

NEWSBRIEFS

Texas moms

With Mother’s Day on May 9 and mothers regaining jobs lost due to COVID-19 at a faster rate than fathers, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2021’s Best & Worst States for Working Moms, as well as accompanying videos. In order to help ease the burden on mothers in the workforce, WalletHub compared the attractiveness of each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia for a working mother based on 17 key metrics. The data set ranges from the median women’s salary to the female unemployment rate to day-care quality. Texas was rated 37th in the report. Life as a working mom in Texas (1-Best; 25-Avg.):

- 3rd – Day-Care Quality;
- 41st – Child-Care Costs (Adjusted for Median Women’s Salary);
- 36th – Pediatricians per Capita;
- 23rd – Gender Pay Gap (Women’s Earnings as % of Men’s);
- 46th – Ratio of Female Executives to Male Executives;
- 16th – Median Women’s Salary (Adjusted for Cost of Living);
- 32nd – Female Unemployment Rate;
- 27th – Parental-Leave Policy Score;
- 49th – Avg. Length of Woman’s Work Week (in Hours); and
- 33rd – % of Single-Mom Families in Poverty.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-working-moms/3565> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

EPCC grant

El Paso Community College (EPCC) has been awarded a grant of \$34,669 by The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). NEH announced this grant as part of its \$24 million awarded to 225 humanities projects across the country. This Humanities Connections Planning Grant will assist the project, *HUM-STEM: Redefining Experiential Curriculum for First-Year Students Project Description* that will link humanities and STEM fields through a summer bridge program, experiential learning, and courses in English, Biology, and Mathematics. The project will be administered by EPCC Professors Margie Nelson Rodriguez (English), Fan Chen (Mathematics) and Dr.

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Education will broaden a narrow mind, but there is no known cure for a big head.

– Quips & Quotes

Diligent work pays off for Schoenbrun

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic have caused a great many changes to daily life in this country. One group particularly affected by these changes is high school seniors. They are facing challenges this year that have never happened before on this scale.

Recent surveys indicate that many high school seniors are reporting that they do not plan to attend college or feel unprepared for college because of the pandemic and its impact on their education.

In a recent survey, 32 per cent of high school seniors reported that the pandemic reduced the likelihood that they would enroll in college, and 40 percent indicated that they did not plan to enroll in college because of the pandemic. And many reported fears that they have fallen behind because of online learning.

Senior year is typically the high point of a student’s high school career. This year, more seniors than usual are worried though about just being able to graduate. They are concerned about being able to qualify and be fully prepared for college admission.

Despite the pandemic’s impact, however, some seniors have been able to not only meet the challenge but also have been able to thrive in this precarious environment. One such high school senior is Eleanor Schoenbrun, who was recently awarded a \$4,000 scholarship from the Elks National Foundation.

“During this pandemic, I was grateful enough to have such a phenomenal group of teachers, peers, family, and friends who have kept me motivated and have inspired me to do something that scares me every day. I have been able to succeed in my courses, extracurriculars, work on college applications, spend this extra time with my family, and still lead service projects for my school and community,” Schoenbrun said.

Schoenbrun is Franklin High School’s (FHS) Student Council student body president, captain of the Franklin Marching Band Twirlers, parliamentarian for the National Honor Society, and a member of the Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and Health Occupations Students Association (HOSA). She is currently ranked Salutatorian, or second out of 728 seniors, and is graduating in June with a 4.47 (weighted) grade point average.

In addition to her schoolwork, the FHS senior said that she has been involved in community service projects to help her community since the third grade. She related that she has received national recognition and grants for two of her service projects – Pennies Fur Pets and Kans for Kids.

Pennies Fur Pets was initiated by Schoenbrun in 2011 when she was eight years old. Her community service project has raised thousands of dollars to help feed, heal and foster unwanted, orphaned, and rejected animals. The initiative’s goal, according to its founder, is to find a forever home for the El Paso area’s



Eleanor Ann Schoenbrun was recently named an Elks National Foundation scholarship semifinalist and was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship.

homeless furry animals.

Kans for Kids Helping Fight Children’s Hunger, which can be contacted through Facebook, was started a couple of years ago after Schoenbrun and fellow schoolmates learned that 1 out of 5 children go to bed hungry in the region. Since then, the community service program has been collecting canned goods and donating

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Anderson, Siañez are Socorro ISD top teachers

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Socorro Independent School District (SISD) celebrated its 2021 Teacher of the Year by virtual announcement on April 29, 2021. The second annual virtual announcement showcased all SISD Campus Teachers of the Year and the Elite 8 finalists. The event wrapped with the announcement of the top two district winners – the 2021 Elementary and Secondary SISD Teachers of the Year.

The 2021 SISD Elementary Teacher of the Year is Kelsey Anderson from Cactus Trails Elementary School. She is a third-grade teacher and has been teaching for nine years. Anderson said she works to help her students believe in themselves and build their confidence in their schoolwork, in achieving a goal, or even just speaking



Kelsey Anderson

up in class. Anderson gave credit to all her students for molding her into the dedicated educator that she has become.

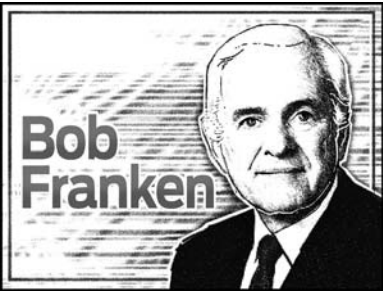
“This award isn’t for me,” Anderson said. “It’s for my past and present students because they make me the kind of teacher that I am today. They are the reason why I teach.”

The 2021 SISD Secondary Teacher of the Year is Donna Siañez from El Dorado High School. She is a professional communications teacher and has been an educator for 23 years. Siañez teaches her students to encourage one another to work toward success, to do their best and to treat each other with kindness and respect. During her speech in the virtual announcement, she expressed gratitude to her fellow educators.

“We have such dedicated teachers in our district, and I am so humbled and honored to represent us all,” Siañez said. “If there is any success I can claim, it is because of all the people I am surrounded by and I have nothing but love for them all.”



