



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Carbon monoxide, smoke detectors

The El Paso Community College (EPCC) Fire Technology Program, through a grant from State Farm, will provide education on home safety and fire prevention that leads to healthier and safer communities. Using curbside pickup, participants will receive carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, as well as information on how to appropriately respond to various emergencies which might be encountered in the home or workplace, ranging from gas leaks to fire. The event takes place at the EPCC Mission del Paso Campus Parking Lot, 10700 Gateway Blvd. East on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

— Ismael De La Rosa

### Educated states

With many students continuing their education remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic and BLS data showing a correlation between higher education levels, higher income and lower unemployment rates, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2021's Most & Least Educated States in America*, as well as accompanying videos. In order to determine the most educated states, WalletHub compared all 50 states across 18 metrics that examined the key factors of a well-educated population: educational attainment, school quality and achievement gaps between genders and races. Texas was rated 39th in the report with El Paso rated 135th out of 150 cities in a sister report. Texas ranked (1-Most; 25-Avg.):

- 49th – % of High-School Diploma Holders;
- 37th – Percent of Associate's Degree Holders or College-Experienced Adults;
- 28th – Percent of Bachelor's Degree Holders;
- 33rd – Percent of Graduate- or Professional-Degree Holders;
- 31st – Avg. University Quality;
- 7th – Racial Gap in Educational Attainment; and
- 1st – Gender Gap in Educational Attainment.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/e/most-educated-states/31075> for the full report on states.

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*The biggest job Congress has is how to get money from the taxpayers without disturbing the voters.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**FINANCIAL AID** – State officials said that the more than \$1 billion in money from the latest federal COVID-19 stimulus bill will be used to provide funding for the new Texas Rent Relief program, which will assist rental apartments, like the one above, work with tenants who have fallen behind in their monthly payments.

## Relief money available for rent, utilities

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

TEXAS – A statewide rental relief program has been implemented using some of the more than \$1 billion in funds from the latest federal COVID-19 stimulus bill to provide the desperately needed help, Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced recently.

The governor stated that the new program is designed to help people across the state who are struggling to pay their rent and utility bills during the pandemic. The Texas Rent Relief program will be

run by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

The state program has begun accepting applications and has launched a website ([texasrentrelief.com](https://texasrentrelief.com)) where both landlords and tenants can apply. The program also has a call center open Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., for Texans to use to apply and ask questions. The phone number is 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368).

The program will provide relief for renters with bills that are dated as far back as March 13, 2020, or 11 months of past due bills, and current bills, state officials stated. “Texans will also be eligible to

receive help for three months of future expected rent costs and utility expenses. They’ll be able to then apply for three more months of future aid following that if funds remain at the time,” the governor explained.

Program guidelines stipulate that landlords can apply for unpaid or future rent on behalf of their tenants, as long as the money is used towards the tenant’s rental obligations and the tenant agrees. “All payments will be made directly to landlords or utility providers,” according to state officials. “Unless they do not agree to accept the payment. If that’s the case, the money will be given to the tenant to use after a 21-day period,” they noted.

To be eligible to get the aid, Texans must make at or less than 80 percent of their Area Median Income, a figure used by the TDHCA. Additionally, one member of the household must have qualified for unemployment benefits or explain in writing that they’ve experienced financial hardship during the pandemic.

Applicants also must be at risk of becoming homeless because they’ve received past due notices or an eviction notice or face unsafe living conditions. To get the assistance, the rental home must be an applicant’s main residence and have a Texas address.

Tenants will need to let their landlords know that they are applying because they must sign off on the aid, officials pointed out. Texans cannot apply for the funds if their bills have already been paid for by another assistance program. Also, homeowners struggling with their mortgage payments do not qualify for this program.

Texans who are a part of one of two

## San Eli ISD ramping up dual credit high school

By Jeannie Meza-Chavez  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO – San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) is finalizing plans for San Elizario Early College High School (SEECHS) that is slated to open in the Fall of 2021. Through a partnership with the El Paso Community College (EPCC), SEISD has committed to improve access to higher education.

All students at San Elizario High School (SEHS) are presently offered the opportunity to seek out dual credit enrollment while in high school in order to obtain college credit. Dual credit credentialed teachers Andrew Avila, Mariana Rodriguez, Virginia Hinojos, and Federico Moncloa lead SEHS students through college courses through on campus instruction. Students also have additional opportunities to gain college credit through instruction via facilitators through off campus instructors directly from EPCC.

According to Julietta Rojas, the Campus College and Career Readiness Specialist, eighty-six students in grades 9 through 12 earned a total of three hundred sixty-

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## Familiar cellmates

Mitch McConnell who provided the Democratic Party rallying cry when he took to the floor, after voting in favor of Trump, to predict that “he didn’t get away with anything yet. We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former presidents are not immune from being accountable by either one.”

If there was ever a weirder display of a calculating politician speaking out of both sides of his mouth, this speech was it. Mitch McConnell epitomizes the calculating politician. But this was bizarre, even for him, accusing the man he had just rescued with a brutal condemnation.

“There’s no question – none – that President Trump

is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of the day,” McConnell deadpanned, as he usually does. “No question about it.”

Meanwhile, in the bowels of Mar-a-Lago, the once and – if he has his way – future president took the intimidating sellout of his once proud senators-turned-Proud-Boys as a victory. Banned from Twitter, Trump put out a statement: “In the months ahead I have much to share with you, and I look forward to continuing our incredible journey together to achieve American greatness for all of our people. There has never been anything like it!”

Actually, in the months ahead, Donald Trump and his legal team, as McConnell said, will have to

fend off all the prosecutions and lawsuits for his conduct before and during his time in office.

And as the second impeachment process exhibited, his legal team is running out of lawyers, at least ones who aren’t laughingstocks. For a combination of reasons – embarrassment and a Trump history of stiffing attorneys on their billable hours, among them – he’s left with slim pickings. Unless you count Rudy Giuliani, who is facing his own legal problems. Before he left office, President Trump didn’t take care of his chief legal adviser with a pardon. So he’s left Giuliani high and dry.

But at least he didn’t leave him to the frenzied marauders as he did Mike Pence. All those years of playing the obsequious vice president, and Trump threw him to the wolves, trashing democracy and wanting to trash him.

