



## NEWSBRIEFS

**Socorro ISD, Espinoza, part ways**

Dr. Jose Espinoza has announced his resignation as Superintendent of Schools for the Socorro Independent School District (SISD). An agreement has been reached which allows Dr. Espinoza the ability to pursue other interests and permits the Board to pursue hiring another Superintendent. The Board and Dr. Espinoza have entered into the agreement believing it is in the best interests of the Socorro Independent School District. “When I was hired in 2012, it was love at first sight for me when I met all the outstanding students, employees, and community of Socorro ISD. I knew from day one that this was a place I wanted to raise my kids and be a part of for many years. I thank all of our school community for nine amazing years of achieving success as a team. I fully understand that when a new board majority is elected, they want to hire their own superintendent. I am confident that Socorro ISD will continue its legacy of success and teamwork under new leadership. My wife and I take with us countless memories that we will cherish forever of our amazing journey with Team SISD,” said Superintendent Espinoza. Speaking on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Board President, Cynthia Najera, praised the superintendent for his unique ability to build a strong sense of unity and teamwork both within the district and between the district and the community.

— Christy Flores-Jones

**Socorro ISD names M. Najera to board**

The Socorro Independent School District (SISD) Board of Trustees named community member Michael A. Najera to fill a vacant at-large trustee seat on the district’s school board. The SISD Board of Trustees named Najera during a special board meeting on May 4, 2021 after reviewing candidate applications from the community. He will fill the vacated seat and complete the term of the position. Najera previously served on the SISD Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2019. He is the Executive Director of Client Transformation at Change Healthcare, a provider of revenue and payment cycle

See BRIEFS, Page 4

*Many divorces are brought on by men and women that are in love with themselves.*

— Quips & Quotes

## El Paso Zoo Education Curator promotes mountain gorilla reserve

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – “The famous artist Jay Matternes, who was a close friend of Dian Fossey, gave me a copy of one of his gorilla art prints that Fossey had hanging above the fireplace in her cabin. It is now hanging in my office to remind me every day of my new dream,” stated Rick LoBello, El Paso Zoo education curator and avid conservation enthusiast.

Dian Fossey dedicated her life from 1967 through 1985 to studying and protecting mountain gorillas in Rwanda, Africa. Her life story was captured in the 1988 movie *Gorillas in the Mist* starring Sigourney Weaver as Fossey, who founded a mountain gorillas conservation center in the Virunga mountains of Rwanda and initiated a successful fundraising apparatus to sustain the center’s efforts.

LoBello believes that a wildlife conservation program modeled after the Dian Fossey gorilla center would be a viable endeavor to bring to the El Paso region. He asserted that some of the most successful conservation centers in the world are developed using Fossey’s principles.

“A mountain gorilla conservation center (in El Paso) could be a place to not only learn about the gorillas and other primates, but more importantly inspire and motivate other zoos to duplicate the conservation strategies that are working in



— Photos courtesy Rick LoBello

**VIRTUAL MEET AND GREET – El Paso Zoo Education Curator Rick LoBello, above, tells the story of a conservation park in Rwanda, Africa and its mountain gorillas in a twelve-chapter book that he wrote for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund. To highlight the book and elaborate on some of its topics, LoBello is hosting a special free Zoom presentation, slated for 1 p.m., Saturday, June 5th.**

Rwanda today to other animals,” LoBello asserted.

To bring attention to his dream, LoBello helped coordinate special free Zoom presentations to share stories from his book, entitled *Writing Guide to Rwanda’s Volcanoes National Park, Home to Critically Endangered Mountain Gorillas*,

and to feature guest speakers who worked with Dian Fossey at her famous Karisoke cabin in Rwanda’s Virungas mountains.

“Not everyone who writes a book about mountain gorillas makes it on the recommended reading list of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund. The book... was a labor of love,” LoBello stated. He said that in writing the book he spent several weeks during the summer of 2005 talking with park staff, researchers, observing the gorillas, and visiting important places like the research station high up in the Virungas where Dian Fossey lived and did her research at Karisoke, and where she is buried.

“As I work on a fourth revision of my book and continue to follow my dreams to do more to help these magnificent animals, I invite anyone who is interested in Africa and mountain gorillas to join in on the virtual discussion scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, June 5th,” LoBello said.

Participating in the Saturday afternoon Zoom talk will be Judy Chidester, who had incredible experiences working with Fossey at the Karisoke cabin and is featured in LoBello’s book where it chronicles her amazing account about taking care of a baby mountain gorilla at Fossey’s compound.

Chidester, who now lives in Las Cruces, New Mexico, brings a wealth of experience to the upcoming virtual discourse. She joined the Foreign Service in 1960 at the age of 21. Her first tour was Amman, followed by Saigon and



**FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT – Judy Chidester, above, holds a picture of Dian Fossey, a conservationist who dedicated her life to studying and protecting mountain gorillas in Rwanda from 1967 to 1985. During a special Zoom presentation scheduled for 1 p.m. (MST), Saturday, June 5, Chidester will relate her incredible experiences working with Fossey in Rwanda.**





“America is not a racist country.” That was Sen. Tim Scott giving the Republican response to President Joe Biden’s first address to a joint session of Congress, calling on the nation to “root out systemic racism that plagues America.”

Scott is the only Black GOP member of the Senate at this time. Joe Biden is not the only white Democrat, but the two of them pretty much said the same thing. However, it was Scott who suffered far more abuse as a token of a party that is now home to almost all bigots. He was quickly hashtagged “Uncle

# Racist country?

Tim” (if you don’t understand why that’s a particularly toxic play on words, then you aren’t very woke).

First of all, let’s remember the context of his rebuttal: “I have experienced the pain of discrimination. I know what it feels like to be pulled over for no reason. To be followed around a store while I’m shopping.”

It was only then that he said, in spite of his experiences, that “America is not a racist country.”

In the uproar that followed, the media got the reaction from every politician of color they could convince to get up early enough to appear on their morning news and cooking shows. Vice President Kamala Harris got roped into “Good Morning America,” where she

was asked if she thinks America is a racist country (not exactly an unobvious question). Her reply:

“No. I don’t think America is a racist country, but we also do have to speak truth about the history of racism in our country and its existence today.”

Now, how is that so different from Sen. Scott’s point? Besides, what is a “racist country” anyway? For that matter, what is a rebuttal? The answer to that last one is somewhere along the line of bureaucrats deciding that the president’s opposition should have an opportunity to say that “he is full of malarkey.” Except that the one chosen to do so has three minutes; the president has as much time as he wants.

Besides, we are so racist that we cannot possibly have a comfortable conversation

about race.

