



NEWSBRIEFS

Canutillo ISD schools cleaned

The Canutillo Independent School District is experiencing an increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases at Canutillo Middle School and Jose Damian Elementary. In conjunction with the City of El Paso Department of Public Health, precautionary measures will be taken for these two campuses. As part of the district's proactive mitigation efforts, the students were learning from home on Friday, November 12, 2021. Teachers and students reported back to campus on Monday, November 15, 2021 after the schools were cleaned and sanitized. Per TEA guidelines, remote conferencing can be done by the teacher of record as long as they are not teaching in-person and remote learners at the same time. The district will continue to work closely with the El Paso Department of Public Health to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and community.

— Liza Rodriguez

'College Credit for Heroes'

During this time when we honor our veterans, El Paso Community College (EPCC) wants veterans and active-duty military to be aware of our College Credit for Heroes program. This innovative program awards full or partial credit through their Joint Service Contract. Credit is awarded for what students already know. "College Credit for Heroes provides an accelerated path to completion of certificates and degrees for our military students," Dr. Myshie Pagel, EPCC Dean of Education and Career & Technical Education said. "This is an adaptive learning model that helps students accelerate through a course in 8 weeks or less." "I needed a school that was going to be able to work with me," Jason Cannavino, Veteran and EPCC Graduate said. "The flexibility of EPCC with online courses was great." EPCC's College Credit for Heroes offers 12 courses in the areas of Information Technology, Teacher Prep, Criminal Justice and Business. Veteran and active-duty students can find all the information at <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/college-credit-for-heroes>.

— Jim Heiney

If you cannot be grateful for what you receive, be grateful for what you escape.

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— Photo courtesy Sun Bowl Association

ALMOST TIME TO ROLL – As the annual 2021 Sun Bowl Parade nears, announcement of the grand marshal is imminent. In 2018, WWE wrestling superstar Sin Cara was grand marshal for the parade. In 2019, Ron Stallworth – author of the popular book and movie, *Black Klansman* – was grand marshal for the annual El Paso event; and in 2020, Green Bay Packers star running back Aaron Jones and his twin brother Alvin Jones led that year's virtual Thanksgiving Day parade. A big attraction of the parade are the floats that are submitted by organizations, businesses, and corporations, like the 2010 WestStar Bank sponsored entry above.

Historic Sun Bowl Parade is great borderland event

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Eighty-four years of Sun Bowl Parade history can be attributed to the voluntary efforts of the men and women who are associated with the El Paso Downtown Lions Club. These dedicated individuals have been organizing the popular parade since 1935.

From 1936 until 1978 the parade was held on New Year's Day. But in 1979, the event was rescheduled for Thanksgiving Day. The holiday pageant – which is planned, coordinated, and produced by volunteers – draws an annual crowd of over 250,000 spectators.

The Sun Bowl Parade is the largest community event in the borderland region, which is comprised of West Texas, Southern New Mexico, and Northern Mexico. The parade brings together service clubs, civic organizations, businesses, and industries from throughout the surrounding communities to present an array of participants including floats, marching bands, drill teams, and celebrities.

For the past thirty years, the local Thanksgiving Day parade has received live television coverage on the local tv affiliate, KTSM Channel 9 (NBC). This year's broadcast is slated to start at 10 a.m. (mountain standard time) and will be simulcast on the Internet, at KTSM.com. Persons will also be able to view the parade on the organization's official website,

at www.sunbowl.org. Additionally, the parade video will be available for viewing the following day on YouTube and will be web-streamed at <http://www.elpasoproud.com/sun-bowl-thanksgiving-parade>

After announcing that the theme for the 2021 parade is "HAPPINESS IS..." The Sun Bowl Association also heralded the annual tradition's new sponsor. Sun Bowl officials welcomed the law firm, Glasheen, Valles and Inderman, as the title sponsor for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day celebration.

In a recent news report Sun Bowl Association Executive Director Bernie Olivas stated that they are extremely excited to have a new relationship and new title sponsor for this great event and great El Paso tradition. "We hope to make this a long-lasting relationship so that we may be able to host the Glasheen, Valles and Inderman Sun Bowl Parade for many years," he added.

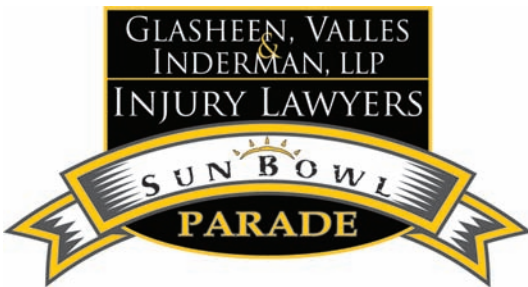
As sponsors of this annual community event, Glasheen, Valles and Inderman Injury Lawyers' will help provide the resources necessary to put together this months-long project. Sun Bowl organization officials noted that both groups would also work together to secure a grand marshal for the parade each year.

"Our law firm is proud to have the ability to not only serve the community of El Paso, but to participate in such a long standing and revered tradition. We are incredibly excited for the opportunity to be the title sponsors of the Sun Bowl Parade, and we look forward to providing the resources to ensure this tradition continues for future generations," stated Noe Valles, Partner of Glasheen, Valles & Inderman Injury Lawyers, in a recent news interview.

"To have Glasheen, Valles & Inderman Injury Lawyers rise to this occasion and ensure that this 85-year-old El Paso-city parade remain part of our lives is incredible. I can't thank them enough," said Joe Daubach, special events director for the City of El Paso.