Meanwhile, Joe Biden – you remember him; he won the election – inherited the complete mess that Trump and his merry band of incompetents left the country in. A lot of the Trumpsters will face their own time explaining themselves to the courts, but it will be up to Biden and his people to undo the damage of a nation that is demoralized.

Perhaps, for the opponents of Donald Trump (about half the country), his conviction would be a mood builder. But as the impeachment, with its open-and-shut case and acquittal, seemed to indicate, our political system is not up to the task.

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## View from here By Marilyn M. Singleton, M.D., J.D.

# Using COVID fear to divide and rule

In the 1960s anti-war activists adopted songs like the *Eve of Destruction*<sup>1</sup> and *For What It’s Worth*<sup>2</sup> as their anthems. Disenchanted youth feared that the world was on the verge of collapse; we were nearing the end of days. Concurrently, the civil rights activists were singing the hopeful *We Shall Overcome*<sup>3</sup>. (Black folks singing an upbeat and emboldening song written by a white guy would be frowned upon today.) Both groups were buoyed by the blessing of free speech. Their voices were heard. Attempts at silencing them only made their voices louder and more widespread. Even people on the sidelines began to pay attention.

The war ended, civil rights moved forward, and life went on. People wanted not to sing the same note, but harmony. Even Rodney King<sup>4</sup>, whose 1991 beating was a lightning rod for riots against police brutality pleaded, “can we all get along?”<sup>5</sup> Yes, we can. People have no appetite for or energy to waste on hating for sport. We have the freedom and sensibility to disagree and work toward peaceful coexistence – when we are free from government propaganda and media manipulation.

However, the political class thrives on discord. Since circa 360 B.C., the “divide and rule” concept was on the books. Philip II of Macedon, Alexander the Great’s father knew that with division comes weakness. The Greek rulers were able to keep the various cultural and ethnic groups in check by keeping them in a constant state of conflict. The factions are so busy bickering and jockeying for favored status that they fail to see their government’s main objective is to stay in power, not to empower the populace.

Enter pandemic, stage left. Politicians have used COVID not as an enemy, but an ally. After driving us to be preoccupied with our fear of COVID, the government is working its magic. Mask up and lock down! Why? Where’s the data? Don’t ask. Just comply. Now instead of the ancient emperors installing local overlords, the powerful have frightened people into spying on neighbors to root out maskless faces and those who dare cultivate their friendships.

Mixed messages keep us off guard. Amidst calls for national unity, a Public Broadcasting (paid with our tax dollars) Service attorney suggests<sup>6</sup> locking up Trump voters and putting their children in re-education camps. And America’s sweetheart and former national news anchor, Katie Couric, recommended deprogramming<sup>7</sup> Trump supporters.

Teachers’ unions keep their members out of classrooms while children are not getting sick from COVID, but are becoming emotionally unglued. According to the CDC<sup>8</sup>, beginning in April 2020, children’s mental health visits to the emergency room increased by 24 percent in ages 5 to 11 and 31 percent in ages 12 to 17.

The same people calling for removing Washington and Lincoln’s<sup>9</sup> names from schools because they were not “woke” enough are witnesses to the black and brown students falling behind<sup>10</sup> their white counterparts due to long-distance learning.

The triple-masked Dr. Anthony “there’s no reason to be walking around with a mask,”<sup>11</sup> Fauci continues to recommend that we do nothing for early symptoms of COVID-19, even though by now we understand the process of how COVID-19 makes people sick<sup>12</sup>. For months, physicians have been speaking out about their success with early treatment<sup>13</sup> of COVID with inexpensive, readily accessible existing medications based on science. Their recommendations have been largely ignored in favor of big pharma’s expensive drugs and vaccines. Waiting months for completion of

mass vaccination does not help those who are currently ill. Worse yet, some have accused these doctors of experimenting<sup>14</sup> on patients. However, our Hippocratic Oath compels us to treat patients with available, safe medicines rather than sit idly by and watch them die. (I would argue it is safer to repurpose drugs that have been around for 50 years than use a vaccine that has only been tested for several months.)

Vigorous open debate – not re-education camps – is the answer to dealing with difficult issues. A difference of opinion does not merit name-calling or having scientific senate testimony removed from public view by YouTube<sup>15</sup> as “misinformation.”

Fomenting societal conflict as a means of control used to be done in secret. With complicit media, in plain sight the power brokers have used COVID their advantage. Physicians are added to the list of divided tribes: Fauci’s good soldiers versus the medical-political exiles (AKA resourceful thinkers without conflicts of interest or financial ties to big pharma).

Like the 60s song<sup>2</sup> says, “It starts when you’re always afraid. Step out of line, the man come and take you away.”

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# Biden is too timid on school reopening

It's an old political trick to make an easily achievable goal sound vauntingly ambitious in order to brag about it when it's inevitably met.

It takes another level of chutzpah, though, to set out as a target something that has already happened.

The press has portrayed President Joe Biden's goal of reopening the majority of K-12 schools in his first 100 days as so far-reaching that the timeline might have to be extended.

Enter White House press secretary Jen Psaki, who explained on Tuesday [Feb. 16] that the administration defines a school as open if it holds in-classroom instruction at least once a week.

By this metric, the goal isn't really having more than half of schools open – it's having more than half of schools still 80% closed.

Not only is this a ridiculous standard, schools have already cleared the bar. According to Burbio, which runs a school-opening tracker, about two-thirds of K-12 students are attending in-person or hybrid schools.

This goalpost moving exemplifies how the Biden team isn't pushing nearly hard enough

on school reopening.

The issue has gone from being something of a red vs. blue battle line last year to a cross-partisan area of consensus. In intellectual and moral terms, the debate over reopening schools has been won, but political progress has been slow, mainly because powerful teachers unions are standing in the way.

If Biden wanted to add a touch of unity to his governing agenda, he'd call out the unions for being an obstacle to educational and economic progress at a challenging time for the country.

The science is clear enough, if that matters.

Experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention wrote in the Journal of the American Medical Association, "There has been little evidence that schools have contributed meaningfully to increased community transmission."

This makes the costs of school closures and remote learning all the harder to bear.

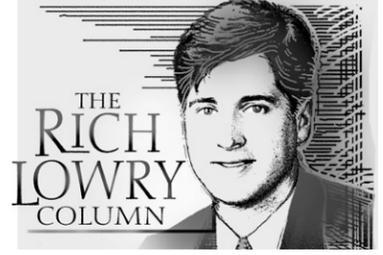
A McKinsey estimate from June concluded that students may have lost three months to a year of learning, depending on the exact circumstances. Then, there are the social costs for children, among them higher rates of depression and anxiety.

