



NEWSBRIEFS

Athletic events on hold

The Fabens Independent School District (FISD), as a proactive measure, is postponing all athletic events until further notice due to the rising number of COVID cases in our area. FISD will continue to work with the El Paso County Health Department and TEA to monitor data to guide decisions in the interest of student safety. FISD is committed to the safety and health of the community.

– Leticia Mora

TASB picks Rodriguez

Canutillo ISD Trustee Armando Rodriguez has been named Secretary-Treasurer for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Rodriguez is just the fourth trustee from Region 19 to serve as an officer on the TASB Board of Directors since David Sublasky of Fabens ISD in 1997-98. Only two other El Paso area trustees have served as TASB officers – Ross Borrett, Ysleta ISD, 1975-76; and Ted Andress, El Paso ISD 1958-59. “Being nominated to this position is a huge honor not just for me but for every hard-working school member in our region,” Rodriguez said. “This is a great opportunity to elevate the advocacy of all Texas children at the state level.” Rodriguez is a Leadership TASB Master Trustee serving his fourth term on the Canutillo ISD School Board. Other leadership positions for Rodriguez include being a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. Previously, Rodriguez has served as president of the Mexican American School Board Association and the Far West Texas School Board Association.

– Liza Rodriguez

Dog suds

For that guy who has always has a hankering to share a beer with his best friend, Anheuser-Busch has a new offering – a drink called “Dog Brew.” It didn’t take long for the product, which is available online at <https://www.busch.com/busch-dog-brew.html>, to sell out. But, fear not, they are brewing more so anxious canine tipplers can simply ask to have their names put on a waiting list. By the way, the company says Dog Brew is not “fur real.” They say it is actually a pretty healthy drink made from pork, corn, celery, mint, turmeric and ginger.

– John Grimaldi

There are few people that are fast enough to keep up with their good intentions.

– Quips & Quotes

UTEP heads consortium focused on substance abuse

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – After the recent completion of a substance abuse and prevention needs assessment in West Texas’ Health Service Region 10 – including Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis counties – a consortium of community partners is now leading an effort to develop workforce, service delivery, and sustainability plans that focus on prevention, treatment and recovery.

Spearheading the collaborative is the University of Texas at El Paso’s (UTEP) Minority AIDS Research Center (MARC), which is the sub-recipient of a \$1 million implementation grant to target substance use disorders and opioid use disorders in the five rural counties that are located along the Texas-Mexico border.

UTEP’s MARC is one of five regional consortium partners led by Aliviane Inc., the principal recipient of the grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program. Other partners include the Texas State Department of Health Services Office of Border Public Health, Presidio County

Health Services, and the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence.

According to officials with Aliviane, a nonprofit drug treatment center, residents of these five border counties are at high risk for substance use and opioid use disorder based on the region’s low socio-economic status, lack of access to health care, transportation availability barriers, immigration policy-related barriers, proximity to violence, accessibility to drugs, shortages of health care professionals, and a lack of health literacy initiatives.

The consortium’s plans are to implement prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance abuse and opioid use disorders through Region 10’s public health services network of current providers.

“During the planning phase of this grant, our consortium successfully assessed the need for prevention, treatment and recovery services for people with substance and opioid abuse disorders and developed a strategic and workforce development plan for these five Texas rural counties,” stated Thenral Mangadu, M.D., Ph.D., UTEP associate professor of public health sciences and MARC’s executive director.

“With the support from HRSA’s



– Photo courtesy of University of Texas at El Paso

Thenral Mangadu, M.D., Ph.D., UTEP associate professor of public health sciences, heads the university’s collaborative efforts with a consortium of community partners on a plan for substance abuse and opioid use disorder response in rural West Texas communities.

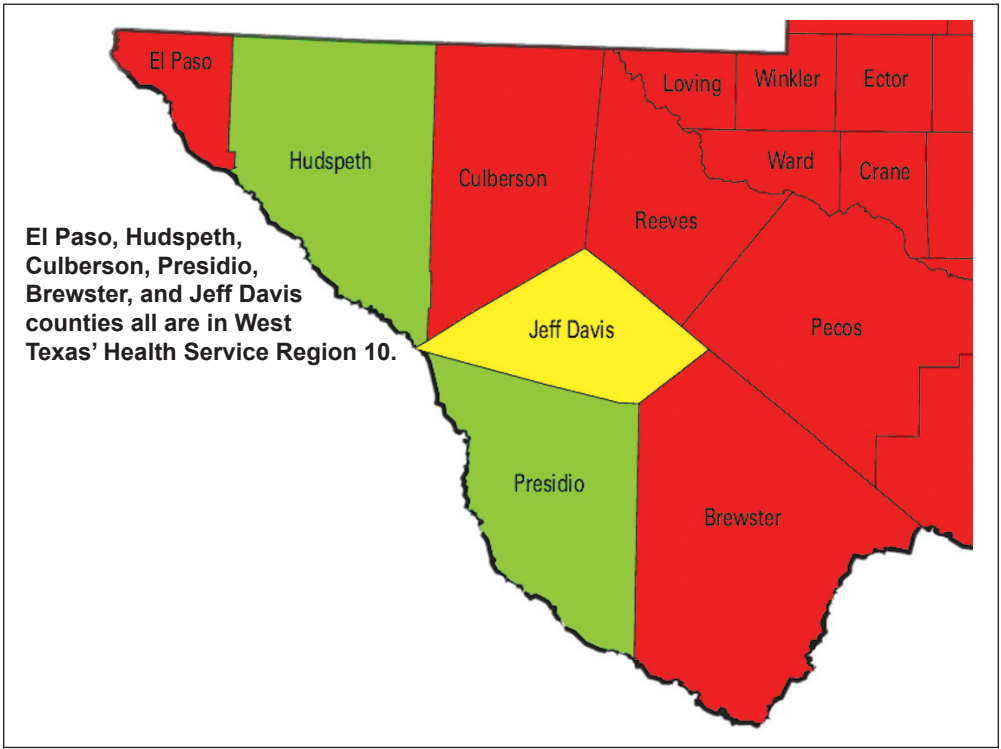
Rural Communities Opioid Response Program, our consortium will be the main interdisciplinary service provider for substance use disorders and opioid use disorders in the region,” the UTEP professor asserted.

Mangadu noted that nearly 25,000 residents, mostly Mexican Americans, live in these five West Texas rural counties and that the area has been designated a federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) for its lack of providers. She pointed out that about 37 percent of residents are uninsured, and 22 percent live below the poverty line.

In August, HRSA, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, awarded over \$101 million to 116 organizations in 42 states and the District of Columbia to combat substance use disorders and opioid use disorders. Aliviane was one of three Texas organizations to receive the award.

