



NEWSBRIEFS

Work from home

With 20% of all professional jobs now being remote, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on the *Best States for Working from Home*, as well as accompanying video and audio files, in order to highlight which areas are thriving and which are struggling in this pandemic economy. To identify which states are most conducive to working from home, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 12 key metrics. The data set ranges from the share of workers working from home to internet cost and cybersecurity. We also considered factors like how large and how crowded homes are in the state. Together, these metrics show how feasible working from home is in terms of cost, comfort and safety. Texas was rated 7th in the report. Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-working-from-home/72801> for the full report.

— Diana Polk

Home sweet home

New York City is known for its lavishly roomy apartments for those with enough bucks to afford one. If not, there are plenty of affordable, but not so roomy, flats like the 100 square foot apartment that Axel Webber calls home. In fact, Webber boasts that it just might be the “smallest apartment” in all of the Big Apple. It’s cramped, to say the least. But it’s also relatively inexpensive, by New York City standards, at \$1,200 a month. He posted a video tour of his accommodations on social media recently and so far it has been viewed more than 20 million times.

— John Grimaldi

Another fish story

We all know what to do when it’s raining cats and dogs. You open your umbrella. But, what do you do when it’s raining fish? You’ll have to ask the residents of Texarkana, TX what they did when the raindrops during a recent storm were mixed in with a lot of small fish falling from the sky. The city posted this explanation on social media: “Animal rain is a phenomenon that occurs when small water animals like frogs, crabs, and small fish are swept up in waterspouts or drafts that occur on the surface of the earth. They are then rained down at the same time as the rain.”

— John Grimaldi

All the safety devices on a car can be replaced by careful, courteous and attentive drivers.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photos courtesy of El Paso Live

CAN YOU DANCE? – The Viva! El Paso performance portrays over 400 years of El Paso history. There have been two versions of the musical play. It was updated with a new script and music in 2016. Viva! El Paso will hold auditions for singers, actors and dancers for its 2022 season on April 23 at the Hotel Paso del Norte in downtown El Paso.

Viva! El Paso seeks performers for summer season

Show celebrates more than 400 years of local history

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Viva! El Paso, a musical presentation that highlights El Paso del Norte’s past, returns for its forty-fourth year this summer. Performances have already been scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays, beginning July 1 through August 6, at the McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre. But before the show can go on, local talent is needed.

A recent announcement by production officials stated that an official team is currently scouting for local talent to star in the highly anticipated performances. Individuals with interests in acting, singing, and dancing are invited to an open audition slated from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at the Hotel Paso Del Norte in downtown El Paso.

The outdoor musical performance in the uniquely rock-carved amphitheater at the foothills of the Franklin Mountains, has become an annual celebration of this region’s heritage through dance, drama,

stories, and songs. The original play, which was created by Hector Serrano, was first performed in 1978 and was produced by the Los Pobres Bilingual Theatre Repertory Company.

About the show’s initial success, Serrano commented that Viva! El Paso was the greatest challenge of his lifetime. “Paying homage to the Great American Southwest, providing local talent an opportunity to shine, developing a creative, entertaining, and a highly cultural production... such is the stuff this show is made of, and just like dreams, it does come true, every summer. I hope you enjoy it again, and again, and again,” he asserted in a news article.

In 2014, however, the show went on hiatus because there was not enough funding to support the play. Then in 2016, Marty Martin, an award-winning author, wrote a new script and helped form a revitalized production team. The new version is produced through a partnership with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), El Paso Live, El Paso Community Foundation (EPCF), and El Paso Community College (EPCC).

The present-day script includes additional musical and dance scenes and streamlines the original script, related Cody Ritchey, the show’s artistic director. He stated in a recent press release that the updated version is also more character-driven than the original, with the focus on two lovers who move through history and time



A NIGHT OUT – Viva! El Paso fans have been enjoying the show almost continually since 1978. The borderland tradition returns for its 44th year this summer. The outdoor performances will be held Fridays and Saturdays, beginning July 1, running through August 6 in the McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre.

It's the inflation, stupid

Joe Biden is engaged in the most extensive test of whether an American president can survive elevated levels of inflation since Jimmy Carter, and it's not going well.

[A recent] NBC News poll has Biden at a dismal 40% approval rating that, if it doesn't change, will end the careers of Democrats up and down the ballot in November's midterm elections.

According to the poll, only a third of people approve of Biden's handling of the economy, a low that most presidents have needed a recession to hit. This number has sunk steadily – along with Biden's overall standing – from 52% in April of last year.

Inflation, which increased 7.9% from February 2021 to February 2022, is top of mind for voters. In the survey, 35% of people said cost of living is the first or second most important issue to the country. Climate change, in contrast, is at 17% and the pandemic at 8%. Given the choice, 68% would rather see Biden make reducing inflation and improving the economy his top

priority, not the war in Ukraine.

Elevated inflation represents a trifecta of doom for incumbent presidents.

Does it impact the lives of people in a discernible way that they will notice no matter what the president says or the media covers? Yes.

Does it cut the pay of workers unless there are steep increases in wages? Yes.

Does it make the president seem powerless to control events? Yes.

It was a common question in the media a while ago why people felt badly about a good economy? Paul Krugman wrote column last year, "The Making of a Feel-Bad Boom." The question, though, was miscast. An economy where wages are effectively falling is not a good economy, at least it isn't going to be felt by most people as such.

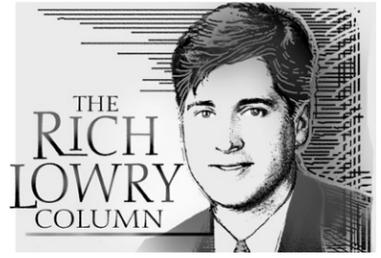
Even though wages grew by a robust 5.1% year-over-year this February, that wasn't enough to keep up with rising prices. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics,

real average hourly earnings declined 2.6% from February 2021-2022. During that 12-month period, the month-to-month change in real hourly wages was only positive in two months.

This is presumably why the NBC poll found that 62% say that their family income is falling behind, 31% say that it is staying about even, and just 6% believe it is going up faster.

Biden could combine the political talents of FDR and Reagan, the oratorical skills of Lincoln and JFK, and the common touch of Jackson and Truman, and this sense of falling behind would still be eating away at the foundations of his presidency.

Biden's default has been to reassure the public that inflation is only transitory, to place it in the context of



See LOWRY, Page 7

Food for thought By John Grimaldi

Isolated seniors need companionship

It is tempting to start thinking that the covid pandemic will soon be a bad memory. Surely, among the older population there is a particular desire to put an end to the social isolation. They are among those who were – and

still are – particularly impacted by the loneliness of the disease, not to mention that seniors are among the most likely to succumb to infection.