School closures have pulled women out of the labor force to bear the brunt of all the juggling that has to go on at home.

Nonetheless, teacher unions have fought reopening and helped stymie reopening in cities and blue states. Most schools in California have been remote.

Elementary schools reopened in New York, but not middle schools or high schools.

School districts in the Washington, D.C., region are floating a parodic solution to reopening – have kids return to the classroom so they can gather to watch remote teachers on



computer screens. Somehow private schools have

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## View from here By Allen B. West

# States' rights: The foundation of our republic

When some gaze upon the title of this week's missive, they may immediately construct a negative connotation for the words "states' rights." There are those who will weigh these words against the annals of American history

associated with slavery, the Civil War, Jim Crow, and segregation. The funny thing is that the people who think of states' rights in those references are of the same political party who gave us these dark corridors of our history: the Democrat Party. Perhaps that is why the progressive socialist left is so very willing to revise and erase our history.

However, those of us who call ourselves constitutional conservatives – you know, those pesky right-wing extremists – states' rights have a different, and vital, meaning.

The Tenth Amendment was very clear in prescribing that the enumerated powers not

specified, delegated, to the federal government were reserved to the sovereign States and the people. The respective states of the new United States of America, those free and independent States, knew that there had to be a declaration of individual rights, the Bill of Rights, in our Constitution before ratification.

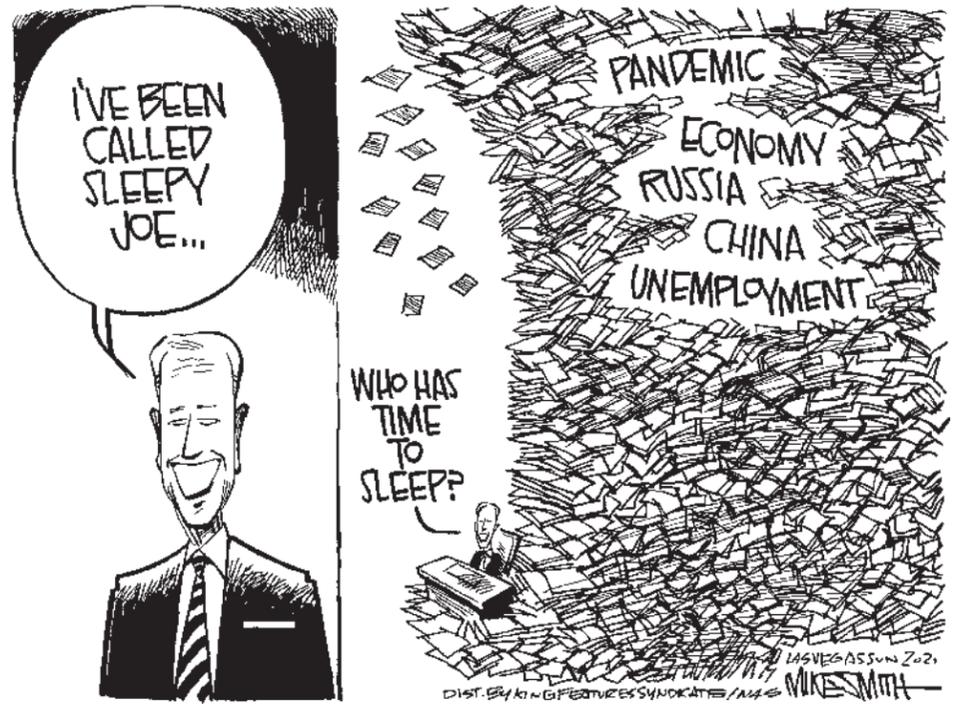
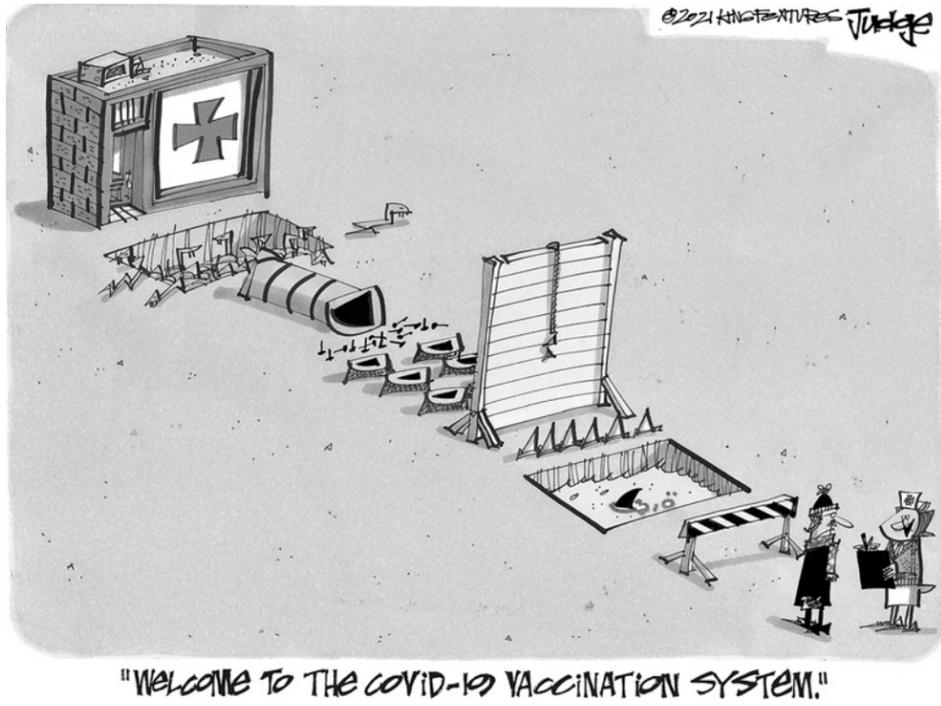
Remember, it took three years to attain ratification of our Constitution. Those first 10 Amendments to our Constitution were critical and formed the foundation of the relationship between the federal government, the states, and the citizens.