“The rural counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster and Jeff Davis have limited to no access to life-saving substance use disorder (SUD) or opioid use disorder (OUD) prevention and treatment services,” Aliviane Inc. chief executive officer Ivonne Tapia told reporters recently.

Tapia stated that through the consortium, partners will be able to leverage resources and expand access to SUD/OUD prevention, treatment, recovery support services, a trained workforce, and the creation of a sustainability plan aimed at reducing cost of care for individuals living in the targeted rural counties. She added that plans also call for addressing the risk of HIV, hepatitis C virus and mental health disparities associated with substance use disorders and opioid use disorders.



Fabens High School closed through Oct. 23

FABENS – Out of an abundance of caution, Fabens High School will remain closed for on-campus instruction for ten school days – October 12-16 and October 19-23, 2020 – due to positive cases of COVID-19 and contact tracing among staff. All FHS students will login to their classes remotely during this time. The district is monitoring COVID-19 numbers closely.

Students who have already been attending in person may return on Monday, October 26, 2020, unless the data warrant further closure. Fabens ISD administration asks all staff and students to please continue to abide by the County Health Department guidelines on social distancing, wearing facemasks and limiting group gatherings outside of school.

– Leticia Mora



Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
On a “non-Texan” note, Southerner and gunslinger Doc Holliday was a practicing dentist.

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2020 by video feed and teleconference.

Video Feed:
<http://www.youtube.com/c/CanutilloISDPremier>

Teleconference:
Phone number: 1-346-248-7799
Access code: 835 8248 1608

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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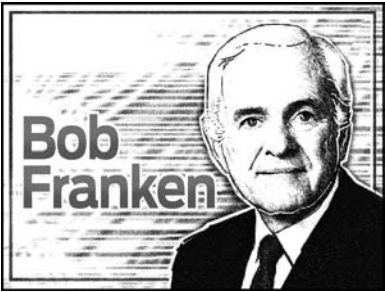
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Let’s make some wobbly assumptions and look to the future. Suppose the country survives the onslaught of lies – or “alternative facts,” as Kellyanne Conway (remember her?) used to call the stream-of-conscious gibberish Donald Trump tweets and screams at rallies – and Joe Biden wins the election. Then we get past all of Trump’s post-election chicanery or something even more serious and Biden is declared the winner.

At the time of the election, the Trump presidency would have more than two months to go. That is plenty of time for Trump to do a huge amount of damage while still in office. He could approve any number of malicious policies and corrupt giveaways. He could pardon all of his buddies. There are wars he could start, and there is little that Biden could do about it until he is inaugurated.

Until noon, Jan. 21, 2021, Trump remains POTUS, with enormous power to act against

Rose Garden pardons

his political enemies or give further leeway to certain special interests – especially his own special interest. Sometime in the afternoon on that Wednesday, new President Biden would have to undo all that outgoing President Trump has done, particularly during the transition period.

But what about the pardons? There is not much Biden can do. You can’t unpardon someone. But what about pardoning Donald Trump? Biden will have to decide whether to allow federal criminal prosecution to proceed investigating all the crimes that Trump has allegedly perpetrated while in office – or before, when it comes to charges of obstruction, extortion and the tax problems that The New York Times has just alleged, the ones Trump says are “fake news.” By now we have learned that what he calls fake news is actually true.

“Absolutely!” you shout. But do we want to go down the road to a Banana Republic? Is the United States of America going to take that authoritarian step? We already stand accused of criminalizing politics, where

independent counsels pop up like whack-a-moles and those on the periphery of any presidency get in legal trouble, even sent to jail, or are bankrupted by attorney fees. Do we want to make the spectacle of a trial and maybe conviction the price you can expect to pay for leadership?

We need to tread that path very carefully.

Can a president, before he leaves office, pardon himself for any crimes or future accusations of federal law violations? In the Nixon years, a Justice Department memorandum said no because of “the fundamental rule that no one may be a judge in his own case.” But the Constitution contains no such limitation, except in cases of impeachment. But American tradition is that “no man is above the law.” The conflict is not resolved.

Note that the pardon or commutation power does not cover state or local violations, only “offenses against the United States.” Nor does it involve civil law or, as we are reminded by The Times’ reporting on his tax accounting, being audited. Donald Trump has long experience being sued and audited.

Trump will “not go gentle into that good night.” He attracts the spotlight too much. Of course, as I mentioned, he must lose the election in November, which is a dicey proposition, since Trump knows that when he leaves the White House he steps into legal jeopardy.

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Social Security bumps benefits by 1.3 percent starting 2021

By Mark Hinkle
Special to the Courier

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 1.3 percent in 2021, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 1.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2021. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2020. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and

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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: **B** equals **F**

MB HAPOCHXMHZ EHCPAYMHXP

RCHZS PWBO RCMZSP,

OTVK PTWAXR EWPO XMSVXK

YCVBVC IWIH-SWHXH.

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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

AWX
USELAX
♥ORSEW
SKUT
♥ARKSET
♥RKI
♥ERLO
RUKLN
♥WOT
SWOBET
♥DIXNE
♥KOSA

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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.

They’ve got nothing on Judge Amy Barrett

The Supreme Court fight of the century is, so far, a fizzle.

The ratio of progressive outrage over the nomination of federal Judge Amy Coney Barrett to supposed reasons that the U.S. Senate shouldn’t confirm her is completely out of whack – there’s a surfeit of the former and almost none of the latter.

Barrett has received extraordinary testimonials from her colleagues and students, who say she is brilliant, conscientious and kind. The opposition has countered with a dog’s breakfast of nonsense, including that her confirmation hearing can’t be held in the middle of a pandemic – when the Senate has continued its business since the pandemic began.

Upon her selection, media outlets ran a spate of stories about her reported membership in a Catholic group called People of Praise, linking the group to the dystopian novel “The Handmaid’s Tale.” What Barrett’s life and career have to do with the imagined misogynistic world of the novel was never clear – she’s a mother of seven who has ascended to the very top of her profession with the help of a supportive husband.

Barrett’s social conservatism

has been another line of attack. Her critics have fastened on the fact that she signed a statement in 2006 declaring her opposition to abortion. It’s not news that Barrett is pro-life, nor should it be disqualifying unless progressives believe that anyone with a view counter to theirs on a hotly contested moral issue should be, on principle, excluded from the highest court.

It is not true, as has been widely reported, that Barrett said in that same statement that Roe v. Wade should be overturned (Barrett had nothing to do with an ad denouncing Roe that ran adjacent to the statement).

The group that organized the anti-abortion statement also opposes IVF, as commonly practiced, leading Democrats to conclude that Barrett does, too. Regardless, the Supreme Court obviously doesn’t police the nation’s fertility clinics.

Barrett has also been portrayed as a threat to Obamacare, given that the court will hear an anti-Obamacare lawsuit shortly after the election. But the merits of the suit are so weak, it conceivably could lose 9-0.