Donna Siañez



Before we get too immersed in the news that caused national self-congratulations, let’s remember why it was news at all. A Minneapolis jury convicted policeman Derek Chauvin of three murder charges nearly a year after he killed George Floyd. The jury simply could not ignore the fact that Chauvin kept his knee on George’s neck for almost nine and a half minutes, squeezing the life out of a struggling-against-arrest man who had repeatedly screamed, “I can’t breathe!”

Not only that, but Chauvin, a veteran of the force, was almost casual about it. At one point he had his hands in his pockets as he

Race, the dark reality

and three other officers subdued Floyd. We know all this because their fatal acts were captured on video. The policemen were emboldened, perhaps, by the fact that law enforcement officials in the United States are rarely convicted of using unnecessary deadly force, particularly if the alleged perpetrator is a person of color. “Alleged” is an important word here, because it turns out all the perp is really guilty of in disproportionate cases is being black.

But this time, in the aftermath of the cop’s egregious cruelty, the jury found Chauvin guilty of all three charges. George Floyd had become a symbol of police violence against minorities over the generations. His desperate “I can’t breathe” gasps became the roar of the millions of protestors worldwide who were finally fed up with America’s

signature racism.

“This is a day of justice in America,” said Vice President Kamala Harris to the families after the jury verdict was announced. President Joe Biden called it “a step forward” at the same White House event. It should have been a routine verdict, considering the overwhelming evidence. But it was remarkable considering this country’s history of brutal suppression.

Biden and Harris’ remarks carried with them unmistakable sighs of relief, considering that crowds of thousands were assembled in cities across the nation, waiting to protest anything but a satisfactory outcome of the trial. Otherwise, they were fully prepared to re-create the [violent riots] that the event sparked nearly a year ago.

So it was a “step forward,” as President Biden said. But it only

happened after so many steps backward. It took a murderous civil war to extricate the nation from evil slavery. However, that was soon replaced by the quasi-slavery of Jim Crow. White bigots controlled the lawmaking process; white-hooded vigilantes marauded as law enforcement. The reaction to courageous civil-rights acts was that white bigots immediately tried to forestall them. It continues to this day, our nation still split on the complexities of racism.

The fact is glaring. Inequity affects just about every facet of American life. True, we have advanced beyond the plantation, having taken teeny steps to accepting unequal schools, housing and, most tragically, law enforcement.

As we saw on Jan. 6, so many white supremacists are willing to fight another civil war for apartheid. But it’s not only them. The white people not on the fringes are all too willing to live comfortably

with what has been labeled “white privilege,” conveniently oblivious to advantages that are only feasible with someone else’s disadvantages... someone of color.

In the pandemic, a disproportionate number of poor and minorities were ravaged by COVID, explained by a shortage of medical care, transportation and good schools that are not accessible in their neighborhoods.

So yes, the Chauvin verdict was good news, but it does not overcome a history of deadly police violence that continues to this day, and a history of blatant inequities that will take a lot of changes and sacrifice that many white Americans have not indicated we’re willing to surrender.

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Food for thought By John Grimaldi

Seniors are the ‘target of choice’ for COVID scammers

It may sound dismissive and insulting to say that the older you get the more susceptible you become to fraud, but a study published in the journal, Annals of Internal Medicine, found that “even cognitively intact older adults can have ‘functional’ changes that may render them financially vulnerable,” according to Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC).

The report goes on to note that the risk increases “dramatically” for those who feel isolated and, as Weber points out, “loneliness, especially for older Americans, has become the routine during the current COVID pandemic.”

The condition is known as Age-Associated Financial Vulnerability, or AAFV, and it is important to note that the study dealt with individuals who were financially competent during their lifetimes. “It doesn’t mean you are getting senile in your old age; it means that it is time to slow down a bit and that you might feel more comfortable by getting ‘a second opinion’ when you are about to make a financial decision,” Weber explains.

The authors of the report say that more research needs to be done in order to better understand who is at risk and why. They concluded that “AAFV is a problem with serious effects on patients, their families, and society.

associated changes in the human brain, shifts in the concentration of wealth to older demographic groups, and industry’s adoption of marketing strategies that are increasingly becoming rooted in behavioral economics and cognitive neuroscience.”

Here are some of the more current senior scams that have been reported:

- Beware of offers to get you on a COVID vaccine list or to get an early vaccination for a fee. There is no charge for signing up or getting the vaccine.
- Watch out for fraudsters promising to clean your home as a means of avoiding COVID contamination. They don’t want to clean your home, they want to clean you out.
- Salespersons may contact you with offers of oils, brews and all sorts of fake COVID preventative treatments; there are no such things.
- And then there are the charity scammers. They may ask for a contribution

to help out a needy family dealing with the coronavirus or a fake COVID-related charity.

“Three and a half million American men and women turn 65 each and every day and it’s not unusual, anymore, to see friends and relatives reaching the ripe old age of 100 and beyond. It’s a matter of fact that the older you get the more likely it is that you can become a victim of fraud. So, here’s a suggestion: if and when someone, even a relative or a friend, proposes you make a purchase or an investment of any kind invite a trusted third party for an opinion before you agree. It’s good advice at any age,” says AMAC’s Weber.

The 2.3 million member Association of Mature American Citizens (www.amac.us) is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members.

