



NEWSBRIEFS

Who knew?

The painting had been hanging on a wall in a villa in the province of Rome, Italy for many years and when it suddenly fell to the floor it was damaged. So, the owners sent it off to be repaired and cleaned. And that’s when they found out that it was no ordinary work of art; it was the long-lost masterpiece, The Adoration of the Magi, painted by Rembrandt in 1632 or 1633. The owners apparently have no immediate intention of selling their newfound treasure, but they do plan to offer it to galleries and museums.

– John Grimaldi

Who knew II?

Whatever prompted it in the first place, a law making it illegal for barbershops to cut hair in New York on Sunday has been repealed. The law, which had been on the books for more than a century, called for a \$5 fine for a first offense, the equivalent of about \$75 in 2021 dollars. And a two-time loser would have been fined up to \$25 and/or imprisoned for up to 25 days. No one seems to know what prompted the law in the first place, but Republican state Senator Joe Griffo, who introduced the bill to repeal it points out that “Barbershops and salons, like all small businesses, have faced significant, unprecedented and strenuous challenges during the coronavirus pandemic.” It’s unlikely a barber would be cited by police if caught plying his trade on Sunday.

– John Grimaldi

The high life

A new hotel in Shanghai, the J Hotel Shanghai Tower, promises a glamorous stay, but if you are acrophobic you may want to book elsewhere. Its lobby is on the 101st floor of a skyscraper that reaches 2,073 feet in height. Oddly, the Shanghai Tower hotel might not be considered to be the tallest hotel in the world. Technically, the Gevora Hotel in Dubai still holds that title although it is just 1,169 feet high because the entire building is used as a hotel while the J Hotel takes up only the top floors of the Shanghai Tower.

– John Grimaldi

Easy come, easy go

The James family of Baton Rouge, LA became what some might call

See BRIEFS, Page 4

Maybe we wouldn’t mind paying income tax so much if we knew it would stay in this country.

– Quips & Quotes



– Internet

SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS – While these are challenging times for educators and educators-in-training, initiatives are underway to support current and aspiring teachers (like the high school teacher shown above). Local education leaders are looking for ways to strengthen support for current educators and to cultivate the next generation of teachers.

Teaching initiative receives funding

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Texas’s teacher shortage predicament is real, as fewer college students are choosing to enter the education profession. Between 2014 and 2020 school years, state reports indicate that the amount of newly certified teachers decreased by almost 27 percent.

To help address the concern, the El Paso Teacher Pipeline Taskforce (EPTPT) was formed in 2019 among the nine El Paso County school districts, the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), some nonprofit organizations, and other partners. The group’s focus is to recruit more college students to the world of teaching.

The taskforce collaboration paid off recently when it was awarded an \$800,000 grant to help the education initiative bolster teacher ranks in El Paso area schools. The financial support came from the Prentice Farrar Brown & Alline Ford Brown Foundation, an investment fund managed by Bank of America. The nonprofit foundation’s premise is to build long-term, data-driven strategies to secure Texas’ continued prosperity for years to come, especially in the field of education.

The grant announcement was made recently during an education summit that was hosted by taskforce partner organizations the El Paso Community Foundation, UTEP, and the Council

on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development (CREEED).

According to taskforce members, the initiative encompasses three unique programs that includes a residency stipend, a mentorship support system, and a teacher placement assistance pathway.

The residency stipend is available through the UTEP Miner Residency program which is designed to put aspiring teachers into classrooms with experienced teachers for a full academic year and get paid for it. The student teachers are under the guidance of UTEP’s College of Education instructional staff.

The Miner Teacher Mentorship program is a pilot project in which trained coaches are paired with new teachers to provide mentorship and support that incorporates classroom observation and instructional coaching sessions.

The El Paso Pathways into Teachers program is designed to create pathways into the various K-12 school districts for recruiting and placing candidates in the different teaching positions available throughout the region every year.

This grant is the second major investment the taskforce has received from the Brown nonprofit in the past two years. The taskforce also received a \$1.36 million grant from the foundation in October 2020.

The second round of funding from the foundation will go mostly into the teacher residency program, with the goal

of eventually having all aspiring teachers in UTEP’s College of Education classes complete a residency assignment, stated taskforce officials. So far, 183 students have finished or are currently enrolled in this program, according to a recent UTEP news release.

El Paso’s three largest public-school districts: El Paso, Socorro, and Ysleta independent school districts are participating in UTEP’s Miner Teacher Residency program, and with the start of this spring semester resident teachers will begin at Canutillo ISD.

UTEP is also in the planning stages of starting teacher residencies at Clint, Fabens, and Tornillo ISDs. Currently, Fabens, Tornillo, and Canutillo ISDs are participating in the teacher mentorship program.

“The disruption to our education system caused by COVID-19 has been a historic challenge for the El Paso community. We have witnessed dedicated educators rise to meet this challenge, and we are reminded that it takes a talented person to be a great teacher,” stated Dr. Clifton Tanabe, dean of the UTEP College of Education, in a recent news release.

“I have the regular privilege of working with talented individuals striving to become great teachers, every day. The current crisis is undeniably painful, but I am glad to see a new appreciation for the women and men who spend countless hours a week educating and nurturing our children. I hope our community will join me in celebrating the recent investments in our regional teacher pipeline,” Dr. Tanabe acknowledged.

The IOC is a craven handmaid of Beijing

It should be a rule of thumb that the Olympic Games shouldn't be held in countries that operate concentration camps.

If this strikes you as a reasonable demand, you aren't suited to serve on the International Olympic Committee. The IOC has doggedly defended Beijing as the host of the 2022 Winter Olympics even as the Chinese Communist Party pursues its campaign of unrelenting barbarity against the Uyghurs.