It is alleged that Barrett would take a sledgehammer to precedent, but she wrote in a 2013 law review article that

the Court’s traditional approach to stare decisis “promotes doctrinal stability while still accommodating pluralism on the Court.”

Since progressives haven’t gotten traction with any substantive arguments against Barrett, they’ve been relying on dubious process arguments. Not only is it wrong, they charge, to confirm a justice so close to an election, it’s a public health danger to do so now when three Republican senators have tested

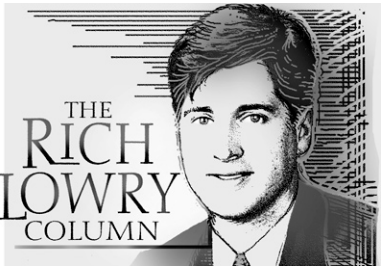
positive. As a headline in the online magazine Slate put it, “The GOP will still seat Amy Coney Barrett because entrenching minority rule is more important than human life.”

This is laughable. First, it’s a long-standing norm that when the president and the Senate majority are of the same party, Supreme Court nominees get confirmed in an election year. Second, the Senate Judiciary has already been holding hybrid in-person and virtual hearings all

year. There’s no reason it can’t do the same with Barrett.

At this rate, the Barrett confirmation is going to be the epic battle that wasn’t.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.



Benefits

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SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$142,800 from \$137,700.

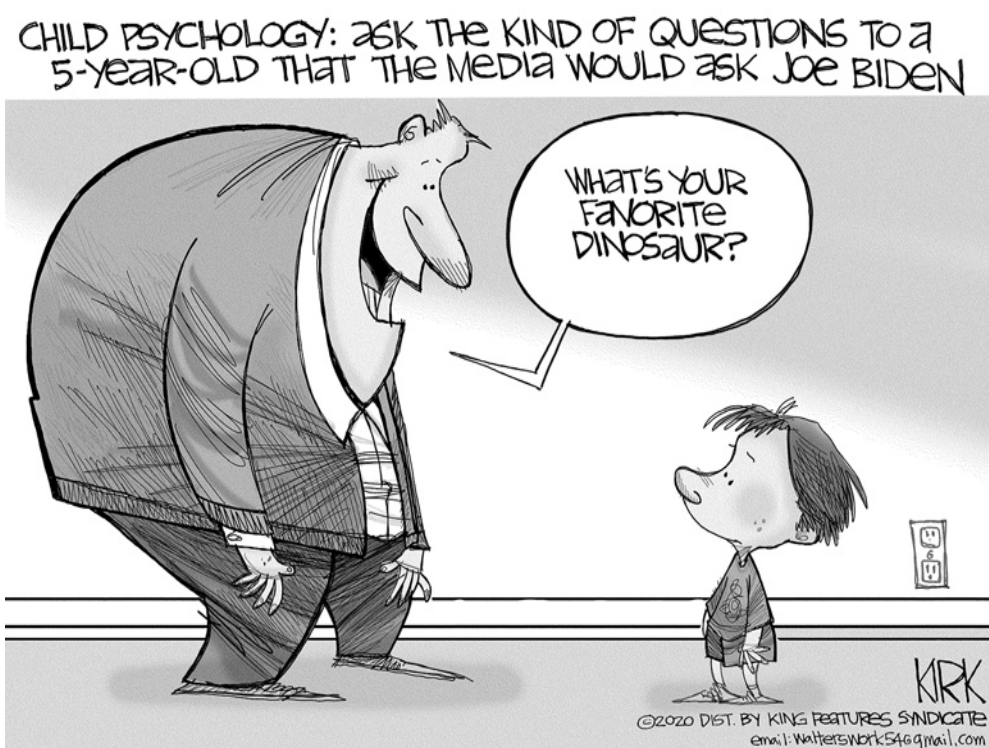
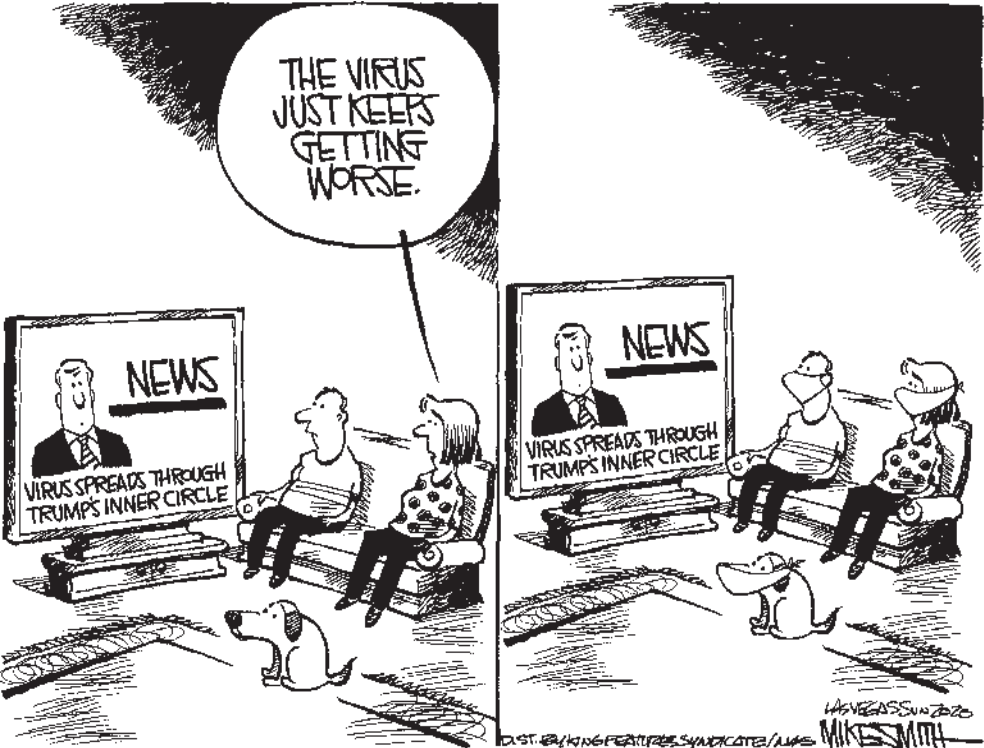
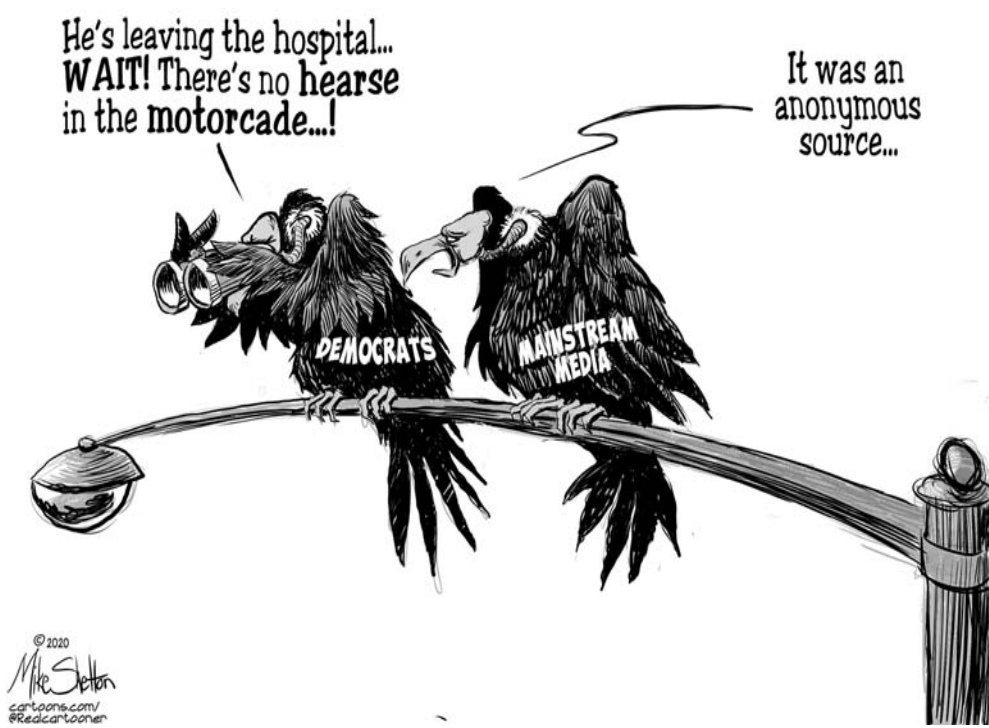
Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount. Most people who receive Social Security payments

