



NEWSBRIEFS

El Dorado golf grant

The El Dorado High School golf program has been selected as one of 81 designated organizations across the nation to receive a \$10,000 grant from Make Golf Your Thing, the golf industry's diversity, inclusion, and equity campaign. The team was chosen for its efforts to increase golf participation among underrepresented populations of the sport, according to the Make Golf Your Thing news release. The El Dorado golf program is led by Jason Osborne. He said his golf program's mission is to provide the best coaching, equipment, and system possible to prepare his students to get into and compete in the best Division I universities and to provide that service at no cost to the community. "This grant From Make Golf Your Thing is just the icing on the cake to an already exceptional year. Between getting accepted into the [Professional Golfers Association Professional Golf Management] program based on my golf program which means I will be getting the best player development training in the world, to winning district, and now receiving this grant from Make Golf Your Thing which also means we will have the best equipment on the market for our players, we are well on our way to being one of the premier golf programs in the state," Osborne said. "I believe in our scholars, school, and community and to have the biggest names and organizations in the golf industry supporting us is really reassuring. El Dorado should be the target location for anyone who is serious about being the best possible golfer." Visit on Instagram Aztec_golf1 and Twitter @Aztec_GOLF for more information on the El Dorado Aztec Golf team.

— Christy Flores-Jones

Good neighbor, bad neighbor

Jill Maloney of Portsmouth, NH is a considerate neighbor who asked the folks living next door for their permission to build a treehouse for her eight-year-old son. Not a problem, they said. Jill told John Raczek to go ahead with construction, handing him a grand plan resulting in a massive 25 foot by eight foot high playhouse up a property line tree and it caused

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The good things of life were made to enjoy. Enjoying a thing means sharing it with others.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

SLIM WIN – The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled in a 5-4 decision that the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, also known as the Tiguas, can legally operate bingo-based games at their Speaking Rock Entertainment Center, above, located in El Paso County's Lower Valley.

U.S. Supreme Court rules for Tigua Tribe

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – After three decades of challenging the state of Texas over its right to offer gambling entertainment on its land, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, also known as the Tiguas, scored a major victory when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled recently in favor of the tribe's bingo-based games.

The ruling, however, doesn't allow the Tiguas to add other forms of gambling. "None of this is to say that the tribe may offer any gaming activity on whatever terms it wishes. It is only to say that the Fifth Circuit (Court of Appeals) and Texas have erred in their understanding of the Restoration Act," Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote in the majority opinion.

Gorsuch, who has extensive experience in tribal law, was joined in the decision by Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Amy Coney Barrett. Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the dissent, joined by Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Brett Kavanaugh. The high court heard the oral arguments in the case in February.

"The tribe is obviously very pleased with the vindication offered by the opinion handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States, and the fact that the court agreed with our interpretation of the Restoration Act," said Brant Martin, the Tiguas' Fort Worth-based attorney. "We look forward to continuing the litigation in the lower courts under the guidance provided by the Supreme Court."

The legal fight between Texas and the Tiguas started in the early 1990s, when the tribe tried to expand gambling on its land and the state continuously went to federal court to block those efforts.

In 2016, the tribe switched to bingo games at its Speaking Rock Entertainment Center after a court ruled its "sweepstakes" gaming was illegal. Then, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in April 2020 ruled against the Tiguas' bingo offerings, resulting in the case going to the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, a Texas district court allowed bingo games to continue at Speaking Rock while the tribe's appeals made their way through the courts.

The core issue is the 1987 Restoration Act, which was passed by Congress to extend federal recognition to two Texas tribes. That same law, however, includes a provision that prevents the Tiguas and Alabama-Coushatta, a tribe located in East Texas, from offering gambling that is prohibited in the state. They are the only tribes in the United States barred by a state government from offering gambling on their land.

From the start, the Tiguas have asserted that their games of chance at Speaking Rock Entertainment Center in El Paso's Lower Valley are based on bingo, a game that is permitted and regulated in Texas. But the state has argued that its laws prohibit the slot machine kind of bingo games offered by the tribe.

Gorsuch rejected the state's argument stating that no one questions that Texas regulates bingo by fixing the time, place, and manner in which the game may be conducted. "The State submits only that,

in some sense, its laws also 'prohibit' bingo – when the game fails to comply with the State's time, place, and manner regulations. But on that reading, the law's dichotomy between prohibition and regulation collapses," he wrote.

Todd Curry, a political science professor at the University of Texas at El Paso who researches tribal legal issues, stated recently that the Tigua ruling is another example of Gorsuch reshaping the high court's views on Indigenous law cases since his appointment in 2017.