"We are happy to be working with a local company that recognizes the great history of El Paso. The Sun Bowl Parade is a tradition that has entertained families for 85 years. We look forward to seeing all of you on the parade route on Thanksgiving morning," said Sun Bowl Parade Chairman Jim Lawrence, who has been leading the parade committee for over 50 years.

To attend the parade that files along Montana Avenue, individuals can purchase review stands tickets for \$10, at the Sun Bowl Association Office; or they can just find a comfortable spot along the parade route- beginning at Ochoa Street and ending at Copia Street (2.7 miles) in downtown El Paso – and enjoy the morning show.





The phone company is going about it all wrong: The Washington, D.C., area is getting a new area code (771), and instead of fending off complaints because new lines aren't getting the traditional 202, they should charge more for the new one. That way, the customer can avoid being associated with Washington, the seat of national government.

Is it any wonder there's no argument when the District of Columbia is called "the Swamp," where progress goes to die in a quagmire of corruption, ineptitude and bureaucracy? Once again, we've faced the threat of that very government

Code cash

shutting down – well, not shutting down fully, more like partially. Essential services will continue, like military and federal law enforcement, etc., and lifesaving financial services continue. But unessential services – and that includes most of them – will by law expire, because Congress can't get its act together.

We will put off a discussion about why so much of the nation's business is "unessential"; that's for another day. But a government shutdown means the poor schlub who's "essential" must work but not get paid right away, while Mr. and Ms. Unessential don't work but will eventually get paid, just not right away.

It's a huge amount of bother for nothing, and expensive, too. But that's not the worst of it. There's this little thingy called the debt limit, or debt ceiling. And we've already punched right through it,

but not really. Our money people are doing a little check kiting. In addition to taxes, the federal government actually sustains itself on borrowed money; consider it something similar to a Ponzi scheme. Over time, it's maxed out at \$22 trillion. Now we need permission to take out more loans. Hence, raising the debt ceiling.

If the United States defaults – and we will in the next couple of weeks after the financial tricksters have moved all of the funds around and all the financial trickery has been exhausted – we will face a calamity. At that point, the United States of America will have defaulted on its sovereign debt for the first time in history. Trust me, that'll be ugly.

But now it's in the hands of the politicians, which means the worst game of chicken imaginable. We are toying with catastrophe. Chicken Cruz, Chicken McConnell and, yes, Chicken Biden are playing with

our future.

Unless they reach an agreement to either raise the debt ceiling or suspend it – which means the sky's the limit – we are like the car loan that isn't paid. But unlike a car loan, the repo man can't tow a government away. But it could be more difficult to get credit at such low rates. In fact, Treasury notes would be reduced to junk bonds, since they'd be hugely more expensive to buy. That increase, in turn, will drive up credit costs to finance most of what we buy privately.

It means that inflation will run wild, because our farmers, for instance, borrow to finance the machinery that they need to grow food crops. Which will be OK, because we will not have a kitchen, which is part of the house that defaults on its mortgage.

Obviously, the potential for disaster is such that one side or the other must blink. One side or the other successfully must call the other's bluff. And they have,

so far. But you only get one chance in the apocalypse game.

But it's a dopey way to do business. And it's dopey to brag about doing business that way. If you think of it, that's what an area code is: bragging rights. Why would anyone want to boast about 202? Particularly since it is running out of numbers, a form of obsolescence. Or perhaps we can return to a neighborhood being identified by words that preceded the numbers, like Pennsylvania 6-5,000 in New York. In Washington, we could ring up a direct line on K-Street, where all the lobbyists have offices, by dialing "Greedy" and then a number, or one in the Capitol building like "Corrupt" and a number. Or, if we insist on staying with area codes, bring on 771.

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View from here

By Marilyn M. Singleton, M.D., J.D.

Sometimes it takes a puppy

A few years back I returned from setting up our make-shift medical clinic in El Salvador after braving washed out roads and trying to stay on the right side of MS-13 to an "incident." I had stored a banana in my purse to enjoy on the airplane. Upon arrival in San Francisco, I was approached by a Customs agent and his cute little beagle who had alerted him to the smell of contraband – my now-consumed banana.

I only hope the beagles who gave their lives for a perverted science experiment will similarly "bust" Dr. Fauci. We all know he has done much worse: suppressed possible life-saving treatment to AIDS patients, funded dangerous "gain of function" studies making viruses more deadly, suppressed early treatment of COVID-19, promoted ineffective, toxic remdesivir to treat hospitalized COVID-19 patients, and fanatically pushed for experimental mRNA "vaccines."

Sometimes it takes a puppy.

But sometimes it takes all of us to turn back the clock from 1984. This story of a society held together by "thoughtcrimes" and "Newspeak" was supposed to be a cautionary tale to alert us to the insidious rise of totalitarianism. Sadly, apathy was the would-be overlords' ally. Civil debate with exchange of facts and opinions based on those facts has all but disappeared. Many Americans became all too comfortable with silencing of views with which certain corners of society disagree.

Science was supposed to be the pursuit of knowledge through uncensored factual experimental or observable data. Now well-researched medical articles that challenge the party line have been "removed" from public view for unstated reasons.

The silver lining of COVID-19 is that the unscientific responses and public policies have exposed breaches of scientific integrity. It has also brought to light the assault on the patient-centered practice of medicine. This assault has been years in the making. First, the insurers called us providers. What a degrading term! We didn't object. No matter what one's health care skill is, we are healers, not mere service providers.