will be able to view their COLA notice online through their personal my Social Security account. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2021, when announced, will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries receiving Medicare, Social Security will not be able to compute their new benefit amount until after the Medicare premium amounts for 2021 are announced. Final 2021 benefit amounts will be communicated to beneficiaries in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security’s Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

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- In early 2016, a 155-year-old mousetrap caught a mouse in a British museum. The trap was part of the exposition and hadn't even been considered operational for a long time.
- Bill Nye the Science Guy holds a patent for ballet pointe shoes.
- Some odd things have been sold online, but an entire

country? Yep, a fellow from Brisbane, Australia, tried to sell New Zealand on eBay in 2006! The site closed the auction at a top bid of \$3,000.

- A mental phenomenon called the Troxler effect, discovered in 1804, causes people to see monsters in mirrors – whether they say “bloody Mary” three times or not.
- In order to prevent Boggle players from using a certain swear word, the letters F and K appear only once on the same cube, making it impossible for them to both be played at the same time.

- In 1987, Steve Rothstein paid \$250,000 for a lifetime unlimited first-class American Airlines ticket, even hopping on planes to get a sandwich or go to a baseball game in other cities. It cost American Airlines around \$21 million, and they unsurprisingly ended his contract in 2008.
- 12% of sighted people dream exclusively in black and white.
- Levi's once made an all-denim tuxedo for singer Bing Crosby after he was refused admittance to a hotel simply for wearing jeans.
- Japan has the highest

density of vending machines worldwide, with approximately 5 million machines, or one for every 23 people. You can buy everything from live lobsters and bread in a can to underwear and Buddhist amulets from a vending machine.

- In the era of TV dinners, it wasn't enough that you ATE your veggies. No, etiquette experts still found time to make some interesting rules about HOW you consumed them as well. According to one guide, asparagus should be cut in half in order to avoid “the ungraceful appearance of a bent stalk... falling limply into

someone's mouth.”

- Anakin Skywalker/Darth Vader meets six of the nine diagnostic criteria for Borderline Personality Disorder. Five are sufficient for a diagnosis.
- There are more Polish people living in Chicago than in any city on Earth except for Warsaw, Poland's capital.

Thought for the Day: “If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.”
– Andy McIntyre

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- On Oct. 12, 1940, cowboy-movie star Tom Mix is killed when his speeding Cord Phaeton rolls into a dry wash in Arizona. Mix died when he was hit in the back of the head by a heavy aluminum suitcase he was carrying in the convertible's backseat.
- On Oct. 13, 1975, Charlie Rich stood at the Country Music Association of America show to announce the

Entertainer of the Year – and set fire to the envelope after he saw that John Denver was the winner. It was later said that Rich was on prescription pain medication and gin-and-tonics that night.

- On Oct. 14, 1892, “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes,” by Arthur Conan Doyle, is published. The book was the first collection of Holmes stories, which Conan Doyle had been publishing in magazines since 1887.
- On Oct. 15, 1863, the C.S.S. Hunley, which would become the world's first successful

combatsubmarine, sinks during a test run, killing its inventor and seven crewmembers. The Hunley was operated by a crew of eight – one man steered while the other seven turned a crank that drove the ship's propeller.

- On Oct. 16, 1923, Walt Disney and his brother Roy found the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio in Hollywood, California. With the 1928 release of “Steamboat Willie,” the world was introduced to Mickey Mouse.
- On Oct. 17, 1968, American Olympic gold medalist Tommie Smith and bronze medalist

John Carlos are forced to return their awards because they raised their fists in a black-power salute during the medal ceremony in Mexico City.

- On Oct. 18, 1767, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon complete their survey of the boundary between the colonies of Pennsylvania and Maryland, as well as areas that would become Delaware and West Virginia. The Mason-Dixon Line created the boundary at a northern latitude of 39 degrees and 43 minutes.
- On Oct. 19, 1957, Maurice “Rocket” Richard of the

Montreal Canadiens becomes the first NHL hockey player to score 500 goals in his career when he slaps a 20-foot shot past Chicago Blackhawks goalie Glenn Hall.

- On Oct. 20, 1803, the U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France providing for the purchase of the territory of Louisiana, which would double the size of the United States. President Thomas Jefferson believed it was essential for the U.S. to maintain control of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

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Notice of Election – Clint Independent School District • Aviso de Elección – Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint

To the Registered Voters of Clint Independent School District:

A los votantes registrados de el Distrito Independiente Escolar de Clint:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing trustees for single member districts one (1), three (3) and five (5) and one (1) trustee elected at-large for said School District, to-wit: all four (4) trustee positions are to be ELECTED by plurality vote and for a four (4) year term, except for single member district one (1) who is being elected to an unexpired term (two year term).