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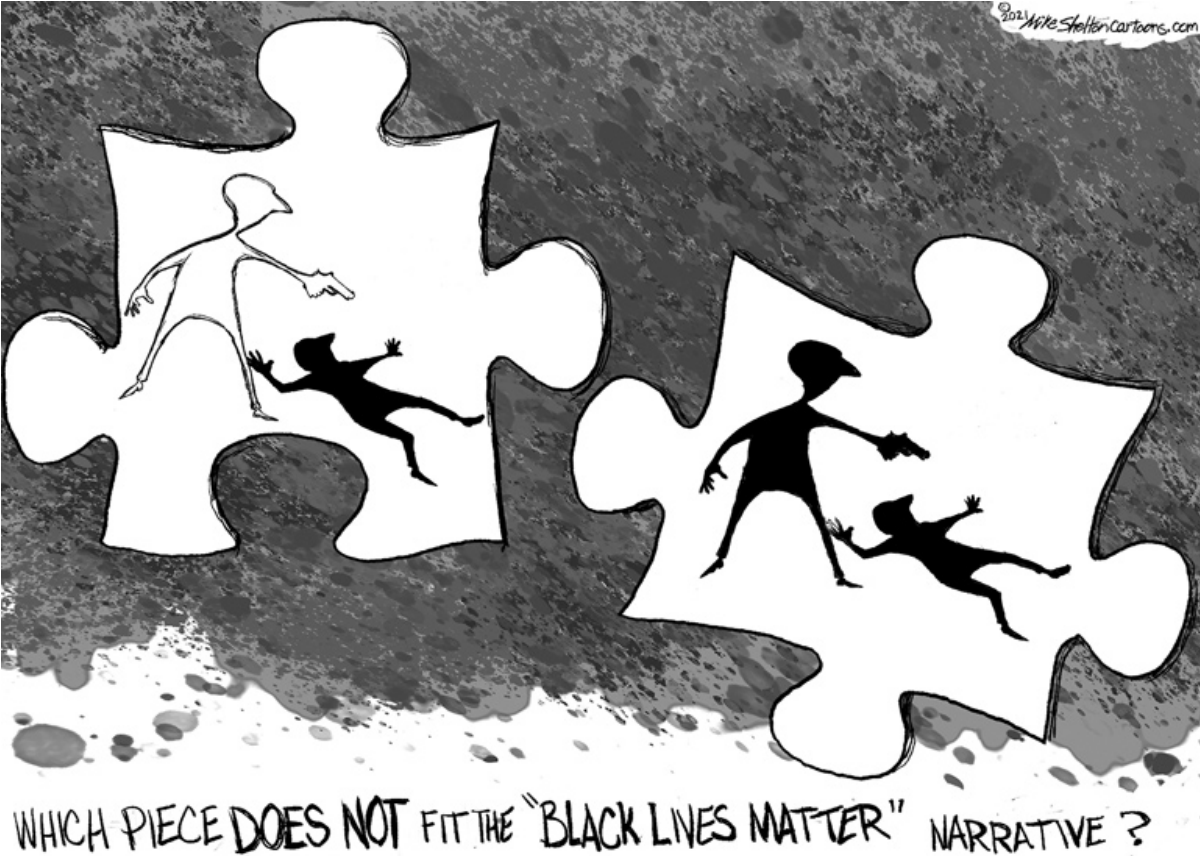
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Joe Biden’s radical gambit

There’s believing your own press releases. And then, there’s believing your own delusions of grandeur.

Joe Biden should look at the mirror every day and see a president elected on the basis of the unpopularity of his predecessor at a time when the country was slammed by a once-in-100-years pandemic.

Instead, by every account, he sees a transformative leader with a mandate to change America as rapidly and irreversibly as possible.

As the news site Axios noted, Biden wants his next 100 days to be “more audacious” than his first 100, as he seeks “to re-engineer the very fundamentals of America – inequality, voting rights and government’s role in directing economic growth.”

Oh, is that all?

Biden’s drive to make himself the next FDR and erect a massive progressive edifice on the slightest of political foundations is monumentally arrogant and almost certainly bound to fail.

Biden is contemplating the sort of the bait-and-switch that rarely goes over well. Yes, the policy plans he ran on last year were further to the left of Barack Obama’s and of Biden’s own lengthy record as a U.S. senator.

But Biden described himself as a moderate who wanted to work with Republicans and restore a sense of normality to Washington.

He said, as he put it when urging Republicans not to fill the Ruth Bader Ginsberg seat on the Supreme Court, “We need to de-escalate, not escalate.”

No one listening to that or a thousand other things Biden said during the campaign would have had him pegged as the guy who’d immediately set about making wrenching changes in the American way of life.

For a would-be FDR, Biden doesn’t seem to understand that a fundamental source of the New Dealer’s power was enormous congressional majorities.

FDR came into office in 1932 with almost a 200-seat majority in the House, 313-117, after Republicans lost more than 100 seats.

Biden came into office in 2020 with a bare 9-seat majority in the House after Democrats surprisingly lost ground all over the country. It’s the narrowest Democratic House majority since the last two years of the administration of Rutherford B. Hayes.

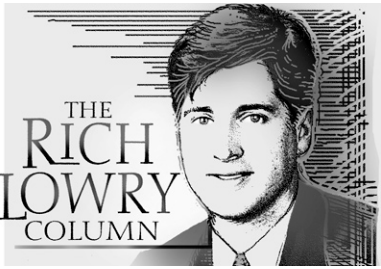
In the Senate, FDR had 58 Democrats, as Republicans lost

12 seats in 1932 in one of the worst senatorial drubbings in history.

Biden has a 50-50 tie after Democrats eked out two special election victories in Georgia earlier this year, with Vice President Kamala Harris on standby to break ties.

The fate of Biden’s legislative agenda hangs by a thread, depending on whether Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema, relatively moderate Democrats, support his proposals. If FDR had been equally dependent on a couple of ideologically unsympathetic Democrats from the outset of his administration, he wouldn’t be FDR.

If Biden feels emboldened



by his first 100 days, he’s defining achievement

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

COVID-19 and the children

Politicians’ favorite line seems to be: “It’s for our children and grandchildren.” But what if we don’t have any?

People are still concerned about Paul Ehrlich’s “Population Bomb,” but apparently haven’t noticed that we are closing schools while building old people’s homes, where many staff members are immigrants and many residents have no one to visit them.

Most of the world, except for Africa, has below replacement-level fertility¹. Soon, children whose mother tongue is Italian, French, or German may be the minority in their parents’ land. Even with immigration, the U.S. has fallen below replacement level.