Once we accepted being mere cogs, the insurers and Medicare could more easily insinuate themselves into the patient-physician relationship. Play by our rules or you don't get paid. Purchase of physician practices by private equity firms, regulation of formularies, factory-like working conditions with patient over-bookings, and dehumanizing electronic medical records have become routine rather than a source of outrage.

The last straw may be the AMA's most recent foray into the world of pre-Marxist ideology. With a straight face in the pursuit of equity, the AMA has released a document filled with "Newspeak". It wants to erase the "narratives grounded in white supremacy," "meritocracy and individualism" and use "a rich tradition of work in health equity and related fields, including critical race theory" to guide our thoughts and speech. We can no longer use the term "white paper" which of course has nothing to do with racial identity. We can no longer say vulnerable because "People are not vulnerable; they are made vulnerable." Minority is out and BIPOC is in. We are to avoid saying "target," "tackle," "combat" or other terms with violent connotation when referring to people, groups or communities. Do they really think anyone is going to pay attention to such drivel?

I guess we should send this document to President Biden who said we have to keep punching at the problem of violence against women, or poor kids are just as

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National divorce is a poisonously stupid idea

Divorce usually isn't a good idea, and that's especially true of a nearly 250-year-old continental nation.

A cadre of apocalyptic writers on the right, who believe the country is too far gone to save, has become obsessed with a Secession 2.0 that would cleave red America from blue and allow the former to escape the ever-rising tide of woke insanity.

There is no doubt the country is deeply riven along political, cultural and religious lines. Yet, a national divorce has nothing to recommend it.

The practical obstacles are insuperable, and the likely effects would be very unwelcome to its proponents. If an insufficient patriotism is one of the ills of contemporary America, then a national divorce would prescribe arsenic as a cure. It would burn down America to save America, or at least those parts of it considered salvageable.

A disaggregated United States would be instantly less powerful. Indeed, Russia and China would be delighted and presumably believe that we'd deserve to experience the equivalent of the crackup of the Soviet Union or the Qing dynasty, respectively.

The economic consequences could be severe. The United States

of America is a continentwide free trade zone, creating a vast domestic market that makes us all better off. Exchanging that for a market Balkanized by state or region would be a major loss.

Finally, the United States foundering on its domestic divisions would be a significant blow to the prestige of liberal democracy. Abraham Lincoln worried about this effect the first time around, and it might be even worse now, with a long stable republic unable to survive internal dissension.

Then, there's the question of how this is supposed to work. Lincoln warned of the physical impossibility of secession when the Mason-Dixon Line was a more-or-less ready line of demarcation. How would it play out now, with conservatives and progressives amply represented in every state in the Union?

If there were to be sovereign pure red and blue places, this wouldn't look like the relatively neat split of the United States into two in the 1860s, but more like post-Peace of Westphalia Europe, with hundreds of different entities.

Some proponents of national divorce say not to worry – it can all be worked out amicably. But if we are going to split up because

we can't even agree on bathroom policies or pronouns, how are we going to agree to divvy up our territory and resources?

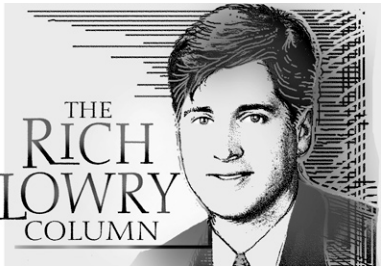
It would matter, obviously, who gets control of the federal government, the most powerful organization on Earth. It has

1.3 million people under arms and a stockpile of 3,800 nuclear warheads. Whether it accrues to red or blue America would, to understate it, be a matter of considerable haggling.

On top of all this, red-state secession would be self-

defeating. Let's say Texas

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bright as white kids or that Barack Obama was articulate and bright and clean.

The tide is turning. Toxic critical race theory and usurpation of parents' rights was defeated in Virginia. Protests against medical tyranny are growing. States are filing lawsuits against vaccine mandates. The truth is coming out. The *British Medical Journal* has proudly published and spread through social media an article whose title speaks for itself: *Covid-19: Researcher blows the whistle on data integrity issues in Pfizer's vaccine trial*. Some authorities are backing off on vaccine mandates.