Actually, Scott could have been more precise. And, in the process, he would have been less controversial. After slavery and Jim Crow, we have evolved to the point where we suffer from what Uncle Joe called “systemic racism.” Not that those bland words aren’t tragic enough, certainly if you include the disproportionate number of minorities who are [killed] by police and the infinitesimal number of law enforcement representatives who serve any time for their [deaths].

But it also extends to housing discrimination and African Americans being routinely assigned to substandard schools even after the Supreme Court ruled in 1954 in a unanimous decision that “separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.”

As a result, they must choose

from lower-level jobs or suffer the indignity of higher unemployment, which explains why the death rate and incidence of COVID is unbalanced against minorities, who are deprived of adequate health care and nutrition. They had work, those who did, that required face-to-face contact, as opposed to hiding behind technology like Zoom, for those who could even afford a computer.

That’s part of what is called “systemic racism,” and that stacking of the deck is what’s left of minuscule generational progress.

With the advent of smartphones, where police are forced to deal with video of their most egregious abuses, law enforcement reform is a good place to start. But there are plenty of good places to start for

See FRANKEN, Page 7

View from here

By John Grimaldi

## At last, reasons for cautious optimism

It’s been a year and change since the COVID pandemic distorted the way we live and, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, if the end is not in sight, perhaps the beginning of the end is approaching, says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). “At last, there are reasons for cautious optimism.”

“Vaccinations have begun to make progress in containing the disease, thanks to the efforts of former President Trump who convinced pharmaceutical companies to make haste in developing a serum. Booster shots will be coming soon as are new, easier ways of delivering protective doses.”

Deborah Fuller, PhD, an expert in the field of vaccines and antivirals, says that we can look forward to “an amazing toolbox to use to combat infectious disease for a long time to come.” For example, Fuller, a professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine, says that progress is being made in the development of non-

injectable vaccines that, for example, might be delivered through the nose or swallowed in pill form.

Meanwhile, the vaccines currently available are doing their job. Natalie Dean, an assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of Florida, says they “have really exceeded expectations in so many ways, and it’s just an enormous value that they can keep you from getting sick but also keep you from transmitting to others. Nothing is 100 percent, but I think people can understand the big reduction and the value of that. It changes how I think about what I want to do in a big way.”

The latest positive development in the race to conquer the COVID virus was reported just days ago when Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla announced that a pill that treats symptoms of the disease could be available to the public by the end of the year. It means that you wouldn’t have to go to a hospital for treatment, unlike current injectable medications. As he put it, “you could get it at home, and

that could be a game-changer.”

And, Oravax Medical, a medical technology developer, is poised to begin clinical trials for an oral COVID vaccine sometime as early as this summer.

AMAC’s Weber says “The happy side-effect of all this medical progress, particularly for seniors, is that we can see a light at the end of the tunnel as problematic protective restrictions begin to ease. The majority of states across the country have fully reopened or have reopened to some degree since vaccinations became available. And, a goodly number of states are eliminating the need to wear masks out of doors,” according to AMAC’s Weber.

In fact, earlier this week the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued new guidelines easing up on the need for masks for fully vaccinated individuals in outdoor spaces although the CDC recommends wearing masks in outdoor spaces that are densely populated. These venues include, for example, sporting events, concerts and parades.

In addition, the CDC has issued new travel regulations. In a nutshell, interstate travel for those who are fully vaccinated no longer require testing before and after a trip unless the authorities at your destination require it.

Nor will vaccinated travelers in the U.S. need to self-quarantine upon their return.

As for international travel, if you are fully vaccinated you will no longer need to be tested before your trip unless authorities at your destination require it. And, you will not have to self-quarantine when you come home, although you are urged to have a test before returning.

You are considered to be fully vaccinated two weeks’ after receiving your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine

1973  
48  
Years  
2021

WEST TEXAS COUNTY  
COURIER

SERVING ANTHONY, VINTON, CANUTILLO, EAST MONTANA, HORIZON, SOCORRO, CLINE, FARENS, SAN ELIZABIO AND TORNILLO

**PUBLISHED:**  
Published each Thursday (minimum 50 issues) by Homesteader News, Inc. Office open Monday through Thursday.

**COPYRIGHT:**  
Entire contents © 2021 Homesteader News, Inc. Individual authors retain all rights. Pictures, drawings and written material appearing in the West Texas County Courier may not be used or reproduced without written permission of Homesteader News, Inc.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**  
Letters must not be more than 250 words in length. They should be dated, must be signed and have an address and daytime phone number. Only the name and city will be printed with the letter. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right to edit or reject letters to the editor or other submitted material it considers inappropriate.



**AD DEADLINE:**  
Friday 4 p.m. for the next Thursday.

**CLASSIFIED RATES**  
\$15 for 25 words, \$20 for 40 words. Ad must be in writing and pre-paid. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

**DISPLAY RATES:**  
Open rate — \$30 per column inch. Call for more information or to set an appointment. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

**MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS:**  
Minimum 50 issues for \$50. Delivery via 1st class mail.

**MAIL:**  
15344 Werling Ct.  
Horizon City, TX 79928




Phone: 852-3235

E-mail: [wtxcc@wtxcc.com](mailto:wtxcc@wtxcc.com)  
Website: [wtxcc.com](http://wtxcc.com)

**Publisher**  
Rick Shrum

**Contributors**  
Alfredo Vasquez  
Steve Escajeda





# GYPSUM SOIL AMENDMENT

## MAKE EVERY GALLON OF IRRIGATION WATER COUNT!

### WATER DEEPER WITH LESS TOPSOIL EROSION

### BREAK UP UNDERGROUND CLAY

### 100% FREE OF DIRT AND ROCKS

### \$18.00 PER TON + DELIVERY

915-859-2890

[sales@elpasorecycling.net](mailto:sales@elpasorecycling.net)

[www.elpasorecycling.net](http://www.elpasorecycling.net)

The 2.3 million member Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) [www.amac.us](http://www.amac.us) is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation’s capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country.



# Republicans no longer fazed by big spending

Once upon a time, Joe Biden’s spending proposals would have launched mass demonstrations in opposition.

Little else would have been talked about in conservative media, and ambitious Republican politicians would have competed with one another to demonstrate the most intense resistance, up to and perhaps including chaining themselves to the U.S. Treasury building in protest.

In 2009, President Barack Obama created a spontaneous, hugely influential conservative grassroots movement on the basis of an \$800 billion stimulus bill and a health care plan estimated to cost less than a trillion. In 2021, Biden is proposing to spend about \$6 trillion in his first three big bills, and he can barely create more interest than the debate on wearing masks outdoors.

