



NEWSBRIEFS

The 'wurst' of times

Oktoberfest is back! The fest was postponed for two years due to covid, much to the chagrin of beer lovers from around the world. The legendary annual German beer celebration has been attracting local and international tourists since 1810. In recent years – prior to the pandemic – some six to seven million tipplers, ale addicts and hops handlers would gather in Munich each year at about this time for the festivities, downing millions of liters of the brew and devouring millions of bratwursts, bockwursts, weisswursts and any other kind of wurst you desire. The festgoers are back, they are thirsty and hungry. Wunderbar!

– John Grimaldi

Marshmallow feat

You'd think the judges at Guinness World Records would honor David Rush for the numbers of world records he's broken – some 250 Guinness records to date. Most recently he broke the record for catching the most marshmallows in his mouth in one minute – at least 60 of them. His brother-in-law, Jonathan Hannon, helped him out by operating a makeshift, handheld catapult to deliver the sweet treats at an event in New York City recently to celebrate the launch of the 2023 Guinness Book of World Records.

– John Grimaldi

Who doesn't love a cannoli

It was a tasty record that a team of chefs in Italy recently concocted – a mouthwatering 70-foot, 3.7-inch cannoli. Its crispy, tasty shell was filled with 1,500 pounds of sweet ricotta much to the delight of the residents of Caltanissetta, Sicily, which is known as the birthplace of the cannoli.

– John Grimaldi

Bull run

A rather angry bull escaped from a farm near Tel Aviv, Israel recently, made its way into town and wound up in a local bank chasing employees and customers through its hallways. The authorities wound up getting a local veterinarian to shoot the angry critter with a tranquillizer dart. The farmer showed up after about 30 minutes of mayhem, tied it up and managed to take his bull back to the farm. A security camera video of the incident has gone viral around the world.

– John Grimaldi

There is no real substitute for brains, but silence does pretty well.

– Quips & Quotes

Trenchless pipelining offers alternative to traditional sewer pipe replacement

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Norma Zubiate, 88, a widow of over forty years was at her wits-end. The modest home, that she and her late husband had bought over 62 years ago had serious sewer line problems. She was desperate, so she turned to her children, two sons and three daughters – all in their fifties, sixties, and seventies.

The family, in turn, contacted the home insurance company with hope that it would pay for the repair, but were told that the sewer line issue was considered 'wear and tear' which was not covered under home's policy.

So, the family called a plumber who examined the sewer line with a special camera, and the news was not good. The aging home, which is in one of El Paso County's older neighborhoods, had a cast iron sewer pipeline that was corroding with cracks, breaks, and leaks.

The plumber explained that the sewer line would need to be replaced which entailed excavating the entire length of the pipe by digging from the front of the house into the structure and tearing up the existing floor inside the main bathroom, through the bedroom to the second bathroom located at the back of the house, as well as to carve



– Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

PREP WORK – Plumber Ruben Rodriguez, left, and helper Edgar Serna clean out existing sewer pipe to prepare it for the pipelining procedure.

into the bathroom walls to get to the pipe vents. And the plumber estimated that the job would take almost two weeks and the initial cost would be over \$18,000, which only included the plumber's work.

The plumber's appraisal did not take into account the cost for repairing the broken floor tile or torn up walls that would ensue after the plumber completed his task. That would probably take at least another \$3,000 to put the scarred home back to its original state. The elderly widow was devastated. Where would

the family readily find over \$21,000 to replace a sewer line?

The family decided to call three other plumbing companies to see if they could get a less costly estimate, but to no avail. They all said the same thing; they would have to excavate, break the floor tile and cut into the walls to extract and replace all the pipes, at a cost of nearly twenty thousand dollars.

During that time, Zubiate's youngest son, who is an electrician in Pflugerville TX, had been working at a residence that was undergoing a thorough renovation. And he saw plumbers also working at the same house. The plumbers were repairing the sewer line, but they were not excavating nor digging trenches through the house's foundation. So, naturally, he inquired as to how they were able to repair the sewer line without having to dig trenches inside the home to take out the old pipes. The answer, they told him, was trenchless pipelining.

The electrician-son learned that when sewer pipes are cracked or corroded and need to be replaced, an alternative to traditional excavation and trenching is pipelining services. So, he immediately shared the new information with his family, and they began to look for a plumber who provided this option in El Paso.