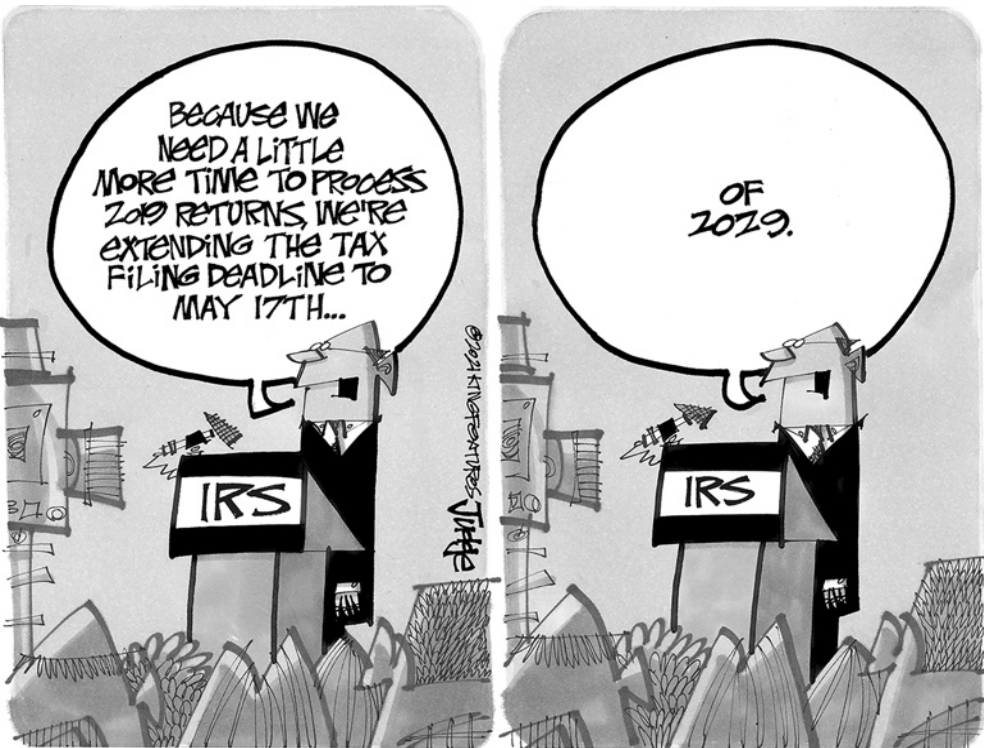
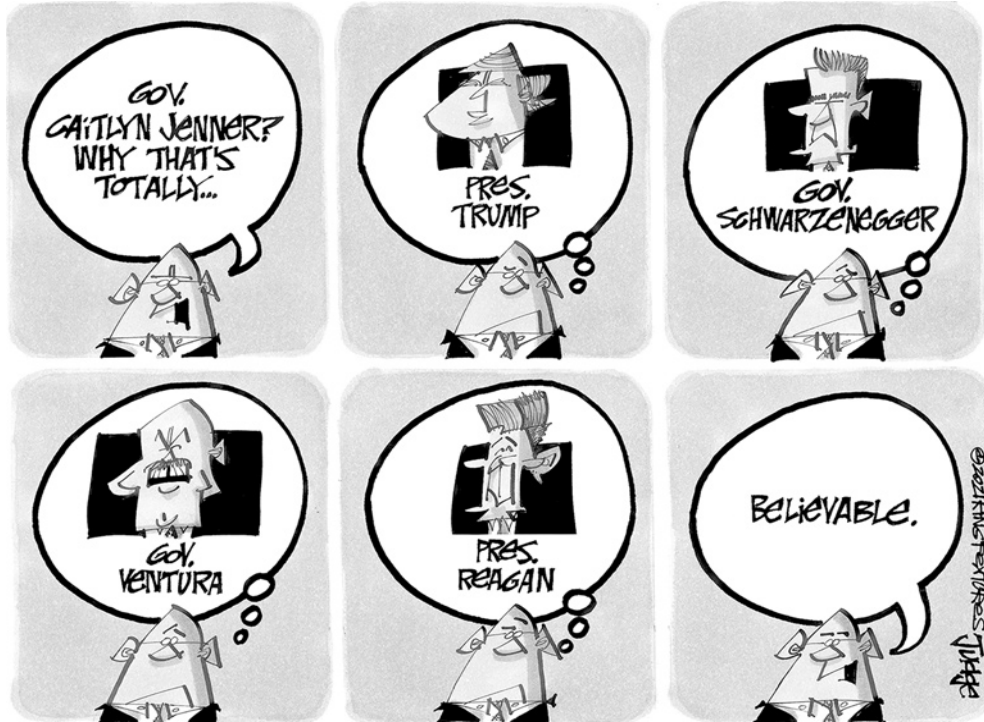
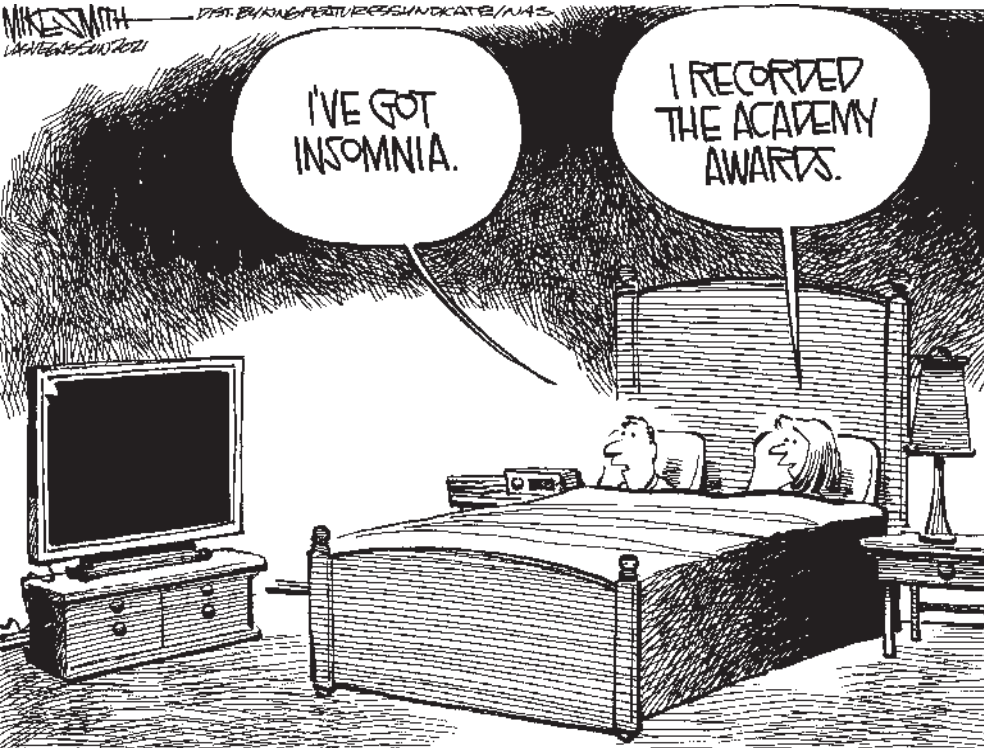
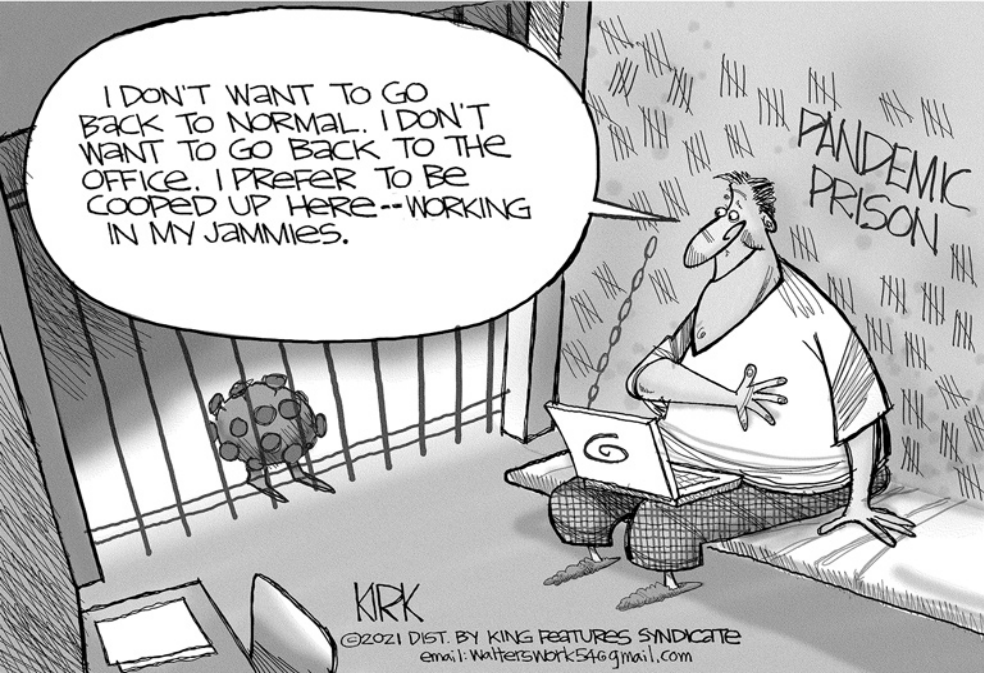
For powerful global elites, this is cause for celebration. Prince Phillip once said that he would like to be reincarnated as a deadly virus² as revenge against humanity’s overpopulation and destruction of nature. The COVID-19 virus arrived before his death, but the world’s response could achieve the desired depopulation.