The conventional wisdom was that after the free-spending Trump years, Republicans would snap back to being deficit hawks when out of power. There’s been some of that, but the relatively muted reaction to Biden’s almost incomprehensible spending ambitions is testament to the fact that, no, Republicans simply aren’t as interested in fiscal issues anymore.

The party has changed and would much rather talk about the border than the budget, and cancellations than Congressional Budget Office scores. Of course, no Republicans will vote for Biden’s proposals and all will strenuously object, but that his plans won’t engender the fierce reaction they would have 10 years ago is yet another way in which the Overton window has shifted on deficit spending.

What happened? The short answer is Donald Trump.

He demonstrated in vivid fashion that as the GOP coalition had become older and more working class, it didn’t care as much about spending restraint or entitlement reform as the party’s leaders had presumed.

Trump taught Republicans how to relax and love expansionary fiscal policy. By 2019, he was running a nearly \$1 trillion deficit at a time of peace and prosperity, and of course the pandemic blew the lid off in 2020.

After that, it’s difficult for the party to come back and sound the klaxons again about the dangers of red ink.

Besides, the klaxons have issued false alarms before. Republicans realized that past dire warnings of imminent economic harm from deficit

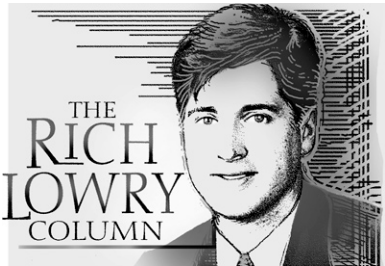
spending – rising interest rates, spiking inflation, a debt crisis – haven’t panned out.

Indeed, this is one reason the center-left now believes all such admonitions should be ignored, and there’s almost no upper bound on deficit spending.

Meanwhile, Republican politics has become focused on culture war issues, another change symbolized by Trump. These issues hit close to the bone in a way that fiscal matters don’t. Conservatives worry

about their free-speech rights getting trampled, about schools distorting the minds of their children, and about the country’s history getting redefined – and it’s hard to get them to care more about a balance sheet than these other, more definitional questions.

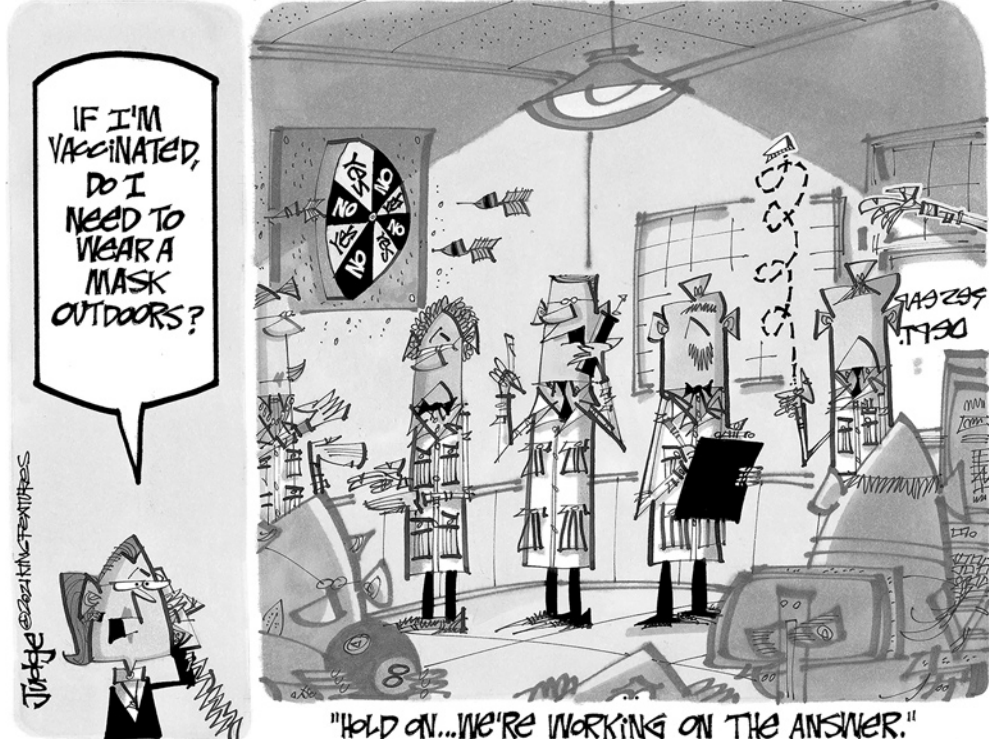
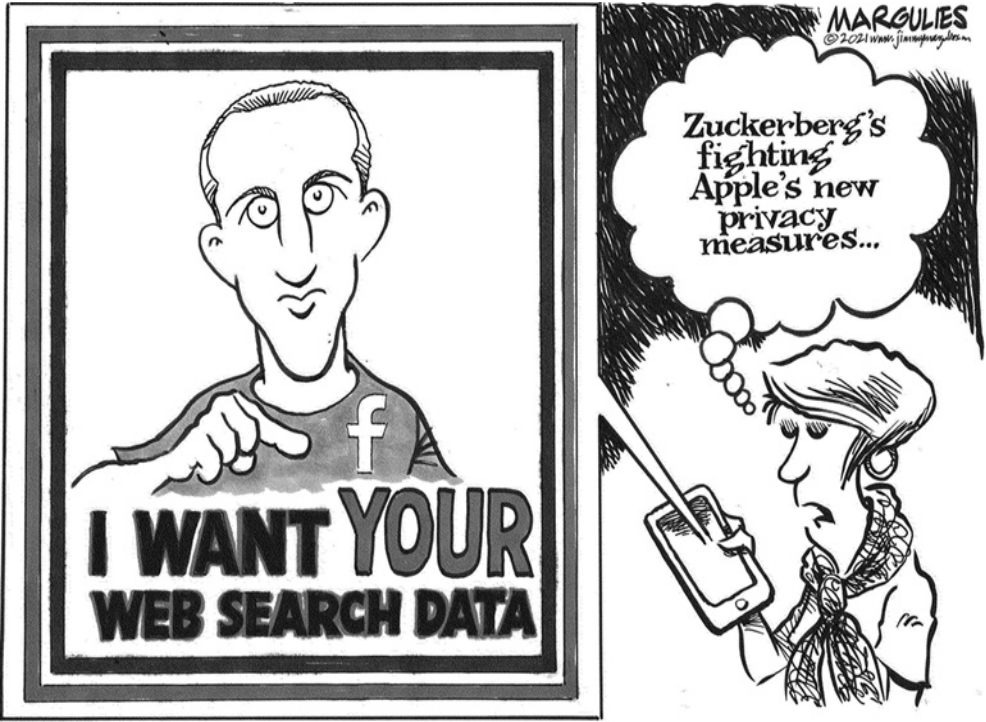
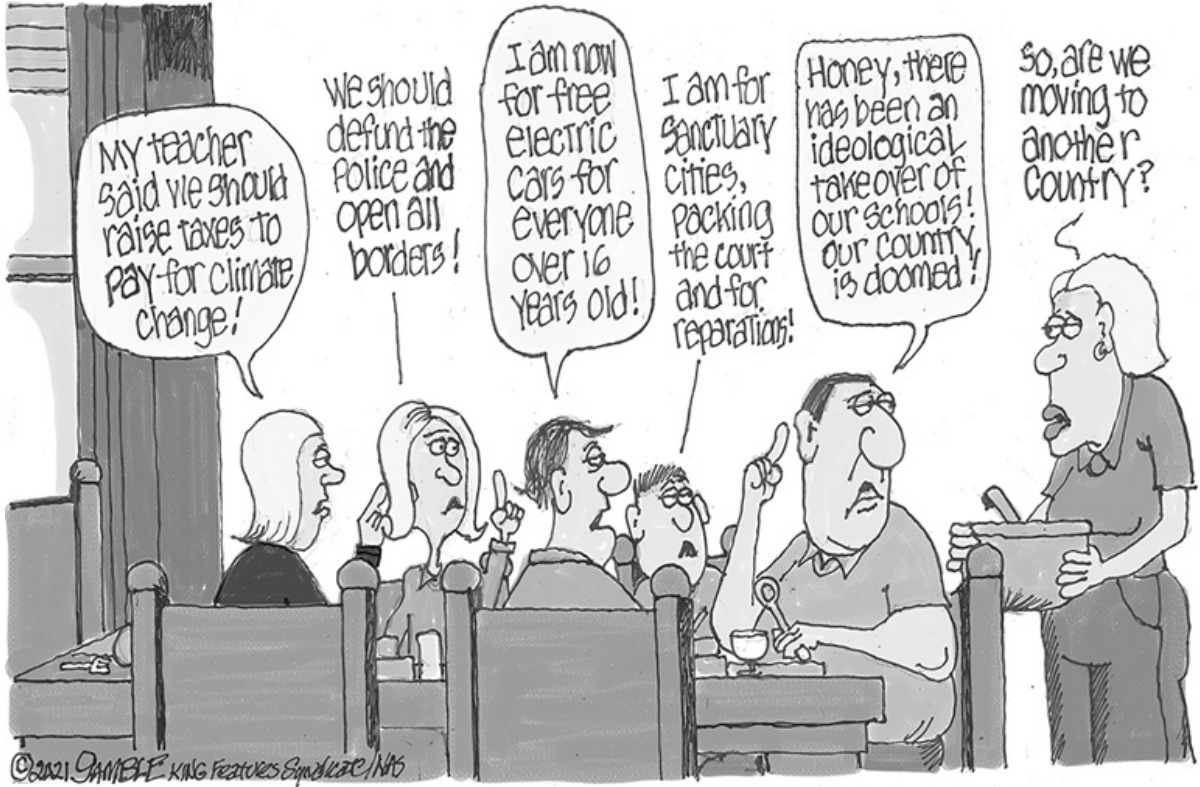
None of this means that Biden has a free hand. He will presumably be less successful in getting all that he wants with his latest two roughly \$2 trillion spending bills. Even