Zubiate's eldest son soon found El Paso Trenchless Solutions, a locally owned company that uses cured-in-place pipelining which essentially lines the pipes on the inside, protecting the pipe from cracks and other issues. He learned that this method makes repairing sewer pipes more efficient, resulting in less damage and fewer work hours.

Shortly afterwards, the family met with Adrian De la Rosa, owner of the local trenchless pipe lining business. He told them that when it comes to repairing sewer pipes that there is a relatively new process in El Paso (about 15 years in



PIPELINERS – Plumbers Ruben Rodriguez, in the hole, and company owner Adrian De La Rosa insert a pipe lining material that helps create a pipe within the existing pipe. This pipelining is created out of a special epoxy and maintains the strength of a new pipe.

The miracle of bugs

“Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.” Proverbs 6:6

Edward O. Wilson, the Harvard biologist who died last year at age 92, is most famous for his contributions to evolutionary biology, but he built his career on ants.

He wrote multiple books on the insects, including a 700-page encyclopedic work in 1990 that has to count as one of the least likely winners of the Pulitzer Prize ever.

Despite his agnosticism and the reductive materialism

of his Darwinism, Wilson wrote with a real warmth and soulfulness. Amidst his storied academic career and the controversies kicked up by his theories, it's worth considering all he did to highlight the miraculous complexity and wonders of life via a lowly bug that is considered a pest when it isn't ignored altogether.

There are more than 15,000 discovered species of ant, and perhaps another 10,000 yet to be found. Wilson exulted in the dizzying variety – ants that can walk under water to find dead insects, or glide from one branch of a tree to another, or create super-colonies that extend for miles.

If ants are extraordinarily diverse, their social organization makes East Berlin look fun and free by comparison. As Wilson wrote, “Karl Marx was right, socialism works, it is just that he had the wrong species.” Ants have all the regard for individual dignity of a Mongol chieftain and a power structure out of the Ottoman court.

Pretty much every ant you see doing something is a female. The males are pitiable creatures, good for nothing except their one-

time task of trying to inseminate a female.

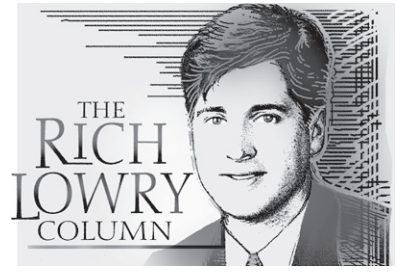
Among fire ants, would-be queens work together to try to establish a new nest. As soon as they've given birth

to worker ants, though, the game of thrones begins. The workers seek out and kill all the queens, leaving only the one that is most fecund.

Ant colonies take slaves and fight wars of extinction. Henry David Thoreau wrote of an ant battle he observed at Walden Pond: “They fought with more pertinacity than bulldogs. Neither manifested the least disposition to retreat. It was evident that their battle cry was ‘Conquer or die.’”

The massive and intricate level of cooperation of an ant colony is something to behold. Mark Twain spoofed an ant's crazy struggles upon discovering a grasshopper leg, lugging it the opposite way from home before she

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The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2022 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Canutillo Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Food for thought By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do what you enjoy while you can

Life and the world are always changing. What you can do today is not guaranteed for tomorrow. Do what you enjoy while you can.

None of us want to face every day filled with fear. Worry about tomorrow only messes up today. Watching the news keeps our minds churning about what will happen next. When will China invade Taiwan? How much will it cost America in lives, money and hardship?

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is of course, costing us. We have spent over 54 billion dollars on aid to Ukraine. Many of us want to help Ukraine. Yet, we struggle to cover the cost of our country's government. Here we are again spending money we don't have while we go into further debt to countries like China who is buying up our debt, land and businesses. Who operates a business like this? Only America.

The latest word is that thousands of additional IRS agents will be hired. Agents will need something to do and that means auditing your tax returns. Instead of hiring 87,000 new agents we need to hire some security guards for our schools. Further, the IRS needs to simplify the tax code. Americans need a few deductions like business expenses, interest paid on mortgages, healthcare and educational costs. Better yet, make it a 15% flat tax on everyone and eliminate all federal taxes on those earning under \$50,000.