The Biden administration just announced a so-called diplomatic boycott of the games, a gesture of disapproval that won't dent the propaganda coup the IOC is handing the most dangerous regime in the world.

The IOC is the World Health Organization of sports. When China disappeared female tennis star Peng Shuai for the offense of making an accusation of sexual assault against a former high government official, the IOC happily assisted in the regime's crisis PR, lest the shocking incident derail the games.

The president of the IOC, Thomas Bach, had a video call with Peng where she said all was well and Bach pretended to take her assurances at face value. Of course, Peng wasn't free to speak her mind, but part of Bach's job now is to look the other way at China's blatant abuses.

China has the great fortune to deal with international organizations – except the Women's Tennis Association, which is suspending tournaments in China – that lack all self-respect.

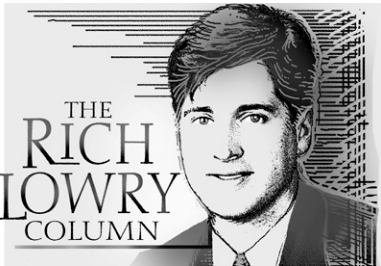
The IOC is following in the well-trod footsteps of corporations, financiers and sports leagues that start out wanting to do business with China and end up complicit in the regime's crimes by staying silent or explaining them away.

The difference is that the IOC claims to be acting in support of high ideals. Bach likes to quote the Olympic charter that says Olympism exists "to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind,

with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity."

Placing sport at the service of China does the opposite on all counts. China's autocrat, Xi Jinping, has been open about the political importance of the Olympics, "Hosting an excellent 2022 Games is a major task of the Party and the country, and it is a solemn commitment to the international community." Here, the interests of the CCP and the IOC – as well as the corporate sponsors of the games – coincide.

The last time China hosted the Olympics, the Summer Games in 2008, it used the opening ceremony to stage a gigantic and memorable regime-enhancing spectacle. Beijing promised reforms to get awarded the games and



See LOWRY, Page 7

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

‘Following the science’ or the COVID narrative?

Science has undergone a radical metamorphosis. People with M.D. or Ph.D. degrees, who have published hundreds of papers in the scientific literature, have suddenly become “anti-science” – as judged by media personalities, politicians, bureaucrats, and fact-checkers. What does this mean? One clue: chief White House medical advisor Anthony Fauci, M.D, said that anyone who attacked him was attacking “science.”¹

Anyone skeptical of the accepted COVID narrative may be called “anti-science.” The articles of faith are that it is an existential threat, and the only solution is universal vaccination and surrender of our freedom to work, assemble, worship, travel, or even go outdoors without the approval of public health

authorities. One key feature of science that we should've learned in grade school seems to have been forgotten, albeit selectively: experiments need to have a control group.

Ancient or medieval physicians may have said that bleeding and purging cured disease. The only time these cures didn't work was when the patient was too far gone to be saved. The science was settled; no control group needed.

Doctors may like to imagine that we have godlike powers, but in fact we can never know what would've happened had we done something different.

That's the reason why studies of treatment must have a control group. The “gold standard” is a double-blind randomized controlled study (RCT) to correct

for observer bias and the placebo effect. Giving a fake medicine (placebo) sometimes helps.

Any experiment can have two types of error. Type I error “finds” a difference between the treatment and control group just because of random variation. A type II error fails to find a sufficiently large difference to reach “statistical significance” even though one exists. Studies need to be adequately “powered” – have an adequate number of subjects – to minimize type II error. A power of less than 80 percent is generally considered unacceptable. A study that is too small is called “underpowered.”

Ideally, there should be a 50:50 allocation of treated and control subjects. If only 30 percent of subjects are in the control group, the study loses significant power. If only 10 percent are in the control group, the power of the study is only 40 to 60 percent, writes Mark H. White, II, Ph.D.² At the moment, about 30 percent of Americans have not taken the COVID vaccine. And government keeps trying

to reduce that percentage to as close to zero as possible.

There was a 50:50 allocation in the preauthorization studies of the COVID vaccines. But the blinding has been broken³, and those who received placebo are now eligible to receive active vaccine. Thus, there is virtually NO control group for potential late adverse consequences.

A large number of adverse effects⁴ are being reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), including nearly 20,000 deaths as of Dec 10, vastly more than for all other vaccines combined. Reporting is far from complete. The actual number may be 20 to 41 times higher⁵. As revealed by Project Veritas⁶, reporting may be actively discouraged.

Did the vaccine cause these problems? We have no RCT that specifically looked for them, and a potential control group of only about 30 percent at present. The best we can do is look at “historical controls,” the reported past incidence of conditions such as myocarditis. Within 8 weeks of

the public offering of COVID-19 products to 12-to-15 year-olds, the rate of myocarditis cases was 19 times⁷ the historically expected number.

Diseases vary over time for many reasons, and historical controls have many pitfalls. The historical natural history of the disease was nonetheless good enough for Anthony Fauci in his landmark 1973 research⁸ on Wegener's granulomatosis in 18 (eighteen) patients.

Knowledge of the historical progression of AIDS was, however, NOT good enough for Dr. Fauci⁹ to inform physicians of the possibility of using common sulfa drugs to prevent pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP), based on past research. He demanded, but would not fund, an RCT. By the time a privately funded study was complete, 17,000 AIDS patients had died of PCP without the potential benefit of prophylaxis.

