films

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Lamb's mom

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Stage array

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Curved bit

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Unassertive

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_ Gyra (jazz group)

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Hank of baseball

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Speechify

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_ a soul (nobody)

72

Excess amount

75

Restaurant rendezvous

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Crank's cry

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2001 title role for Audrey Tautou

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Guide for a DIYer

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Nobel winner

Sadat

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Sauna alternative

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Remarkable events

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Lawn locale

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Kit _ bar

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Graceful bird

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Slangy refusal

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From _ B

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Unmoving

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Drone, e.g.

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Most docile

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Litigant

103

_ Park, Colorado

104

Fire initiator

105

March 14, to math lovers

106

Stores safely

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Pack animal

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Gulf nation

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Location

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Storage site

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Org.'s kin

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Logger's tool

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Spanish "a"

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Dowel, e.g.

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Figs. on a masthead

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



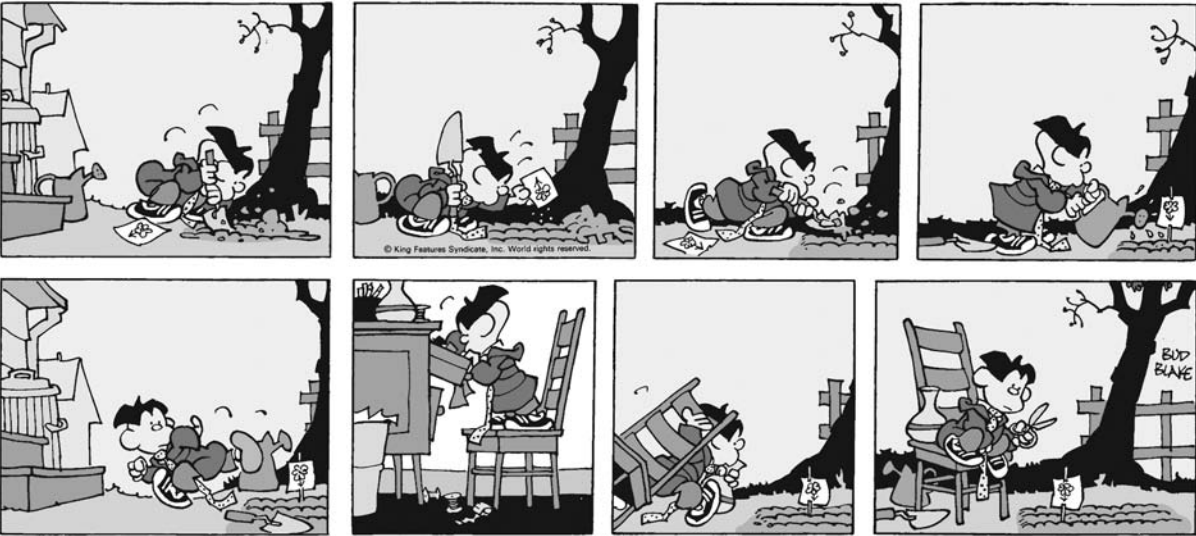
THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



TIGER By Bud Blake



Woke

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as in Joe Biden’s infrastructure legislation. It includes not only concrete, but everything but the kitchen sink. Nobody is against infrastructure, but the Republicans have an easy time opposing it if it includes

childcare, and if Biden’s price tag is \$3 trillion, raised by a large increase in corporate taxes. That puts him in the usual duel with Republicans. As usual, when it comes to taxes, the corporations are BFFs with the Republicans, joined at the hip in opposing big increases in the rates big business should pay. Neil Bradley, chief policy

officer of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which speaks for business, said, “This plan would make America less competitive, which would mean less U.S. economic growth and less job creation.” What is it Sen. Russell Long said? “Don’t tax you, don’t tax me. Tax that fellow behind the tree.” He got it right; tax the

Strategies to reduce risk of colon cancer

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 70 years old. I seem to be getting more polyps (which are removed). In the past five years, I have gone from one diverticulum to extensive diverticulosis throughout my entire colon. I try to have a high-fiber diet and use psyllium in my oatmeal daily. What more can I do? Eliminate red meat entirely and go vegan? – J.D.



Polyps in the colon confer a higher risk of colon cancer, and the more polyps a person has, the more frequently they should be screened, preferably with colonoscopy. There are some lifestyle changes most people can make to reduce the risk of polyps and of colon cancer. Regular exercise and eating plenty of fruits and vegetables are clearly shown to reduce colon cancer risk. Fiber has long been thought to be protective, but the results of trials have been contradictory. Among the many other possible protections to colon cancer, aspirin probably has the most benefit, but aspirin has other risks as well. People at high risk for colon cancer should discuss the use of aspirin with their doctors.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband and I are both 72 and of normal weight. I have fought high cholesterol and triglycerides for many years and have taken various statins for a long time. My triglycerides still trend high, but my other numbers are now normal. My husband eats a ton of processed meats, all the fat he wants and drinks three to five beers per day. His lipid panel results came back today, and his total cholesterol is 167, his LDL is 90, his HDL is 71, and his triglycerides are 29! He has never been on statin drugs. His only med is lisinopril for slightly high blood pressure. What I am concerned about is a CT scan done as part of a study we participated in. My husband’s results have mentioned calcification of heart arteries over the years, and the most recent says he has “SEVERE calcification of coronary arteries.” I want him to go to a cardiologist, but his family doc says that this is not a problem and as long as he keeps his blood pressure low, he can live a long time with this. He is satisfied with that answer. I’m really anxious to hear your thoughts about him needing to see a specialist. I hope you will be able to shed some light on the calcification and the reason why it happens with such good cholesterol readings. – D.B.