Does the prospect of being harassed by the IRS inspire you to work harder, make more money and be entrepreneurial? Americans are already beat down by the high cost of groceries, gasoline, housing and rising interest rates. Emotionally, this planet has been in a dark place for two years with Covid-19, now Monkey Pox, financial strain

and always, always an ongoing war that we are involved in or supporting.

America's universities continue to stick it to young families who want their children to have a good education. State funded universities and private colleges continue to increase tuition. Do you really have \$160,000 to send your child to college? Most likely, the institution being consideration charges even more. The only hope for many American families is the two-year community college. Many teenagers would benefit greatly to have two more years to grow up, some before landing in a dorm room 200 miles from home. The prospects of making it academically, socially, and financially will be greatly increased. This gives them time to seriously consider the right institution to go to for the junior and senior years. They will still have the degree and save some money.

Finally, don't live in despair. Life goes by quickly even if you are young. Study, work, make money, be innovative, love people and be kind to everyone. Do some things you think you might enjoy. If you don't enjoy them, then move on to something else. Enjoy life and do what you can, while you can.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Because we know you've always secretly wondered, that depression on the flexure of your arm is called a chelidon.
- In 1992, Saab created a prototype vehicle called Prometheus that featured a joystick in place of a steering wheel. While it increased safety and space, it also proved more tiring and challenging to use, and the car never made it to production.
- Here's an incentive to keep up your hygiene: When scientists examined the genetic makeup of bacteria in navel lint from 60 volunteers, one notable subject who hadn't washed for several years was found to host two species of extremophile bacteria that typically thrive in ice caps and thermal vents!
- Because they both lost so many players to World War II military service, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles combined to become the "Steagles" during the 1943 season.
- Charles Dickens believed that sleeping facing north would improve his writing.
- At the 2011 World Scrabble Championships in Poland, a competitor demanded officials strip-search his opponent after a "G" tile went missing. The officials decided against it due to a lack of evidence of cheating.

- Finland was the first nation to experiment with autonomous vehicles in urban conditions. The country's laws don't oblige drivers to be inside the vehicle.
- Dooley Wilson, who played Sam at Rick's Cafe Americain in "Casablanca," was an experienced musician and bandleader, but a drummer, not a pianist. He mimed his piano performance, and "As Time Goes By" was dubbed in later.
- The modern high jump technique was created by Dick Fosbury and dubbed the Fosbury Flop.
- A linguistic study revealed that winter workers in Antarctica began to develop a new accent as a result of being isolated together for several months.
- Sharks have been on Earth for roughly 50 million years longer than trees.
- John Joseph Merlin, often credited with inventing roller skates, debuted them at a 1760's masquerade in London by rolling into a room as he played the violin... then crashing head-on into a quite expensive mirror.
- Your nose is always visible to you, but your brain ignores it through a process called Unconscious Selective Attention.

Thought for the Day: "The history of Western science confirms the aphorism that the great menace to progress is not ignorance but the illusion of knowledge."
 - Daniel J. Boorstin

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Oct. 10, 1845, the United States Naval Academy opens in Annapolis, Maryland. The curriculum for the 50 midshipmen students included French, English, gunnery and steam and chemistry. In 1850, the name was changed from the Naval School to the U.S. Naval Academy, and students were required to serve on ships during summers for four years.
- On Oct. 11, 1925, novelist Elmore Leonard is born in New Orleans. After publishing numerous Western novels (including "Hombre"), Leonard turned to suspense and crime fiction. Best known of these are "Get Shorty" and "The Big Bounce."
- On Oct. 12, 1915, British nurse Edith Cavell is executed by a German firing squad for helping Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during World War I. Cavell was honored with a statue in St. Martin's Place, just off London's Trafalgar Square.
- On Oct. 13, 1953, the 45-foot Artmobile, the world's first art museum on wheels, arrives in Virginia carrying 16 paintings by 15th- and

16th-century masters. It attracted 5,000 visitors in the first few weeks. Art objects were loaned for exhibit by famous museums across the country until the Artmobile was canceled in 1994 due to budget cuts.