The NIH is again following the model of therapeutic nihilism for COVID, suppressing promising treatments on the basis that hundreds of favorable published

See COVID, Page 3

1973
49
Years
2022

WEST TEXAS COUNTY
COURIER

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

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

COPYRIGHT:
Entire contents © 2022 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




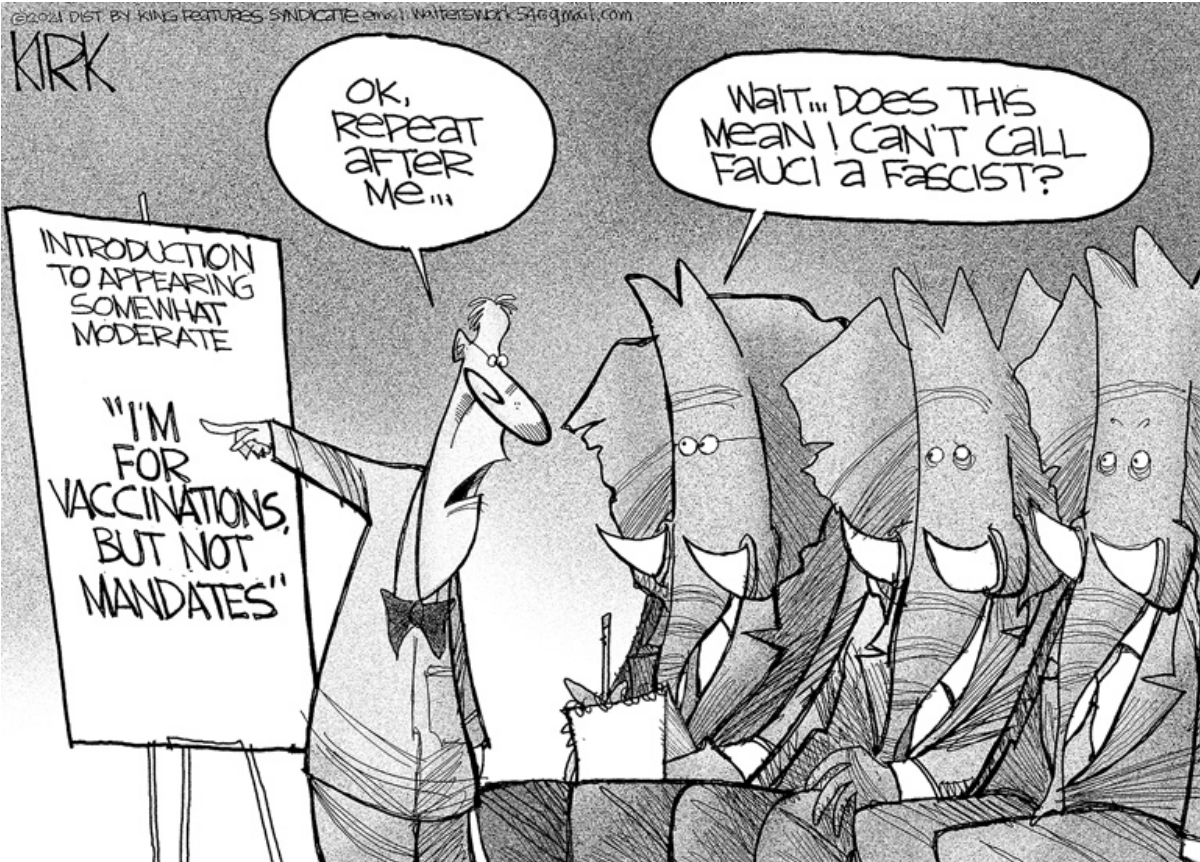
Phone: 852-3235

E-mail: wtxcc@wtxcc.com
Website: wtxcc.com

Publisher
Rick Shrum

Contributors
Alfredo Vasquez
Steve Escajeda





Food for thought

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Our most difficult decision for 2022

2022 will be over almost quicker than you can say Happy New Year! Just look how fast 2021 sped by us all. Time rarely feels as if it's standing still unless we are waiting on something to happen. Time only drags when we need something to happen like a cure for a disease, a job to open or a relative to come home. When time drags, we make the mistake of wishing it away.

We only have a little bit of time. We all have the same in a day, a week or a year. Every year that we live we are extended the same number of days and minutes. We do all kinds of things with time. We waste time, kill time, try to make up time, lose track of time or don't pay attention to time. Regardless of how we treat time it's only doing one thing moving swiftly through the hourglass one grain or second at a time.

I'm thankful for time. I'm grateful for time with my wife and each family member. I'm grateful for this moment to sit here and type a few words out on my keyboard. I suppose one of my problems is how do I fit all I want to do into my time? I guess I enjoy doing too much. If I only enjoyed doing one or two things then my time spent might be a little easier. Each day and moment I would simply devote my full attention to one particular aspect of life. Actually, that might not be a bad idea. Could I devote 24 hours a day to my family? I could, but they really don't want me in their hair 24/7. I could devote 24 hours a day to prayer and reading the Bible

or reading other good books. But then, I don't want to be an isolated religious person who never enjoys this incredible world or people. I could devote 24 hours a day to my educational work and do a lot of the work that others do. However, institutions are stronger and better when the work is spread around to others. I could spend more time simply writing books or pursuing other hobbies I enjoy.

Somehow, we have to determine what is best. I heard about this farmer who hired a man to sort potatoes. The man's job was to put the bad potatoes in one pile, the good potatoes in another pile and the best potatoes in another pile. The man agreed to the job. At the end of the day the farmer came to see how his new employee was doing and he had not done anything. He was simply standing looking back and forth at two potatoes. The farmer bewildered asked? "Why haven't you done what I asked you to do?" The hired man responded, "I just can't decide between the good and the best potatoes."

Our dilemma in 2022 may not be in deciding between good and bad but between good and best. There are a lot of good things we can do with our time in 2022. Using our time to do the best things may be our most difficult decision.

Learn more about Dr. Glenn Mollette at www.glenmmollette.com or www.facebook.com/glenmmollette.