"Tribal sovereignty wins, which is typical of Gorsuch. He only had to convince one (of the five other conservative justices), and he got Barrett. Also, it is quite clear that he thought very little of Texas' arguments," Curry said.

Ricky Sylestine, chair of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas' Tribal Council, hailed the ruling. "The court's decision is an affirmation of Tribal sovereignty and a victory for the Texas economy," Sylestine said in a statement. "The highest court in the land has made clear that our Tribe has the right to legally operate electronic bingo on our reservation, just as we have the past six years."

El Paso's U.S. Rep. Veronica Escobar also celebrated the Supreme Court decision. "Today's historic opinion marks a long-overdue victory for the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe. I congratulate all those who worked on behalf of the Tiguas to help reverse targeted discrimination they've had to endure, grant this community its right to sovereignty, and

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Is Donald Trump boring now?

Donald Trump implicitly endorsed a half-baked conspiracy theory for why his candidates lost in the Georgia Republican primaries, and it created barely a ripple in the political world.

The man who shocked and outraged his way through four transfixing years as president of the United States has become a known commodity, indeed predictable and even monotonous.

It's a blessing and a curse for formerly cutting-edge musicians to see their once radically counter-cultural material show up in TV ads for cars. There's no danger that Trump will ever be similarly laundered into the mainstream. But he can become boring, which will put at risk one of the pillars of his appeal as the most wildly entertaining, mad-cap national political figure of our lifetimes.

Now, I say this as someone who thought Trump's act might begin to wear thin some time in 2015. I was wrong then, and I may well be wrong again. At the very

least, though, Trump can't benefit from the shock of the new a second time, or a third time, depending on how you're counting.

The rallies, once an innovation and still his campaign signature, long ago fell into a groove of familiarity – the stilted reading of scripted remarks off the teleprompter, interrupted by spontaneous riffs and ridicule of his enemies.

Perhaps, by now, the terms of abuse have become such timeless classics that fans would be disappointed not to experience them live, a little like going to a Beach Boys concert anytime over the last half-century and not hearing "California Girls."

Yet you could have heard the same lines at any Trump rally at any place on any occasion over the last several years. The media is still "Fake News." MSNBC is still "MSDNC." Adam Schiff is still "shifty" and Chuck Todd still "sleepy."

And, as you might have heard, Chris Wallace always

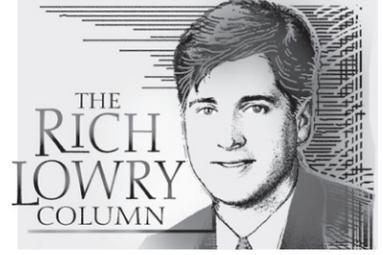
wanted to be like his father Mike of "60 Minutes" fame, but sadly didn't have the talent.

Much of his focus is backward-looking. Republican voters

care, as they should, about the beginnings of the poorly predicated Russia probe that consumed so much time and attention during Trump's first couple of years in office, but there's no way they care as much as Trump does.

The former president said the words "Russia" or "hoax" innumerable times during a rally the other day for Liz Cheney's opponent in Wyoming. The casual observer could have been forgiven for thinking it was an event primarily about the Mueller probe with some throwaway lines about Harriet Hageman mixed in purely for variety's sake.

He talked about his two impeachments, and, of course,



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

2022: Was this the last Father's Day?

Some Woke activists suggested that Mother's Day be called "Birthing Persons Day." After all, some "pregnant persons" identify as men (or non-women) and don't like being in a place called a "maternity ward." If the birthing person's pronouns are "he/him," that person might identify as the child's father though not contributing the paternal genetic material. Should "he" get a Father's Day card?

What should we call the person who contributes the paternal material? In Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, family words like "mother" and "father" are viewed as obscenities. We're not quite there yet, as babies can't yet be grown in a bottle and decanted, but we can try to make progress in our language.

What would be the equivalent term for father? "Sperm donor" is even less personal than "birthing person." The child will never call him "Daddy" and will have great difficulty finding out who he is. He might have been picked from a catalog,

with anonymity promised. He probably does not know of his child's existence.

In 2017, there was a proposal to rename Father's Day "Special Person's Day." Or perhaps we should follow the precedent of President's Day, which replaced Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday. We want to obliterate the memory of Washington's defeating the British Empire and becoming the Father of Our Country, or of Lincoln's abolition of slavery and desire to unite our country. Just lump them in with others who managed, by whatever means, to get inaugurated as president, no matter their effect on our nation.