"Whether the pandemic will soon be over or not, is unknown at this point, bearing in mind that new variants can emerge at any moment as we have learned over the past two years. What we do know is that it has

disrupted the lives of the most vulnerable among us. Prior to the outbreak of the disease in March of 2020, too large a percentage of the over-60 set were already living alone," says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). "The pandemic sentenced an even greater number of seniors to solitary confinement."

How bad is it? The National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine reports that, "Social isolation and loneliness are serious yet under-appreciated public health risks that affect a significant portion of the older adult population. Approximately one-quarter of community-dwelling Americans aged 65 and older are considered to be socially isolated, and a significant proportion of adults in the United States report feeling lonely. People who are 50 years of age or older are more likely to experience many of the risk factors that can cause or exacerbate social isolation or loneliness, such as living alone, the loss of family or friends, chronic illness, and sensory impairments. Over a life course, social isolation and loneliness may be episodic or chronic, depending upon an individual's circumstances and perceptions."

Obviously, covid-19 has made isolation a chronic side effect for senior citizens. However, according to Dr. Ashwin Kotwal, a geriatrics specialist who teaches at the University of California, San Francisco, says that in the pre-pandemic era people – particularly the elderly – were reluctant to admit they were lonely. It was a sensitive topic, he says suggesting that the pandemic appears to have "normalized" discussions about loneliness.

"This is a good thing," according to AMAC's CEO Weber. "We know, of course, that isolation has a serious impact on mental health, especially among the elderly. But it also can have a negative effect on their physical health. The World Health Organization compares the effect of social isolation and loneliness on mortality to such risk factors as smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity."

Weber says that prior to covid we didn't pay much attention to seniors who lived alone. The pandemic revealed the negative mental and physical impact of isolation. "You don't need a medical degree to help them," she says. "There is a lot that friends and family can do to alleviate the isolated conditions of seniors they know and even elderly individuals they don't know. Many of us are already checking in on relatives and neighbors on a regular basis, chatting with them, engaging them and giving them the opportunity to interact with another human being on a regular basis. What we need now is more guardian angels."

The Association of Mature American Citizens (http://www.amac.us) is a senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today.



EL PASO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Public Notice Salvage Sale

A sealed bid auction will be held for items to be sold consisting of used water heaters, refrigerators, ranges and other miscellaneous items. All payments must be made in the form of money order or cashier's check. All items will be sold "as is". Items are sold in lots, no exceptions. Winning bidders will have until end of day to pick up items.

Rules, procedures and terms of the sale will be provided upon arrival. The El Paso County Housing Authority makes no written or implied warranties of the items.

Date, Time and Location:
Thursday, April 21, 2021
8:30 A.M. to Noon
1101 Yann Road
Fabens, TX 79838

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:
Call the office at (915) 764-3559.
WTCC: 04-14-22



WEST TEXAS COUNTY COURIER

1973 49 Years 2022

SERVING ANTHONY, VINTON, CANTILLO, EAST MONTANA, HORIZON, SOCORRO, CLINT, FABENS, SAN ELIZABO AND TORNILLO

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

COPYRIGHT:
Entire contents © 2022 Homesteader News, Inc. Individual authors retain all rights. Pictures, drawings and written material appearing in the West Texas County Courier may not be used or reproduced without written permission of Homesteader News, Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
Letters must not be more than 250 words in length. They should be dated, must be signed and have an address and daytime phone number. Only the name and city will be printed with the letter. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right to edit or reject letters to the editor or other submitted material it considers inappropriate.

AD DEADLINE:
Friday 4 p.m. for the next Thursday.

CLASSIFIED RATES
\$15 for 25 words, \$20 for 40 words. Ad must be in writing and pre-paid. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

DISPLAY RATES:
Open rate – \$30 per column inch. Call for more information or to set an appointment. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS:
Minimum 50 issues for \$50. Delivery via 1st class mail.

MAIL:
15344 Werling Ct.
Horizon City, TX 79928



Phone: 852-3235

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

Publisher
Rick Shrum

Contributors
Alfredo Vasquez
Steve Escajeda

Homesteader
Est. 1973
News, Inc.

Archives: www.wtxcc.com

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

P	A	L	M					
A	I							
T	D	A	T	U	M			
H					R			
M	O	B			P	I	M	P
S	I	M	I	A	N			
D		S	P	A	T	E		
E		L	L					
T	E							

S	A	L	A	D		D	I	A	L	O	G		D	N	A	T	E	S	T	S	
A	M	A	N	A		E	L	N	I	N	O		R	I	G	H	T	N	O	W	
D	A	I	S	Y	F	U	E	N	T	E	S		S	T	A	Y	H	E	R	E	
E	N	R	O	B	E	S		B	S	A			M	I	A	T	A				
P	L	O		N	O	R		H	Y	A	C	I	N	T	H	B	U	C	K	E	T
R	O	S	E	K	E	N	N	E	D												
O	U	T	A																		
T	I	E	U	P																	
I	S	E																			
P	A	N	S	Y	Y	O	K	U	M												
P	A	N	S	Y	Y	O	K	U	M												
S	T	O	P	A																	
P	O	P	P	Y	Z	B	R	I	T	E											
A	R	T	Y																		
P	E	T	U	N	I	A	D	U	R	S	L	E	Y								
L	L	A	N	O																	
A	S	P	I	R	E	T	O														
N	E	A	T	E	N	E	D														
A	S	S	E	R	T	E	D														
A	S	S	E	R	T	E	D														

CryptoQuip Answer

Doctor living at a tent-filled resort to treat visitors' afflictions: a camp-pain manager.

4	÷	1	+	8	12
+		×		÷	
6	-	3	×	4	12
÷		+		+	
5	+	7	-	9	3
2		10		11	

View from here By Elizabeth Lee Vliet, M.D.

Whistleblower exposes massive Army command violations on vaccine mandates

The order to all Army commanders regarding COVID vaccines is clear, but all commanders are in violation of Army regulations issued in the September 14, 2021, Fragmentary Order (FRAGO) number 5 to the Headquarters Department of the Army COVID Operation Order that states: "Commanders will ensure sufficient doses of Department of Defense approved vaccines are on hand and available for their unit."

That requirement has not changed. Commanders are still ordered to check and ensure that "approved" vaccines are on hand

To date, however, there are no FDA-approved fully licensed vaccines available to the military on any military installation

in the US or overseas.

Furthermore, the Secretary of Defense himself told every servicemember in his Aug 24, 2021, memo that the only vaccines for use will "receive full licensure from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in accordance with FDA-approved labeling and guidance."