Today, that relationship, which is often called the principle of federalism, is under assault. Today, we have the resurrection of an onerous and intrusive federal government. One that is not governing based upon the consent of the

*The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.*

– Tenth Amendment to the US Constitution

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# States' rights

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governed, but, instead, rule by way of edicts, mandates, decrees, and orders. A few weeks back, [I addressed] the dangers of executive overreach.

So, how do we restore the right and proper constitutional relationship, or balance, between the entities aforementioned?

There are those who would say that the federal government reigns supreme over the States, based upon the Supremacy Clause, Article VI, Clause 2. The Supremacy Clause states, "This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding."

The keywords in this clause are the ones I have bolded and underlined, "which shall be made in pursuance thereof." That means that yes, the laws of the land are supreme as long as they are made in pursuance of the Constitution. In other words, when we have those who are pursuing an ideological agenda that is not consistent

with the established laws of the Constitution, it is not supreme. And no, you do not have to have paid a whole lot of money to be a lawyer to realize that.

Let's look at this example. Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 states, "No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any Duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay."

The above excerpt from our Constitution clearly specifies a restriction on a sovereign State. It articulates an enumerated power for the federal government. But, the bolded and underlined statement provides the terms under which a State may take, and be granted, these powers.

Let's apply this to the case of Texas and our shared border with a foreign power and nation, Mexico. If President Joe Biden decides – by Executive Order, thus, not pursuant to our Constitution – to enact an open border policy, the State of Texas, and other border states, have the right to protect themselves from the "invasion" of illegal immigration.

Yes, illegal immigration does present an imminent danger to the State of Texas and does not admit delay. Texas is the number

one state in America for human and sex trafficking. Texas is dealing with the problem of the Sinoloa and other drug cartels operating within its state borders, and rising gang violence and drug smuggling. In this era of COVID-19 it is an imminent danger to the citizens of Texas to be exposed to those potentially infected with the virus. Lastly, Texas should be able to deport those here illegally, especially those guilty of committing crimes, violating our rule of law.

Under the verbiage of Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3, Texas should be able to enact an OPCON (Operational Control) relationship of federal government assets within our border to secure the border and its citizens. This portion of our Constitution enables Texas to take action – based upon imminent danger – and not rely upon the federal government: the Biden administration.

Along those same lines, there is also the concept of constitutional nullification, something the State legislature of North Dakota is looking to pass. Simply stated, States can assert their right, under the Tenth Amendment, to nullify any law or order emanating from the federal government that, again, is not pursuant to the Constitution of the United States and our rule of law.

Thomas E. Woods Jr. wrote a book on this issue called "Nullification: How to Resist Tyranny in the 21st Century." You can also review an article he wrote on August 27, 2015, for the Tenth Amendment Center titled, "Nullification is Not Unconstitutional."

Now, I can hear the leftists who visit our site about to scream. [But] when the left was going around and unconstitutionally establishing sanctuary states and cities for illegal immigrants, conservatives were told to shut up.

One of our eight Legislative Priorities for the Republican Party of Texas is ending the murder of preborn children. The left would have us believe that abortion is the "law of the land," but Roe v Wade was a Supreme Court decision, and last time I checked the Constitution, courts do not make law. The same would apply to Obergefell v. Hodges (2015) that supposedly made same-sex marriage the "law of the land," a case that overturned the decision of the voting electorate in California (2008) when a same-sex ballot initiative failed. Courts do not make law.

Can someone show me where the federal government can mandate marriage in our constitution?

The progressive socialist left's ideological agenda cannot, and must not, become the basis for establishing the "law of the land," and States are empowered to reject and nullify those agenda-based incursions. The Constitution is a restraining document on the powers of the federal government. Foundational to our Republic are the powers reserved to the sovereign States and the people.

Consider HRs 1, 127, and 130, which the Democrat-controlled US House of Representatives are considering. The Republican Party of Texas has Election Integrity and Constitutional Carry as Legislative Priorities for these reasons. States can simply reject and nullify these attempts to federalize our elections – a State-level responsibility – which would undermine our Second Amendment right.

In America, if my numbers are correct, Republicans control 67/99 State legislatures. The foundation of our Republic resides in strong, principled, resolute State legislatures that understand their Constitutional duties, roles, rights, and powers. I do support HB 1369, here in Texas, which would allow the citizens to decide on TEXIT.

But, ask yourselves: why would you run away when our Founding Fathers gave you the tools to nullify the tyranny and totalitarianism of the federal government? Why run away from those who are taking unconstitutional actions, when you have the right and power to say no? Why run away from those who are doing wrong, when you have the moral high ground?

The preamble of the Constitution talks about forming a "more perfect union." To do so, the first thing is to establish justice. Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the Constitution grants the States the ability to "enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State," in the case of imminent danger.

I would offer that progressive socialist leftism, Marxism, the ideological agenda of the left, poses that imminent danger for our Constitutional Republic.

LTC Allen B. West (Ret.) is Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas.



By Lucie Winborne

• Rose DeWitt Bukater's fabulously expensive pendant, "The Heart of the Ocean," featured in James Cameron's "Titanic," was not completely fictitious – it is believed that a rather large sapphire went down with the ship that fateful night.

• There is a company called Little Miss Matched that sells packs of mismatched socks.

• Syphilis was a major problem in the late 19th and early 20th century. Doctors found that the bacteria that caused it was sensitive to heat, so they thought giving a patient a fever could help get rid of it. How did they induce said fever? With malaria injections! While effective in curing syphilis, some patients unfortunately died from – you guessed it – malaria.

• Instant noodles topped a Japanese poll of the country's greatest inventions of the 20th century.

• Freelancers originally referred to self-employed, sword-wielding mercenaries: literally, "free lancers."

• In ancient Rome, having a crooked nose was considered a sign of leadership.

• Andrew Lawrence, ran two hours, 47 minutes and 41 seconds in a banana costume during a London marathon in order to secure the title of the fastest time to run a marathon while wearing a fruit costume.

• Founded in 597 AD, The King's School, in Canterbury, England, is the world's oldest institution of learning.

• Polar bears have black skin. And their fur isn't actually white! It's see-through, so it appears white as it reflects light.

• It's illegal in Vermont to prohibit anyone from putting up a clothesline.