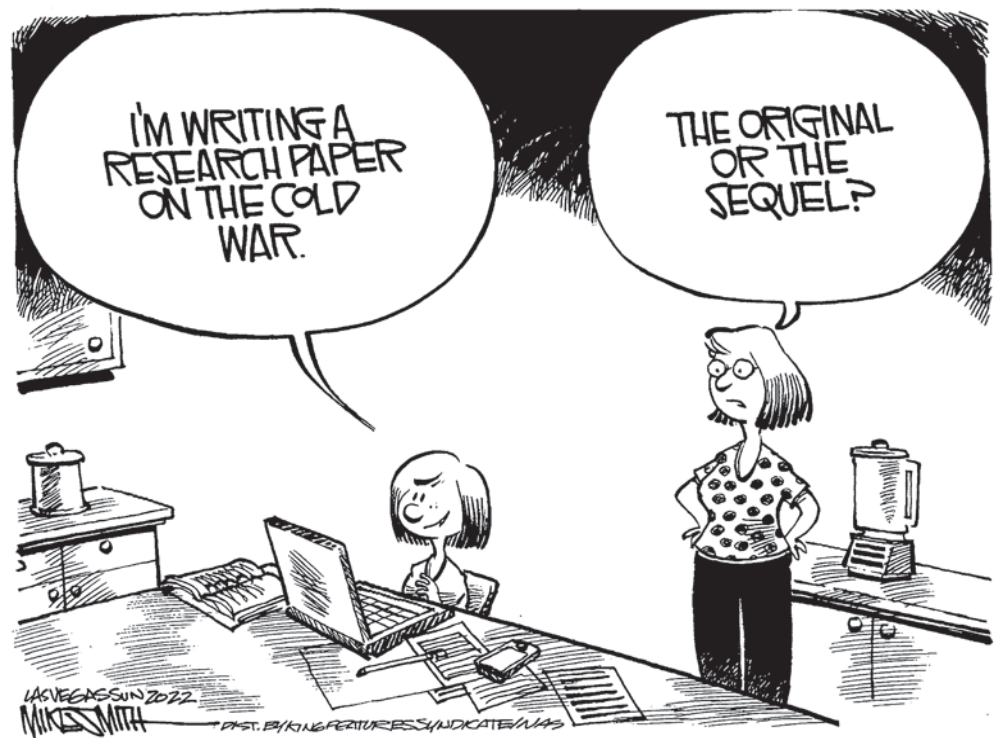
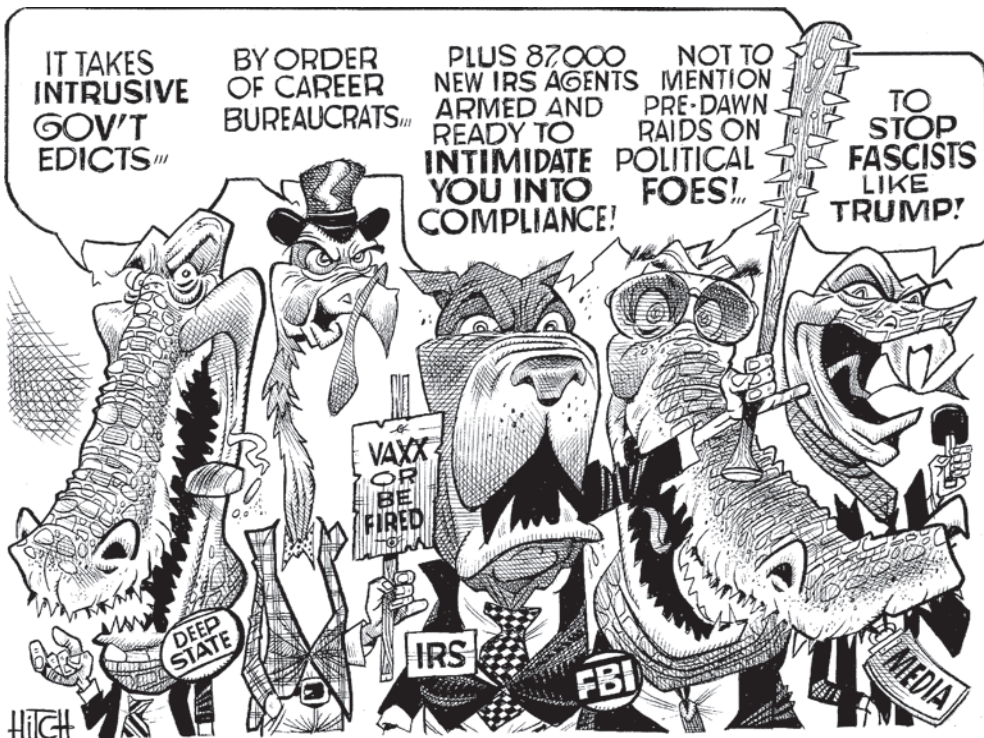
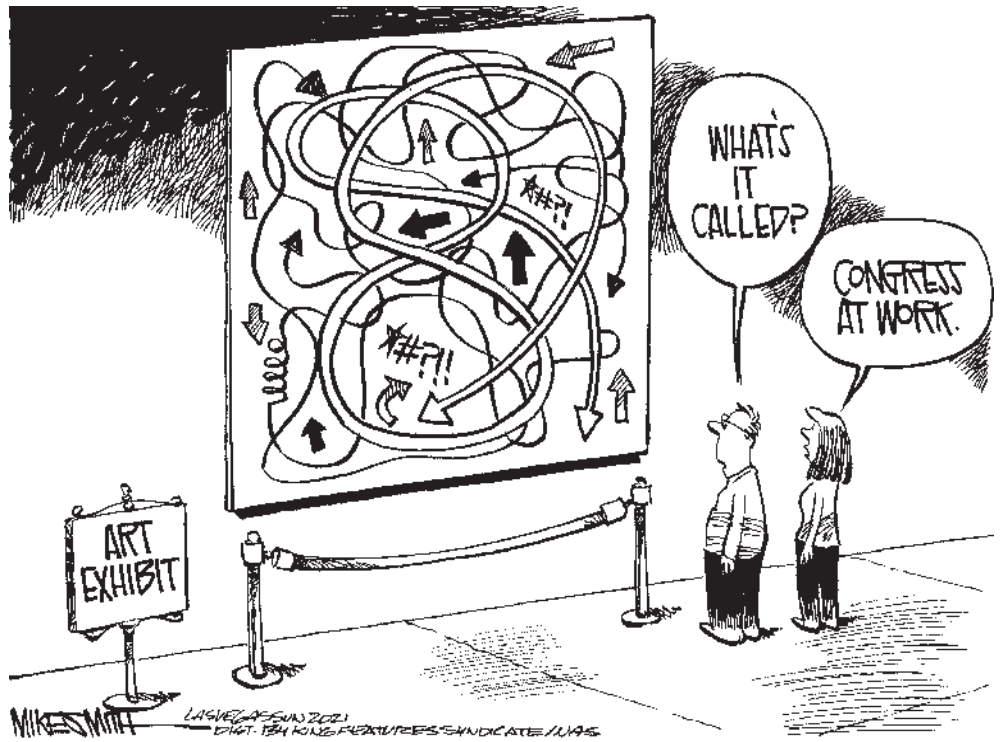
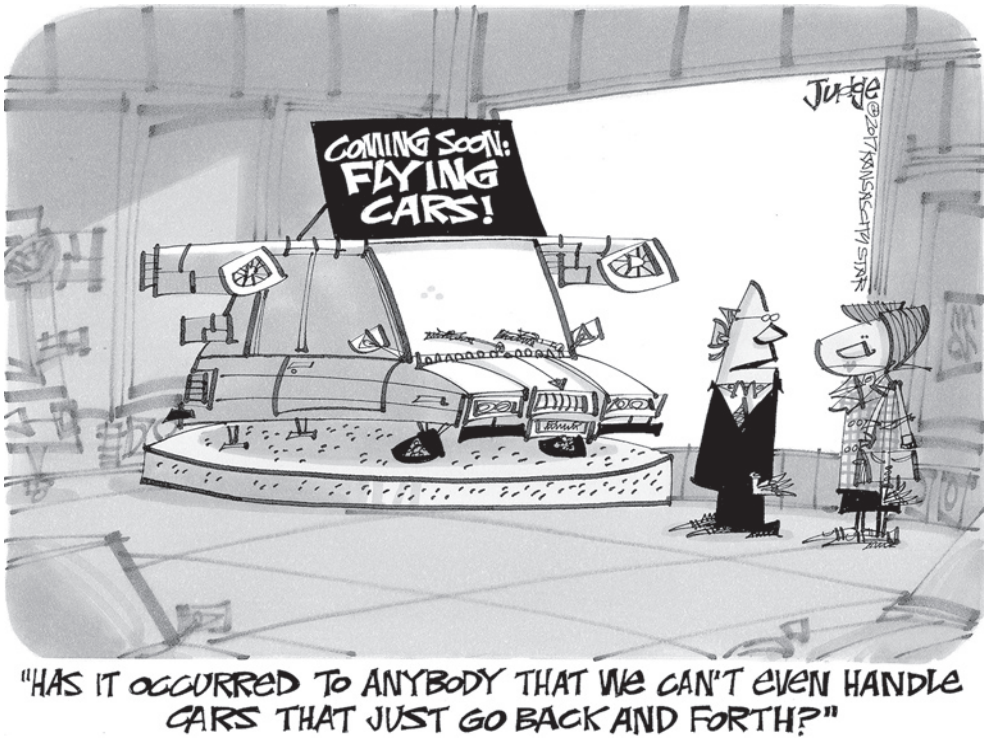
• On Oct. 14, 1857, engineer and inventor Elwood Haynes is born in Portland, Indiana. Haynes designed one of the very first American automobiles using a gas engine he saw in use at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. The finished product weighed 820 pounds and moved on 28-inch bicycle wheels.