Yet even now in 2022, service members are still being punished for refusing vaccines that are not FDA-approved, but only available under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

Army Command Policy is outlined in Army Regulation 600-20. This regulation is backed by U.S. law and details the many aspects on how commanders in the Army must run their command. Chapter 1 reads:

"Requirement of exemplary conduct (Section 7233, Title 10, U.S. Code). All commanding officers and others in authority in the Army are required... to take all necessary and proper measures, under the laws, regulations, and customs of the Army to promote and safeguard the moral the physical well-being, and the general welfare of the officers and enlisted persons under their command or charge."

In a recent interview with an Army officer, who must remain anonymous due to threats of persecution, arrest, and court-martial, I was shocked to learn of the massive violations of military regulations regarding the Department of Defense mandate for all service members to receive the COVID shots, a clear

departure from safeguarding the general welfare of those under their command.

A "military crime" is a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Different types of violations are separated into "articles." Article 92, "Failure to obey order or regulation," occurs when a servicemember fails to follow an order or breaks one of the many rules and requirements set forth in the service's regulations.

There is currently a flagrant double standard taking place in the military across all branches. Service members are accused of Article 92 violations if they refuse the experimental COVID shot. Yet military

See WHISTLEBLOWER, Page 6

Viva!

From Page 1

starting with indigenous settlers to the more present day. The musical arrangements were done by Ritchey and Jim Ward, an accomplished musician.

Individuals interested in being part of this historic production will have the opportunity to show off their singing, dancing, and reading skills during the upcoming auditions. The try-outs are open to performers 16 years of age or older and live in the El Paso region; and there is no fee to audition.

For the casting call, actors will be asked to perform a short monologue of their choice; singers should prepare a song and bring music accompaniment (sheet music, flash drive, or cell phone recording); dancers will learn a

choreographed routine and should wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

To audition, persons must have a photo ID and Social Security card and provide a portrait-style headshot. Resumes should include past performance/production work including school information and work history. Persons selected to perform will be paid a stipend.

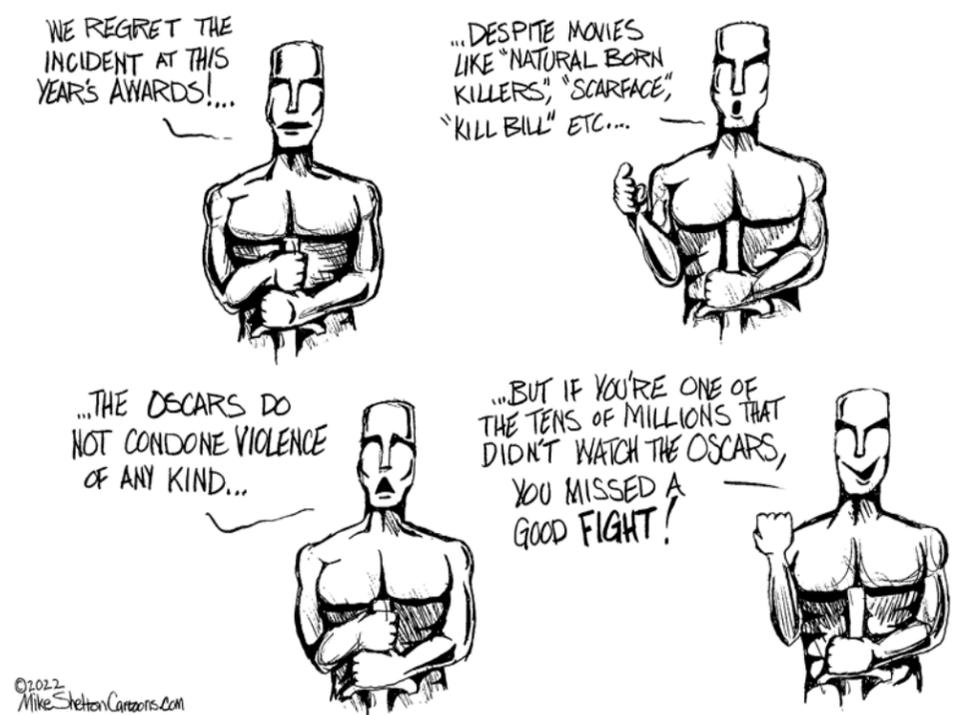
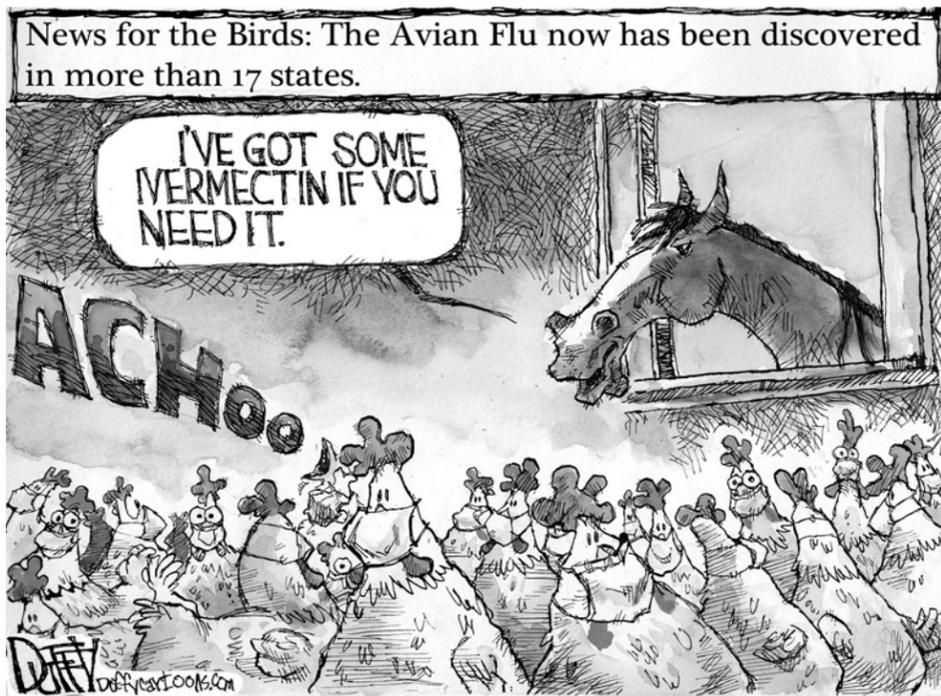
Viva! El Paso performances will begin at 8

"Through the years Viva! El Paso has not only entertained and captivated audiences from El Paso and the surrounding region, but has thrilled visitors and newcomers to the area as well. Many of El Paso's finest performing artists have spent summers as ensemble members, directors, designers, choreographers, and technical crew. Viva! El Paso continues to grow and change each year. ... The secret to its success is that the performances offer entertainment for the whole family."