How about Parent's Day? Or Caregiver's Day, or better yet Caretaker's or Custodian's Day? Such persons might not be special. They might not have a name or face, being interchangeable at a bureaucrat's whim. They might be of any one of 50 or more genders. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DIE, no, DEI) is invading the

family as well as the school, the workplace, and the church.

The family itself is perceived to be the problem, and radicals are targeting it for extinction. Being orphaned is traditionally considered tragic. A beautiful, haunting song, from a genre that used to be called Negro Spirituals, is *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*. There might be fewer sentimental tributes to fathers, but many Bible verses tell us to care for the fatherless, and a 19th century Christian hymn promises aid to "the widows and the fatherless."

Is it fair for some children to have the privilege of having a mother and a father who love them and are committed to them for life? If not, why not orphan everyone? Or if mothers and fathers are imperfect and sometimes evil and abusive, why not raise all children in a socially engineered community, like in Lois Lowry's novel *The Giver*? In that idyllic world, designated birthmothers (like surrogates) produce newchildren, who are assigned to appropriate "family" units with community-appointed "partners."

We're getting closer to the brave new world with genetic engineering along with social engineering, where people own nothing, not even their identity or family heritage, and are happy.

Father's Day is on its way to becoming a relic during an epidemic of fatherlessness, most commonly due to abandonment. And what are the results of the breakdown in

what feminists deplore as "patriarchy"?

Every social pathology among the young can be traced to the absence of fathers in the home and in the community: the violent criminality, substance abuse, truancy, poverty, and self-destructive disorders. The vast majority of mass shooters come from broken homes².

In civilizations that thrive or even survive, fathers don't just plant the seeds of life and move on. They not only provide for and defend mothers and children, but they also build and preserve the culture. Fatherhood is about hope³, writes Anthony Esolen, of a future beyond one's own life. "Why do men work, says the poet Charles Peguy, if not for their children? The father throws himself away in hope, looking forward to the time when he will be no more on earth than a name or a rumor of a name."

The collapse of our civilization is the collapse of fatherhood, writes Stephen Baskerville: the "revolt of the fatherless."⁴ Welfare-state policies contributed⁵, as Daniel Patrick Moynihan pointed out, but are not the only factor. The insurrection – deliberate and collective attack against actual fathers – has been building for centuries, states Blankenship. "It has accelerated with new sexual ideologies that target fatherhood ('patriarchy') directly: feminism, homosexuality, transgenderism, and more."

Father's Day needs to be more than a

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Food for thought By John Grimaldi

Exercise: Gym or vacuum cleaner

When we were young and in good health it seldom, if ever, occurred to us that one day we would be too old to dance the night away. We were full of vim and vinegar. No one had to tell us that we needed to get more exercise. We were always in motion from the time we woke up in the morning to the time we called it a day – sometimes in the wee small hours of the next morning. And then, one day, we realized that it was time to slow down.

So we took off our dancing shoes, put on a pair of house shoes and passed the time on a comfy couch reading a book or watching TV. But, just as we began to accustom ourselves, friends, family and

our doctors sounded the alarm, telling us that we needed to get more exercise. Go for a long walk, they said. Go to the gym and work out. They were right, of course: as Sir Isaac Newton put it, “A body at motion stays in motion; a body at rest stays at rest.” And, too much rest can lead us to a final resting place.

Indeed, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians, “Exercise is an important part of nearly everyone’s everyday health, including older adults.” Experts say seniors should be as active as possible. If you are an older adult, exercise can help you live a longer, healthier life.’

We Baby Boomers tend to be

nonconformist individualists, as someone once put it, and a goodly number of us may not be the type to engage in organized workouts. But we do prefer an active lifestyle. That means we like to keep busy and we like to engage in systemic activities in our daily lives – activities that keep us on the go in ways that burn energy. So, does that count as “exercise?” The consensus is that it just might.

The National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) says, “Absolutely, cleaning your house is exercise. While you may not be in a gym pumping iron or running on a treadmill, it is still exercise and requires you to work and burn more energy than being sedentary. Cleaning the house is an example of moderate intensity activity, the kind the NASM and health experts recommend that you perform daily to maximize health and fitness. Daily

chores like cleaning your house, mowing the lawn, cleaning the car, shopping for food and other things are all examples of moderate exercise, which helps improve health and fitness.”

As always, says the Association of Mature American Citizens, when it comes to matters of health, it’s always a good idea to consult with your healthcare provider. So rather than “guessing” that your daily chores provide the exercise you need, make a list and check it with your doctor.