Se avisa que los centros de votación a continuación estará abiertos de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m. el martes, 3 de noviembre, 2020, con el propósito de elegir a Fideicomisarios para los distritos uninominales uno (1), tres (3), y cinco (5) y un Fideicomisario elegido en general para dicho Distrito Escolar, a saber: los cuatro (4) puestos de custodios que serán ELEGIDOS por voto de pluralidad y por un término de cuatro (4) años, excepto la posición uninominales uno (1) que está siendo elegido para un período no vencido (término de dos años).

ELECTION DAY November 3, 2020 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. On Election Day any El Paso County registered voter is eligible to vote at any El Paso County Vote Center. Visit <https://epcountytvotes.com/> for all locations or changes. SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DIA de ELECCION 3 de Noviembre el 2020 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. El día de las elecciones, cualquier votante registrado en el condado de El Paso es elegible para votar en cualquier Centro de Votación del Condado de El Paso. Visite <https://epcountytvotes.com/> para todas las ubicaciones o cambios. SUJETO A CAMBIO

The El Paso County Vote Center in Clint ISD on Election Day are:

El Centro de Votación del Condado de El Paso en Clint ISD el Día de

Elecciones son:
Carroll T. Welch Elementary School 14510 McMahon Ave.
Clint ISD Early College Academy 13100 Alameda Ave.
Desert Hill Elementary School 300 N. Kenazo Dr.
Montana Vista Elementary School 3550 Mark Jason Dr.
Red Sands Elementary School 4250 O'Shea Rd.

ELECTION DAY November 3, 2020 EL PASO COUNTY COURTHOUSE OPEN 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ONLY FOR ADA & 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DIA de ELECCION 3 de Noviembre el 2020 La Corte de El Condado del Condado de El Paso estara Abierta de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. Solo para ADA y Personas Mayores de 65 Años) SUJETO A CAMBIO

El Paso County Vote Centers:
Centros de Votación del Condado de El Paso:
Alicia R. Chacon International School 920 Burgundy Dr.
Anthony City Hall 401 Wildcat Dr.
Arlington Park Shelter 10350 Pasadena Cir.
Ascarate Elementary School 7090 Alameda Ave.
Austin High School 3500 Memphis Ave.
Bassett Place 6101 Gateway West
Bel Air Middle School 7909 Ranchland Dr.
Benito Martinez Elementary School 2640 Robert Wynn St.
Bill Sybert K-8 School 11530 Edgemere Blvd.

Bonham Elementary School 7024 Cielo Vista Dr.
Bowie High School 801 S. San Marcial St.
Bowling Family YMCA 5509 Will Ruth Ave.
Brown Middle School 7820 Helen of Troy Dr.
Campestre Elementary School 11399 Socorro Rd.
Canutillo Elementary School 651 Canutillo Ave.
Canutillo Middle School 7311 Bosque Rd.
Capistrano Elementary School 240 Mecca Dr.
Carlos Rivera Elementary School 6445 Escondido Dr.
Carroll T. Welch Elementary School 14510 McMahon Ave.
Cedar Grove Elementary School 218 Barker Rd.
Center for Career and Technology Education 1170 N. Walnut St.
Chayo Apodaca Community Center 341 N. Moon Rd.
Cielo Vista Elementary School 9000 Basil Ct.
Clardy Elementary School 5508 Delta Dr.
Clint ISD Early College Academy 13100 Alameda Ave.
Collins Elementary School 4860 Tropicana Ave.
Community Connections Center 5300 Warriors Dr.
Congressman Silvestre & Carolina Reyes School 7440 Northern Pass Dr.
Crosby Elementary School 5411 Wren Ave.
Cross of Grace Church 4700 Leeds Ave.
Del Norte Heights Elementary School 1800 Winslow Rd.

Desertaire Elementary School 6301 Tiger Eye Dr.
Desert Hills Elementary School 300 N. Kenazo Dr.
Desert View Middle School 1641 Billie Marie Dr.
Desert Wind K-8 School 1100 Colina De Paz Dr.
Dolphin Terrace Elementary School 9790 Pickerel Dr.
Dorris Van Doren Library 551 Redd Rd.
Dowell Elementary School 5249 Bastille Ave.
Dr. Green Elementary School 5430 Buckley Dr.
Dr. Joseph E. Torres Elementary School 10700 Rushing Rd.
Dr. Nixon Elementary School 11141 Loma Roja Dr.
Dr. Sue A Shook Elementary School 13777 Paseo Del Este Blvd.
Eastlake High School 13000 Emerald Pass Ave.
Eastpoint Elementary School 2400 Zanzibar Rd.
Eastwood Heights Elementary School 10530 Janway Dr.
Edgemere Elementary School 10300 Edgemere Blvd.
El Paso Community College-Mission Del Paso 10700 Gateway Blvd E.
El Paso Community College-Northwest 6701 S. Desert Blvd.
El Paso Community College-Rio Grande Campus 906 El Paso St.
El Paso Community College-Transmountain 9570 Gateway N Blvd.
El Paso Community College-Valle Verde 919 Hunter Dr.
El Paso County Ascarate Annex 301 Manny Martinez Dr.

El Paso County Eastside Annex 2350 George Dieter Dr.
El Paso County Northwest Annex 435 E. Vinton Rd. 79821
El Paso County Sheriff's Office CSS 12899 Sparks Dr.
El Paso Tennis Club 2510 N. St. Vrain St.
EP County Colliseum 4100 E Paisano Dr.
Escontrias Elementary School 205 Buford Rd.
ESC Region 19 Head Start Multipurpose Center 11670 Chito Samaniego Dr.
Esperanza Acosta Moreno Library 12480 Pebble Hills Blvd.
Fannin Elementary School 5425 Salem Dr.
Fire Station #15 115 Shorty Ln.
Fire Station #16 3828 Hercules Ave.
Fire Station #2 111 E. Borderland Rd.
Fire Station #20 8301 Edgemere Blvd.
Fire Station #23 5315 Threadgill Ave.
Fire Station #27 6767 Ojo De Agua Dr.
Fire Station #3 721 E. Rio Grande Ave.
Fire Station #7 3200 Pershing Dr.
Franklin High School 900 N. Resler Dr.
Franklin Magnet Center 825 E. Redd Rd.
Fred & Maria Loya Family YMCA 2044 Trawood Dr.
Glen Cove Elementary School 10955 Sam Snead Dr.
Grandview Park Senior Citizen Center 3134 Jefferson Ave.
Hacienda Heights Elementary School 7530 Acapulco Ave.