- Hector Serrano, creator of VIVA! El Paso

Viva! El Paso ticket information will be announced soon. Call (915) 276-5681 for more information about the April 23 auditions.

p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, July 1 through August 6, in McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre. The presentation is sponsored by nonprofit organizations including El Paso International & Cultural Arts, the El Paso Community Foundation, and El Paso Live.





By Lucie Winborne

• Agree with those diehard fans of Pluto who still insist it's a planet? So does New Mexico. Its legislature resolved that Pluto is still legally a planet... at least whenever it passes over the state.

• During a time of political turmoil, Michelangelo hid in a secret room under Florence's Medici Chapel for three months, passing the time by

sketching on the walls. His secret wasn't discovered until some five centuries later, when the museum director stumbled upon the room in 1976.

• Honorary members of the Harlem Globetrotters include Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis.

• It was noted 20th-century American humorist and journalist Don Marquis who made the following sage observation: "Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday."

• There's a Google map for Mercury, Venus, Earth's moon,

Mars, Pluto, three out of four of Jupiter's moons, and all but one of the round Saturnian moons.

• The Mexican language Ayapaneco, or more properly, Nuumte Oote ("the true voice"), is dying out, and small wonder: Its only fluent speakers number a grand total of two, and they refuse to talk to each other!

• A paired kidney exchange allows people to donate their kidney that wasn't a match for an intended recipient to a stranger in exchange for a kidney that is a match for their loved one.

• In 2010 a San Diego Chipotle customer in a wheelchair successfully sued the restaurant chain with the claim that their tall order counter denied him the full "Chipotle experience" – like watching his order being assembled.

• Sand is the most extracted material in the world.

• Actor Joe Pesci was a singer and guitar player in his early 20s and once played in the same band (called Joey Dee and the Starlitters) as Jimi Hendrix.

• Juan Ponce de Leon brought cattle when he landed at

Charlotte Harbor in 1521, his second trip to La Florida. When he came under attack, four of his heifers and a bull fled into the scrub, thus introducing cows to America.

• Despite their humps, camels have straight spines.

• If all the stars in the Milky Way were grains of salt, they'd fill an Olympic-size swimming pool

Thought for the Day: "Change your thoughts and you change your world."

– Norman Vincent Peale

(c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.



Moments in time THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On April 11, 1921, KDKA in Pittsburgh broadcasts the first live sporting event on the radio, a boxing match. Radio had been used primarily for two-way communication, but KDKA became the first licensed radio station in 1920. Months later the first Major League Baseball game was broadcast.

• On April 12, 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt dies of a cerebral

hemorrhage at his home in Warm Springs, Georgia. The only man to be elected to four terms as president, Roosevelt is remembered for his New Deal social policies.

• On April 13, 1978, opening day at Yankee Stadium, the New York Yankees give away thousands of Reggie! candy bars to fans, who toss them onto the field after star outfielder Reggie Jackson homers in his first at-bat.

• On April 14, 1912, just before midnight in the North Atlantic, the RMS Titanic fails to divert its course from an iceberg, ruptures its hull, and begins to

sink. The Titanic's hull was divided into 16 presumed watertight compartments, and the ocean liner was considered unsinkable.

• On April 15, 1967, a massive parade to protest Vietnam War policy is held in New York. Police estimated that 100,000 to 125,000 people listened to speeches by Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. Benjamin Spock. Prior to the march, youth burned nearly 200 draft cards in Central Park.

• On April 16, 1897, Frederick William Winterbotham, one of Britain's top code breakers, is born. Winterbotham would

play a decisive role in the World War II Ultra code-breaking project, enabling MI-6 to intercept top secret messages transmitted to and between German armed forces.

• On April 17, 1882, several copies of Sheriff Pat Garrett's wildly inauthentic, fictionalized biography, "An Authentic Life of Billy the Kid," arrive at the Library of Congress. The first full, realistic biography of William Bonney (the Kid's principal alias) was not published until 1989.

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

To Advertise Call 852-3235 • Archives: www.wtxcc.com

Notice of Election – Town of Anthony, TX • Aviso de Elección – Pueblo de Anthony, TX

To the registered voters of Town of Anthony, TX:

A los votantes registrados del pueblo de Anthony, TX:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2022 for voting in a General Election, to elect three (3) Aldermen to the Town of Anthony, TX Council: Places 3, 4 and 5 (all places are two (2) year terms).

Notifíquese, por las presente, que la casilla electoral citada abajo se abrirá desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde, el sábado, 7 de mayo de 2022 para votar en la Elección General para elegir tres (3) Miembros del Concilio del Pueblo de Anthony, TX: Lugares 3, 4 y 5 (todos lugares son por un periodo de dos (2) años).

ELECTION DAY May 7, 2022 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

The El Paso County Vote Center in Town of Anthony, TX on Election Day is: Anthony Town Hall 401 Wildcat Dr.

DIA de ELECCION 7 de mayo el 2022 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

El Centro de Votación del Condado de El Paso en Pueblo de Anthony, TX el Día de Elecciones es:

Anthony Town Hall 401 Wildcat Dr.

ELECTION DAY May 7, 2022 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 7 de mayo el 2022 La Corte de El Condado del Condado de El Paso estará 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:

Anthony Town Hall 401 Wildcat Dr. - 79821

El Paso County Northwest Annex 435 E. Vinton Rd. - 79821

Canutillo Middle School 7311 Bosque Rd. - 79835

Canutillo Elementary 651 Canutillo Ave. - 79835

Clint ISD Early College Academy 13100 Alameda Ave. - 79836

Rio Valle Woman's Club 521 Mike Maros St. - 79838

San Elizario Fire Rescue 1415 San Antonio St. - 79849

W.E. Neill Community Center 19210 Cobb Ave. - 79853

El Paso County Courthouse 500 E. San Antonio Ave. - 79901

South El Paso Senior Citizens Center 600 S. Ochoa St. - 79901

El Paso Community College Rio Grande Campus 906 El Paso St. - 79902

Fire Station #3 721 E. Rio Grande Ave. - 79902

Lamar Elementary School 1440 E. Cliff Dr. - 79902

Mesita Elementary School 3307 N. Stanton St. - 79902

El Paso Tennis Club 2510 N. St. Vrain St. - 79902

UTEP - Mike Loya Academic Services Building 601 W. Schuster Ave. - 79968

Fire Station #7 3200 Pershing Dr. - 79903

Safety and Health Outreach Center 5415 Trowbridge Dr. - 79903

Magoffin Middle School 4931 Hercules Ave. - 79904

Nations Tobin Sports Center 8831 Railroad Dr. - 79904

Logan Elementary School 3200 Ellerthorpe Ave. - 79904

Park Elementary School 3601 Edgar Park Ave. - 79904

Fire Station #16 3828 Hercules Ave. - 79904

Bowie High School 801 S. San Marcial St. - 79905

El Paso County Coliseum 4100 E. Paisano Dr. - 79905

Hawkins Elementary School 5816 Stephenson Ave. - 79905

Clardy Elementary School 5508 Delta Dr. - 79905

Mesa Vista Elementary School 8032 Alamo Ave. - 79907

Loma Terrace Elementary School 8200 Ryland Dr. - 79907

YWCA - Lower Valley 115 Davis Dr. - 79907

Ysleta Community Learning Center 121 Padres Dr. - 79907

Lancaster Elementary School 9230 Elgin Dr. - 79907

Alicia R. Chacon International School (Formerly LeBarron Park Elementary School) 920 Burgundy Dr. - 79907