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.

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quite a stir. “My family and I never set out to anger our neighbors or make enemies,” says Jill. As builder Raczek put it, “She bent over backwards trying to make everybody happy.” But it was to no avail. The neighbors complained to city officials that it was too big and the town ordered the treehouse be taken down or rebuilt on a significantly less intrusive scale.

– John Grimaldi

Baa

Heather Hogarty, a shepherdess in Northumberland, U.K., was showing off her newborn lamb for the

cameras recently. The lamb was born with five legs but the extra limb doesn’t seem to bother it. And Heather says it is quite healthy. Although it’s a one-in-a-million occurrence, ten years ago one of her sheep gave birth to a five-legged lamb called Quinto and had a long and healthy life.

– John Grimaldi

Eek!

Customs officers stopped a truck as it crossed into the U.S. from Mexico near San Diego for a routine inspection. It turned out that the inspection was anything but routine. Apparently the driver was trying to smuggle 52 slithery live reptiles into the country. They found his cache of lizards and snakes each neatly contained in plastic bags and hidden “in the man’s

jacket, pants pockets, and groin area,” according to the officers.

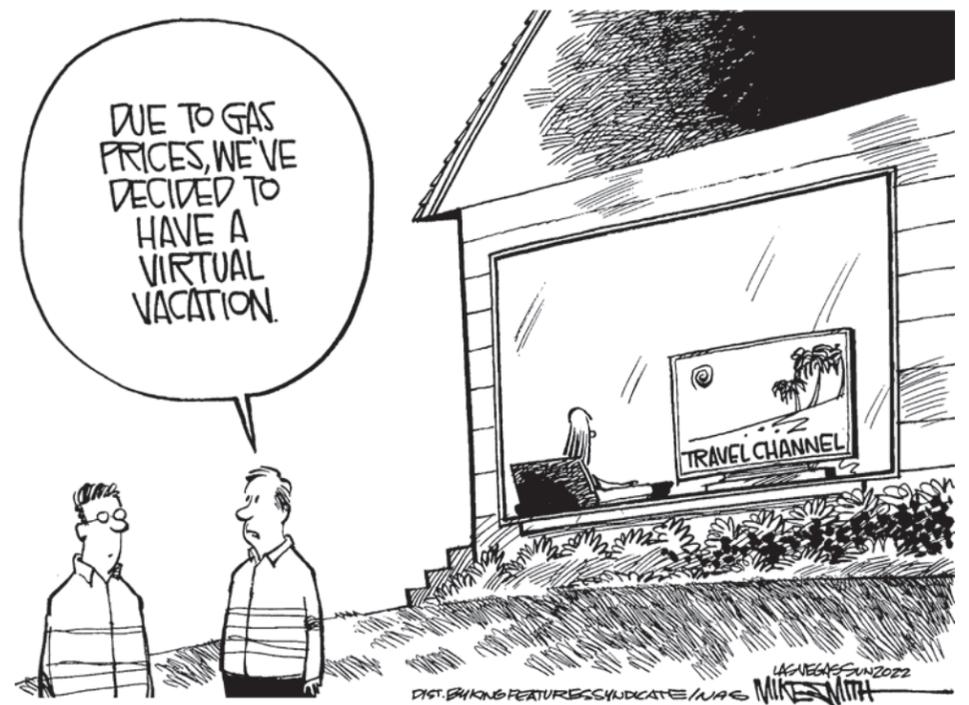
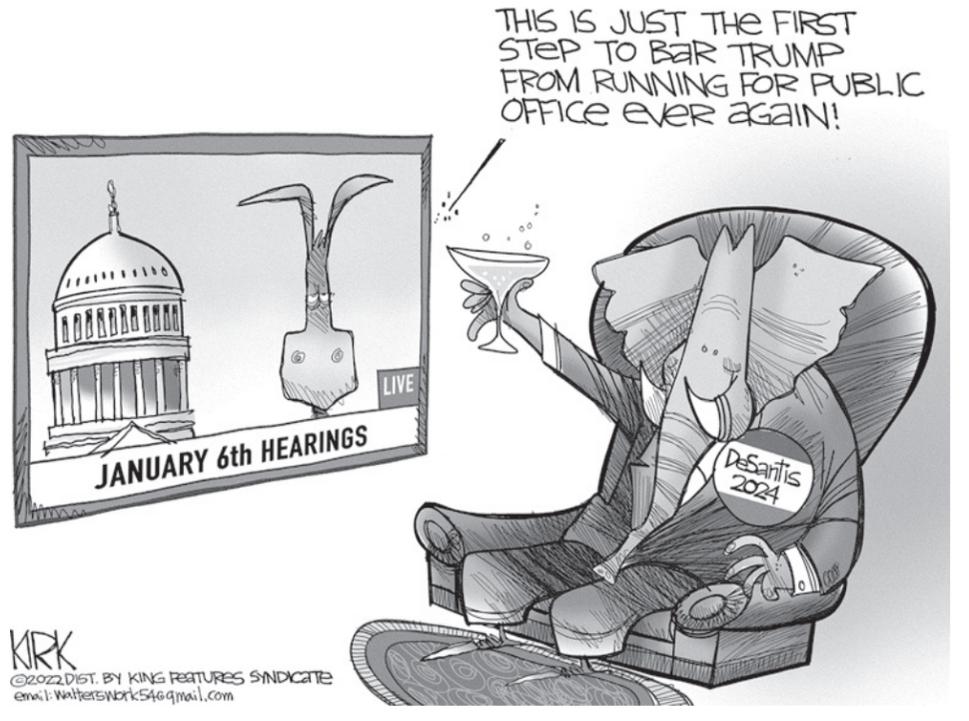
– John Grimaldi