in a permissive environment, natural political exhaustion with the high levels of spending will kick in, and it’s always more complicated when tax increases are proposed to pay for at least part of the bill.

Republicans aren’t going

See LOWRY, Page 7











# Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On May 10, 1869, the presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads. This made transcontinental railroad travel possible for the first time in U.S. history.

• On May 11, 1934, a massive dust storm sends millions of tons of topsoil flying across the parched Great Plains to the East Coast and as far away as ships 300 miles offshore. Farmers had pushed their fields to the limit, plowing under more and more grassland.

• On May 12, 1975, the American freighter Mayaguez is captured by communist government forces gunboats in Cambodia. Two days later President Ford ordered the bombing of the Cambodian port where the gunboats had come from. Forty-one Americans died, many in an accidental explosion during the attack.

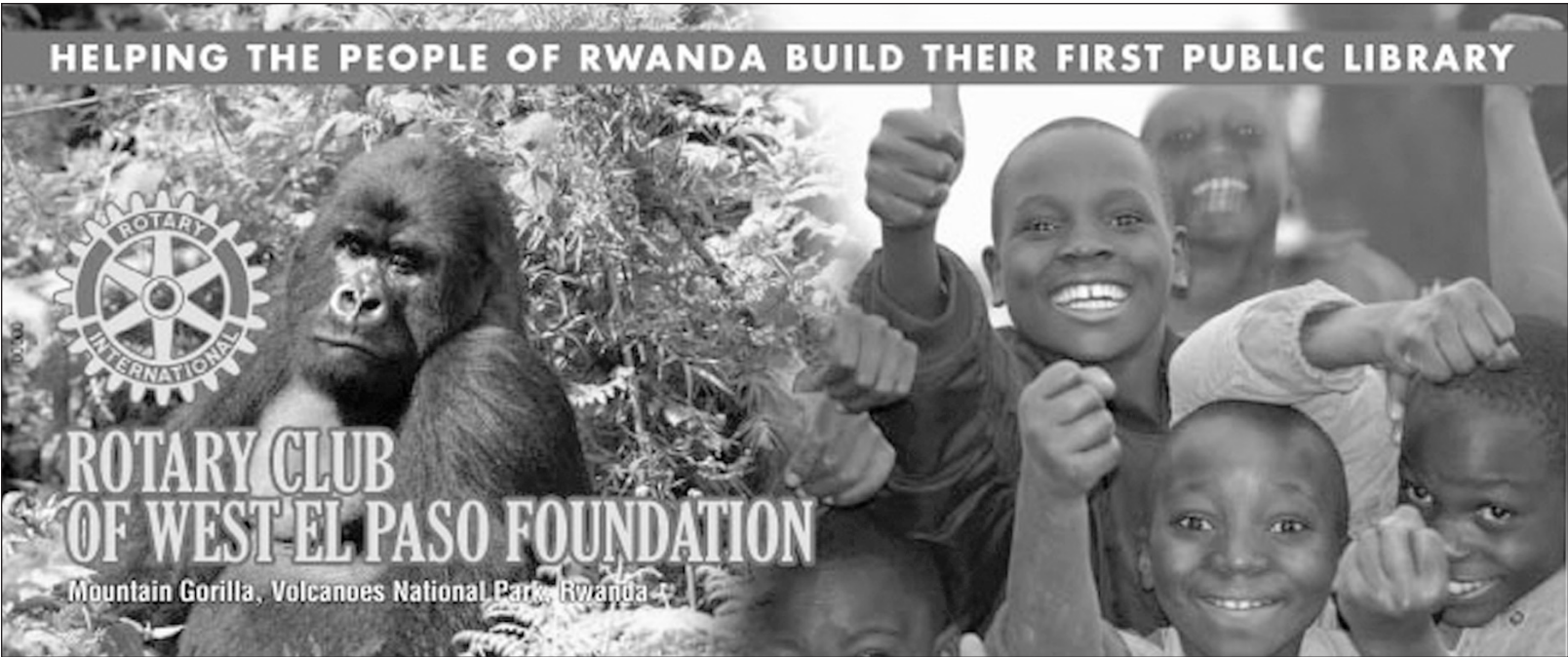
• On May 13, 1985, in Philadelphia, police begin evacuating people from their homes in order to prepare for an operation against MOVE, a radical cult group. MOVE had begun assembling a large arsenal and building bunkers in their row house. The government gave \$1.5 million to three survivors of the raid.