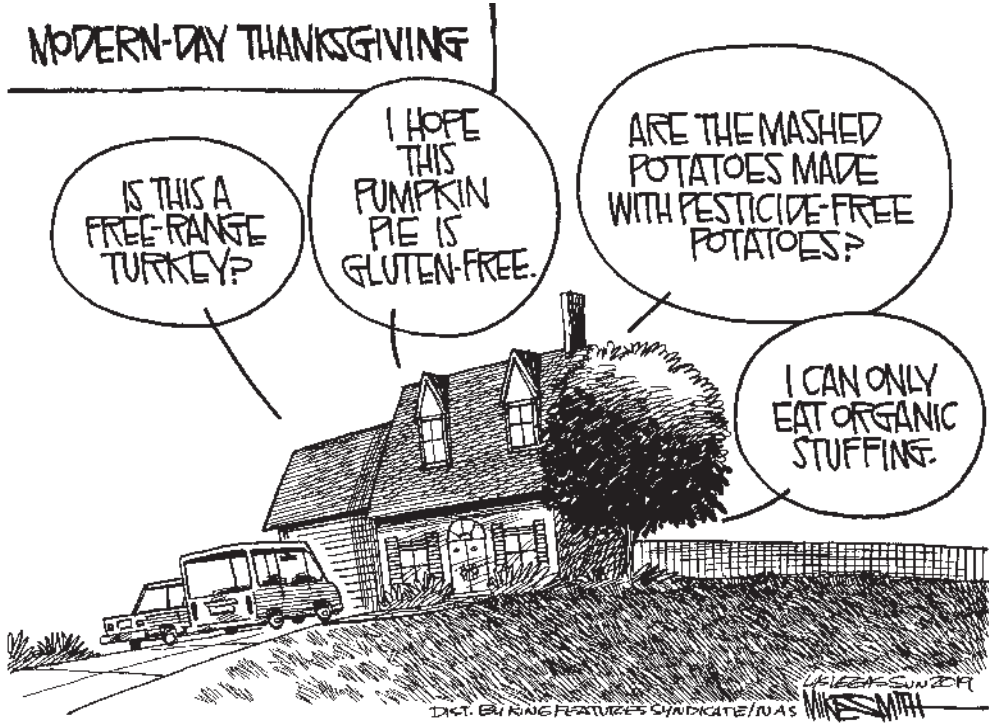
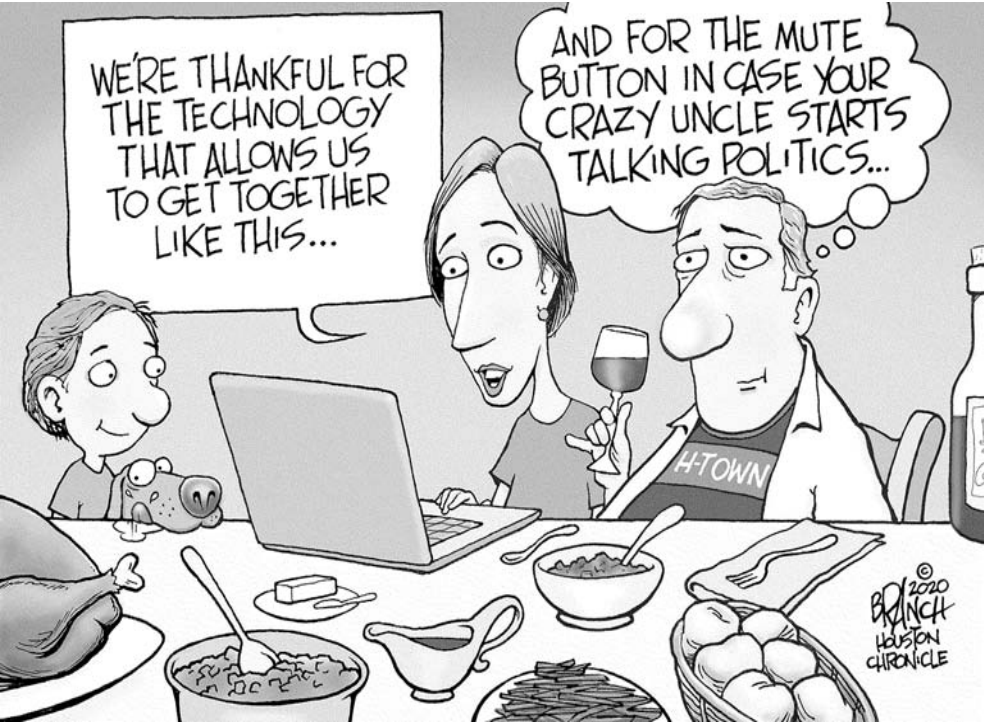
And as for Dr. Fauci, he will be the next Greek mythical hero, felled by his hubris. Let's all send him copy of Arthur Guiterman's poem, *On the Vanity of Earthly Greatness*.

*The tusks that clashed in mighty brawls
Of mastodons, are billiard balls.
The sword of Charlemagne the Just
Is ferric oxide, known as rust.
The grizzly bear whose potent hug
Was feared by all, is now a rug.
Great Caesar's bust is on my shelf,
And I don't feel so well myself.
His time is coming.*

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Microsoft awards EPCC \$50,000 cybersecurity grant

By Jim Heiney
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC) is the recipient of a \$50,000 grant from Microsoft Philanthropies to support its Cybersecurity program. The funding will be used to procure mentorship and cutting-edge curriculum from the National Cybersecurity Training & Education Center (NCyTE), to build faculty knowledge through Microsoft training and certifications and to give financial assistance to EPCC students so they may overcome short-term obstacles and complete degrees or certificates in Cybersecurity or Computing.

Associate Professor of Computer Science Dr. Christian Servin said, “This opportunity permits students to learn state-of-the-art curriculum materials they can apply in their computing education pathways. Furthermore, it will assist students in completing their studies at EPCC.”

This grant funding is thanks to Microsoft’s Techspark Texas, an initiative that is facilitating access to underserved groups so that everyone can participate in the digital economy. JJ Childress, the local Community Engagement

Manager for the El Paso region explains, “Cybersecurity will be critical to ensuring that El Paso’s businesses and key services like healthcare, education, and government can thrive in an ever-increasing digital age. We have an opportunity to provide diverse and world-class talent to meet the needs of a highly in-demand profession.”