Shear that sheep

Six years ago a lamb strayed from its flock in the mountains of Australia. A hiker found the now grown up sheep on the slopes of Mount Alexander in Victoria. Without anyone to care for Alex, as the folks at the Edgar’s Mission animal sanctuary named it, its fleece weighed in at 88 pounds. Apparently Alex had never been sheared and if it had not been found and shaved, it was not likely to have made it through the night, said Holly Kendall, who performed the shearing.

– John Grimaldi

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EPCC opens new building, classrooms

By Keri Moe

Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC), officially opened the doors to the Career & Technical Education Building J at the Rio Grande campus with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an Open House on June 8. The Rio Grande campus is the only campus in an urban setting located near downtown and close to a historic district. This state-of-the-art building provides additional classroom space along with new, cutting-edge simulation labs that will provide hands-on experience, preparing students to become EMTs, phlebotomists and radiographers. This space has also allowed EPCC to create a new Associates of Arts program in echocardiography.

During his remarks, EPCC President Dr. William Serrata talked about the many ways the college is creating facilities that provide innovative learning experiences and prepare students for the workforce. “We know that you can’t reap the benefits of a college education unless you complete your degree,” Serrata said. “These new facilities will provide many innovative opportunities that will help us reach our goal of educating more students, placing them on a path to completing their degrees and increasing educational attainment in our region.”

The facilities at EPCC combined with classes taught by highly qualified faculty ensure students graduate career ready or can successfully transfer to a 4-year university. “By investing in students’ education, EPCC ensures a solid foundation that will prepare them to successfully transfer to a university or enter the workforce,” Brian Haggerty, EPCC Board Chair said. “This positively impacts our region’s future by bolstering the workforce and ensuring we have graduates in the medical and healthcare fields that are career-ready.”

The new building offers 212,866 feet of space that includes 20 classrooms, 25 offices for faculty to work with students, 16 simulation labs, 375 parking spaces plus many collaborative spaces for students to engage with professors and one another. Lessons and activities will occur in state-of-the-art classrooms and simulation suites specifically designed for health profession programs including Nursing, EMT, Phlebotomy, Radiology, and Physical Therapy.

The simulation labs replicate real-life facilities such as ambulances and hospital spaces. EPCC graduates will be familiar



– Photos courtesy El Paso Community College

NO WAITING ROOM – El Paso Community College students are being taught in state-of-the-art facilities. Above is an echocardiography classroom. In the middle is the EMT/ambulance classroom. The hospital classroom is at the bottom.



- On June 20, 1782, Congress adopts the Great Seal of the United States after six years of discussion. The seal depicts a bald eagle clutching an olive branch in its right talon and arrows in its left. On its breast appears a shield marked with 13 vertical red and white stripes topped by a bar of blue. The eagle’s beak clutches a banner inscribed, E pluribus unum, a Latin phrase meaning “Out of Many One.”

- On June 21, 1916, the controversial U.S. military expedition against Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa brings the U.S. and Mexico close to war when Mexican troops attack U.S. Gen. John J. Pershing’s force at Carrizal, Mexico. The Americans suffered 22 casualties, and more than 30 Mexicans were killed.