Thought for the Day: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill

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# San Eli ISD

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five college credit hours in the fall of 2020. When students earn college credit while attending high school, they are securing their access to higher education while parents directly save money. April Marioni, Principal of SEHS, said "This confirms that SEISD students are academically prepared to face the challenges of college level courses. It's exciting to see high school students earn college credit; it pushes us, as educators, to keep striving to offer more quality academic opportunities."

Savings while learning is ideal for future SEECHS students. Recent data from Tonie Badillo, the Dean of Dual Credit and Early College High Schools, indicates the cost for an associate's degree is \$6,960 with an additional cost of textbooks and labs at \$2,246, totaling to \$9,206.

The partnership continues to strengthen with the expected opening of SEECHS. "There are approximately sixty-six applications submitted with fifty-four of those student applications completed," Rojas said.

"This is one more service SEISD is providing to ensure that students can continue to receive the highest quality of education right here in San Elizario. Students can earn college credit, while still having the complete 'high school experience' that includes extra-curricular activities," Marioni added.

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• On Feb. 22, 1959, Lee Petty edges Johnny Beauchamp in a photo finish to win the first-ever Daytona 500 in Florida. Beauchamp was initially named the winner, until Petty challenged the results using news photos.

• On Feb. 23, 1980, speedskater Eric Heiden captures the 10,000-meter race at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, in world record time to win an unprecedented fifth individual gold medal. Heiden had overslept and rushed to the rink after eating just a few slices of bread.

• On Feb. 24, 1786, Wilhelm Karl Grimm, the younger of the two Brothers Grimm, is born in Germany. The Grimm collection of folk and fairy tales includes "Hansel and Gretel" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

• On Feb. 25, 1862, the U.S. Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing paper notes to pay the government's bills. It ended the long-standing policy of using only gold or silver in transactions.

• On Feb. 26, 1919, the Grand Canyon National Park is established. The chasm, home to more than 1,500 plant and 500 animal species, is more than a mile deep, and 15 miles across at its widest point.

• On Feb. 27, 1964, the Italian government begins accepting suggestions on how to save the Leaning Tower of Pisa from collapse. The top of the 180-foot tower was hanging 17 feet south of the base. The tower's lean is caused by the remains of an ancient river estuary under the building.

• On Feb. 28, 1993, in Waco, Texas, federal agents launch an unsuccessful raid against the Branch Davidian compound as part of an investigation into illegal possession of firearms and explosives by the Christian cult. On April 18, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno approved a tear-gas grenade assault on the compound. A fire erupted and at least 80 people died.

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# Fabens community loses Sepulveda

By Michele Gonzalez  
Special to the Courier

FABENS – Rey Sepulveda, a lifelong Fabens fixture, died in his Fabens' home on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021. He had been fighting cancer for several years. Born on September 13, 1954, he was 66-years old.

Service to his community was a lifelong passion for Mr. Sepulveda. He served on the Fabens ISD school Board for over twenty-two years – as board president at the time of his death – and led the board with a strong focus on student outcomes. Asked what motivated him to dedicate his life to service, he often responded that he did it for the community and the children. A 1973 graduate of Fabens High School, Mr. Sepulveda attended both NMSU and UTEP and became a teacher and a coach in the El Paso, Clint, San Elizario, and Fabens School districts. In both his professional life and community service activities, he focused on guiding his community's youth and mentoring those who served them, which he saw as his calling.

He worked for TXDOT in the design department. He then became a teacher and a coach. As a science teacher, he served as a Science Mentor for the Texas Regional

Collaborative for Excellence in Science Teaching. He was instrumental in bringing the Lower Valley Housing Authority to the

Fabens Community. He became President of the Fabens Lions Club. He served on the CAD (County Appraisal District) for eight years, five as Chairman. He also ran for State Representative in 2014. He served tirelessly on the Fabens ISD school board. He encouraged others to serve their community, focusing on students with the mindset of never expecting anything in return. Mr. Sepulveda was an active member of MASBA (Mexican-American School Board Association) and served on the LAC, Legislative Advisory



Rey Sepulveda

Committee as a delegate four times. Fabens ISD Superintendent Dr. Veronica Vijil said, "Mr. Sepulveda was a champion for Fabens ISD... we can honor his memory by continuing to advocate for the children who he held so dearly in his heart."

He served his church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Fabens, TX. His faith and his family gave him joy throughout his life and peace in his final days. His loving wife, Linda, welcomed a stream of visitors who came by as he gave advice and encouragement to others until he was called home to heaven. The Fabens community and the Fabens School District will remember Rey Sepulveda as a leader, a coach, a mentor, and a servant of God.

## Briefs

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most-and-least-educated-cities/6656 for the full report on cities.

– Diana Polk

## Breaking up is hard

It appears that the European Union is more than upset over Great Britain's exit.

Reports say that as of the new year English tourists arriving in Holland by ferry have had their lunches confiscated. The British Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs warns travelers headed for the Netherlands that "From 1 January 2021 you will not be able to bring POAO (products of an animal origin) such as those containing meat or dairy (for example, a ham and cheese sandwich) into the EU.

– John Grimaldi

### Tornillo Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2020

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,070,742	\$ 333,951	\$ 1,404,693
5800 State Program Revenues	11,012,775	1,311,479	12,324,254
5900 Federal Program Revenues	762,975	1,559,185	2,322,160
5020 Total Revenues	12,846,492	3,204,615	16,051,107
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	6,216,880	863,354	7,080,234
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	6,216,880	–	127,271
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	169,222	299,662	468,884
0021 Instructional Leadership	246,288	46,440	292,728
0023 School Leadership	820,904	25,033	845,937
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	242,734	70,232	312,966
0032 Social Work Services	507	24,527	25,034
0033 Health Services	159,140	9,718	168,858
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	413,459	193,789	607,248
0035 Food Services	669,443	280,866	950,309
0036 Extracurricular Activities	379,267	–	379,267
0041 General Administration	983,777	10,420	994,197
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,663,898	18,181	1,682,079
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	362,866	76,768	439,634
0053 Data Processing Services	531,988	7,054	539,042
0061 Community Services	106,701	63,591	170,292
Debt Service:			
0071 Principal on Long-Term Debt	–	577,857	577,857
0072 Interest on Long-Term Debt	–	733,218	733,218
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	1,907	1,907
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	44,972	–	44,972
Intergovernmental:			
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	15,073	–	15,073
6030 Total Expenditures	13,154,390	3,302,617	16,457,007
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(307,898)	(98,002)	(405,900)
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	8,202,827	368,856	8,571,683
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 7,894,929	\$ 270,854	\$ 8,165,783

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# Baylor has a chance to join UTEP as only Texas hoops champions

**By Steve Escajeda**  
*Special to the Courier*

Since 1966, the UTEP basketball team has earned the right to refer to itself as the only men's college basketball team to ever win a national championship from the state of Texas.