Before COVID-19, the most hyped “existential” threat was climate change. Movements like the Extinction Rebellion³ preach doom unless we drastically change our lifestyle. The effect was disappointing. Some vow not to have children, to protect our future, but they could change their minds. And people weren’t scared enough to give up conveniences like flying, or to create poverty and hunger by shutting down the industrial economy.

Then along came the spikey virus – one graphic shows the Death Star from *Star Wars*⁴ festooned with spikes. In dread of coronadoom, people have meekly complied with drastic curtailments of their liberties and economic constraints guaranteeing the destruction of businesses not protected by government. Rules supposed to last 14 days are extended repeatedly, with constantly moving goalposts. The climate alarmists

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STOCKHOLM SYNDROME: WHEN HOSTAGES START BONDING WITH THEIR CAPTORS





– Photos courtesy DEA

BY THE BAGSFUL – The DEA collected over 400 tons of unused drugs on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

El Pasoans turn in 7,903 pounds of drugs

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Drug Enforcement Agency’s (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day collected 829,543 pounds (419.7 tons) of unused, expired, and unwanted medications across the country. The El Paso Field Division collected 7,903 pounds of that grand total. Americans once again showed their dedication toward helping prevent addiction and potential overdose by removing prescription pills from their homes. Our April event included 4,425 community partners at 5,060 collection sites throughout the country.

“DEA’s biannual Take Back Day events are critical to helping reduce overdose deaths and alleviate addiction by safely disposing of prescription medications that sit idle in the home,” said DEA Acting Administrator D. Christopher Evans. “DEA is committed to providing a safe and secure method for the public to rid their homes of potentially dangerous drugs.”

“We thank everyone in El Paso, West Texas, and New Mexico who brought us their medications last weekend,” said Kyle W. Williamson, Special Agent in Charge of

the Drug Enforcement Administration’s El Paso Division. “The nearly 8,000 pounds collected at our locations were the third most we’ve received at our division in the history of this program.”

DEA, along with its law enforcement partners, has now collected 14,670,240 million pounds of medications since the inception of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative in 2010. On Oct. 24, 2020, the public turned in a record 985,392 pounds – almost 493 tons – of medication to DEA and 4,153 of its community partners at 4,587 collection sites nationwide, including 33 Bureau of Indian Affairs sites.

For those who could not make it to a Take Back location, DEA reminds the community that every day is Take Back Day with more

than 11,000 year-round authorized collection sites across the country. The DEA also encourages the public to reach out to their local law enforcement to find out if they have any permanent drug disposal locations throughout their local community.

Visit www.deatakeback.com for complete results for DEA’s April 2021 Take Back Day.



DRUG SAFE – The DEA recommends people keep their medication locked up to prevent children or others from easily stealing them.