EPCC’s Cybersecurity program received the Center of Academic Excellence Designation (CAE2Y) in 2018 from the National Security Agency (NSA) by meeting rigorous program standards. Cybersecurity is an extensive area of study and includes everything from installing proper firewalls into a system to developing reverse-engineering techniques that recognize patterns in malicious software. Dr. Christian Servin describes the crucial role Cybersecurity plays. “Currently, the world faces computing challenges that range from using their mobile device to developing national security software. Learning

cyber-computer science will benefit any computing pathway to solve adversarial problems in the nation.”

A degree or certificate in Computer Science and Cybersecurity provides excellent job opportunities. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects more than 30% job growth by 2029 for this in-demand field, which is much higher than average.

Information Technology Systems (ITS) Professor Tony Vargas encourages people to enroll at EPCC and to pursue a degree. “Certifications are fine for mastering the emerging and current technology. However, Certifications will upgrade to embrace the evolving technology. For a technician to successfully upgrade to the new certificates, a requirement in most companies, a foundation of understanding for the technology is essential for the network professional. This understanding is what a program based in Cybersecurity can provide.”

More than 400 students have already completed a degree or certificate in Cybersecurity at EPCC. Many of these graduates work in regional positions in El Paso and surrounding areas. They serve the community in technology/cybersecurity positions with the military, banking, education and law enforcement agencies.



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HANDS ON – An unidentified EPCC teacher gives a student some one-on-one training.



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El Paso high schoolers prove they can play with the big boys

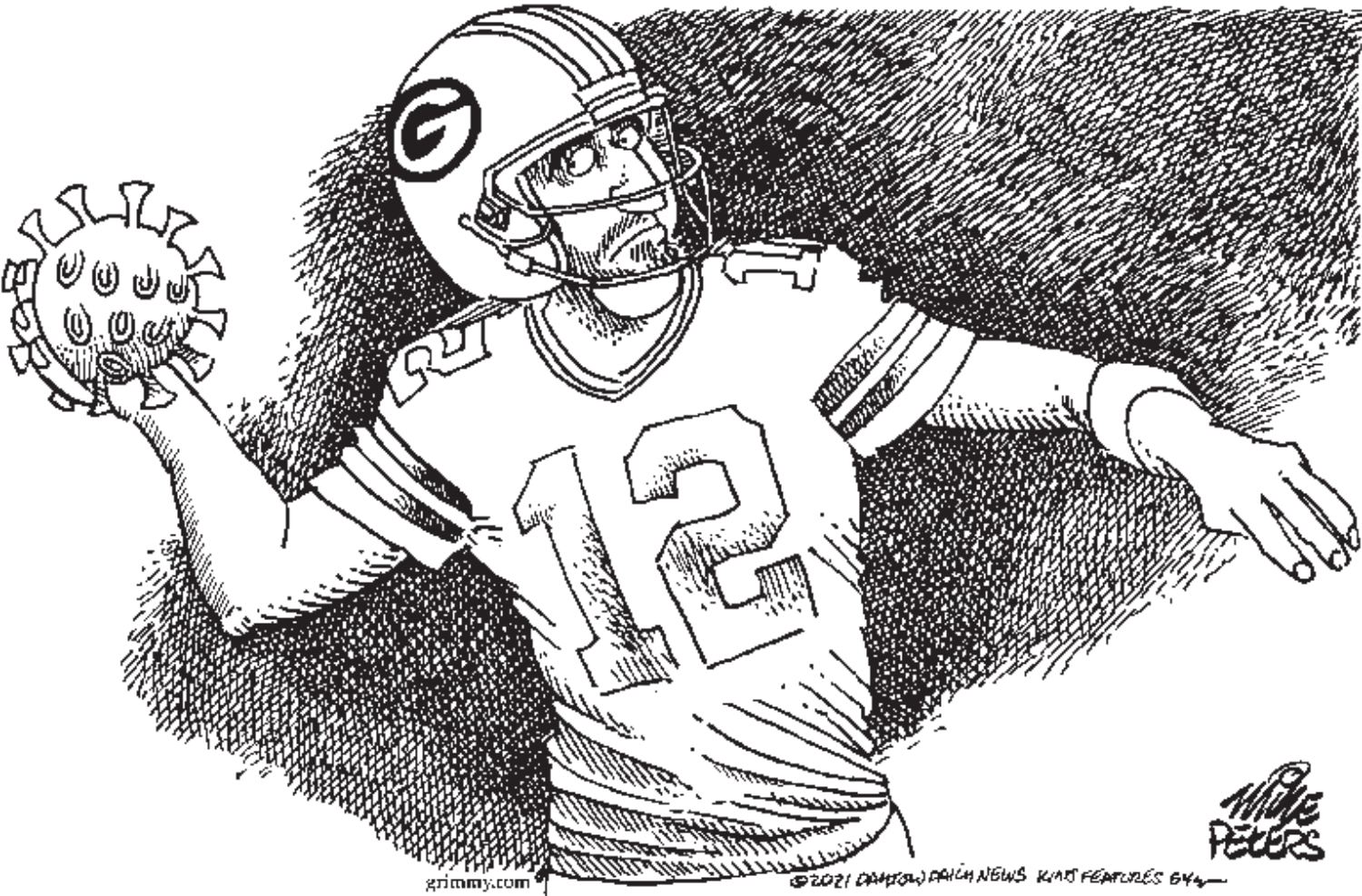
By Steve Escajeda
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Like it is all over the state of Texas, high school football has always been a pretty big thing here in the Sun City. Fans flock to high school stadiums all around El Paso to catch the exciting action from Franklin to Andress to Clint to Bowie. And though there is no guarantee who will win their district title every year, there seems to be one guarantee every El Paso team faces each season – once the playoffs start, El Paso teams always lose to out-of-town teams. Of course I’m exaggerating a bit, once every few years an El Paso team will pull off the major upset, but usually El Paso loses – and loses badly. That’s why last weekend’s results