They take so much pride in that fact, that the public address announcer makes that news known to the crowd before every Miners home game.

There have been two occasions when that claim to fame looked like it was coming to an end.

Back in 1984, the mighty "Phi Slamma Jamma" Houston Cougars, with Hakeem Olajuwon, looked like a lock to win the national title against an overachieving North Carolina State team whose biggest

name was their coach, Jim Valvano.

But, as I'm sure many of you have seen in the famous video, NC State upset the heavily-favored Cougars with a dunk in the game's final second to keep UTEP as the state's only champion.

Then there was a couple years ago when the Texas Tech Red Raiders appeared to be on their way to the title with a 68-65 lead late. But Virginia hit a three pointer with 12 seconds left to force overtime. Virginia went on to an 85-77 win to keep the Miners as the only Texas title-holder.

So that brings us to the current year of 2021, and the question is, are there any Texas teams that have a chance to join UTEP as an NCAA champion?

The answer is yes. In fact, there are four.

With four Texas teams ranked in the top

13 in the country, this could be the year that the rest of the state catches up with UTEP. Well, actually with Texas Western College, which was renamed UTEP in 1967.

Anyway, Texas, Texas Tech, Houston and Baylor are all ranked among the top 13 teams in the nation, making this March Madness a little nerve-racking for UTEP fans.

The Texas Longhorns may not be as strong a team as the others, but with wins over Kansas, North Carolina, TCU and West Virginia, they can beat any team in the country on any given night.

Texas Tech made it all the way to the title game two years ago so they know what the tournament is all about.

The Red Raiders lost many players from that team but have reloaded to become a contender again this season.

With two wins over Oklahoma, and wins over Texas and LSU, it appears that Texas Tech is capable of winning it all, though unlikely.

Then there is Houston. The Cougars have been ranked in the top 10 for most of the season. They have wins over Texas Tech and Wichita State, but have had seven games postponed due to the virus. Houston could make it to the Sweet 16, no further.

The biggest threat to UTEP's crown are the Baylor Bears.

Baylor is undefeated and ranked second in the nation, behind the only other unbeaten team, Gonzaga.

Though Gonzaga plays together better than any team in the U.S., Baylor is far and away the most talented with exceptional athletes all over the court.

Baylor has wins over Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas Tech, TCU, Texas and Auburn. It seems like the only team that can stop Baylor is... well... Baylor. The Bears are going through a stretch of six straight postponed games.

Baylor may be the best team in the country – when they can field a team.

Nevertheless, it's looking more and more like Baylor and Gonzaga are headed for a date at the championship game Indianapolis on April 5.

Ironically, Gonzaga and Baylor were scheduled to meet back on Dec. 5 in of all places, Indianapolis. But because of covid, the game was cancelled.

Though the UTEP basketball program has been going through some very tough times lately, those fans who still attend the games love hearing that PA guy yell out that the Miners "are the only college championship team from the state of Texas!"

The way things are looking, this could be the last year El Pasoans get to hear those words.

It looks like Gonzaga is the only team that could possibly stop Baylor from this year's championship.

Gonzaga is very good... but I don't think they're that good.

## Relief

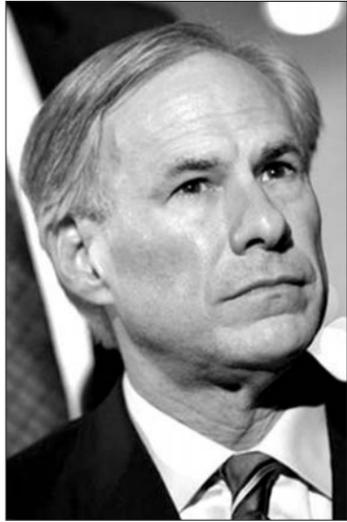
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groups will be given priority when it comes to handing out the funding, officials said. Those groups include Texans with an income at or below their Area Median Income and Texans with a household member who was unemployed when they applied for the aid and someone in the household had previously been unemployed for 90 days before the application.

Some of the money for the program has also specifically been set aside for people who are being sued for by their landlords for eviction already in local courts. Those tenants will still need to apply in the same way, but that portion of funds will only be used for Texans in that situation, according to officials.

Program administrators urge individuals, who think they are eligible, to apply as soon as possible by gathering application documents including a government or public school ID for at least one person on the lease; copy of rent or lease agreement; notices of late payments, eviction, if

applicable; copies of past due utility bills; and income documentation for everyone over the age of 18 (such as W2, 1099-R, check stubs from an employer, unemployment benefits letter, pension or retirement benefit letter, gross wages letter from employer, etc.)



**Gov. Greg Abbott stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed a significant financial strain on many Texans and that the Texas Rent Relief program will provide a lifeline to households in need of assistance on their rent and utility payments.**

With necessary paperwork in-hand, Texans can apply on the program's website and track their applications' status using the state's online dashboard or call the program's phone line, at 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368).

If the state needs additional information, they will notify applicants. If someone is deemed ineligible for the program, they will be able to appeal, according to the state's website.

Speaker of the Texas House Dade Phelan added that the program will provide much-needed short-term assistance to families that are still struggling. "This program is a key component of our state's pandemic recovery effort and will be essential to the rebound of our economy, workforce, and education system. I am thrilled that qualifying Texas families have an avenue for temporary relief on essential items like rent and utility payments when it truly counts the most," he stated.