There are several important lessons in your story. The most important is that a poor diet increases the risk for heart disease even in a person with normal or good cholesterol results. Of people with a heart attack, 21% had cholesterol levels that would not trigger treatment with a statin drug. I suspect, but can’t be sure, that your husband has blockages in his coronary arteries; the severe calcification of the coronary arteries is an indicator that it is very likely.

I would add my recommendation to yours that your husband see a cardiologist. He has a LOT of work to do at improving his diet, he is drinking more alcohol than recommended and because of the coronary artery calcification, I suspect his new cardiologist would be strongly considering medication treatment to reduce heart disease risk.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2021 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

other guy. Long, by the way, It used to be that corporations was head of the Senate Finance were called reactionary. Now Committee, which deals with they’re accused of being woke. all tax-related legislation, so he should know. Yeah, I know, Long was a Democrat. But he was also (c) 2021 Bob Franken. a racist, an ardent segregationist. Distributed by King Features It’s funny how things change. Syndicate, Inc.



Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
In Pecos it was once a crime to walk or sit on the “wrong” side of the street.

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 T

XOGQW GNQ OXGNQW
HQG NDL MQQ BDYL NXEQ
LQEQWXH OQHG-GDC CQTL,
NQ MXL X SXWBQY SXT.

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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
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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The Colonel’s legacy



by Freddy Groves

“I’m astonished,” Sarge said when we met outside the coffee shop back door. “All on their own they set up a schedule for bathroom cleaning, cooking dinner, doing dishes, shower times. They worked it out themselves,” he said, obviously proud of the formerly homeless veterans who’d moved in upstairs. “Come look at this.”

I trailed him up the narrow staircase to the attic dormitory. “Look how they keep it. Pristine.”

And it was. Beds made, pillows fluffed, not a thing out of place. Since I’d been up there last, Sarge had brought in a couch, two recliners, and a 35-inch television.

“Computer and internet’s next,” he said. “One guy’s ready to start remote college classes. I found out he was only six credits away from

an accounting degree before he went homeless. The VA screwed up his payments, he lost his apartment and his wife, and it was downhill from there.”

I asked Sarge how he was able to pay for all this, finishing and furnishing the attic, feeding four hungry guys and only charging them \$10 a week rent. He’d gotten an inheritance years ago when his father died, he said. The money had been sitting in the bank.

Sarge went quiet for long minutes and then he said, “My father was a colonel during one of our ugly wars. Every Thursday night when I was growing up, he wasn’t at dinner with us. He’d come home, jump into civvies, and dash to the VA hospital to help with... whatever. Change bed pans, play chess, feed the ones who couldn’t hold a fork, write letters home, help guys figure out how to get up off the floor while they learned how to walk on their new legs, talk to the ones who woke up screaming... whatever. The veterans never knew he was a full bird colonel.”

Sarge looked around the dormitory. “The colonel,” he said with a small smile, “would be happy about this.”

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- Do you store plastic wrap in the refrigerator? Many home experts will tell you that storing plastic wrap in your fridge or freezer can help with the stickiness factor – the plastic is easier to manipulate and get into place when cold, but still stays put. Try it and see!
- Keep soap scum at bay on your glass shower doors with a layer of car wax. But do NOT let the wax get on your shower floors. That could be unsafe.
- Want delicious fried chicken crust but not the dripping oil? Baste chicken pieces with mayonnaise, then dredge in crushed cracker crumbs mixed with a bit of flour. Bake and enjoy.
- From L.D.W. in Illinois: “When I have a recipe, I put all the ingredients on the counter, and as I use each one, I put it away. My daughter and daughter-in-law like the idea, as they at one time or another, have forgotten an item.” I like that one, too, L.D.W. A well-prepared cook makes a delicious meal.
- Laundry soap – liquids, powder and pacs – should be added to the water before clothing. This allows the soap to disperse correctly throughout the water and also can avoid “grease spotting” that sometimes occurs when detergents land on dry fabric.
- “Many people have freezers in a garage or storage space that is not temperature or moisture controlled. To keep rust at bay, how about waxing the outside of your standing freezer periodically. Hey, it works for the car!” – G.C. in North Carolina
- Buff out small scratches in glass with toothpaste. Apply a small dab and rub in circles lightly, then wipe away.

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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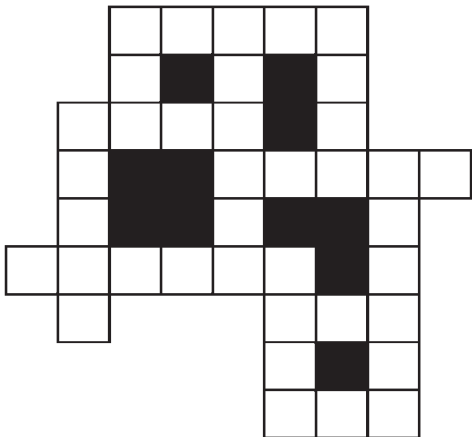
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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