Congressman Silvestre & Carolina Reyes School 7440 Northern Pass Dr. - 79911

Sunland Park Mall 750 Sunland Park Dr. - 79912

Brown Middle School 7820 Helen of Troy Dr. - 79912

Medano Heights 7801 Medano Dr. - 79912

Tippin Elementary School 6541 Bear Ridge Dr. - 79912

Fire Station #27 6767 Ojo De Agua Dr. - 79912

Rosa Guerrero Elementary School 7530 Lakehurst Rd. - 79912

YWCA - West 313 Bartlett Dr. - 79912

Carlos Rivera Elementary School 6445 Escondido Dr. - 79912

Western Hills U.M.C. - Stewart Family Life Center A 524 Thunderbird Dr. - 79912

Dr. Green Elementary School 5430 Buckley Dr. - 79912

Putnam Elementary School 6508 Fiesta Dr. - 79912

Polk Elementary School 940 Belvidere St. - 79912

El Paso Community College Valle Verde 919 Hunter Dr. - 79915

Del Norte Heights Elementary 1800 Winslow Rd. - 79915

Ascarate Elementary School 7090 Alameda Ave. - 79915

Riverside High School 301 Midway Dr. - 79915

Ysleta Pre-K Center 7940 Craddock Ave. - 79915

Bel Air Middle School 7909 Ranchland Dr. - 79915

Officer David Ortiz Recreation Center 563 N. Carolina Dr. - 79915

Transition To Life Career Center 7988 Alameda Ave. - 79915

Fire Station #15 115 Shorty Ln. - 79922

Zach White Elementary School 4256 Roxbury Dr. - 79922

Desertaire Elementary School 6301 Tiger Eye Dr. - 79924

Bowling Family YMCA 5509 Will Ruth Ave. - 79924

Dr. Joseph E. Torres Elementary School (Formerly Bradley Elementary School) 10700 Rushing Rd. - 79924

H.E. Charles Middle 4909 Trojan Dr. - 79924

Arlington Park Shelter 10350 Pasadena Cir. - 79924

Newman Elementary School 10275 Alcan St. - 79924

Parkland High School 5932 Quail Ave. - 79924

Whitaker Elementary School 4700 Rutherford Dr. - 79924

Coach Archie Duran Elementary School (Formerly Dowell Elementary School) 5249 Bastille Ave. - 79924

Fire Station #20 8301 Edgemere Blvd. - 79925

Cielo Vista Elementary School 9000 Basil Ct. - 79925

Edgemere Elementary School 10300 Edgemere Blvd. - 79925

Eastpoint Elementary School 2400 Zanzibar Rd. - 79925

Eastwood High School 2430 McRae Blvd. - 79925

YISD Central Office 9600 Sims Dr. - 79925

Eastwood Heights Elementary School 10530 Janway Dr. - 79925

Gary Del Palacio Recreation Center 3001 Parkwood St. - 79925

Ross Middle School 6101 Hughey Cir. - 79925

Bassett Place 6101 Gateway West - 79925 Western Technical College 9624 Plaza Cir. - 79927

El Paso Community College Mission Del Paso 10700 Gateway Blvd E. - 79927

H.D. Hilley Elementary School 693 N. Rio. Vista Rd. - 79927

Chayo Apodaca Community Center 341 N. Moon Rd. - 79927

Robert R. Rojas Elementary School 500 Bauman Rd. - 79927

Escontrias Elementary School 205 Buford Rd. - 79927

Campestre Elementary School 11399 Socorro Rd. - 79927

KEYS Academy 12380 Pine Springs Dr. - 79928

Desert Hills Elementary School 300 N. Kenazo Dr. - 79928

Desert Wind K-8 School 1100 Colina De Paz Dr. - 79928

Horizon Heights Elementary School 13601 Rydenwood Ave. - 79928

Dr. Sue A Shook Elementary School 13777 Paseo Del Este Blvd. - 79928

Eastlake High School 13000 Emerald Pass Ave. - 79928

El Paso Self-Help Center 1800 Leroy Bonse Dr. - 79936

Carroll T. Welch Elementary School 14510 Mc Mahon Ave. - 79928

Center for Career and Technology Education 1170 N. Walnut St. - 79930

Travis Elementary School 5000 N. Stevens St. - 79930

Paul C. Moreno Elementary School 2300 San Diego Ave. - 79930

Memorial Park Senior Citizen Center 1800 Byron St. - 79930

Austin High School 3500 Memphis Ave. - 79930

Fire Station #2 111 E. Borderland Rd. - 79932

Community Connections Center 5300 Warriors Dr. - 79932

Dr. Nixon Elementary School 11141 Loma Roja Dr. - 79934

Fred & Maria Loya Family YMCA 2044 Trawood Dr. - 79935

Pebble Hills Elementary School 11145 Edgemere Blvd. - 79936

El Paso County Eastside Annex 2350 George Dieter Dr. - 79936

Hanks High School 2001 Lee Trevino Dr. - 79936

Tierra Del Sol Elementary School 1832 Tommy Aaron Dr. - 79936

Hanks Middle School (Formerly Desert View Middle School) 1641 Billie Marie Dr. - 79936

ESC Region 19 Head Start Multipurpose Center 11670 Chito Samaniego Dr. - 79936

Jane Hambrick K-8 School 3535 Nolan Richardson Dr. - 79936

Bill Sybert K-8 School 11530 Edgemere Blvd. - 79936

Benito Martinez Elementary School 2640 Robert Wynn St. - 79936

Helen Bal Elementary School 1950 Firehouse Dr. - 79936

O'Shea Keleher Elementary School 1800 Leroy Bonse Dr. - 79936

Marty Robbins Recreation Center 11620 Vista Del Sol Dr. - 79936

Sierra Vista Elementary School 1501 Bob Hope Dr. - 79936

Hurshel Antwine Elementary School 3830 Rich Beem Blvd. - 79938

Esperanza Acosta Moreno Library 12480 Pebble Hills Blvd. - 79938

Lujan-Chavez Elementary School 2200 Sun Country Dr. - 79938

Pebble Hills High School 14400 Pebble Hills Blvd. - 79938

Red Sands Elementary School 4250 O'Shea Rd. - 79938

Montana Vista Elementary School 3550 Mark Jason Dr. - 79938

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:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

The County of El Paso

Electons 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 Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el martes, 26 de abril 2022.