Hanks High School 2001 Lee Trevino Dr.
Hawkins Elementary School 5816 Stephenson Ave.
H.D. Hilley Elementary School 693 N. Rio. Vista Rd.
H.E. Charles Middle School 4909 Trojan Dr.
Helen Ball Elementary School 1950 Firehouse Dr.
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Park Elementary School 3601 Edgar Park Ave.
Parkland High School 5932 Quail Ave.
Paul C. Moreno Elementary School 2300 San Diego Ave.
Pavo Real Recreation Center 9301 Alameda Ave.
Pebble Hills Elementary School 11145 Edgemere Blvd.
Pebble Hills High School 14400 Pebble Hills Blvd.
Polk Elementary School 940 Belvidere St.
Putnam Elementary School 6508 Fiesta Dr.
Ramona Elementary School 351 Nichols Rd.
Red Sands Elementary School 4250 O'Shea Rd.
Rio Valle Woman's Club 521 Mike Maros St.
Riverside High School 301 Midway Dr.
Robert R. Rojas Elementary School 500 Bauman Rd.
Roberts Elementary School 341 Thorn Ave.

Rosa Guerrero Elementary School 7530 Lakehurst Rd.
Ross Middle School 6101 Hughey Cir.
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San Elizario Fire Rescue 1415 San Antonio St.
San Jacinto Adult Learning Center 1216 Olive Ave.
Scotsdale Elementary School 2901 Mc Rae Blvd.
Sierra Vista Elementary School 1501 Bob Hope Dr.
South El Paso Senior Citizens Center 600 S. Ochoa St.
South Loop Elementary School 520 Southside Rd.
Spc. Rafael Hernandez III Middle School 3451 Rich Beem Blvd.
Stanton Elementary School 5414 Hondo Pass Dr.
Sunland Park Mall 750 Sunland Park Dr.
Tierra Del Sol Elementary School 1832 Tommy Aaron Dr.
Tippin Elementary School 6541 Bear Ridge Dr.
Transition To Life Career Center 7988 Alameda Ave.
Travis Elementary School 5000 N. Stevens St.
UTEF – Don Haskins Center 151 Glory Dr.
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Vista Hills Elementary School 10801 La Subida Dr.
W.E. Neill Community Center 19210 Cobb Ave.
Western Hills U.M.C.-Stewart Family Life Center A 524 Thunderbird Dr.
Western Technical College

Whitaker Elementary School 4700 Rutherford Dr.
YISD Central Office 9600 Sims Dr.
Ysleta Pre-K Center 7940 Craddock Ave.
YWCA-East 10712 Sam Snead Dr.
YWCA-Lower Valley 115 Davis Dr.
YWCA - West 313 Bartlett Dr.
Zach White Elementary School 4256 Roxbury Dr.
For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed in Exhibit A attached hereto.
Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas en el Anexo A adjunto al presente.
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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The County of El Paso Elections Department Attn: Early Voting Clerk 500 E. San Antonio, Ste. 314 El Paso, Texas 79901
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 23, 2020.
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse por el fin de las horas de negocio el viernes, 23 de octubre 2020.
Issued this 27th day of August of 2020.
Emitida esta 27 día de agosto de 2020.
Arleen Parada Presiding Officer Oficial que Preside
EXHIBIT A LOCATION, DATES AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR EARLY VOTING:

ANEXO A DIRECCION, DIAS Y HORAS HABILES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES PARA VOTACION ANTICIPADA:
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El Paso County Courthouse 500 E. San Antonio Ave. 3rd Floor, Back Lobby
October 13 to 16, 2020 (Tuesday - Friday) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 17, 2020 (Saturday) October 18, 2020 (Sunday) 12:00 p.m. (noon) - 5:00 p.m.
Oct. 19 to Oct. 23, 2020 (Monday - Friday) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 24, 2020 (Saturday) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 25, 2020 (Sunday) 12:00 p.m. (noon) - 5:00 p.m.
October 26 to 30, 2020 (Monday - Friday) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
OTHER LOCATIONS, UNLESS NOTED*
October 13 to 16, 2020 (Tuesday - Friday) Regular Hours
October 17 and 18, 2020 (Sat. - Sun.) 12 (noon) - 5:00 p.m.
October 19 to 23, 2020 (Monday - Friday) Regular Hours
October 24 and 25, 2020 (Sat. - Sun.) 12 (noon) - 5:00 p.m.
October 26 to 30, 2020 (Monday - Friday) Regular Hours
Arlington Park Shelter 10350 Pasadena Circle 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. *October 26 to 30, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Bassett Place 6101 Gateway West, #620 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. *October 26 to 30, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Bowling Family YMCA 5509 Will Ruth Ave. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Canutillo ISD Administrative Facility 7965 Arcraft Rd. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chayo Apodaca Community Center 341 N. Moon Rd. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Clint ISD Early College Academy 13100 Alameda Avenue 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Commissioner's Corner 10700 Montana Ave. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Dorris Van Doren Library 551 Redd Rd. 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Eastlake High School 13000 Emerald Pass Ave. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
El Paso County Coliseum 4100 E. Paisano Dr. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. *October 26 to 30, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
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EPCC Administrative Services Center 9050 Viscount Blvd. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Gonzalez Place 4101 Rich Beem Blvd. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Grandview Park Senior Citizen Center 3134 Jefferson Ave 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Marty Robbins Recreation Center 11600 Vista Del Sol Drive

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Reason for Dallas Cowboys’ troubles is fairly obvious

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Before the 2020 National Football League season got underway, there were certain teams who were considered natural favorites to go to the Super Bowl.

And of course many of the favorites are based on how they did a year ago.

This year’s favorites included the Baltimore Ravens, the Green Bay Packers, the Tennessee Titans, the New Orleans Saints, the San Francisco 49ers and of course the defending world champion Kansas City Chiefs.

Those are the teams that were great last year and most of the experts figured they’d be the teams to beat again in 2020.

But there is one team that was thrown into the Super Bowl mix this year despite the fact that they had a very disappointing 8-8 record last season.

Because of their already explosive offense, a few moves they made on defense, and a change of head coach, the Dallas Cowboys were suddenly considered as much of a favorite as any other team in the league.

And why shouldn’t they be? They had the best offense in the league last year. Then they go out and draft probably the best wide receiver in college – CeeDee Lamb.

They have one of the best offensive lines in all of football. They have one of the best running backs in Ezekiel Elliott. They have one of the best pass catching duos in Amari Cooper and Michael Gallup. They also had an up-and-coming tight end in Blake Jarwin.

And don’t forget quarterback Dak Prescott.

On defense, they have one of the best linebacker groups in football, with Leighton Vander Esch, Sean Lee and

Jaylon Smith.

Then they went out and picked up defensive tackles Gerald McCoy and Dontari Poe, and they also grabbed pass rushers Everson Griffin and Aldon Smith.

So according to all the guys on the television sports shows and sports podcasts, the Dallas Cowboys had done enough to put themselves in the same category as the other teams who had already proven they could win.

But with all the personnel changes, most thought the best upgrade came by subtraction. Getting rid of former head coach Jason Garrett and replacing him with Mike McCarthy, a Super Bowl champion coach with the Green Bay Packers, was the final ingredient the team needed.

Well, all that was said before the season started.