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Rebecca Escamilla (Biology). “This NEH planning grant will provide an opportunity for robust interdisciplinary collaboration between

the humanities and STEM at EPCC, particularly in experiential learning,” Margie Nelson Rodriguez, Project Manager, said. “Experiential learning helps students apply what they have learned and this program, HUM-STEM, will connect humanities and STEM

for faculty and students.” The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is an independent federal agency created in 1965. It is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States.

– Jim Heiney

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CryptoQuip Answer

Because the mattress on her guest bed is so firm, it creates lots of hard feelings.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Alligators will give manatees the right of way if they swim near each other.

• A day on Mars lasts 24 hours, 39 minutes and 35 seconds. You’d assume therefore that there are fewer days in a Martian year than an Earth year, right? Nope – because Mars orbits the sun more slowly than Earth, a Martian year actually comprises 687 days.

• The board game Cranium was the first non-coffee product to be sold at Starbucks.

• A Mickey is the smallest detectable movement of a mouse cursor on a screen. The term was coined by computer scientists, who use it when programming mice and other input devices.

• And while we’re on the subject of “small,” the tiniest item ever photographed is the shadow of an atom, captured via a super-high-resolution microscope by a team at Australia’s Griffith University in 2012.

• The Welsh word for jellyfish is “Psygod wibbli wibli.”

• Out of the millions of creatures that inhabit planet Earth, humans are one of just three species capable of laughter, the other two being chimpanzees... and rats!

• “The Galop Infernal,” composed for an opera as a soundtrack to a man descending into hell, is better known to most of us as “The Can-Can” song.

• The most expensive pizza in the world will set you back a cool \$12,000. Why? Well, it takes 72 hours to make, can only be produced in your home by three Italian chefs, and is topped with three types of caviar, bufala mozzarella, lobster from Norway and Cilento, and pink Australian sea salt!

Thought for the Day: “Don’t worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don’t even try.”

– Jack Canfield

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**Moments
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THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On May 3, 1946, in Tokyo, the International Military Tribunals begins hearing the case against 28 Japanese military and government officials accused of committing war crimes during World War II. All but three of the defendants were eventually found guilty.
- On May 4, 1776, Rhode Island becomes the first American colony to renounce its allegiance to King George III. Ironically, Rhode Island would be the last state to ratify the new Constitution more than 14 years later.
- On May 5, 1961, Navy Commander Alan Shepard Jr. is launched into space aboard the Freedom 7 capsule, becoming the first American astronaut to travel into space. The flight lasted 15 minutes.
- On May 6, 1994, a rail tunnel under the English Channel officially opens, connecting Britain and the European mainland for the first time since the Ice Age. The “Chunnel” runs under water for 23 miles, with an average depth of 150 feet below the seabed.
- On May 7, 1915, the British ocean liner Lusitania is torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, sinking within 20 minutes. Of the 1,959 passengers and crew, 1,198 people were drowned. The British Admiralty had warned the ship to avoid the area, but the Lusitania’s captain ignored the recommendations.
- On May 8, 1792, Congress passes the second portion of the Militia Act, requiring that able-bodied males between the ages of 18 and 45 be enrolled in the militia. The act was quickly tested when farmers in Pennsylvania, angered by a tax on whiskey, attacked the home of a tax collector. President George Washington responded with 15,000 militia members.
- On May 9, 1950, Ron Hubbard publishes “Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health.” The book introduced a self-help psychology called Dianetics, which morphed into a belief system called Scientology, popular due to its high profile in Hollywood.

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DEA aims to stop flow of fentanyl

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Drug Enforcement Administration has launched a new initiative, Project Wave Breaker, to disrupt the flow of deadly fentanyl into the United States.

Project Wave Breaker will direct interdiction, enforcement, and outreach efforts to the El Paso Division to disrupt the flow of fentanyl in and around the United States. The initiative will also employ analytical intelligence assets to target the activities of Mexican transnational criminal organizations, which are the primary suppliers and distributors of illicit fentanyl and fentanyl substances throughout the United States.

“While a major entry point for fentanyl is the Southwest border, the cartels are spreading their poison into communities across

the Nation,” said DEA Acting Administrator D. Christopher Evans. “Through this initiative, we’re tackling a very real public health, public safety, and national security threat, identifying the most egregious street-level networks in our communities and working our way up through the supply chain.”

“The lethal dose of fentanyl is 2.2 milligrams, and the average amount of fentanyl in the pills we seize is 1.8 milligrams,” said Kyle W. Williamson, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s El Paso Division. “There isn’t much room for error. Every pill we seize from these profit-seeking cartels is a potential life saved.”

The eleven divisions participating in Project Wave Breaker are credited with 85 percent of all synthetic opioids seized by the DEA in 2020. They include: Phoenix, New York, San Diego, New England, Los

Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, San Francisco, Houston, and El Paso.

Mexican cartels, particularly the Sinaloa Cartel, have capitalized on the opioid epidemic and prescription drug misuse and abuse in the United States, flooding communities with illicit fentanyl and driving the record-setting rates of overdose deaths. According to the most recently published CDC provisional data, more than 87,200 people died from an overdose last year, marking the largest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period. Deaths involving synthetic opioids increased nearly 60 percent during the same 12-month period ending September 1, 2020

Facts about fentanyl:

- Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine.
- Of counterfeit pills tested

in DEA laboratories, one in four pills made with fentanyl contained a potentially lethal dose.

- A kilogram of fentanyl can contain 500,000 potentially lethal doses. Last year, the eleven divisions participating in Project Wave Breaker seized a combined total of 2,316 kilograms of fentanyl (more than a billion potentially lethal doses).
- The seizure of fentanyl-laced pills along the Southwest border increased more than 89 percent from January 2019 to December 2020.

Project Wave Breaker aims to reduce the amount of fentanyl coming across the Southwest border, reduce crime and violence associated with drug trafficking, and ultimately save lives by reducing the demand for illicit fentanyl.

Visit www.dea.gov/divisions/facts-about-fentanyl-for-resources and additional information on fentanyl and other illicit drugs.

Children

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don’t want things to ever go back to normal.