Issued this 1st day of April of 2022.

Emtida esta 1 día de abril de 2022.

Valerie M. Armendariz 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 HABLES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES PARA VOTACION ANTICIPADA:

April 25, 2022 - May 3, 2022

1. El Paso County Courthouse 500 E. San Antonio Ave. - 79901 Monday, Apr. 25 - Friday, Apr. 29 - 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 30 - 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, May - 1 CLOSED Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3 - 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

2. Anthony Town Hall 401 Wildcat Dr. - 79821 Monday, Apr. 25 - Friday, Apr. 29 - 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 30 - 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, May - 1 CLOSED Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3 - 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

3. Arlington Park Shelter 10350 Pasadena Cir. - 79924 Monday, Apr. 25 - Friday, Apr. 29 - 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 30 - 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, May - 1 CLOSED Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3 - 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

4. Bassett Place 6101 Gateway West - 79925 Monday, Apr. 25 - Friday, Apr. 29 - 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 30 - 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, May - 1 CLOSED

5. Bowling Family YMCA 5509 Will Ruth Ave. - 79924 Monday, Apr. 25 - Friday, Apr. 29 - 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 30 - 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, May - 1 CLOSED Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3 - 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

6. Canutillo ISD Administration Facility 7965 Artcraft Rd. - 79932 Monday, Apr. 25 - Friday, Apr. 29 - 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 30 - 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, May - 1 CLOSED Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3 - 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

7. Chayo Apodaca Community Center 341 N. Moon Rd. - 79927 Monday, Apr. 25 - Friday, Apr. 29 - 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 30 - 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, May - 1 CLOSED Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3 - 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

8. Clint ISD Early College Academy 13100 Alameda Ave. - 79836 Monday,

Golding has to go and recruit a whole new team

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The first year of coach Joe Golding was much better-than-expected, turning a .500 team from a year ago, into a 20-game winner. He also lifted the credibility of the UTEP program by making them competitive again in Conference USA.

And though the success the Miners had this past season was somewhat surprising, what's been happening since the season ended, is not as surprising.

Once again, UTEP is saying goodbye to a multitude of players via the dreaded transfer portal.

As of last weekend, no less than nine players have already said adios to the program, and hola to what they hope are better situations elsewhere.

So far, Jamal Bieniemy, Souley Boum, Tydus Verhoeven, Bonke Maring, Kezza

Giffa, Christian Agnew, Jorell Saterfield, Emmanuel White and Cam Clardy have left the Miners.

That means that Golding will have to replace almost the entire team.

Don't forget that the school is still waiting to see whether starting guard Keonte Kennedy makes it 10 Miners.

It's hard to figure out this whole new way that college sports are being run. It used to be that a player chose a college and stayed there until he graduated. Or for those occasional megastars, they'd stay until they decided to turn pro.

But now it doesn't matter whether you play for New Mexico State, UTEP or UCLA, Duke, Notre Dame, Kansas or Kentucky, players are leaving to find the better fit for them.

And why are they transferring? Maybe a player isn't getting enough playing time, or maybe he isn't totally compatible with the coaching staff, or maybe another

program is offering him way more money than he's making at his current school.

The days of a top-ranked player choosing a college because they've always wanted to go there are long over. Because players are allowed to make money off of their name, images or likeness, they are (understandably) choosing colleges that offer them the biggest bucks.

There are actually college athletes right now who are making more money than some pros in the same sport.

I'm not saying that all the UTEP transfers are leaving for more cash. But whatever the reason, they're leaving because they can.

And if Joe Golding thought his first year at UTEP was tough, his second season of building almost an entire team from scratch, should produce a few more gray strands on that black head of hair.

And by the way, it isn't just the men's team. The face of the UTEP women's team,

Franklin High graduate Katia Gallegos, recently entered the transfer portal. After earning All-Conference USA honors for the second time, Gallegos decided that leaving UTEP and possibly being picked up by a bigger college, a more prestigious university, would lead to bigger things for her.

And can anyone blame her? If we received a call from a business that offered us four times what we're making now, how many of us would remain loyal to our current job?

The problem isn't the students or the coaches or the universities. It's the NCAA system.

Over the years, the system has gone from a student-first, athlete-second partnership – to an athlete-first, student-second affiliation – to an athlete-only business.

Now that business organizations can pay athletes for advertising and promotions, colleges are recruiting potential business partners as much as they are recruiting athletes.

So now that college athletics has turned into a financial free-for-all, we're going to see this student coming and going after every basketball and football season.

One of the reasons basketball and football attendance all over the country keeps getting smaller and smaller is that it's getting harder for fans to relate to teams that keep changing.

There is no connection to players. The players have no connection to the school or the city.

The NCAA agrees that they still have to work out the kinks of this new transfer rule. Boy, isn't that the understatement of the year.

It's sad watching attendance at UTEP basketball games go from 12,000 down to about 4,000. But that's the new world of college sports.

I guess a lot of the fans are saying, "If the players don't care, then why should we?"

I'd like to ask Joe Golding what he thinks, but he's probably a little busy right now.

Whistleblower

From Page 3

commanders at every level are guilty of Article 92 violations by ordering those under their command to take an experimental EUA product, which is the only type of "COVID vaccine" currently available on any military installation.

In the Army, the violations are even more egregious than in other service branches because of the FRAGO number 5 order to commanders to ensure that the vaccines for their troops were FDA-approved.

Army commanders do not have to do hours of deep research on label laws, FDA regulations, and biosimilarity regulations to conclude that the vaccine mandate is in fact an unlawful order. All they need to do is to read the actual wording of the easily available DoD order and check their supplies.

A simple walk to the medical centers where commanders are ordering their soldiers to receive their injection is all that has been needed to answer the question whether Comirnaty [BioNTech, Pfizer vaccine], the only FDA-approved COVID vaccine, is available. Comirnaty is not available in the United States, especially not to the military. Army medical facilities cannot even order the "approved" product since it is not even a selection in the Army medical ordering system.