COVID

From Page 2

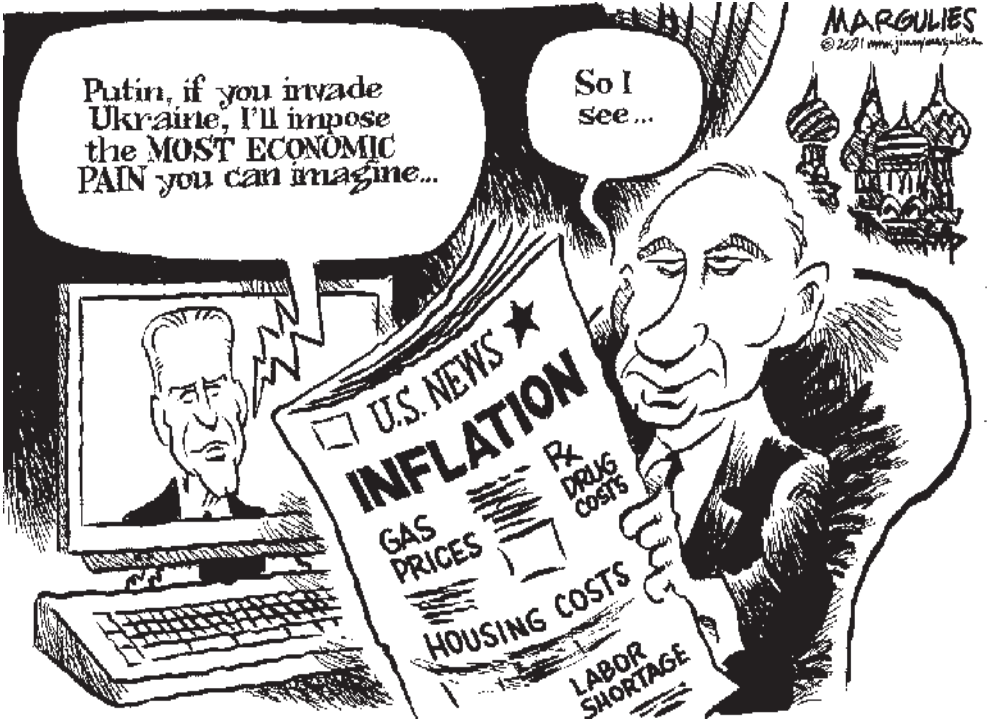
studies¹⁰ including some RCTs are inadequate. Vaccines, however, are exempt from the demand for scientific rigor. The Biden Administration is calling for all Americans to get vaccinated and boosted, and has pledged to donate 500 million doses¹¹ of the Pfizer-BioNTech product to low and lower-middle-income countries and the African Union.


The worldwide, coercive mass vaccination campaign is not a scientific experiment. In addition to a control group, ethical research would require voluntary informed consent, free medical care of subjects who experienced complications, provision to stop the experiment if it is doing harm, and an Institutional Review Board.

Where is the science, and where is the anti-science?

- The links in the digital copy of this issue, at www.wtxcc.com, are clickable.*
- 1 – <https://justthenews.com/accountability/media/tale-two-media-how-mainstream-press-glossed-over-fauci-emails-while-other>
 - 2 – <https://www.markhw.com/blog/control-sizev>
 - 3 – <https://aapsonline.org/covid-fauci-nih-et-al/>
 - 4 – <https://openvaers.com/covid-data>
 - 5 – <https://www.wnd.com/2021/12/4968311/>
 - 6 – <https://thetruthaboutvaccines.com/project-veritas-covid-vaxx/>
 - 7 – <https://jessicar.substack.com/p/a-report-on-myocarditis-adverse-events>
 - 8 – https://journals.lww.com/md-journal/citation/1973/11000/wegener_s_granulomatosis_studies_in_eighteen.2.aspx
 - 9 – <https://www.foxnews.com/transcript/democrats-and-mainstream-media-push-post-office-conspiracy-theories>
 - 10 – <https://c19early.com/>
 - 11 – <https://www.forbes.com/sites/roberthart/2021/09/22/us-to-donate-500-million-more-pfizer-vaccine-doses-to-poorer-countries/?sh=5feef68936a4>

Jane M. Orient obtained her undergraduate degrees in chemistry and mathematics from the University of Arizona in Tucson, and her M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1974. She has been in solo private practice since 1981 and has served as Executive Director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) since 1989. She is currently president of Doctors for Disaster Preparedness. More than 100 of her papers have been published in the scientific and popular literature on a variety of subjects including risk assessment, natural and technological hazards and nonhazards, and medical economics and ethics. She is the editor of AAPS News, the Doctors for Disaster Preparedness Newsletter, and Civil Defense Perspectives, and is the managing editor of the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons.





Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Jan. 3, 1990, Panama’s Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, after hiding at the Vatican embassy in Panama City, surrenders to U.S. military troops to face charges of drug trafficking and is flown to Miami. In 1992, the former dictator was convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

• On Jan. 4, 1847, Samuel Colt rescues his faltering gun company by winning a contract to provide the U.S. government with 1,000 of his .44 caliber revolvers. Though never cheap, by the early 1850s, Colt revolvers were inexpensive enough to be a favorite with Americans headed westward during the California Gold Rush.

• On Jan. 5, 1945, Japanese pilots receive the first order to become kamikaze, meaning “divine wind.” They needed little training to take planes full of explosives and crash them into ships. At Okinawa, they sank 30 ships and killed almost 5,000 Americans.

• On Jan. 6, 1759, a 26-year-old George Washington marries Martha Dandridge Custis. Historical documents have revealed that Martha may not have been the great love of his life. Washington wrote cryptic yet passionate love letters to Sally Fairfax, the wife of a friend.