“Protect the vulnerable!” say signers of the Great Barrington Declaration⁵, and let the rest of society work and live. Unlike other disasters that wiped out human populations – war, famine, civil discord, and most serious epidemics, COVID-19 attacks primarily the elderly and infirm. It was logical to vaccinate the elderly first. Some died, and some had serious side effects. The experts point out that someone who died after the COVID jab possibly died of something else (the timing was just coincidental) or might have died later of COVID-19. “The benefits exceed the risk,” they say.

But the vaccinations don’t stop with high-risk persons. Multibillionaire oligarchs and “philanthropists” – most prominently the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – want to vaccinate everybody in the world. Or maybe just everybody else. Climate change diva Greta Thunberg has just announced that the Greta Thunberg Foundation will donate 100,000 euros to “vaccine equity⁶.”

When those dedicated to reducing humanity’s “footprint” on the planet suddenly switch to universal vaccination, should some caution lights flash?

They are coming for the children. First with experiments – although minors cannot give informed consent. Likely then with warp-speed mandates that are illegal for not-yet-FDA-approved products given under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). Why?

Does COVID-19 kill children⁷? Almost never. Do children infect Grandma? Almost never. Does the vaccine keep you from transmitting disease? Possibly – but keep wearing that mask.

Pregnant women were excluded from early trials but are getting the jab anyway. Some, who were hoping to give their baby antibodies, miscarried or had a stillbirth. Agencies will investigate, and surely come up with statistics on “extreme rarity,” but let’s see independent forensic pathology on the placentas and dead babies.

The “abundance of caution” CDC has paused the J&J vaccine after six young women developed rare blood clots (cerebral sinus thrombosis), although it’s only one in a million, they say. The European Medicines Agency briefly paused the similar AstraZeneca vaccine⁸, meant to be the “workhorse of Covax,” after 18 deaths from clots. It admits to adverse events in 1 in 100,000. Now some countries allow its use only in older persons. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, according to the Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS), have also been linked to clotting and hemorrhage problems. Thousands of deaths from this and other causes, in healthy persons of reproductive age, have been reported – but are still “rare” and possibly coincidental.

It is too soon to know of late effects. First, will there be “pathogenic priming, like with vaccines for the related SARS-CoV-1 virus? The animals made antibodies and looked fine until exposed to the wild virus. Then the immune system overreaction killed them. Human use was stopped. For SARS-CoV2, animal trials were skipped.

Concerns about effects on fertility⁹ have sparked many reports stating that “there is no evidence” that vaccines cause infertility – ask Google. And where is evidence that they don’t? Animal trials were skipped.

We’ll see what happens when today’s fully vaccinated youth and children try to have babies. Prince Phillip may get his wish.

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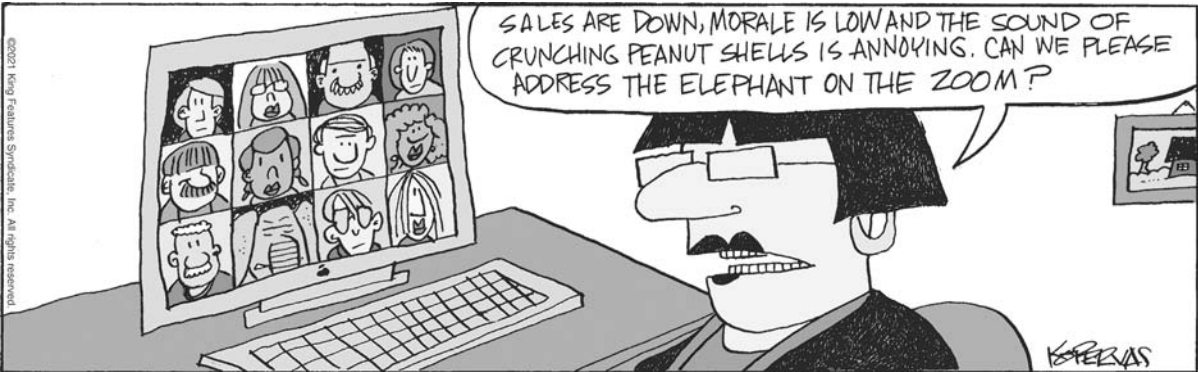
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downward. FDR signed into law more than a dozen major measures addressing the Great Depression during his first 100 days, while Biden got a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill – a huge amount of spending, yes,

but much of it is temporary. Pro-Biden pundits are currently exulting that he has about a 53% approval rating, a respectable showing, if hardly a position of overwhelming strength from which to try to revolutionize the country. Importantly, FDR initially got even more powerful after 1932. Republicans dropped down to only 17 senators and 89

congressmen in 1936, whereas Biden will be lucky to hold on to his slender congressional majorities next year. With his legislative margin of error so thin, it's unlikely that Biden will get his way on much besides spending and taxes. Almost all of his sweeping proposals, from federalizing elections to making D.C. a state,

Heart attack vs. stroke: Balancing the risks

DEAR DR. ROACH: Your recent article on statins/strokes piqued my interest since you mentioned that statins might cause hemorrhagic strokes. My husband had a hemorrhagic stroke in 2014, cause unknown. The stroke caused aphasia and seizures. He was prescribed Crestor 10mg and then increased it to 20mg. His calcium score is very high. He also had an ischemic stroke in February 2019 and was prescribed aspirin and 40 mg of atorvastatin. I am more concerned now as to whether he should be taking statins. His LDL is 63 and HDL is 47. Your comments on this would be appreciated. – F.D.



Before I comment on your husband's situation, let me make a few of the terms clear. An intracranial hemorrhage is a bleed inside the brain. The resultant pressure inside the head can cause permanent damage to nearby brain structures: a hemorrhagic stroke. Risk factors for a hemorrhagic stroke include anticoagulants – aspirin has a very small risk, but other agents, especially warfarin (Coumadin) and to a lesser extent, newer agents such as dabigatran (Pradaxa), have a more significant risk. Poorly controlled high blood pressure is a risk, as is consumption of large amounts of alcohol. Some people have no identifiable risk. Your husband's case is a situation that requires clinical judgment and more knowledge than I possess to give the most informed answer. However, for most people, the risk of an ischemic stroke and of a heart attack is significantly higher than the risk of hemorrhagic stroke. Further, the benefit in statins helping with heart attack and ischemic stroke is well-studied and moderate in magnitude. By contrast, the increase in hemorrhagic stroke risk, if any, is likely to be small. The balance of risks would be in favor of treating. His high calcium score indicates a higher risk for heart attack, making a statin more important for him. If he had a risk factor for his previous hemorrhagic stroke that can be modified, then I would be more confident of the net benefit of a statin.