By willfully, or through negligence, violating the order they were given, commanders have committed "an offense subject to trial by court-martial." They unquestioningly committed an

Article 92 offense, and they should be removed from command, investigated, and punished for the illegal acts that are affecting our service members.

Commanders have a duty to ensure that what they are forcing their members to do is in line with the order they were given. The same leaders who are supposed to lead America's sons and daughters into combat and bring them home could not apply 30 minutes of their time to ensure the accuracy and validity of the life-changing orders they were issuing to those under their command.

Command of America's sons and daughters is a sacred and important privilege. What will happen to America's volunteer military, and our national security, if America's sons and daughters who wish to serve our country cannot trust military leaders to act wisely and honorably to carry out necessary duties to protect those under their command? The American public needs to get involved and help defend our military against the abuses by their own DoD and command leaders.

Dr. Vliet is the President and CEO of Truth for Health Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity that advocates for early outpatient COVID treatment. She speaks as an independent physician, not as a spokesperson for any healthcare system, pharmaceutical company, insurance plan, or political party. Her allegiance and advocacy is to and for patients. Vliet's medical and educational websites are www.TruthForHealth.org And www.ViveLifeCenter.com

Super Crossword

BLOOMIN' HUMANS ACROSS

- 1 "Rabbit food"
- 6 Back-and-forth talk
- 12 Cold case solvers, often
- 20 Oven maker
- 21 Source of weather upheaval
- 22 This instant
- 23 MTV's first Latina video jockey
- 25 "Don't go anywhere"
- 26 Dresses up
- 27 Cubs' and Eagles' gp.
- 29 Mazda two-seater
- 30 Common conjunction
- 31 Social-climbing snob on "Keeping Up Appearances"
- 37 Gp. in the Arab League
- 40 Funny Conan
- 42 Blends to mush
- 43 35th president's mother
- 46 Banjoist Fleck
- 47 Inking
- 51 Carve _ career
- 52 Post-Q string
- 53 "The Sea, the Sea" novelist of 1978
- 56 Highway jam
- 58 Adhesive rolls
- 60 German king called "the Great"
- 61 Verb suffix in London
- 62 When Hamlet's soliloquy is recited
- 66 _ New Guinea (island nation)
- 69 Li'l Abner's mother
- 71 Friend of Lucy van Pelt and Patty
- 76 Beef up
- 77 Clout
- 79 Gold, in Peru
- 80 "You can't _ train"
- 83 Actress Dianne
- 84 Famed killer whale
- 86 "Lost Souls" novelist of 1992
- 90 Penpoint
- 93 Siberia locale
- 94 Chichi
- 95 Tehran locale
- 96 Vampiric TV housewife
- 100 Shorthand whiz, in brief
- 102 Poe's "radiant maiden"
- 103 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
- 104 Aunt of Harry Potter
- 109 DJ's platters
- 111 Level, grassy plain
- 112 Pub fixture
- 113 Ball-shaped blooms
- 117 Aim for
- 121 Hippies (and an alternate title for this puzzle)
- 125 Tidied up
- 126 Novelist Gay
- 127 Trashed stuff

- 128 Declared
- 129 Declared
- 130 Busybody

DOWN

- 1 "Smooth Operator" singer
- 2 "Walk Like _"
- 3 Woody den
- 4 Actor Williams
- 5 Diary
- 6 God, in Latin
- 7 _de-France
- 8 Actress Sheridan
- 9 Ignited
- 10 Last year before the first century
- 11 Busybody
- 12 HMO VIPs
- 13 Petty peeve
- 14 _ Khan
- 15 Lymphoid organ in the neck
- 16 Moral code
- 17 Sort not to be trusted
- 18 Eggy cake
- 19 Elbow grease
- 24 "Giant" novelist Edna
- 28 Wolf-headed Egyptian god
- 31 Inking
- 32 "_-haw!"
- 33 Common conjunction
- 34 Uno plus dos
- 35 Ship's wheel
- 36 Romeo
- 37 Bit of expert advice

- 38 Writer _ May Alcott
- 39 "Your Best Life Now" author Joel
- 41 ICU figures
- 44 Water, to Watteau
- 45 "Gadzooks!"
- 47 Dog collar attachment
- 48 Part of many an emoticon
- 49 Friendly introduction?
- 50 Sushi tuna
- 54 Keanu of the screen
- 55 Driving paths
- 57 Check-giving time at work
- 58 Fri. follows it
- 59 Arrid target
- 63 Film dancer Charisse
- 64 Wee kid
- 65 Ring victory, for short
- 66 Cooking vessels
- 67 Muhammad _
- 68 Guitar piece
- 70 Overly sweet
- 72 Suffix with journal
- 73 Celebrity tributes
- 74 Fighting forces
- 75 1983 Lionel Richie hit
- 78 Film holder
- 80 Health club
- 81 Blue Jays, on sports tickers
- 82 Decide
- 83 Triumph in the end
- 85 Keeps

- 87 Tube-shaped pasta
- 88 La _ Tar Pits
- 89 Senator Paul
- 90 Big Apple's city and state: Abbr.
- 91 "I'd say," in a text message
- 92 Coarse sack material
- 97 Unwell
- 98 Spike of films
- 99 They may cry "Uncle!"
- 100 One napping noisily
- 101 Inserted plant shoots
- 104 Main course of action
- 105 Nobody _ (mine alone)
- 106 Spanish bar appetizers
- 107 Link up
- 108 Messy impact sound
- 110 MIT business school name
- 113 Historical slave Scott
- 114 _ facto
- 115 Countertenor
- 116 Filter slowly
- 118 Strep doc
- 119 Golf prop
- 120 Singular
- 122 Ending for Motor
- 123 Soggy
- 124 Suffix with journal

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
20					21						22									
23					24						25									
26								27		28				29						
			30			31	32	33			34	35	36							
37	38	39		40		41				42										
43			44						45		46				47	48	49	50		
51					52				53	54				55						
56				57			58	59					60							
61				62	63	64	65					66	67	68						
69			70								71	72					73	74	75	
			76						77	78								79		
80	81	82							83								84	85		
86						87	88	89				90	91	92			93			
94					95					96	97	98					99			
					100					101	102							103		
104	105	106	107							108					109		110			
111																		114	115	116
117							118	119	120		121		122	123	124					
125											126									
128											129									130

Answer Page 2

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

From Page 2

global supply chain issues beyond the control of any one person, and to blame various malefactors, whether meat companies or Vladimir Putin, for surging prices. But the buck still stops with the president, even if the dollar has less purchasing power than it did a year ago.

Biden hasn't resorted to

anything as readily mockable as President Gerald Ford's "Whip Inflation Now," or WIN buttons in 1974, but is flailing around nearly as badly (inflation did, by the way, drop steeply from 1974 to 1976, but it took a recession to achieve this momentary gain).