• On Jan. 7, 1959, six days after the fall of the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship in Cuba, the U.S. government believes it can work with Fidel Castro and protect American interests in Cuba. Less than two years later, the U.S. severed diplomatic relations and launched the Bay of Pigs invasion.

• On Jan. 8, 1962, at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Leonardo da Vinci’s masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, is exhibited for the first time in America.

• On Jan. 9, 1493, Christopher Columbus, sailing near the Dominican Republic, sees three “mermaids” and describes them as “not half as beautiful as they are painted.” They were in reality manatees. Mythical mermaids have existed in seafaring cultures since the time of the ancient Greeks.

(c) 2022 Hearst Communications, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Food for thought

By John Grimaldi

Can adaptogens help relieve the stresses of the COVID pandemic?

The world has been in a state of extreme stress for nearly two years now since the breakout of the COVID pandemic. Sadly, there appears to be no end in sight. We may not be able to do anything about the cause but, perhaps, there is a way to deal with the effects by adapting to the stressors, not in a psychological way; rather by ingesting aptly named herbal medicines called adaptogens. **Of course, before you begin self-medicating, whether the drug is a natural medication or a chemical-based medicine, it’s important that you consult your healthcare provider.**

Lest you think somebody came up with the “adaptogens” moniker to mask a 21st Century version of snake oil, think again. Or, at least, consider how the experts at the National Institutes of Health came to the conclusion that they might just be what the doctor orders in dealing with stress: *“Adaptogens were initially defined as substances that enhance the ‘state of non-specific resistance’ in stress, a physiological condition that is linked with various disorders of the neuroendocrine-immune system. Studies on animals and isolated neuronal cells have revealed that adaptogens exhibit neuroprotective, anti-fatigue, antidepressive, anxiolytic, nootropic and CNS stimulating activity. In addition, a number of clinical trials demonstrate that adaptogens exert an anti-fatigue effect that increases mental work capacity against a background of stress and fatigue, particularly in*

tolerance to mental exhaustion and enhanced attention.”

In other words, adaptogens are not some new concoction. In fact, its origins date back thousands of years and “is a traditional herbal medicinal product consisting of a fixed combination of [plant] extracts.” And, according to the Healthline website, they can increase your resistance to stress, help you deal with exhausting situations and, as a bonus, they may also help you deal with weight gain.

Leslie Korn, PhD, a Harvard Medical School-trained traumatologist, was consulted on the use of adaptogens for the Healthline report and she says that they can enhance our “ability to come into balance” – a condition that the Mayo Clinic describes this way: *“Balance problems can make you feel dizzy, as if the room is spinning, unsteady, or lightheaded. You might feel as if the room is spinning or you’re going to fall down.”*

The Healthline report provides an example of how adaptogens work: *“When we face a stressor, whether physical or mental, our bodies go through what’s called general adaptation syndrome (GAS). GAS is a three-stage response: alarm, resistance, and exhaustion. Adaptogens help us stay in the resistance phase longer, via a stimulating effect*

that holds off the exhaustion. Instead of crashing in the midst of a stressful moment, task, or event, we attain equilibrium and can soldier on.” The report goes on to suggest that you can take adaptogens as “herbal supplements in capsule form, added to smoothies as powders, or concocted into teas or soups.” **But it warns that you should consult with your doctor before taking any medications.**

Here are a few the host of adaptogens that are available and what conditions they may serve:

- American ginseng (Panax quinquefolius): Boosts working memory, reaction time, calmness, and immune system;
- Ashwagandha (Withania somnifera): Reduces stress and anxiety;
- Eluethero root (Eleutherococcus senticosus): Improves focus and staves off mental fatigue; and
- Tulsi/Holy basil (Ocimum sanctum): Reduces physical and mental stress, stress-related anxiety, and depression.

1973

49

Years

2022

WEST TEXAS COUNTY

COURIER

SERVING ANTHONY, VINTON, CANTILLAS, EAST MONTANA, HORIZON, SOCORRO, CLINT, FABENS, SAN ELIZABIO AND TORNILLO

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: _____

People know Pueblo for its...



Famous Hot Salsa?

In Pueblo, the free government information is also hot. Spice up your life by dipping into the Consumer Information Center web site, www.pueblo.gsa.gov. You can download all the information right away. Sorry, salsa not available through our web site or Catalog.



Classified Ads

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE
El Paso County Emergency Services District #1	El Paso County Emergency Services District #2
Notice of Location	Notice of Location
The El Paso County Emergency Services District #1 (Horizon Fire Department) is located at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928. Phone (non-emergency): (915) 852-3204; EMERGENCY: 911; Fax: (915) 852-8400.	The El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 is located at 16001 Socorro Rd., (mail: PO Box 265), Fabens, TX 79838. Phone (non-emergency): (915) 851-0304; EMERGENCY: 911; Fax: (915) 851-9000; Ambulance (county): (915) 779-2111.
<i>Katherine Ames</i> Fiscal Administrator	<i>Mariana Navarrete</i> District Administrator
WTCC: 01-06-22	WTCC: 01-06-22

Fabens Independent School District Public Notice of Meeting

Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District’s 2020-2021 Annual Report. The meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 in the Fabens Independent School District’s Board Room at 821 N.E. “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

The meeting will also be available virtually. Please visit Fabens ISD website www.fabensisd.net to access the meeting under Fabens ISD announcements.

The public is invited to attend in person or virtually (online or by phone). For more information, call (915) 765-2600, x2102.