• On Oct. 15, 1965, in one of several identical events across the country, Catholic priest David Miller burns his draft card in New York. For violating the recent law banning the burnings, Miller was arrested and sentenced to two years in jail.

• On Oct. 16, 1793, Marie Antoinette, the last queen of France, is taken to the guillotine and beheaded nine months after her husband, the former King Louis XVI of France. Marie Antoinette and Luis, unpopular and accused of high treason due to France's financial woes, had been caught trying to flee to Austria.

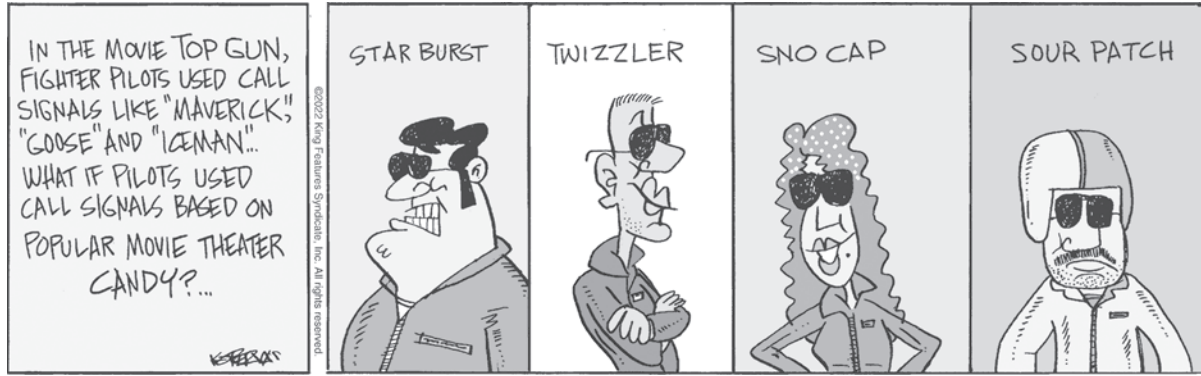
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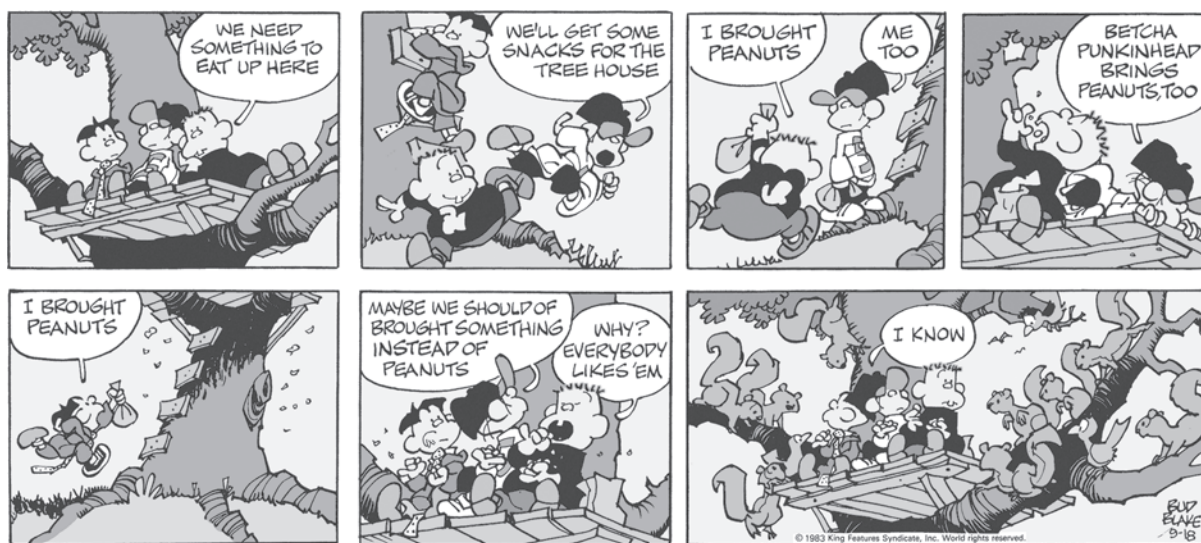
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“gets madder and madder, then presently hoists it into the air and goes tearing away in an entirely new direction.”