were almost unbelievable. Well, believe it or not, no less than five El Paso teams knocked off out-of-towners in the bi-district round of the playoffs. That has got to be the best playoff weekend El Paso teams have ever enjoyed. First of all, the Riverside Rangers (10-1) crushed Big Spring 34-7. Gary Recorder has taken over as head coach and has totally changed the culture of the team and the area. Remember all those championships that former star coach Tom Work won for the Rangers back in the day? Well Recorder played for Work and has instituted many of the same tactics he used, including taking responsibility, attention to detail and confidence. Needless to say, it’s working at Riverside, and we’ll see if they can keep it up against Lake Worth High (9-2) in

Odessa this Friday. The Clint Lions (6-5) are in the same district as Riverside and they too, came up big in the bi-district round. For the third straight season, Clint defeated San Angelo Lakeview in the first round of the playoffs, coming away with a 33-7 win Friday. This Thursday, Clint and its dominant running attack will take on Wichita Falls Hirschi High (9-2) in Midland. In a game that they trailed for most of the night, the Eastlake Falcons (10-1) scored a touchdown in the last two minutes to get past San Angelo Central 21-17. Eastlake star running back Elijah Uribe, who scored the winning touchdown on a 5-yard run with 2:20 left in the game, rushed for 167 yards and caught nine passes for 133 yards. The Falcons are going to need another big game from Uribe if they are going

to get past Byron Nelson High (8-3) in this Friday’s area round of the playoffs at Wolfforth Peoples Bank Stadium. Believe me, it was a surprise that the Chapin Huskies (9-2) were able to get by Amarillo Caprock in last week’s playoff game. But the story isn’t that they won the game, the story is how they won the game. In a tight contest in which they were trailing late 28-21, Chapin put a drive together and scored a touchdown with 50 seconds left to tie the game 28-28 and probably go to overtime. But wait, after thinking it over, coach Ryan Warner decided instead of setting for overtime, his Huskies were going to go for two and try to win (or lose) the game right now. Needless to say, Chapin’s try for a two-point conversion (Mason Standerfer pass to Jacob Williamson) was good and the Huskies came away with the gutsy one-point win. Chapin will need more of that magic when they take on Arlington’s Mansfield Summit High (8-3) this Friday at a site to be determined. In the biggest surprise of the weekend, the Eastwood Troopers (7-4) were given absolutely no chance when they made the trip to Abilene High School. But after taking a 20-6 halftime lead, the Troopers held on to stun Abilene 31-25 to advance to this weekend’s area playoff round. Eastwood quarterback Andrew Martinez, who has thrown over 70 touchdown passes in his three-year career, only threw one against Abilene, but it was his three running touchdowns that made the difference. Eastwood will meet Fort Worth Boswell High (6-4) in Lubbock this Friday. Will the El Paso teams have as much success this week as they had last week? Probably not. But at last for one week, the rest of Texas saw El Paso football with a little more respect.



Super Crossword

WAY TO GO ACROSS

1 Abu Dhabi, for one

8 Old name for a hippo

14 Top banana

20 Like many rec room walls

21 Democratic diplomat Harriman

22 Take off of a spool

23 Cat's-eye, steelie and aggie

25 Skimpy

26 Moral wrong

27 "High School High" actress Carrere

28 Wife of TV's Frasier

30 "Take _ out of crime!"

31 Nine-digit ID, for short

34 Big Apple inits.

36 Tsunamis are big ones

38 They make pins fall

43 Fashion figure Oscar de la _

44 Colored ring of the iris

45 Falco who portrayed a Soprano

46 Alan who portrayed Hawkeye

48 Mai _ (cocktail)

51 Has in one's sights

53 They list a film's cast

57 Diamond great Mel

58 Midwest air hub

61 CPR specialist

62 Conductor Andre

63 Corp. shake-up

66 Gold, to Jorge

67 Zip

68 1995-2016 NBAer Kevin

69 Radials, e.g.

73 Zoo

76 Chi-Town team

77 " _ Na Na" (TV oldie)

78 French painter Edgar

82 Concert extra

83 And so on: Abbr.

84 For _ (really cheaply)

86 Avail

87 Resounding storm noises

90 Harmful ant

93 Good cholesterol, for short

94 "If only _ known!"

95 Suffix with kitchen

98 More in order

99 Maine university town

102 Diner and sleeper

104 Casino cubes

108 _ laude

109 Neath's opposite

110 Deer family member

111 State of societal breakdown

114 Amigo

116 Orlando-to-Miami dir.

119 More highfalutin

121 What eight answers in this puzzle are

125 2017 biopic about skater Harding

126 Attacked energetically

127 Acid neutralizers

128 Big pizzas, say

129 Like some post-meal bad breath

130 Principle's partner island

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1 Actor Omar

2 African land

3 As a response for

4 Playa del _

5 Old ring king

6 Camp shelter

7 Border fringe

8 Facial offerer

9 British noble

10 Both: Prefix

11 Violins' kin

12 _ acid (fat compound)

13 Squander

14 Tour vehicle

15 Hocked

16 Reach for rudely

17 Using other sources

18 Opposite of east, in Mexico

19 Choral clubs

24 Possibly

29 Sound in "cant" but not "cent"

32 Walk heavily

33 River close to the Sphinx

35 Loutish guy

37 Close to its face value, as a bond

38 Ulan _ , Mongolia

39 Elocute

40 Defense gp.

41 Sour fruit

42 MGM lion

46 Without purpose

47 Allow to

49 Feuding, say

50 "Who _?"