• On May 14, 1999, President Bill Clinton apologizes directly to Chinese President Jiang Zemin on the phone for the accidental NATO bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. China refused Clinton's calls for four days and banned American films and music in protest.

• On May 15, 1942, Lt. Ronald Reagan, a cavalry officer, applies for reassignment to the Army Air Force. As a public relations officer, the actor and future president produced military training, morale and propaganda films.

• On May 16, 1929, the first-ever Academy Awards ceremony is held, with some 270 people in attendance. Movies were just making the transition from silent films to "talkies," but all the nominated films were without sound.

(c) 2021 Hearst Communications, Inc. All Rights Reserved.



– Image courtesy Rick LoBello

**INTERCONTINENTAL – Rick LoBello stated that he is building a bridge between El Paso and Rwanda. “When I started on my book in 2005 the Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation helped me raise funds for Rwanda’s first public library by promoting a campaign using special artwork, like the one above.**

## Reserve

From Page 1

the capital of Rwanda at Kigali. She was hired as a cryptographer and finished her career as an information management officer. She served in the Foreign Service for 35 years, with five tours in the Middle East.

In a previous Zoom presentation held in May, LoBello partnered with Dr. Alan Goodall, who was the first scientist to live at the Karisoke cabin and became director of the Karisoke Research Centre from 1987-1989. He participated in the May discussion from his home in Allos, France.

“All around the world people are working to save endangered species and our environment. Many of them are inspired by their visits to zoos. That is what happened to me when I was 4 years old and on a school field trip to the Buffalo Zoo. Here at the El Paso Zoo and other zoos we like to measure the effectiveness of our conservation efforts, but some efforts are hard to measure. Who is to say that the next Dian Fossey has already visited our zoo or is visiting today,” LoBello surmised?

For more information about the free June 5th Zoom presentation, contact LoBello by emailing him at ricklobello@gmail.com or sending a text message to (915) 474-1456.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit by The Fire Spot LLC dba Rollin’ Smoke BBQ to be located at 200 Main St. Anthony, El Paso County., Texas. Officers of said LLC are: Jesus Carrasco and Joanna Rivera, manager.**

WTCC: 05-13-21 and 05-20-21

## San Elizario Independent School District

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The San Elizario Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following SEISD Programs funded by Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title I, Part C - Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century
- Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition (ELA)
- Title IV, Part A – Subpart 1 Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Special Education Grant (IDEA B – Formula and IDEA B Preschool)

**The virtual meeting will be held:**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.; English only (Español - 9:00 a.m.)**

Public Reviews of the Federal Application for Educational Funding for San Elizario ISD will be a virtual meeting by the following the link:

<https://seisd.webex.com/seisd/onstage/g.php?MTID=e69fb4c9eb5ca1e4d85a658b76298181e>

Meeting Number: 187 569 2882  
Password: SanEli

SEISD does not discriminate against any individual with regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status. 42 U.S.C. 2000e-2(a); 20U.S.C. 1681: Labor Code 21-051.

## San Elizario Independent School District

### AVISO PÚBLICO

#### La Junta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Educación de niños migrantes
- Título I, Parte C – Perkins V: Fortalecimiento de las carreras y educación técnica para el siglo XXI
- Título II, Parte A – Apoyando la instrucción eficaz
- Título III, Parte A – Adquisición del idioma inglés (ELA)
- Título IV Parte A – Subparte 1 Apoyo estudiantil y enriquecimiento académico
- Beca de educación especial (IDEA B-formula y IDEA B preescolar)

**La Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para el Distrito de San Elizario se llevará a cabo en una reunión virtual en el siguiente enlace:**  
**Martes, 18 de Mayo, 2021, 9:00 a.m.; solamente Español (English - 1:00 p.m.)**

<https://seisd.webex.com/seisd/onstage/g.php?MTID=e68ee9fafb7c4425e2f099506e71bb604>

Numero de Reunion: 187 032 6008  
Contraseña: SanEli

SEISD no discrimina a ningún individuo a causa de su raza, de su color, de su nacionalidad, de sus creencias religiosas, de su género, de su estado legal, o de veterano, ninguna condición médica o incapacidad, o ningún otro estado legal. 42 U.S.C 2000e-2(a); 20 U.S.C. 1681: Labor Code 21-051.

WTCC: 05-13-21



# Student athletes will soon shout: Show me the money

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

As we approach summer, the NCAA sports season is coming to a close and like every year, it’ll start getting ready for a new season in the fall.

But unlike any other season, the NCAA isn’t focusing on football, volleyball, cross-country or any of the other fall sport. The NCAA’s main focus right now is money.

But not about how much money the organization is going to make from ticket sales, concessions and team apparel. The NCAA is busy trying to figure out what it is going to do about student athletes making money from their name, image and likeness.

For years now, student athletes have been fighting for the right to make money every time their name or image or likeness is used to profit their college or university. Colleges have been making money off of players for decades while the athletes haven’t received a nickel.

Well, it’s pretty apparent that all that is about to change. The only question is when?

And if left up to NCAA President Mark Emmert, it would all be decided by July 1.

For the first time ever, the NCAA is working on a rule change that would allow athletes to make money. And Emmert is backing the idea. The only problem is the wording of the new rule. The NCAA Board of Trustees will have to come up with all the guidelines.

That’s where things get fuzzy.

This rule does not mean that colleges will pay players for playing their sport. It simply means that if a business or organization wants to pay a player for endorsing a product or event, the athlete can be paid the same as any other person getting paid for endorsing a product.

The NCAA currently doesn’t allow athletes to make any money while playing sports.