## Super Crossword

### WEIRD WARDROBE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ill will
  - 7 Accepted blame humbly
  - 14 Creatures
  - 20 Mafia code of silence
  - 21 Person of the hour
  - 22 Bill Clinton's #2
  - 23 Formalwear imparting a pleasantly optimistic feeling?
  - 25 Flier Earhart
  - 26 Tricky rascal
  - 27 Some pipe shapes
  - 28 Model of iPod
  - 30 Weasel's kin
  - 31 Room, in Spanish
  - 32 G-men, e.g.
  - 33 Appropriate underwear in a law court?
  - 35 Gemini, e.g.
  - 37 Unwanted plant growth
  - 38 "Oh, sure!"
  - 39 Neckwear making people unable to move?
  - 44 ICU tubes
  - 45 Burnt residue
  - 48 Yellow hue
  - 49 With 72-Across, 1920s-'30s design style
  - 50 Royal flush card
  - 51 A Marx brother
  - 53 \_ Zedong
  - 54 Ukraine city
  - 57 Toadstool-shaped headwear?
  - 60 Kilt wearer
  - 62 Stew sphere
  - 63 Moral errors
  - 64 Actress Perlman
  - 65 Women's wear encircling a magazine?
  - 71 Tooth filler
  - 72 See 49-Across
  - 73 Abbr. of fair hiring
  - 74 Go bonkers
  - 76 Beach where everyone dons athletic wear?
  - 80 Do a tally of
  - 82 Abbr. in personal ads
  - 83 Sir Andrew \_ Webber
  - 84 " \_ Day Will Come"
  - 85 Be in debt to
  - 86 Writer Joyce Carol \_
  - 88 Frequently, to a poet
  - 89 Pull sharply
  - 90 Waist wear inscribed with images of sun-orbiting bodies?
  - 94 Castle trench
  - 96 ERA or RBI
  - 97 Sit as a model
  - 98 Outerwear with huge pockets to hold LPs?
  - 102 Verbal gems
  - 104 9-to-5er's relieved cry
  - 108 Telegraphic code

- creator
- 109 Slave away
- 110 Inside info
- 111 Pro at taking dictation
- 112 Frozen spike
- 114 Summer wear depicting cartoon scenes?
- 117 Weasels' kin
- 118 Looked scornfully
- 119 Messenger of the gods
- 120 Rains cold pellets
- 121 Mean rulers
- 122 Big bother

### DOWN

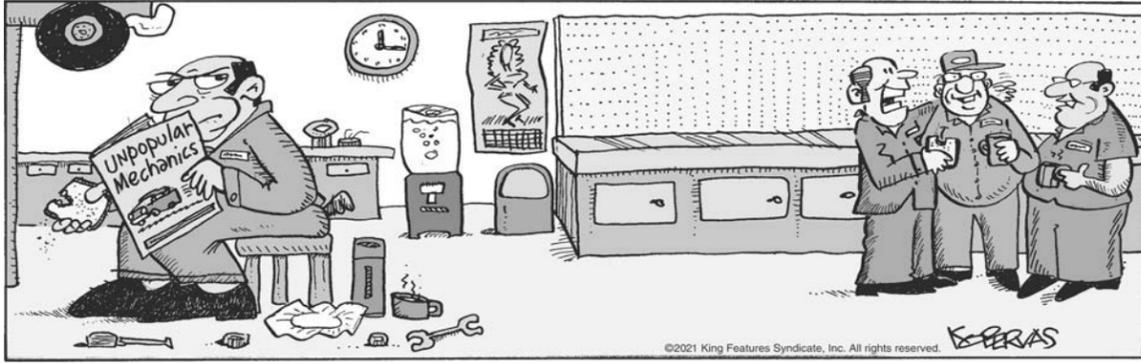
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- 3 Sherpa land
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- 8 Implements
- 9 Closing parts
- 10 Homer Simpson cry
- 11 Rusty color
- 12 Avenged
- 13 Singer \_ Marie
- 14 Sheep's call
- 15 "Rum Punch" novelist Leonard
- 16 "Yeah, makes sense"
- 17 Nick of film
- 18 Heartache
- 19 Scorches

- 24 "Angie" star Davis
- 29 "Tommy" actor
- 32 E-I linkup
- 33 Royal flush card
- 34 They're shot from air rifles
- 36 Modest reply to kudos
- 37 Comical sort
- 39 Scots' toppers
- 40 Many Apples
- 41 Paperless novel, e.g.
- 42 Turkic language
- 43 Bit of lifting lingerie
- 44 I, to Freud
- 45 Curved line
- 46 Mani offerer
- 47 Quick trip
- 50 Helper: Abbr.
- 51 Gardening implements
- 52 Stock up on
- 55 As is fitting
- 56 Grabs the attention of suddenly
- 57 Cut to bits
- 58 Counteract
- 59 Buckeye State sch.
- 61 A bit drunk
- 63 Plaintiff
- 66 Regretted deeply
- 67 Lysol target
- 68 Jon who played Napoleon Dynamite
- 69 Join together
- 70 Studio prop
- 75 Earring part
- 76 "I'm Real" singer's nickname
- 77 Pixie
- 78 Deteriorate
- 79 Kiss go-with, often
- 80 Stupefy
- 81 Seal schools
- 85 Mel who wore #4
- 87 Helpers in crime
- 89 \_ Mahal
- 90 Painter's studio
- 91 Used a sofa
- 92 Elected (to)
- 93 Platform for Apple devices
- 94 Biceps, e.g.
- 95 Brunch dish
- 96 Thin
- 98 Slightly off
- 99 Regional
- 100 Hush money
- 101 Slide on a sled, say
- 102 Polyphonic choral piece
- 103 Opinion pieces
- 105 Lysol target
- 106 It's gathered in recon
- 107 "Pippin" director Bob
- 110 Mend, as socks
- 111 Mets' former stadium
- 113 Ending for lion or seer
- 115 culpa
- 116 "Zip it!"

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# 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

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largely managed to stay open, in part, because if they don't, no one gets paid.

In contrast, public school teachers are in a position to make demands even to consider coming back and doing their

jobs.

After intense lobbying by the unions, most states have put teachers near the front of the line for vaccines (even though Biden's CDC director has said teacher vaccination isn't necessary for reopening).

As David Zweig points out in a piece at *Wired*, many union officials still insist that even

vaccination won't guarantee a return to the classroom. This would be like surgeons demanding to be vaccinated, then not showing up for operations anyway.

The Biden team contends that more spending is necessary for reopening. Biden is proposing another \$130 billion in education funding in his

# Animals, not men, suffer irritable male syndrome

*DEAR DR. ROACH: Is there such a thing as irritable male syndrome, similar to PMS in women? If it is real, does it cycle yearly or monthly? My husband is negative and blames others for things at some times more than others. Also, is there a cure or ways to manage it? – Anon.*



The term "irritable male syndrome" was coined in 2002 in a review of animal behavior, among male animals with a strictly seasonal breeding pattern. After mating season in these animals, testosterone levels drop markedly, and the animals exhibited symptoms of nervousness and irrationality.