In reality, it's the exact opposite. After finding food, a scout tends to return to her nest in a straight line and then summon reinforcements that follow her path exactly. A species found in

North Africa travels some 100 yards from its nest and then invariably finds its way back using cues from the sunlight. A species in the Kenyan rainforest uses the forest's canopy as a map.

Can ants create their own ark? Check. When water invades a nest of fire ants, the insects unite to create a living raft. They float along, carrying the queen and eggs, larvae, and pupae until they find dry land again.

Can they launch irresistible ground offensives? Yes, of course. One species sends as many as 700,000 ants out in a fan that moves as fast as 20-yards-an-hour. It can be heard approaching and destroys and consumes all in its path on the rainforest floor, from other insects to scorpions and tarantulas, to lizards and birds.

The effect of Wilson's work on these lowly, yet fascinating, bugs is to create the same sense

Hernia is not correlated to asthma medication

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 80 years old, still work full-time and have generally good health, except for adult-onset asthma. Advair 250/50 was prescribed for me over 10 years ago, and I've been taking it regularly each morning, thoroughly rinsing each time to prevent thrush. About five years ago, I developed an abdominal hernia just below my waistline. My primary physician referred me to a general surgeon, who did a very thorough exam, including an MRI from the jaw down.



He discovered an esophageal hernia in addition to the abdominal hernia, and told me that a specialist would have to perform the double surgery. His advice was to avoid surgery, leaving it as a last resort. He prescribed famotidine twice daily to preclude acid reflux. That generally works, but not always. My question is, does Advair 250/50 cause or contribute to an esophageal hernia? – D.A.A.

A hiatal hernia (“hiatus” means “gap” in Latin), also called an esophageal or paraesophageal hernia, is when the hole in the diaphragm through which the esophagus passes is larger than normal, so other abdominal organs, especially the stomach, can slide through the hole from the abdomen into the chest.

Most hiatal hernias are thought to be congenital, meaning you were born with the propensity to have a larger-than-needed hole in the diaphragm. Most people with this condition have no symptoms and do not need treatment. The unusual person with symptoms from a sliding hiatal hernia is usually treated medically. Like you, they are prescribed famotidine, which reduces stomach acid. In the rare case when the paraesophageal hernia is so large that the stomach gets stuck inside the chest, or when other abdominal organs enter the chest, a person may require surgery.

Neither asthma nor Advair, a combination of an inhaled steroid (fluticasone) and a long-acting beta agonist (salmeterol), is related to hiatal hernias.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 63-year-old male who does weight-bearing exercises three or four times a week. Also, I am on multiple blood pressure meds, including atenolol, which slows the heart rate. What is the target heart rate while on this drug, for maximum cardiac health? – H.C.

There are two ways to answer your question, the difference being the target resting heart rate and the target exercise heart rate.

The goal for atenolol as a blood pressure medicine is not the resting heart rate, but the resting blood pressure. However, atenolol and other beta blockers are seldom used as the first medicine to treat blood pressure, except in cases where beta blockers are also useful for something else.

Still, when a person requires multiple medications, beta blockers are often used as a second- or third-line treatment. If a person has good control of their blood pressure at a heart rate of 80, the medication is successful. However, most times, the resting heart rate needs to be in the 50s or 60s for the blood pressure to come down to goal in a patient taking a beta blocker.