If a can of Coke is shown in a movie, Coke gets paid. If a song is used in an ad, the singer gets paid. If a celebrity’s image is used to promote anything, the celebrity gets paid. Now, if a college athlete’s name or image or likeness is used to promote anything, they can get paid.

And though that is only fair in a country run by capitalism, problems could come with this new ruling.

As far as recruiting, if money is used illegally to get players to attend certain schools, what do you think will happen now that the monetary floodgates will be pushed wide open.

Will a star athlete go to Little College State University with the promise of making money doing commercials for Joe’s Burger Emporium, or will he go to Big Time U. with promises from McDonald’s or Chick-Fil-A or Ford or Pepsi or Amazon?

It isn’t difficult to see that tons of money will be thrown at the athletes, coaches, agents and universities. But what about the non-star athletes, which make up about 90 percent of the players out there; will they get a piece of the money? Is there a limit on how much money an athlete can make? Will male athletes be allowed to make more money than female athletes for playing the same sport, like basketball?

And by the way, there’s a reason Emmert wants to get all this finalized by July 1 – that is the day when new laws in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and New Mexico take effect that will allow NCAA athletes to profit off their name, image or likeness. Arizona has a similar law that will start on July 23.

There’s no doubt that the NCAA is beginning to resemble professional sports.

Thanks to the collegiate transfer portal, student athletes have essentially become free agents who can be recruited by other colleges even after they signed with a particular school.

Getting paid when you can is never a bad thing. We all do it in our daily lives. When a better opportunity comes along, we take it.

But college sports, as you remember them growing up, are dead. And once again, it’s not for the love of the game or the chance at an education – it’s due to greed for the almighty dollar.

But even worse, like all pro sports, it’ll start pricing the average fan out of the arena.

1973  
48  
Years  
2021

WEST TEXAS COUNTY  
COURIER

SERVING: ANTHONY, VICTON, CANUTILLO, EAST MONTANA, HORIZON, SOCORRO, CLINE, FARNS, SAN ELIZABO AND TORRELO

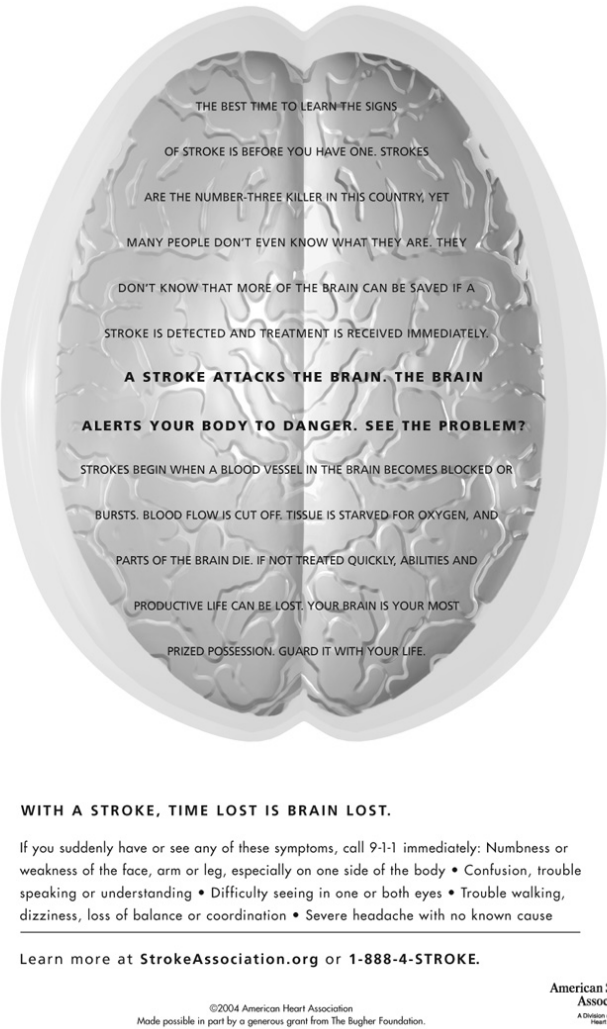
CLASSIFIED AD FORM

25 words - \$15 per week; 40 words - \$20 per week

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40

Deadline: Monday, 4 p.m.  
Please print. Send form and  
payment (no cash) to:  
**West Texas County Courier**  
**15344 Werling Ct.**  
**Horizon City, TX 79928**

Contact Information:  
  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



WELL-PRESERVED ACROSS

1 Tribal emblems

7 Sobbing

14 Hunt for food

20 Of a big blood vessel

21 Church part near the altar

22 Mistreating type

23 Start of a riddle

25 Starts a PC session

26 Copies a cat

27 Pop singer

Grande, to fans

28 Doctrine in copyright law

29 Buy that can be deleted

31 With 110-Down, decisive trial

34 Hawk's nest

37 Goldman's partner

38 Riddle, part 2

43 Fig and fir

44 Foster

45 Miner's strike

46 Unruffled

48 Plotting group

51 Pastry variety

57 Riddle, part 3

62 Pieces of gig gear

65 Bridle part

66 Of a central point

67 Perform wonderfully

68 Buck mate

69 Apple's apple, e.g.

70 Miss.-to-Minn. dir.

71 Foyer floor protectors

73 Linking word in Leipzig

74 Befogged

76 1960s radical

Hoffman

78 Huge hauler

79 February 14 deity

80 Riddle, part 4

84 Weds on the fly

85 University of \_

Dame

86 Buddy from way back

90 Group in a roundup

93 Griffin who created "Jeopardy!"

96 Debonair

97 End of the riddle

105 Helmsley with hotels

106 Beau \_

107 Rebuke to Brutus

108 "Hel-I-lp!"

109 Divided into segments

111 Cry of cheer

113 Part of OTB

116 Provoke

117 Riddle's answer

123 Fishing nets

124 Vacillated

125 Comic Boosler

126 Most eccentric

127 Cabbie's query

128 More packed

DOWN

1 Shooting marble

2 Cry of delight

3 Stomped on

4 Kin of -ess

5 Japanese soup

variety

6 Investment bigwig

Charles

7 Hosp. section

8 Bruins' org.

9 "I did it!"

10 Bait

11 More tender

12 Mr. \_! (old detective game)

13 Foxy

14 FDR's dog

15 Wind section

player

16 Little kid

17 "That being the case..."

18 Hostess in a kimono

19 Borgnine of "Marty"

24 Grouchy Muppet

28 Familial fight

29 Deeds

30 Prune

32 34th prez

33 Priest's assistant

35 Threw the dice

36 Altar avowal

39 Conducts

40 In re

41 "Darn it!"