52 Jarred

54 Disguise

55 Muffed up

56 Thick

59 Elbow locale

60 Sat on a perch

64 Hit with the knuckles

65 Close watch

67 Vote down

68 Immense

70 Trapping in branches

71 _ Raton

72 E'en if

73 One of the "Little Women"

74 With a sharp image, for short

75 Like nerves acting on eye muscles

79 Part of many a heavy-metal track

80 Fall bloom

81 Soothsayers

83 Ecol. monitor

84 Fizzy wine, for short

85 Rowlands of "Gloria"

88 1970s spinoff sitcom

89 Grassland

91 Make over

92 Eggnog spice

96 Dr. Mom's attention

97 Spew forth

100 Skyrocketing

101 Odd feature of a cyclops

102 Actress Leah

103 Nebraska natives

104 AOL rival

105 Vital conduit

106 Halved

107 Actor Sacha Baron _

112 Liking a lot

113 Novelist Jennifer

115 Follower of "ooh" or "tra"

117 Thin

118 "Who _?"

120 Dorm heads, for short

122 Pig's home

123 Boxing win, in brief

124 Scoundrel

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By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



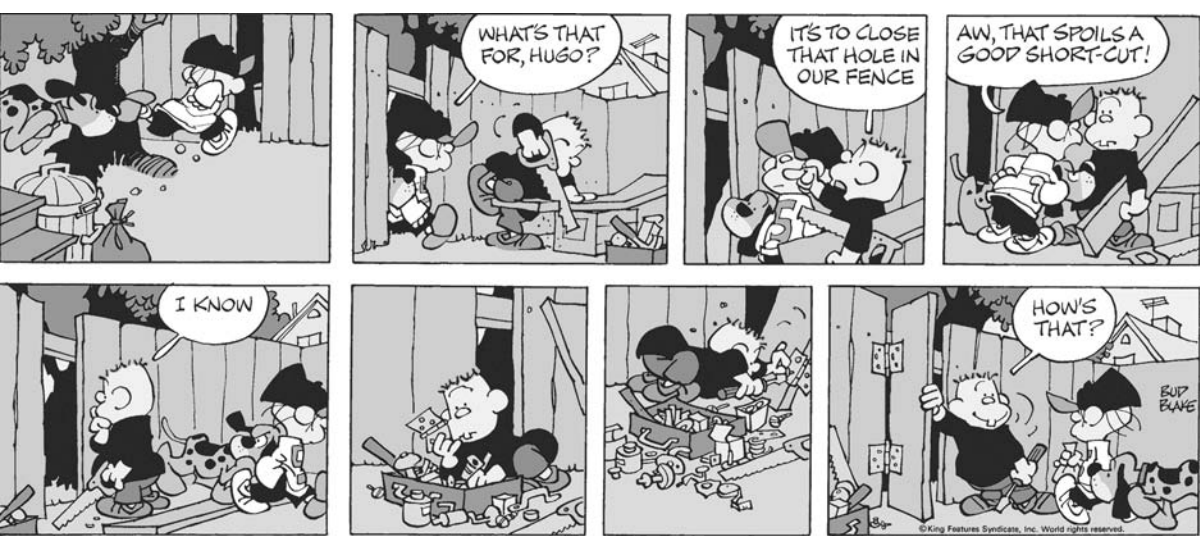
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left. That’s 40 electoral votes off the national map for Republicans. In 2020, with no Texas, Trump could have won Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, and still fallen short of an electoral majority.

On the other hand, Texas isn’t quite as ruby red as it used to be. It could secede and still find itself governed by the very Democrats it hoped to leave behind. Besides, would the rest of the country really be willing to watch a state of 29 million people that represents the ninth-largest economy in the world go its own way?

Meanwhile, red-state secession might not actually stem the cultural tide. Would the college professors in these places be less woke? Would the newsrooms be more conservative? Would people in the state stop using social media? The real impetus for the talk of a breakup is despair. It constitutes giving up on convincing our fellow Americans, giving up on

Choosing not to treat prostate cancer

DEAR DR. ROACH: Every year, I used to get a physical, which included a prostate exam as well as blood tests with PSA. When my doctor retired, I had a hard time finding a new one I liked. It has been three or four years since my prostate was checked, but my new doctor doesn't do the prostate exams (I am 63). He says that recent studies do not recommend them, and I have seen news reports about the unreliability of the PSA test. How do you find out if you have prostate cancer if you don't look for it? My brother-in-law found out he had it at 52, and it was successfully treated. I don't really want to wait until I am showing symptoms, and there is no history in my direct family. What do you think about this? – T.D.