Before last Sunday, the Cowboys had played four games, which is plenty of

time to see how much improvement they’ve made.

And the answer is obvious – none!

The Cowboys got off to a 1-3 start, and if it weren’t for a miracle-come-from-behind win over the Atlanta Falcons, they’d be 0-4.

The good news is that the Cowboys’ offense is still good, they are scoring a lot of points as predicted. The bad news is that the defense cannot stop anyone.

I mean their defense is easily the worst in the NFL.

They say that defense wins championships – well, there you go.

And because the team has looked so bad in the early going, experts and fans alike are looking for someone to blame.

Some are blaming coach McCarthy, some are blaming the defensive coordinator, and there will always be some blame thrown at Jerry Jones.

But I say the reason for their horrid play is easy to pinpoint – injuries.



- If you are looking after baby kittens that are bottle feeding, when you handle the kittens, wear pants and long sleeves. Tiny kitten nails are like razor blades they are so sharp! And of course, they love to climb up on you to get your attention.
- “While my family is still participating in virtual learning, it’s important that we recognize some structure. This means preparing – or at least planning – lunch meals ahead of time. Our house is small, and one of us is near the kitchen. This saves us two to three periods of someone banging around in the kitchen being disruptive.” – E. in Florida

- “Want to be more organized in your home cleaning? It seems many people want to have a cleaner, more organized home but get overwhelmed when putting it into practice. Start by creating a cleaning schedule that breaks down jobs into a list incorporating tasks to be done daily, weekly and even monthly or quarterly. It takes the ‘if I can’t do everything I’ll just do nothing’ factor out of play.” – J.M. in Pennsylvania
- A bathroom squeegee can help eliminate water spots before they form on your shower doors. Hang one in your shower.
- If you haven’t worn an item in six months (in its season), it’s time to let it go. That’s been the Golden Rule for as long as I can remember. I was asked recently, Does it apply this year? I think now, like always, is a good time to look critically at your overall summer wardrobe, but I would add “opportunity” to the caveats. Meaning, if you haven’t worn it because you have not had an

- opportunity you otherwise would have had, save it. Those work clothes will be important again! – JoAnn
- Manners check: “If you are getting into line at a shop, it’s time to end your call. When you try to continue your phone conversation, it means the cashier can’t effectively communicate with you and you risk holding up the line. If the call is that important, just wait until you end it to get in line. Thank you!” – M.R. in Virginia
 - Get to know your frozen veggies. There’s been a lot of emphasis in the past about fresh vegetables. While they’re great, it’s not always possible to get to the grocer’s or farmer’s market regularly. Frozen veggies often have the most vitamins because most are flash frozen right after harvest. You can find many varieties, and they’re easy to use in most recipes.
- Send your tips to *Now Here’s a Tip*, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

LIVING A LIFE OF E'S ACROSS

1 Renounces the throne

10 Hexa- plus two

14 Best results possible

20 Right Guard, e.g.

21 Oom- (polka sounds)

22 Drink of beer after a shot

23 2014 Oscar show host

25 In a position facing

26 Standing in good _

27 “Put it _ tab”

28 Tiny charge carrier

29 In times past

30 Grazing site

32 Sociologist who coined “survival of the fittest”

36 La-la lead-in

39 Mushroom variety

41 Tavern

42 Author and activist on Alabama’s state quarter

45 Little _ (tots)

46 Appends

50 Egg shapes

51 Get defeated

52 “Kapow!”

54 Bar garnish

55 Kosovo citizen

56 LXX / X

57 He wrote “He’s Just Not That Into You” with Liz Tuccillo

61 Ticklish red Muppet

62 Dawn direction

64 A, in Argentina

65 Part of many German names

66 Suffix with lion or seer

67 Player of Colonel Klink on “Hogan’s Heroes”

72 _-pitch

75 “The Catch” network

76 Wedded

77 Verve

78 Verge

82 “The Pink Panther” co-star

86 “_ you with me?”

87 End a flight

88 Bird-related

89 Tahiti, par exemple

90 Posterior

92 Egyptian peninsula

93 Vapor

94 Guitar’s kin, for short

96 Longtime “What’s My Line?” panelist

98 Amer. body with 100 members

102 “Aladdin” figure

103 Cagey

104 1965-66 poet laureate

108 Chichi retreat

110 Coop cackler

111 PC key

112 Mani- _

113 “There Is Nothin’ Like _”

117 Not tardy

119 “Nurse Betty” star

124 Vexes

125 A hat hides it

126 Deviations

127 Drive home

128 Finds to be refined

129 Small-stakes poker

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1 Fruit drinks

2 Boxing prize

3 Portion (out)

4 Utopian

5 Denounces

6 Ending for dull or drunk

7 _ kwon do

8 Mem. of the U.K.

9 Canonized Fr. woman

10 Where drinks are on the host

11 Monterey County city

12 “_ playing our song”

13 Balking beast

14 Ink-squirting sea creature

15 Gives a ring

16 “I taut I _ a pudgy tat!”

17 Newton who was knighted

18 Come together

19 Enthusiasm

24 _-easter (storm type)

28 Currently has the stage

31 Just fine

32 Hint-offering columnist

33 Architectural additions

34 Twiddled digit

35 Zora _ Hurston

36 The ones there

37 Make merry

38 Make fearful

40 Trust

43 Bodily joint

44 Brain wave test, for short

47 Sup stylishly

48 Blockbuster rented them

49 Places

52 Nota _

53 Top competitive effort, informally

54 Novelist Sarah _ Jewett

56 “Live” and “learn,” e.g.

58 Shah or czar

59 She played Miss Brooks

60 Lena of song

63 Gremlin’s kin

68 Be worthy of

69 Bodily joint

70 Appointment calendar

71 Vestige

72 Inbox junk

73 Jeans-maker Strauss

74 Big elevator name

79 Copenhagen citizens

80 Make twisty

81 Uplift morally

83 Devour

84 Claims on property

85 That miss

91 “Bus Stop” playwright William

92 Move aside

94 Of no help

95 Smallville’s Clark

96 Drinking sprees

97 “_ the season to be jolly”

99 Dishonors

100 Emerge

101 _-weenie

104 Bazaar units

105 Creed part

106 PC key

107 Fritz out

109 Writer _ Rogers

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115 Come together

116 Irish Gaelic tongue

118 “_ done it!”