42 Relinquish

47 The younger

Saarinen

49 Grammy winner

Tony

50 State frankly

52 Grows older

53 Shoot down

54 Rack up

55 Old-style office scribe

56 Clings (to)

58 "Just Shoot Me!"

actor George

59 Mourner of myth

60 Personal identifiers

61 Pin it on

62 Wise truism

63 Roadhouse

64 Basil-based sauce

69 Overdue

70 Boy, in Bolivia

72 DVR pioneer

75 Sci-fi power

77 Family on "Married... With Children"

78 Jacket part

79 Finish

81 Court king Arthur

82 Cookbook writer

Rombauer

83 Snow queen in "Frozen"

87 Openers of many locks

88 Chevy debut of 2004

89 Some watch displays, for short

91 Leg up

92 Pop's Carly \_

Jepsen

94 Like a prof. emeritus

95 Flashy Chevy, for short

97 Texas city

98 Got close to

99 Doughnut-shaped figure

100 Harmonious

101 Hoists

102 Took pains

103 Physician, often

104 Lay in concealment

110 See 31-Across

112 Roll call reply

114 Proficient

115 \_-Grape (Ocean Spray flavor)

117 URL part

118 "Take that!"

119 Sweaty, say

120 Old Tokyo

121 Prop- or hex-ender

122 The, in Vienna

Super Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17	18	19	
20							21								22						
23							24								25						
			26						27					28							
29	30					31		32	33		34		35	36			37				
38				39	40					41						42					
43							44						45								
46						47			48		49	50				51	52	53	54	55	56
				57				58	59					60	61						
62	63	64					65					66					67				
68						69					70				71			72		73	
74				75			76		77				78					79			
80							81						82				83				
84										85						86			87	88	89
						90	91	92				93		94	95		96				
97	98	99	100	101						102	103					104					
105								106						107					108		
109							110				111		112			113		114	115		
116									117	118				119	120					121	122
123										124							125				
126										127							128				

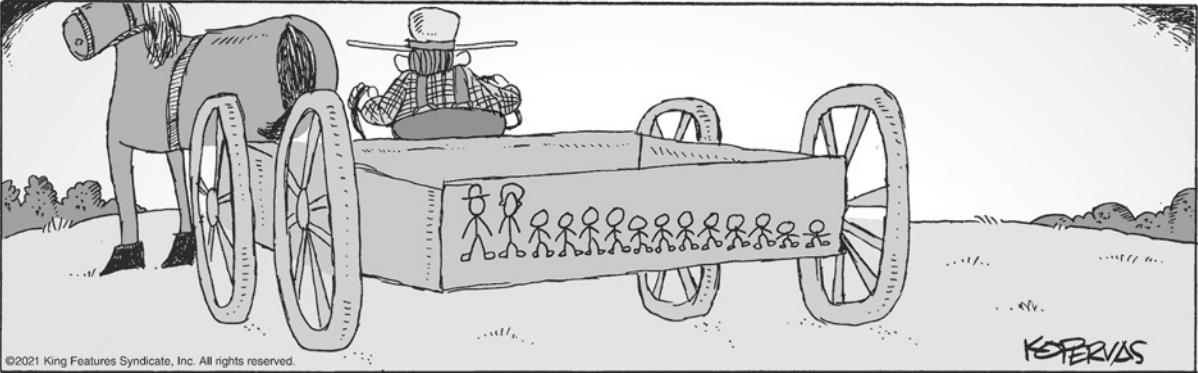
Answer Page 4



Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



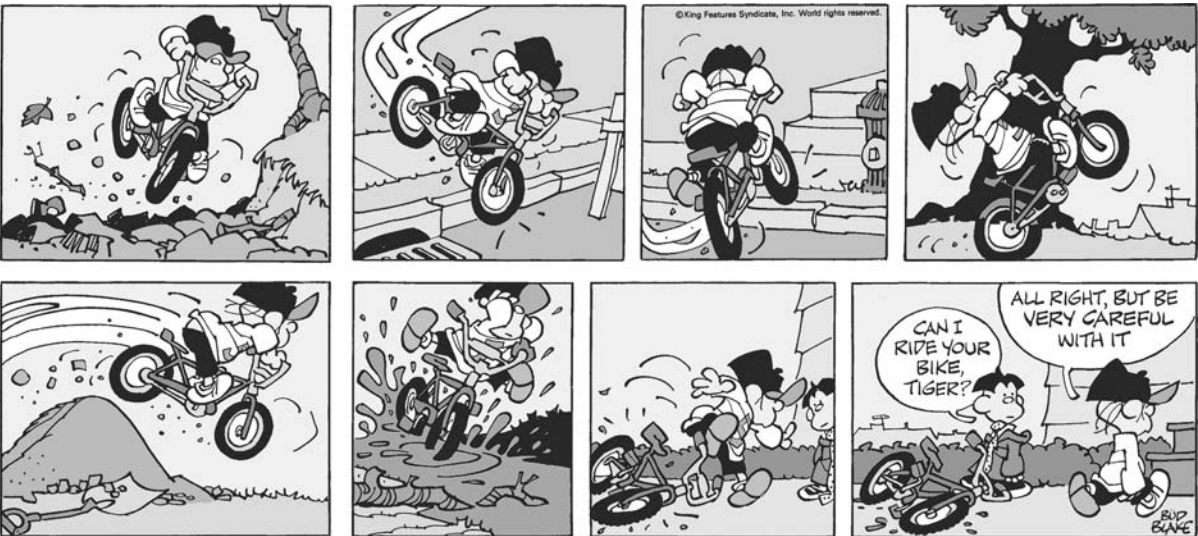
R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



Franken

From Page 2

Americans who have been dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st century. There are enough of them these days to tackle the remnants of bigotry so deeply embedded in our social fabric. It's time to rip them out. Is America not a racist country, as Sen. Scott claims? Well then the country can solve our problems.

(c) 2021 Bob Franken. Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Lowry

From Page 3

back to their debt-obsession circa 2010, but they should aspire to be, if not the party of green eyeshades, the party of fiscal sanity. Deficit spending hasn't led to damaging outcomes to this point,

Homemade ‘foot box’  
relieves night cramps

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a very healthy 74-year-old male. I am not on any medications and enjoy normal blood pressure and great stats from my regular bloodwork. I weigh 140 pounds and have been exercising every day faithfully for decades. A couple of years ago, I started getting cramps in both legs throughout the night. My toes would curl down and my entire leg would get stiff; the pain was horrible. I had a terrible time “walking it off,” and very often when I finally got it to pass, as soon as I got back in bed the whole thing would start all over again. Sometimes I would go a few nights without having a problem, but there was always the fear that I would have another episode. I read online advice to get the weight of the sheet and covers off the feet. I took a strong cardboard box and sleep with my feet in the open end of the box. The first time I got in bed with this rigged up, it felt very strange not having anything on my bare feet, but eventually I got used to it. The remarkable news is that I have not had a single episode since fabricating the box over six months ago. – G.K.

to  
Your  
good  
health  
WITH  
Dr. Keith  
Roach

I appreciate your writing in. I have had many patients use a box during sleep for acute gout, where even a sheet on top of the affected toe can be exquisitely painful, but I had not heard this used for nocturnal leg cramps. Some patients have noticed that the symptoms do seem to be started or exacerbated by the weight of blankets.