He's mostly trying to rebrand spending initiatives he already supported as steps toward curbing costs. Regardless, the Federal Reserve has a huge role and, so far, it, like the administration,

has been slow to catch up to the new inflationary reality.

The American public has had no such luxury. For it, increased prices are a daily lived reality, and no amount of spin is going to change that. Unless conditions markedly improve soon, Biden's experiment is going to end very badly for him and his party.

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

Yellow lenses to rescue for macular degeneration

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have an elderly friend who's becoming blind from macular degeneration. After hearing of a particularly frustrating event she experienced due to vision loss, I remembered the great clarity that the yellow-lens (to reduce glare) glasses gave me, not just at night, but daytime also. So, I sent her a pair to see if it would help, as a last-ditch effort. She called me crying, it had made such a difference! She has now had her prescription eyeglasses done with the yellow (blue-canceling?) lenses. Of course, we understand that this is just a temporary help, and won't prevent the blindness from taking its course, but it has given her much better vision for a time. – I.L.B.



Age-related macular degeneration is the leading cause of vision loss in industrialized countries. It is a degeneration of the central part of the retina, called the macula, which is responsible for fine detail central vision. The underlying cause is not precisely known, and the course is progressive.

I was able to find a 2002 study that confirmed that yellow or orange lenses improved contrast sensitivity in people with early age-related macular degeneration, whereas red and gray lenses worsened it. Another study suggested that the perceived benefit (the subjective experience by the person) was enhanced, but that objective improvement in vision was not actually improved much at all.

In my opinion, perceived benefit is still worth a great deal, and since there is little effective treatment for the more common "dry" form of ARMD beyond vitamins and smoking cessation, I am publishing your letter in hopes that some people will get improvements in their vision, as your friend did, from this low-cost treatment with essentially no risk of side effects.

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

† AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION of Texas

YOUR Gift IS A WAY TO CONQUER LUNG DISEASE

Find out how you can help ...

www.texaslung.org

When you lose someone dear to you — or when a special person has a birthday, quits smoking, or has some other occasion to celebrate — memorial gifts or tribute gifts made for them to your local American Lung Association help prevent lung disease and improve the care of those who suffer from it.

1-800-LUNG-USA



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
 March 30, 1870: Texas is the LAST state to be readmitted to the Union.

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: I equals C

GJIXJA KZDZEP NX N
 XREX-QZKKRG ARVJAX XJ XARNX
 DZVZXJAV' NQQKZIXZJEV:
 N INYT-TNZE YNENPRA.

Answer Page 2

©2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

Answer Page 2

◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

© 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

Compounded drugs can be Rx for greed



by Freddy Groves

The Department of Justice nabbed a doctor who was licensed in both Texas and Oklahoma for writing drug prescriptions in exchange for kickbacks. The drugs in question were compounded, which are expensive because they are either multiple drugs mixed together, pills made into liquid or drugs made without dyes in them.

In this case, the doctor ordered the drugs after a compounding company solicited him, and paid a hefty bribe, to write prescriptions that would be filled by that company's pharmacy. Footing the bill for these pricey drugs was Medicare, TRICARE, CHAMPVA and the Federal Employees Compensation Act Program.

The doctor ran pain clinics in both states, which is a good

place to hide specialty drugs. He pleaded guilty and could face paying back \$1.5 million. However, part of his plea deal is that he serves 36 months of supervised probation, with no jail time.

One hopes that the judge doesn't accept that plea. Compounded drugs are potentially dangerous, especially when the participants aren't thinking first of patient safety.

A couple years ago, the major players in another compounding company were caught up in a deadly scheme that caused a nationwide meningitis outbreak, the biggest ever seen by a pharmaceutical drug. They cut corners, shipped in bulk without individual prescriptions, ignored patient safety, misbranded drugs, didn't await sterility test results, let mold and bacteria into their clean-room facility and created drugs with expired ingredients. Almost 800 patients across the country came down with a fungal infection after getting

injections of those drugs. Of those, over 100 patients have died.

They also tried, and failed, to hide their activities. They weren't too bright, apparently, shipping drugs to patients named Bud Weiser, Fat Albert, Samuel Adams and others.

All the participants received average prison sentences... until a federal appeals court decided that the original judge was wrong. One by one the criminals are being resentenced with extra time added on.

(c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.



- For moister and softer cookies, use honey as a substitute for a third of the sugar in your cookie recipe.

- And speaking of honey, did you know it has antibacterial properties? Yep! Try rubbing a bit of it over a small cut for faster, more natural healing.

- "Keep venetian blinds from sticking to one another and discourage dust by rubbing them down individually with a sheet of fabric softener. This effect will last at least a month, in my experience." – S.F. in Alabama

- "Have a headache? Try drinking a couple of glasses of a sports drink. This works for my friends and me. Maybe we just need to be drinking more water, but the sports drinks get us back on track more quickly than medicine most times." – E.L. in Colorado

- "This time-tested tip will keep your houseplants in the green while you're away from home: Set plants in the bathtub in an inch or less of water. If your flowerpot does not have drain holes, get a short length of cotton rope and feed it from the topsoil to the tub. This will keep plants alive and thriving for a week or more." – D.R. in Florida

- "Having a hard time cutting out soda? Try this: Every time you reach for a glass of soda, drink a full cup of water first. You will find that your thirst is sated better, and you are not as "thirsty" for that sugar water!" – F.E. in South Carolina

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

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!
 Answer Page 2

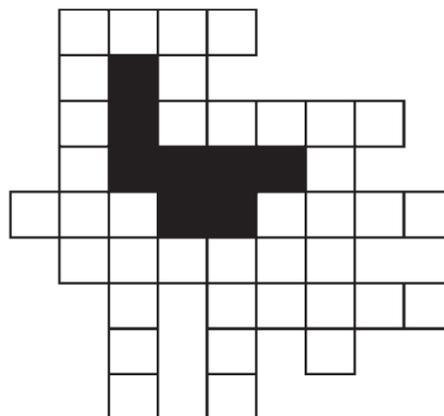
	÷		+		12
+		×		÷	
	-		×		12
÷		+		+	
	+		-		3
2		10		11	

1 3 4 4 5 6 7 8 9

©2022 King Features Syndicate, Inc.



- BMO
- ANIMIS
- TUDMA
- ♥ ELIS
- ♥ HOTSPA
- PPA
- ♥ MPLA
- ♥ EBDTI
- DIL
- AIRLUN
- ♥ APEST
- IPPM



Answer Page 2

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.

©2022 King Features Syndicate. All rights reserved.