- On June 22, 1964, Dan Brown, author of the “The Da Vinci Code,” is born in New Hampshire. Brown’s bestselling novels are known for symbols, conspiracies and secret societies.

- On June 23, 1992, Mafia boss John Gotti, nicknamed the “Teflon Don,” is sentenced to life in prison. Moments later, hundreds of Gotti’s supporters stormed the federal courthouse in Brooklyn and overturned and smashed cars before being forced back by police reinforcements.

- On June 24, 1953, Jacqueline Bouvier and Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy publicly announce their engagement. Kennedy gave her a 2.88-carat diamond-and-emerald ring. He went on to become the 35th president and Jackie became one of the most popular first ladies ever.

- On June 25, 1942, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower becomes commander of all U.S. troops in the European theater of World War II. He would be appointed Supreme Allied Commander of all forces in Europe in 1943. “Ike” would later become America’s 34th president.

- On June 26, 1807, lightning hits a gunpowder factory in Luxembourg, killing more than 300 people. When lightning struck the underground armory, two entire blocks were leveled by the blast.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• President William McKinley always wore a red carnation for good luck, but sometimes gave it away as a memento. When greeting a crowd in 1901, he handed a 12-year-old girl named Myrtle the bloom off his lapel, saying, "I must give this flower to another little flower." While it's not known if the gesture proved lucky for Myrtle, just minutes later McKinley was fatally shot by a man in the crowd.

• The larger an animal's brain, the longer it will yawn.

• Smoking has long been banned by airlines, but ashtrays are mandatory on every plane, for safety in case someone breaks the law.

• A Chinese farmer named Wang Englin, who quit school in the third grade, spent 16 years teaching himself law in order to sue a chemical company that was polluting his village. Unable to buy all the books he needed, he paid a local bookstore with bags of corn to let him sit and read, copying information by hand and using a dictionary when necessary. He finally won his case in 2017.

• During World War II, a Dutch warship was disguised as a tropical island to escape detection by the Japanese.

• Convinced that stomach ulcers were caused by H. pylori bacteria, although no one else seemed to believe it, Dr. Barry Marshall drank the bacteria himself (testing it on humans was illegal), developed ulcers within days, treated them with antibiotics, and ended up winning a Nobel Prize.

• On average, professional soccer players run as far as 9 miles in a match.

Thought for the Day: "Life is like arriving late for a movie, having to figure out what was going on without bothering everybody with a lot of questions, and then being unexpectedly called away before you find out how it ends."

— Joseph Campbell

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— Photos by Rick Shrum

GOING UP – After the initial dirt work and ground infrastructure was in place, the construction of the elevated storage tank took off quickly. The first photo, top left was taken on February 17. The building in the background is the office for Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District 3. The bottom right photo was taken on May 27. Priming on the tank has begun, with lifting to begin shortly.

HRMUD 3 adds fifth water tank

By Rick Shrum
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY – Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District 3 (HRMUD 3) is well into construction of the newest elevated storage tank for the District. The tank is located at the corner of Breaux St. and McMahan Ave., directly behind the HRMUD 3 offices. The project began on November 18, 2021 with a 420-day timeline. The estimated finish is in January 2023. The approximately \$5.5 million for the tank came

from bonds approved by taxpayers in the District. Charlie McGinnis, HRMUD 3 Account Manager, says the tank will hold 1.5 million gallons of water. "The tank will stabilize water pressure in the area," he said. "When it's done it will have the District's logo painted on it."

Customers of HRMUD 3 should not experience any disruption of service as the tank is brought online. This will be the fifth tank in the District. Landmark Structures of Ft. Worth, TX is the contractor for the job.

Fathers

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commercial opportunity. It is an occasion to thank the father or father figure in your own life. It is also time to recognize the critical need for honorable, courageous fathers, to celebrate them, and to oppose the legal, media, and cultural attacks on fatherhood.

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- 1 – <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/special-person-day-fathers-day-change-campaign-dr-red-ruby-scarlet-parents-children-one-parent-a7917681.html>
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Sun Bowl basketball tournament just got interesting

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

When I was a kid growing up, my dad would always find a way to get us tickets to the Sun Carnival Basketball Tournament, now known as the WestStar Don Haskins Sun Bowl Invitational.

I remember that the Don Haskins Center was always packed for the two-day event. The UTEP fans were in a festive mood because Christmas was around the corner, and they were in a competitive mood because the Miners were going for another tournament title.

Of course the opponents were much tougher back then.