Junta Pública

El Distrito escolar independiente de Fabens celebrará una audiencia pública para discutir el informe anual 2020-2021. La reunión se celebrará a las 6:30 p.m. el miércoles, 19 de febrero de 2022 en la sala de juntas de Fabens ISD, 821 N.E. “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

La reunión también estará disponible virtualmente. Visite el sitio web de Fabens ISD www.fabensisd.net para acceder a la reunión bajo los anuncios de Fabens ISD.

Se invita al público a asistir en persona o virtualmente (en línea o por teléfono). Para obtener más información, llame al (915) 765-2600, x2102.

WTCC: 01-06-22

Send Your Newsbrief To:

wtxcc@wtxcc.com

Sun Bowl will hopefully set the tone for 2022

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The best thing about waking up on January 1st, 2022, was the fact that 2020 and 2021 were finally behind us.

It'll be hard to explain to our grandkids what the past two years were like. In fact, it's hard for a lot of us to remember what things were like before the pandemic hit and changed our lives back in March of 2020.

Of course, the virus has hit the sports world very hard with postponements and cancellations and players having to sit out games. This has gone on at the high school, college and pro level all around the country.

And locally, we had to watch entire seasons be delayed or lost altogether.

But there was a glimmer of hope at the end of 2021.

In almost every case over the last couple of years, whenever COVID's tentacles reached an event, it was like Bill Paxton yelling in the movie Aliens, "Game Over Man!"

And that was the threat hanging over the 2021 Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl on New Year's Eve.

Several bowl games across the nation were cancelled at the last minute because one team or another was hit so hard by the virus that they couldn't fill enough of a roster to field a team.

And the same thing happened to the Sun Bowl when the University of Miami announced less than a week before kickoff that they weren't going to be able to make the trip to the Sun City for the same reason.

That left Sun Bowl officials scrambling to find a suitable replacement to face Washington State, or have the game cancelled for the second consecutive year.

And just when COVID was about to claim another victim, Central Michigan, who saw its bowl game cancelled in Tucson, took on the challenge of changing all its plans and come to El Paso instead.

To put it simply, Central Michigan saved the Sun Bowl.

Sure, the day of the game was dark and dreary and windy and rainy and two hours earlier than usual, but miraculously - there was a game.

Now to be honest, the Chippewas from the MAC conference, were pretty big underdogs to the Pac-12's Washington State Cougars.

But to start the game, it appeared that Central Michigan was as happy to be in the Sun Bowl and the Sun Bowl was to have them.

The Chippewas jumped out to a 21-0 lead and held on for a 24-21 upset victory.

But the real winner in this game was the city of El Paso and the Sun Bowl Association.

In a city that seems to cave in to the virus at every turn, Sun Bowl officials finally decided that enough was enough. They did not cancel the game, they did not mandate masks and social distancing at the game, and they proved that the virus could be defeated – even if just for one important event.

And though COVID couldn't stop the Sun Bowl, the weather did its best to cause trouble. The rain and wind made it uncomfortable for fans at the stadium, but they still showed up.

The official attendance was announced at 34,540 – and no doubt that included the number of tickets sold. There were not that many people in the Sun Bowl, there was probably about half that, and considering the conditions, that wasn't bad at all.

Watching the bands perform, and

watching the halftime show, and watching the two teams put on a great show was about the best way to close out 2021.

And that could be a sign that better days are ahead for all of us. Sure, the omicron strain of the virus is making its way across the world, but fortunately, it has turned out to be a wimpy little brother to COVID-19.

Every time a new year comes around, it brings with it new expectations, new confidence, new goals, and a new normal.

It would have been easy for the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl to just give up and wait for next year.

But it found a way to survive. Let's hope that starting in 2022, our "new normal" is not to cower in fear, but to party like it's 2019.



Super Crossword

ENGLISH QUINTET

ACROSS

1 Tribal carving

6 Beatle Ringo

11 Depict with bias

15 Ellipsoidal

19 Earthy tone, to a Brit

20 Magazine release

21 Irene of "Fame"

22 Central point

23 He played Jim Dial on "Murphy Brown"

26 Kazan with three Tonys

27 Carp in a garden pond

28 Football's Manning

29 "_ my way!" ("Scram!")

30 Cathedrals' main areas

31 Necklace of 12-Down

32 Strong product-selling influence

36 Toon skunk Le Pew

39 Nonstick cookware brand

41 Ending for priest

42 In-favor vote

43 Partly joking

46 Shabby hotels

51 Striped stone

52 "Are you _ out?"

53 Currency of Belgium

55 Dormant

56 Able to feel

58 Taking a rolling pin to

62 Period

63 Add_ (extras)

65 Brings a civil action

66 Snare loops

67 What the Australian Open is played on

72 Druids, e.g.

75 Burn soother

76 Bruins' Bobby

77 Purpose

80 Black Protestant denom. since 1821

84 Have coming

87 Green shade

88 Blood-related

89 Daddy

91 Pond buildup

92 Expected saviors

95 Gave a worthy effort

97 _ray Disc

98 Long-headed antelope

100 Florence's river

101 Pod items

102 Franz Liszt piano piece in 3/4 time

108 Purpose

110 In regard to

111 Conga relative

112 Standoffish

113 Animal kept in the house

116 Feudal VIP

117 Crossing during a journey

122 Balladeer Burl

123 Green shade

124 Ho-hum feeling

125 Volunteer's offer to be sent

126 Disaffirm

127 Male tabbies

128 Regards as

129 Sequence found in this puzzle's nine longest answers

DOWN

1 Tick follower

2 Eight, in Madrid

3 Bangkok resident

4 Fumble

5 Rumble

6 "Yes, yes!," in Mexico

7 "For shame!"

8 "Just _ suspected!"