The target exercise heart rate is usually recommended to be between 55% and 85% of your maximum heart rate, which can be measured by a stress test, or estimated by a calculator. Unfortunately, the calculator is only a rough guide at best, especially in women and middle-aged (or older) people, and beta blockers have variable effects on individuals.

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.

of marvel that he must have felt when he was an awkward boy first engaged in his amateur naturalism – a feeling that should rightly never be exhausted.

“Our sense of wonder,” Wilson wrote, “grows exponentially: The greater the knowledge, the

deeper the mystery and the more we seek knowledge to create new mystery.”

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



Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
Texas is a leading producer of pumpkins nationally.

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: Y equals B

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KEC GOLCG VS SVWVG' ECILG KEIK
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YIMCL YPCIL: CIP WVIUCG.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Homeless veterans still need some help



by Freddy Groves

Right about now the weather is cooling off. Or, if it hasn't, it soon will. Before we know it, hard winter will be upon us. As of this year, there are 38,000 homeless veterans who will be living outside in that weather.

Homeless people make up 7% of the population, but 13% of the homeless population are veterans. Over half have a disability. Nearly three-quarters have substance abuse problems. Fully half are over the age of 50. Kind of makes you think, doesn't it?

Despite all the programs the Department of Veterans Affairs has come up with to reduce veteran homelessness, our comrades are still out there by the thousands. Large dollars are budgeted for this, grants handed out to community homeless advocacy groups, studies done, numbers arranged in neat

columns on printouts, meetings held – and the numbers just don't go down an appreciable amount. In fact, the point-in-time (PIT) count numbers (every homeless veteran counted in a single day) for the past several years have been inching upward, despite all the efforts to manage the problem.

We, on either an individual or group basis, need to step up.

Start by making calls. Call Voluntary Services at the closest VA hospital and ask what they need. Hook up with the CEC (community employment coordinator) at the hospital and offer your help. Work at a Stand Down. Sign up to drive veterans to medical appointments and job interviews.

On a smaller level, band with others and prepare to open your wallets just a little bit. Remember: While what we do might seem negligible in the whole range of efforts, it won't be a small thing for the veteran who gets a thick winter coat, some dry socks, a ride to

the VA clinic or your skills in drafting up a resume.

Keep this number handy: National Call Center for Homeless Veterans 877-424-3838. They answer 24/7 and have help for homeless veterans or those who are in danger of becoming homeless.

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• "I make presents pretty by cutting leftover gift wrap into quarter-inch strips, curling them and attaching them to the gift. The more the better. It's attractive and makes an impression." – M.F. in Washington

• "I love to have sauteed, sliced mushrooms, and I use my egg slicer to get perfect slices. It's very handy and much easier to use than doing it with a knife." – K.P. in Arizona

• To make your own ammonia-based pretreatment for laundry stains, mix together equal parts water, liquid detergent and ammonia in a spray bottle. Never use with bleach.

• You can use a soft cloth dampened with vinegar to clean greasy stains off of suede shoes. This also works on patent leather.

• "To clean plastic, vented hairbrushes, stick them in the dishwasher. You also can put toothbrushes in the dishwasher periodically." – E.L. in Michigan

• "If you or your child has a wood splinter, soak the finger/toe in icy water. The water swells the wood, making it easier to remove, while the iciness numbs the area, making it less painful." – R.D. in Oregon

• Stubborn stains in the toilet? Try dropping in a few denture tablets before going to bed, then scrub and flush in the morning.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2022 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.

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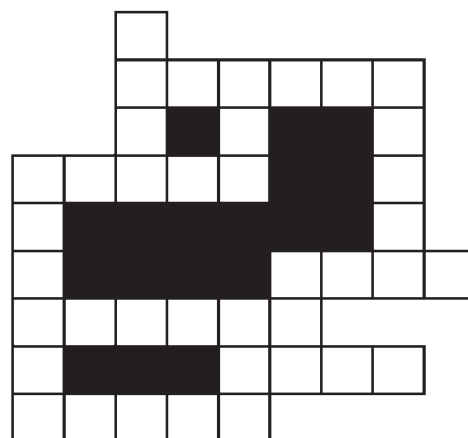
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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