Before resorting to that, I recommend regular exercise, even a few minutes of riding a stationary bicycle before bed can help. Couple that with regular stretching of the calf and hamstring muscles and adequate hydration. Although many readers ask about it, I do not recommend quinine for most people, and it's quite rare for the cause to be disturbances of sodium, potassium, calcium or other electrolytes. B complex vitamins and magnesium are helpful in some people, but I restrict iron to people with proven iron deficiency.

If all else fails, prescription medications such as verapamil may be helpful.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm getting low grade tumors in my bladder. I just had my second operation after the Bacillus Calmette-Guerin treatment didn't work. I read that tumors can't grow in an alkaline environment. Should I eat vegetables, like broccoli and sprouts? Also, would vitamin E and selenium be helpful? – R.G.

It is true that having an acid urine pH is a risk factor for bladder cancer. Many fruits and vegetables make urine pH more alkaline, whereas meat and dairy make the urine more acid. Smoking also makes the urine more acid.

Eating more fruits and vegetables (and abstaining from smoking) will help reduce recurrence of bladder cancer, though I'm not sure it's through urine acidity. Please don't stop your doctor's recommendations, though, as diet alone is not adequate therapy for bladder cancer.

A 2012 study found no benefit in selenium and vitamin E on prevention of bladder cancer. It's unlikely to be significantly effective in treatment.

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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). (c) 2021 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

although that doesn't mean it never will. If interest rates do ever markedly increase again, the level of debt will strain the economy and force unpalatable choices on policymakers of steep tax increases or spending cuts or both. The status of the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency could be threatened.

Why increase these risks if it's not strictly necessary?

That question won't bring people into the streets, yet it's one that President Biden and his supporters can't persuasively answer.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2021 by King Features Synd., Inc.





**Moore Texas** by Roger MOORE  
San Angelo law forbids wearing shorts while campaigning for office!

## 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: J equals H

NJW NMXMLWG MS MWKK  
JWL ELHWPG X MXKW  
XTSBM X PSSNW, TBM MJWP  
KWEM JWL JXPUHPU.

Answer Page 4  
©2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	2			5			8	
		5	3			4		
9					6			1
		1	4		8			5
	5				7		3	
7				6		9		
2			7			5		
		9		3				8
	8				9		6	

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!

Answer Page 4  
© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

## For these vets, haircuts are life-changing events



by Freddy Groves

I pushed through the coffee shop’s back door and found the attic dormitory crowd in the kitchen.

Sarge had arranged for the lady who gave free haircuts at the senior center to come in and “neaten up” the homeless veterans, as he’d expressed it to her, before they went on job interviews. She breezed through the door with a plastic tarp for the floor, fancy salon wraps for their shoulders, a hand mirror, and a bag of scissors, combs, razors, sprays and gels, plus a stack of cosmetology magazines from which each veteran could choose his preferred hairstyle. All just opted for “something shorter.”

For one of the veterans, the one with long, tangled hair past his shoulders and a full

bushy beard and mustache that covered half of his face, the “something shorter” turned into “more, please” as she cut.

“Hello again,” he quietly said to his image in the small mirror, touching his chin and cheek after the haircut and shave. “Haven’t seen you in a long time.” He handed the lady a few bills, even though he didn’t need to pay, and then trotted up the street to the drug store, where he bought a pack of disposable razors and shave cream.

Seeing this, Sarge made arrangements for the lady to come back twice a month for trims and cut her a check that she refused to take.

Standing outside under the streetlight after the haircuts, Sarge was subdued. “Did you see how his eyes lit up, seeing himself in the mirror like that? All trimmed and shaved? And all of them confident now about finding jobs?”

He quietly muttered an uncharacteristic string of profanities, then spun to face me. “We have to do better for

them. The VA has to do better. Towns have to do better.”

As he stared off across the parking lot, I pointed out that he’d singlehandedly changed the lives of these four men by opening the dormitory.

He faced me again and said, “Well, I’m not done yet.”

(c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



• Spring clean your tools. Ditch half-used tubes of caulk, stiff paintbrushes, random hardware that doesn’t have any obvious use, especially screws or nails that have been pulled out of the wall.

• “When cleaning the microwave, boil a couple of cups of water in the microwave first. The steam will help loosen any stuck-on food.” – O.D. in Idaho

• Defrost meats on the bottom shelf only. Ideally, you should have a large bowl or container to put packages of meat in that require defrosting, so that if they leak, the leakage will be contained and will not get on any of your other foods.

• “The plastic liner in cereal boxes makes a good, strong container for kitchen scraps if you are saving them for composting.” – Y.T. in Oregon

• Another reason to get the newspaper: Crushed newspaper makes a great rag for shining windows in your home and in the car. No lint left behind!

• “Wipe out the insides of a cornstarch container to make a handy catch-all for craft supplies or crayon sets for kids (labeled so they all have their own). These are a really good size, and several brands seem to come with a clear lid.” – H.D. in Florida

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!  
Answer Page 4

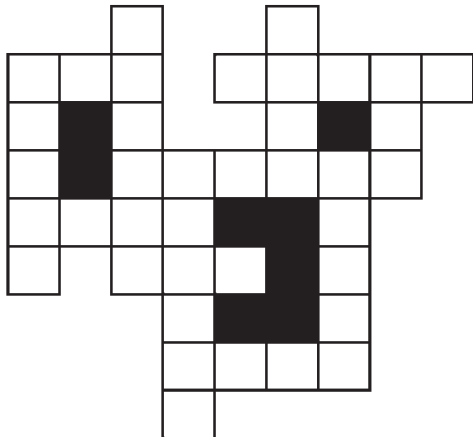
	+		×		32
×		−		×	
	+		×		36
×		×		−	
	×		+		21
6		25		30	

1 2 2 3 4 5 6 7 9

©2021 King Features Syndicate, Inc.



ING  
ALLYEM  
♥ YARLE  
LOAT  
LUCGON  
♥ NOE  
GRUE  
NOGIL  
♥ AYM  
♥ NALMIA  
REMGI  
♥ INOL



Answer Page 4

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.

©2021 King Features Syndicate. All rights reserved.

Send Your  
Newsbrief To:  
wtxcc@wtxcc.com