9 Bit of hearsay

10 Reprimands

11 Actors Baio and Wolf

12 A Hawaiian Island

13 Work unit, in physics

14 Sound of a crying baby

15 Ryan of "Love Story"

16 Swedish vehicle make

17 Ta-ta, to Tati

18 Most minor

24 Aristocratic

25 Numbered hwy.

30 Scholastic sports org.

31 Some turns and

jabs

32 Principal

33 Standoffish

34 Tarp material

35 "I didn't know that!"

36 Period

37 Avid

38 First strategy

40 Buddy

44 Viking locale

45 E-address

46 Plaster painting

47 Archie Bunker, e.g.

48 Hubbubs

49 Model binder

50 U.S. Open units

53 Sewing case

54 Beehive State college team

57 Bodily trunk

59 Ed of "Roots"

60 Habituate (to)

61 Negative conjunction

64 Neat piles

67 Visibility reducers

68 DiFranco, of song

69 Pre-coll., in education

70 Pluralizable word

71 Appoint to holy office

72 Oahu tree

73 French gal pal

74 Tiara stones

77 Have a tiff

78 She divorced Donald

79 Intersects

81 Bible book after

Micah

82 Tax form pro

83 Went to town on

85 Plant pouch

86 Run off to tie the knot

90 Cuzco locale

93 "Likely story!"

94 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer

95 Spoke indistinctly and softly

96 Put one's finger on, say

98 "R.I.P." sites

99 City in Alaska

102 Legitimate

103 Superior to

104 Sophia of "Two Women"

105 Froth-filled

106 Pious song

107 "Common Sense" writer Thomas

109 Aleppo locale

112 Possible reply to "That so?"

113 Hungarian sheepdog

114 Kellogg's waffle brand

115 Holier-than_

117 Blast source

118 _ Grande

119 Dir. from Little Rock to Chicago

120 Juicy Fruit, e.g.

121 Bullring yell

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						129			

Answer Page 4

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



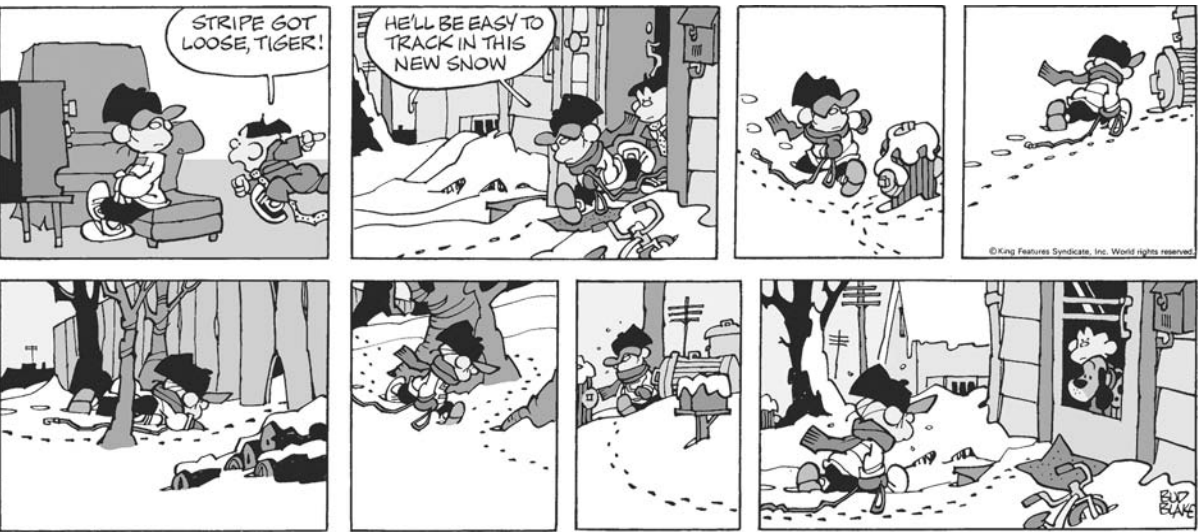
R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



Lowry

From Page 2

then, true to form, engaged in yet more heavy-handed repression.

If the 2008 Beijing Games were ill-advised, next year’s Winter Olympics are a complete travesty. The atrocities in Xinjiang province are a matter of public record and the quashing of Hong Kong

proceeds apace. No one who crosses the regime is safe from imprisonment or worse. China openly menaces Taiwan with an invasion. Indeed, China could conceivably be in a shooting war with the United States within a year or two of using the presence of our athletes, among others, to enhance the rule of its dictator-for-life.

Bach insists that the IOC must always be politically neutral. As Michael Mazza

of the American Enterprise Institute points out, though, the IOC banned apartheid-era South Africa from the games. There is no such thing as neutrality when dealing with an all-encompassing police state for which politics is a life-or-death matter. The games aren’t being hosted by Switzerland or Norway – nice, law-abiding countries with good ski slopes – but a revanchist power that tramples on human dignity and is a clear and present

danger to international peace.

The IOC could have taken an off-ramp from these games at any point. Instead, its attitude is going to be, “Enjoy the snowboarding, never mind the concentration camps.”

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2022 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Dumping syndrome and obesity

DEAR DR. ROACH: A friend was given a test to see how long food stayed in her stomach after eating. She was told that it stayed only a short time before continuing its journey, a much shorter time than the average person. This was given as a reason for her obesity, that she experienced hunger sooner than most people. Does this really happen, and is there a way for her to manage it so that she can lose weight? – G.J.



A gastric emptying study is usually used to look for delayed gastric emptying, also called gastroparesis. It can be the result of several different types of nerve diseases, but especially diabetes. An abnormally rapid gastric emptying is also called dumping syndrome, and is often a problem after some types of gastric bypass surgeries.