119 Frat letter

120 Electric jolt

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122 Chaney of old chillers

123 Run after K

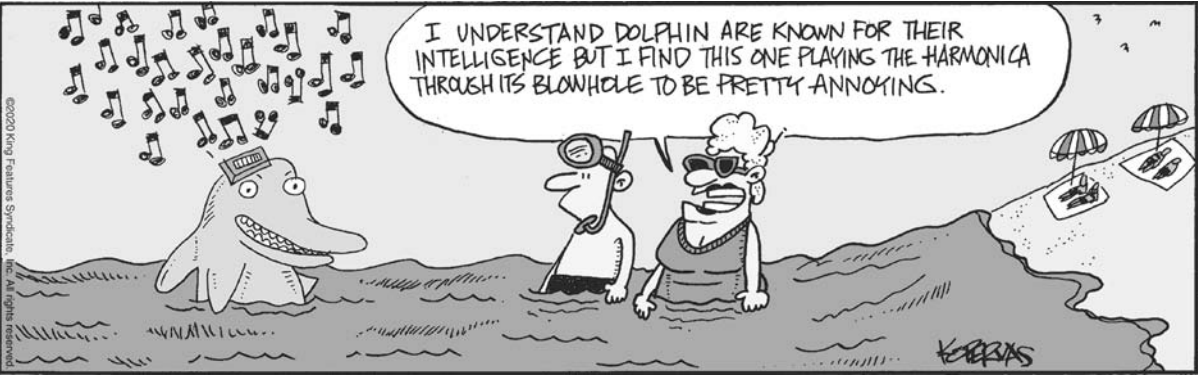
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By Gary Kopervas



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By Dave T. Phipps



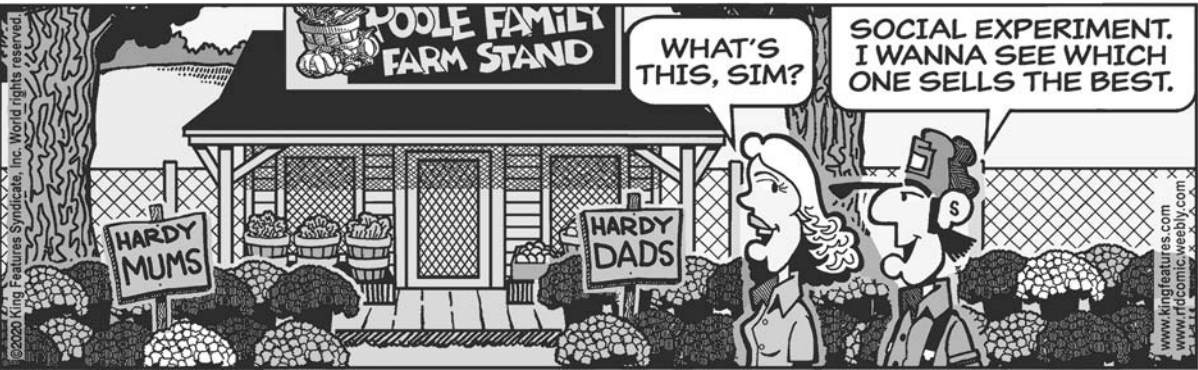
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By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



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Cologuard test worth risk of false positive

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 77-year-old man in good health. At my recent annual physical exam, my physician ordered a Cologuard kit to be sent to me to screen for colorectal disease. I have never had symptoms of disease or problems with any part of my gastrointestinal tract. I had two colonoscopies at different times several years ago, the results of which were negative. When I got the kit, I read the patient guidelines and learned that the Cologuard test could result in false positives and that there is an unspecified increase in the risk of false positives for persons over the age of 75. A positive result from the test requires a follow-up colonoscopy, which is also riskier for elderly patients. Since I am in good health with no symptoms of any disease, I decided I did not want to risk a false positive result from the test, which would require a follow-up colonoscopy. Did I make the right decision? – E.G.



Cologuard is a brand of test that looks at DNA in stool for evidence of cancer. Certain DNA mutations are highly suggestive of cancer. In addition, Cologuard does an immunochemical test looking for blood. Because it combines these two techniques, Cologuard is more sensitive than only a test looking for blood. Compared with colonoscopy, Cologuard is about 92% sensitive in finding cancers, meaning it will miss about 8%.

With improved sensitivity comes a lack of specificity, which means you could have a false positive result. The Cologuard can say that you have an abnormality when a colonoscopy would indicate normal. For 45% of people with a positive Cologuard test, no abnormalities will be found upon colonoscopy. You are right that false positives are more prevalent in older individuals.

There are two reasons that I think the Cologuard is still a reasonable choice, despite the fact that it isn't as good as colonoscopy. The first is that I continue to recommend a screening test for healthy 77-year-old men, and although colonoscopy is my first choice, a normal Cologuard test prevents a need for colonoscopy, and a false positive would lead to the same colonoscopy you would have gotten anyway (although there probably is more anxiety after a false positive test).

The second is that a person with an abnormal Cologuard and a normal colonoscopy may be at risk for an abnormality that wasn't found on colonoscopy. A study looking at people in this category found a 25% risk of abnormality on follow-up colonoscopy, if the Cologuard was abnormal again one to two years later.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I had lung surgery in 2014. The scar is still red and sore. I got no instructions on how to deal with it. Do you have any suggestions? – J.S.B.

That's a very long time for the scar to still be red and sore, and I would encourage you to have the surgeon or your regular doctor take a look. For people with redness and soreness in a scar shortly after surgery, I recommend silicone gel (there are many available), as it has been shown to be effective. Many people recommend vitamin E oil, but well-done studies have shown this does not help and may harm the cosmetic appearance.

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) 2020 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

CryptoQuip Answer

If Australian marsupials drank soft drinks, they should most likeky prefer Coca-Koala.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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New scheduling tool



by Freddy Groves

Struggling to get a medical appointment will be a thing of the past once the Department of Veterans Affairs rolls out its Centralized Scheduling Solution (CSS).

Remember when trying to make an appointment involved talking to a clerk who might need to jerry rig an appointment and write it down in a notebook as a reminder to put it on the

schedule later? Remember when scheduling personnel were given performance bonuses for the number of appointments made for the date the veterans wanted them... while other appointment requests disappeared into the desk? Or the spreadsheets that showed certain areas of the country with extremely high percentages of veterans not getting an appointment within 30 days? Too many of us ended up with no appointment, or appointments that weren't on the date (or even in the month) we requested.

More modern methods and schedulers are using computers,

but it has involved them making entries into multiple areas of the program. If you need to get an X-ray and see a doctor, that involves juggling times and availability for an X-ray slot, the equipment, a doctor's schedule and even a room to see him in. The schedulers struggle, they say, going from section to section to find all the matching parts of an appointment.

With the new CSS software program, schedulers will see color-coded sections on the screen with available slots clearly noted. One click and all the necessary parts and pieces of an appointment will fall into place and the appointment will be scheduled.

At this point, only one VA location (in Ohio) is set up with CSS, but more are coming.

The CSS software is part of the Electronic Health Record Modernization program, which electronically tracks all of a veteran's health records. Started in 2018, it will take 10 years to be fully up and running, but CSS is a good partial step.

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

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