Every year the local tournament would bring in teams like Michigan and Villanova and USC and Texas and Baylor and Tennessee and Clemson and Iowa and Maryland and Florida State and Memphis and Indiana and Houston and Auburn and Alabama and Texas Tech and Texas A&M and Purdue and Ohio State and Georgetown and Florida, and many more.

I know a lot of young people may find that list of heavyweights hard to believe. But yes, the Sun Bowl tournament was a big deal and big teams wanted to be a part of it.

It's no secret that the tournament has lost some of its luster over the last 20

years. The teams that agree to come to El Paso don't have the same appeal as those who came before. Thus local interest in the tournament has dwindled as well.

The tournament used to see 10,000-12,000 fans in attendance, especially if the Miners advanced to the second night's championship game. Last year's tourney attendance hovered around 3,000-4,000.

And that's the way it's been over the last decade.

But this year's tournament just got a huge shot in the arm. It was announced that UTEP's dreaded rival, the New Mexico State Aggies, would be joining the four-team field.

That means that interest in the tournament just shot up a zillion percent. The tournament, which will be played on December 21 and 22, will also feature North Carolina A&T and Kent State.

I know the Miners and Aggies already meet two times every season – once in El Paso and again in Las Cruces. So if things go right in the tournament, the two bitter rivals could meet for a third time.

And let's face it, that's what everybody wants.

Now this is not the Aggies' first time in the tournament. They've been here before.

In fact, NMSU played in the very first Sun Bowl get-together back in 1961. They lost their opening round game in

double-overtime to another UTEP rival – the New Mexico Lobos.

As usual, the Aggies will look like they always do – very, very good. They will look different in one aspect though. They'll bring in new coach Greg Heiar.

Heiar takes over for Chris Jans. Jans left for Mississippi State after five years as head coach of the Aggies.

Heiar and his staff just signed a bunch of talented Division-1 transfers and junior college players. The expectations are that the Aggies – 27-7 last year – shouldn't miss a beat.

Of course, UTEP head coach Joe Golding recently signed his final scholarship player for the new season. The Miners are a little more of a question mark than the Aggies at this point.

But after seeing how Golding led last year's semi-talented team to 20 wins, not many doubt that he'll turn this team of 10 new players into a winner.

The Sun Bowl tournament schedule hasn't been released yet. But you can bet the Aggies and Miners will not play each other in the first round. Hopefully that sets up an I-10 championship game that should be close to a sellout crowd.

UTEP needs an influx of fan support. Last season's attendance was horrible with 3,000-5,000 at every home game. That's at the Don Haskins Center! Over 10,000 people were the norm in years gone by.

This will also give the Miners another chance to beat those Aggies. NMSU has dominated the series in recent years, beating UTEP in 12 of their last 13 meetings.

Whatever the outcome of this year's potential tournament matchup, the fact that the Aggies are attending has already boosted interest. The all-important ticket sales will follow.

Fabens ISD hires De Anda



– Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

ON DUTY – The Fabens Independent School District has named Rolaura De Anda as their new Athletic Director as of June 15. She has over 20 years of experience in education and coaching. De Anda has been an educator, coach, assistant principal and member of collegiate basketball teams. She received her Bachelor of Science Kinesiology from the University of Texas at El Paso and her Master of Education from Sul Ross State University. She oversees all athletic activities across the district.

– Sofia Maciel

Gaming

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The Congresswoman added that she would continue to push for legislation that would legitimize the Tiguas' rights to conduct gambling on its land. She is urging the U.S. Senate to pass a pending bill she authored that deals with the issue.

Tiguas' case now goes back to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals for further action. "The Restoration Act bans as a matter of federal law on tribal lands only those gaming activities also banned in Texas. To allow the Fifth Circuit to revise its precedent and reconsider this case in the correct light, its judgment is vacated, and the case is remanded for further proceedings consistent with this opinion," Gorsuch wrote.

to usher in the economic independence that will come with this ruling," Escobar said.

EPCC

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partners to promote interactive, interdisciplinary learning strategies," Steven Smith, Vice President of Instruction and Workforce Education said. "As a result, students will be prepared, well trained and ready to work in professional settings upon graduation."