I did find a paper from the 1980s suggesting that obese people have shorter gastric emptying times. This was confirmed in a trial from 2015 looking at the diabetes drug exenatide (Byetta), which is sometimes used to help people lose weight, even if they do not have diabetes. Interestingly, exenatide was more likely to cause people to lose weight if they had faster gastric emptying times.

I do not mean to suggest that fast gastric emptying is the only reason for your friend’s (or anyone else’s) weight problems. Obesity is a complex problem with no single cause or solution in most people. I am glad you wrote. I did not know about this research before, and it may be worth it for your friend to discuss a trial of exenatide with her doctor.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have thin skin on my arms and lower legs due to aging, sun damage and blood thinner (warfarin). My skin is constantly bruised and unattractive. Is there a body lotion you can recommend to help reduce the impact of trauma to my skin? The slightest “thump” leaves its trace. I’m very active, so I always look as if I’ve been in a wrestling match and lost! – J.M.A.

Easy bruising is a common problem with many potential causes. Warfarin, which prevents the body from making some blood clotting proteins, is certainly a cause, but many older adults have this problem. Occasionally it can be a serious issue, so it is worth a discussion with your doctor, who may get some blood tests to help eliminate concern of leukemia and von Willebrand’s disease, among other diagnoses. Fortunately, it’s much more common for problems to be benign.

As people age, they do get drier, thinner skin, which can bruise more easily. If your bruises are found most often on the tops of your forearms, that’s a common place for senile purpura. “Senile,” in a medical context, just means older. The term “senile dementia,” a nonspecific term formerly used to mean Alzheimer’s disease, was sometimes shortened incorrectly to “senile.” “Purpura” are dark, purple/brown marks on the skin.

If there is no specific cause for the bruising, and the appearance of the skin is consistent with senile purpura, then this advice may be helpful: Keeping the skin out of the sun can prevent future damage. Regular moisturizers can help with dry skin. An oral supplement of bioflavonoids was successful in one study. For more severe cases, some dermatologists use topical vitamin A derivatives to combat the skin atrophy (these are by prescription).

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) 2022 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
San Antonio, 1932: Elmer Doolin buys the FRITO recipe for \$100.

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: C equals T

TJRB CJR WRMWAR XHBMGRF
JXO CTM IMNND BFO, CJR
AXLXF NMBDGIJ HDLR CJRN
CJR CJXGF FRIGRR.

Answer Page 4

©2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Veterans Village opens



by Freddy Groves

We were all there the day Veterans Village officially opened: Sarge, the older veterans brought out in a van borrowed from the senior center, the dormitory crew and even the mayor came, along with a few members of the press and a photographer.

The gravel road had been smoothed, several lots had been cleared and two tiny homes had been installed, complete with a few shrubs and potted flowers next to the steps of both homes. A communal brick barbeque grill, surrounded by a concrete patio and lawn chairs, had been inaugurated into its first service to cook piles of burgers and hot dogs. Voluntary Services up at the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital had sent baskets of household stuff like dinnerware and detergent to get the two veterans started.

And Sarge’s granddaughter had skipped school to be there and to sing “America the Beautiful” as part of the opening ceremony.

And it was a ceremony. Short speeches were given by those who had never done any of the work, but David, the homeless veteran whose idea Veterans Village had been, gave the shortest speech of all. He merely turned to the two veterans who would now live there and said, “Welcome home.”

With input from social services in town, a list of other interested veterans had quickly grown, leaving Sarge and David to wonder just how many homeless veterans there were in town.

“This could end up being pretty big, almost beyond my capabilities,” David said later, looking around the acreage, his voice shaky until he felt Sarge’s hand on his shoulder.

David took a deep breath and let it out. “OK, I guess I better hustle up a few more homes,” he said, pulling a folded site plan out of his back pocket and a pencil from behind his ear.

Sarge smiled, patted David’s shoulder and sauntered over to the grill to grab a burger before they were all gone.

(c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.



- You can cut the bitterness in some varieties of greens by soaking them in ice water for roughly an hour before serving. Use a salad spinner to get all of the water off.
- “Place an ice cube (or ice chips) in carpet divots left behind by furniture legs. This will help the fibers “plump up,” and the spot will disappear!” – A.I. in Utah
- Remove the annoying sticky residue from price tags with WD-40 or baby oil. This is for use on hard surfaces only. If you are unsure, test in an inconspicuous spot first to make sure the oil doesn’t leave a stain where the tag was.
- “To help repel the dust on baseboards between cleanings, wipe with a used dryer sheet. To make this even easier, you can put the dryer sheet over a Swiffer-type floor cleaner. This way, you don’t even have to bend down.” – M.E. in Alabama

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.

	+		×		22
×		×		×	
	÷		×		16
-		+		+	
	+		×		16
21		25		17	

DIFFICULTY: ★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!
Answer Page 4

©2021 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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: ◆◆◆

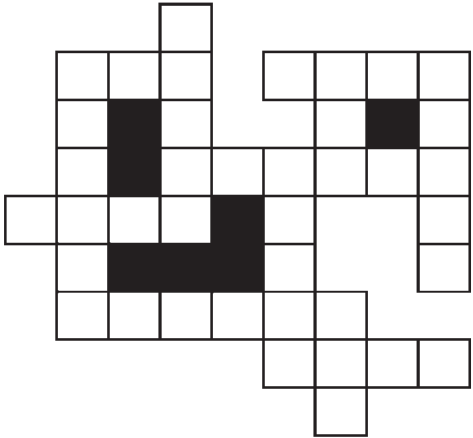
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

Answer Page 4

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



PAH
HOSNIP
♥EHL SA
FOUT
LICELO
WSO
DHNA
PEDUN
♥WLO
♥HEWSIN
TICEW
♥OSHE



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 tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.