Prostate cancer isn’t really one disease. It can be very aggressive – both with local invasion and spreading to bones quickly – but it also can be very indolent, hardly growing at all over years. Yearly prostate cancer screening with PSA is more likely to find the slower-growing cancers, since they are around for a long time. The goal of screening is to find aggressive cancers, the fast-growing ones that can go from undetectable to too-late-to-do-anything-about in a very short time. But a downside is that screening may lead to unnecessary treatment of the more-indolent cancers, most of which can be carefully monitored and will not need surgery or radiation, at least not for years. If a man elects to undergo prostate cancer screening, he should understand the benefits (finding prostate cancer early enough it can be cured) and the risks (treatment for prostate cancer causes complications frequently; these can include incontinence and loss of sexual function). Not treating low-risk prostate cancer reduces the risks. Low-risk prostate cancer is defined by a PSA below 10, a very small or non-detectable tumor by palpation or imaging and a low Gleason score, which is based on how the tissue looks to the pathologist. Six or less is low risk. Most men in this situation do not need immediate treatment. Some men have difficulty NOT treating cancer, but treatment does not appear to improve the already good prognosis. Choosing not to treat is hard for some men.

DR. ROACH WRITES:

I received a lot of mail from readers about a column in which a reader described realistic hallucinations upon awakening. I was concerned about Lewy body disease, a form of dementia with prominent visual hallucinations. The most common condition readers were concerned about was Charles Bonnet syndrome, a type of visual hallucination found in people with vision loss. It’s not well known, so I was surprised that so many people wrote to me about it, particularly when the original letter didn’t say anything about vision loss. The answer, as diagnosed by my reader’s neurologist, turned out to be hypnopompic hallucinations (hypnagogic hallucinations are a similar issue, but these occur upon falling asleep). M.O., a sleep technician, and P.W. from California wrote to me with the same diagnosis. These can occur in sleep apnea, which several people wrote about, and several said treatment stopped these hallucinations. They can also be associated with neurological disease, such as Parkinson’s disease, Guillain-Barre syndrome and narcolepsy.

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.

our common national project, giving up on our birthright. This is an impulse to be resisted. Breaking up is hard to do and quitting on America is – or should be – unforgivable.

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



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
Nov. 20, 1887: Birthday of Eck Robertson, a Texas Panhandle fiddler who was featured on the first commercial Country Music recording.

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 **V**

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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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Cybercriminals have vets in their sights



by Freddy Groves

Veterans are victims of cybercrimes at a much higher rate than civilians. And it's not just veterans, included are military spouses, survivors, active-duty personnel and our families. This is no doubt because of our benefits and the goodies to be had after stealing from us.

To tackle the problem, the Department of Veterans Affairs is stepping in and partnering with outside groups like the Cybercrime Support Network (cybercrimesupport.org), whose motto is Recognize, Report and Recover. It's about time... over the past five years, veterans have reported cybercrime losses of more than \$420 million.

The CSN's mix of initiatives includes ScamSpotter (ScamSpotter.org), with practical consumer advice about how to spot and avoid fraud and scams.

Especially for us is Fight Cybercrime (fightcybercrime.org/military). Its crime-fighting partners are pretty impressive, and include the Disabled American Veterans and Army Emergency Relief. Look over the site for a resource library for us, law enforcement and businesses. Interesting topics include how to reduce your risk of ransomware, determining if a text message is fake or real, being safe in online gaming and even a pre-vacation checklist.

A recent Fight Cybercrime webinar touched home for many of us: How to keep your business information safe when you're working from home and sharing your online connection with children. Past webinars are worth watching as well: staying safe on social media, avoiding a scam from a government tax imposter, and COVID scams, which seem to be everywhere.

So, we have the tools. The information and resources are out there. But we need to take advantage of all that's offered to avoid becoming another cybercrime statistic.

One of the biggest problems

with cybercrime is that we don't always report it. We're embarrassed because we thought we couldn't be fooled... until we are. Do your part. If you get scammed, report it.

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• Thanksgiving Tip: "Let one person be responsible for putting prep dishes, pots and pans in the dishwasher while another prepares the bird and side dishes for the table. You will be halfway done with dishes by the time the meal is over." – M.A. in Washington

• "Bake stuffing in muffin tins for individual servings. Also, if your family is anything like mine, we love the crispy parts, and everyone will get some this way!" – W.G. in Mississippi

• "If you host a large family holiday gathering and serve a lot of side dishes, try this trick to them hot while waiting for other items to finish in the oven. Simply cover the bottom of a clean ice chest with a few trivets or a couple kitchen towels, and set casseroles and oven-cooked meats inside. Most people use a cooler to keep things cold, but the insulation works just as well to keep hot things hot ... at least for a little while." – M.E. in West Virginia

• "An oldie but a goodie, and certainly considerate of dear old Mom: In my family, you come to Thanksgiving dinner with your own plastic containers for leftovers. If you don't bring your own, you don't go home with tomorrow's lunch. Mom instituted this rule after the first Thanksgiving when all the kids had moved out. We practically cleaned her out of Tupperware!" – E.Y. in New Mexico

• Recipe substitution: If you need 1 teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice, use 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon ginger, 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves.

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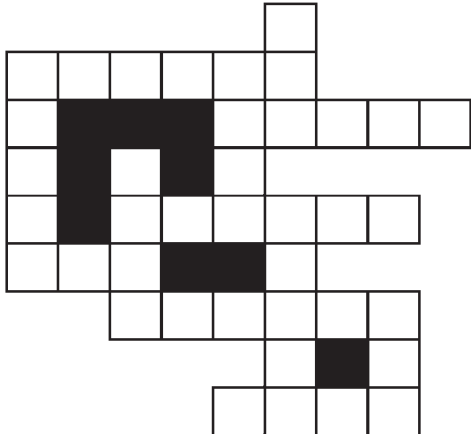
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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