DEAR DR. ROACH: What is the safest and most effective way to clean wax from ears? I have worn hearing aids for roughly 40 years, but with a new set of high-tech hearing aids, earwax has become a problem. How can I best remove it without using a sharp tool to dig it out? – M.L.W.

Most people do NOT need to do anything about earwax, and many traditional home remedies are unsafe. The old advice to never put anything smaller than your elbow in your ear is a good one for most people. Candling is unsafe and ineffective. Anything sharp is very dangerous. For someone with recurrent earwax, especially with a hearing aid, one approach is to use a cotton ball dipped in mineral oil and place in the external ear canal for 10-20 minutes once a week. This can be followed by a gentle rinse with warm water using a rubber bulb syringe. The cotton ball treatment can be used to prevent symptoms as well as to treat mild cases. Another option is the use of an earwax removing agent, such as carbamide peroxide. These can be irritating and should not be used routinely – only for symptoms. If you don't get relief after a few days of home treatment, you'll need to have your clinician look into your ears.

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.

will fall by the wayside. self-image. More to the point, it's wrong for Biden to attempt to force through such radical measures when his mandate for them exists only in his ridiculously inflated

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Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
A dark cloud deposited 34 fish in a Ft. Worth front yard in May of 1985... Flying Fish?

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: E equals R

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YZ QIE RKIAM PIU JA AY
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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

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Sarge the EMT



by Freddy Groves

The retired sergeant, the one with the 6-foot foldout measuring stick, wasn't there when I headed for the order window at the coffee shop. The rest of the veterans were uncharacteristically quiet, arrayed around the sidewalk in folding chairs and blankets against the cold, listening to an emergency scanner.

"Where is he?" I asked.

"There was an accident out on the highway. We suspect he was involved somehow," one said. A pause, then: "He was a career Army combat medic, E-6. Tried to sign up with the EMTs here. Wouldn't take him. Too old, they said. Policy."

It was an hour before Sarge pulled up in his truck and climbed slowly out, blood on his coat. He snapped open his lawn chair and dropped into it.

The story came out in a tired voice: He was three cars

behind a nasty wreck, multiple crushed vehicles, one a pickup truck that had rolled, ejecting a toddler onto the pavement.

"I grabbed my medical bag," he said. "Injured baby, blood everywhere, but thank God, still strapped in her car seat."

One of the other vets pushed up out of his lawn chair. "You're a bit shock-y," he said and handed Sarge his blanket.

The story kept coming out: Sarge had wrapped the baby's leg that had the worst of the damage and kept pressure on it with one hand while washing the blood off her face with the other, singing to her for distraction, and managed not to kill on sight the drunk father who stumbled over and demanded to know what he was doing to his daughter. The EMTs eventually showed up, bouncing down the median.

His phone rang and he pulled it out, listened and grunted "I'll be there." He snapped the phone shut and slid it back into his pocket. "The baby will be fine eventually."

We saw a tiny smile, and then: "The EMTs want me. Said maybe I'm not too old

after all."

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• Trying to spot roof damage but not quite sure you're ready for a trip up the ladder? Before you get up on the roof, get out your binoculars. You'd be surprised how much you can see from the ground, and you can do a cursory examination and then decide if anything needs a closer look.

• Upcycle an unused bread box as a charging station. Simply mount a power strip in the back of the box on the inside, and you can put phones and other small devices directly inside to charge. Run a cord through the side so that larger tablets can sit on top of the box to charge.

• "Use lip balm to help a too-tight ring slide off of a finger. This happened to me when I tried on my sister's ring in church. I had some lip balm in my pocket, and it helped me get the ring off quickly and quietly without having to get up." – A.E. in Washington

• If your phone's buzzing and ringing with alerts has you distracted during your workday, use the "do not disturb" function to create periods of quiet. Schedule blocks of deep focus time by making an appointment with yourself in your calendar. This can help you to organize your time to get things done.

• Using cold water for laundering protects colors and uses less energy.

• If you have some sticky gum that's stuck on fabric, it might be best to set it aside and wait for it to harden. Or if you can't wait that long, try using a piece of duct tape. Press the tape over the gum, then lift off from the side. You can repeat this process to pull up all of the gum.

• "Establish a family lost and found for small items that are discovered in places where they don't belong. It can be as simple as socks or hairbrushes to money and electronics." – P.O. in Virginia

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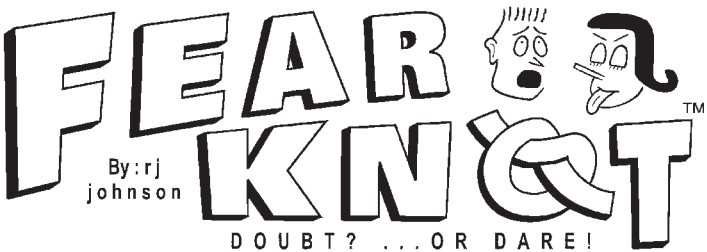
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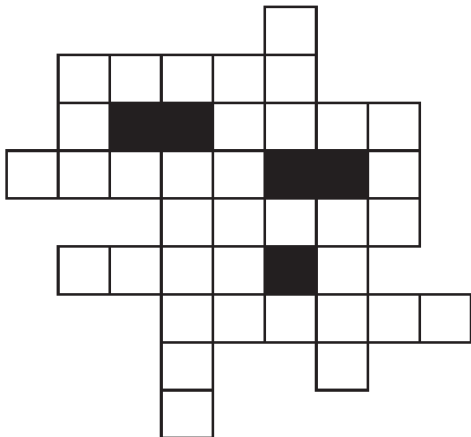
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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