In humans, low testosterone has a set of common symptoms, including low libido and low overall energy. Loss of body hair and decreased muscle mass happen after prolonged time without testosterone. Psychiatric symptoms, such as depressed mood and anxiety, are less strongly tied to low testosterone levels.

Most experts do not believe that the findings in animals are analogous to what healthy men experience. While it is possible that your husband has low testosterone, and that this level may be causing a degree of irritability, it is much more likely that his behavior has a different underlying cause than loss of testosterone.

By contrast, premenstrual syndrome, where there are dramatic shifts in hormones, is clearly associated with mood swings, irritability, anxiety and depression. As the hormone changes are cyclical, so the symptoms are cyclical as well. No such cycles exist in men for testosterone.

I have certainly known many irritable males, however, and anybody can be more irritable one day compared with another. I would note that, especially in men, irritability and being easily angered can be a sign of depression, among many other possibilities.

*DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a healthy 73-year-old man who has always had a large prostate. Thirty years ago, my urologist described it more like the size of an orange rather than a walnut. Despite its size, it has never given me any problems – no UTIs, sudden urination, poor stream, waking me in the middle of the night, etc. Despite not having symptoms, about 10 years ago I was prescribed finasteride at a dose of 5 milligrams, and Rapaflo to "try to keep it in check." In 2018 I had an ultrasound done of my prostate, and it was measured at 185 grams. It was measured again recently and is now 232 grams. My PSA is always in the 3.2-3.5 range. At what point does a prostate get too large? Should I be concerned even without having any symptoms? To his credit, my urologist discussed my surgical options, along with the related side effects. I am reluctant to do anything if it's not necessary. – J.J.*

The normal prostate gland is about 20 grams, and only 4% of men will develop a prostate over 100 grams. Yours is well past that, though far short of the world record of 2,410 grams.

It is striking that the size of the prostate does not well correlate with a man's symptoms. Since you have no symptoms and a low PSA level (especially considering the size), there is no indication to do anything surgically. The risk of surgical complications is higher in men with very enlarged prostate glands, so I would certainly be cautious about considering surgery.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). (c) 2021 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

COVID-19 bill, but as Dan Lips of the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity notes, states still have tens of billions in unspent funds from last year's relief packages.

No, this is a question of political will. Biden's goal should be to exert every ounce

of influence that he has to get kids back in the classroom – for their own good and that of the country's parents.

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



**Moore Texas by Roger MOORE**  
Mesquite once had a law against "unusual haircuts"!

## 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: O equals C

ATY AN PQ OAPXFDYH  
JYQI LXXYLHI DA KY  
IDGOJGTS, KFD G OLT'D  
XFD PQ NGTSYH AT GD.

Answer Page 4

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# Sarge the landlord



by Freddy Groves

I poked my head in the coffee shop door, got waved in out of the cold and found the veterans busy at their assigned tasks. One was selling coffee at the carry-out window. One was brewing up a fresh pot. Somebody was banging around in the kitchen. One was sweeping the floor. The rest were arrayed around the room in their lawn chairs, lifting their feet as the broom came by.

Sarge got up from his spot at the counter, cocked a finger at me and led the way around the corner to a dark, narrow staircase. "You're the only one of the bunch who can climb these," he said.

At the top of the stairs was... nothing. Just a large attic space.

"I've decided," he said, flipping on a light, "to turn this into a dormitory for six. What

do you think?"

I paced off the space. "Depends who's going to live here," I said.

He looked surprised that I didn't know. "Well, homeless veterans," he replied. "There's a good half dozen in town who avoid government like the plague. They could live up here once it's finished off, stay warm, if we can keep off the town's radar."

I asked a bunch of questions, and clearly Sarge had thought it through.

"They avoid the shelter because they get kicked out at seven in the morning, druggies steal their belongings and start fights. Here they could hang out, fix meals downstairs. Maybe get a couple of them started on jobs around town. They'd sign a lease with me, pay rent, 10 dollars a week, no excuses. No drugs, no women. I'd put in a computer and internet. What do you think?"

I paced off the space again, imagining a completed room.

"What I think," I replied, "is that this is the best idea I've

heard in a long, long time."

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- Save and thoroughly clean foam egg cartons for kids' paint palettes. The wells keep colors contained, and the flat space on the lid side is great for resting brushes. They are easy to rinse off and just as easy to recycle if you are done with them.

- To help insulate your home to prevent heat loss, build up a mound of snow about 3 feet high at the foundation. Snow is a terrific insulator! – E.S. in Michigan

- When topping a pie with meringue, make sure that it touches all the edges of the pie crust. Otherwise it will shrink.

- Wrinkled ribbons? You can use your curling iron or flat iron to give the satin a quick freshening up.

- "You can use a little bit of cooking oil to remove the last bits of sticker adhesive from a glass picture frame. Remove as much of the paper sticker as possible, then dab the spot with oil on a paper towel. Rub off. When all the adhesive is removed, use glass cleaner." – R.H. in South Carolina

- Whenever I am baking and the recipe calls for, say, 1 cup of honey (or some other sticky substance), I used to pour the honey into the measuring cup but then have a hard time getting all the honey back out of the cup and into the mixing bowl. Now I rinse the measuring cup with water right before measuring, or spray with nonstick cooking spray. It slides right out!

- Got stale bread? If it's not too stale, you can try to bring it back in the oven. Set on a low heat alongside – but not in – a pan with water. If it's too far gone, you can always cut it up into cubes and make it croutons, or toast and grind into breadcrumbs. No waste!

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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: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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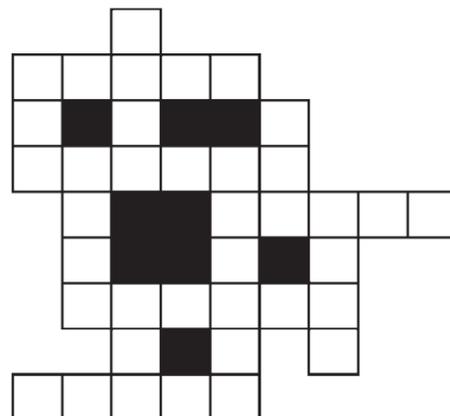
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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