The opening of this facility also allowed EPCC to create a new Echocardiography Program. These programs allow students to earn a degree or certificate and are also pathways to some of the most needed and highest-paying jobs in our region. The building also allowed EPCC to expand programming in Court Reporting. Students are able to learn in a mock-trial classroom that simulates working in a real courtroom.

with the latest technology. "The building was thoughtfully designed using input from our students, faculty and industry

Super Crossword

JUST ADD SALT

- ACROSS
- 1 V-J Day prez
- 4 Not cooked
- 7 Epoch
- 10 Nails, as an exam
- 14 "_ boy!"
- 18 "There it is!"
- 19 Went by, as hours
- 21 Whet
- 22 Unmask
- 23 Giving monikers to flower holders?
- 25 Whale type
- 26 Bride's ride,
- 27 It might follow "So I lied!"
- 28 That, to Juanita
- 29 The lass I love with a twangy voice?
- 31 Fill with fury
- 33 Alaskan panhandle city
- 36 "No fooling!"
- 37 Embryonic thyroids and pituitaries?
- 40 Many a shareable PC file
- 41 Cry loudly
- 43 "Chairman _" (NBA moniker)
- 44 Brief review
- 46 Lake in north Minnesota
- 48 Broken stone used in paving
- 53 Actor Lane after
- improving his skills?
- 55 Amazed
- 56 "Will you allow me?"
- 58 Father, in France
- 59 Be disposed
- 60 "Batman Forever" star commanding a warship?
- 63 Barrage of shots
- 66 Fail to feed
- 67 Actress on HBO's "Insecure"
- 70 Matador
- 74 Levi's material
- 76 Homer hit by poet Tate?
- 78 Swing about
- 81 Old soda brand
- 84 The Beatles' "_ Tired"
- 85 "Better in Time" singer Lewis
- 86 Title of a sommelier training video hosted by novelist Gordimer?
- 90 Goes into overtime, say
- 92 Rival of Sampras
- 93 Heat energy unit
- 94 See 115-Across
- 95 Sharks' org.
- 96 Signing tool
- 98 Dilemma caused by quarterback Joe?
- 105 Men's neckwear accessory

- 108 Island porch
- 109 Beethoven's Third
- 110 Really mean porkers?
- 112 Biology subj.
- 114 Financier Carl
- 115 With 94-Across, designer with the fragrance Fantasia
- 116 QED's "E"
- 117 Rich founder of a loofah-producing company?
- 120 Newsy note
- 121 Jazzy Simone
- 122 Feeling bad for
- 123 Rural tract
- 124 California city known for its zinfandel
- 125 Highlander, e.g.
- 126 Positive reply
- 127 Negative replies
- 128 Bit of work

DOWN

- 1 Broadway's "Dear Evan _"
- 2 Debi Mazar's "Entourage" role
- 3 Beast breakers
- 4 Go back (on)
- 5 N. Afr. country
- 6 Surfer's ride
- 7 Attack verbally
- 8 "No fooling!"
- 9 Mag VIPs
- 10 Shout at sea
- 11 Breed of herding

- dog
- 12 Set up tents
- 13 Totally enclosed
- 14 Lion in "Narnia" tales
- 15 "Speaking," for a woman on the phone
- 16 Redpack container
- 17 GI on the run
- 20 "Do not _" (Monopoly directive)
- 24 Non-PC computer
- 29 Reckless
- 30 U.S.-Can.-Mex. pact
- 32 "Only Time" singer
- 34 Dawdles
- 35 Pant leg part
- 38 Singer Terrell
- 39 Fill totally
- 42 U2, for one
- 45 Medusa's killer
- 47 ABA member
- 48 Hr. fractions
- 49 Biology subj.
- 50 Vena _
- 51 Tony winners, e.g.
- 52 Probe (into)
- 53 Fitness sites
- 54 Stephen of "The Heavy"
- 57 Foodstuff
- 61 Griffey of baseball
- 62 Operated
- 64 Kin of "Inc."
- 65 "There it is!"
- 68 Best Picture of 1988
- 69 Cry of woe
- 71 Big heads
- 72 Nevada city
- 73 City in 5-Down
- 75 Not Rep. or Dem.
- 77 Clean a spill
- 78 Stately bird
- 79 Attack verbally
- 80 Not trued up
- 82 Violinist Hilary
- 83 Paragons
- 87 U.S. humane org.
- 88 TV ratings system
- 89 "_ la Douce"
- 91 Old Italian coins
- 94 Climb, as a tree or rope
- 97 _ acid (aqua fortis)
- 99 Seer's cards
- 100 Circular gaskets
- 101 _ Raton
- 102 Likely (to)
- 103 Parrot, often
- 104 Guy's stylish carrier
- 106 As a friend, in France
- 107 Kind of bar
- 110 Sandbox toy
- 111 Coup d'_
- 113 Not "fer"
- 117 Operative
- 118 Crusty treat
- 119 Brian of rock

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



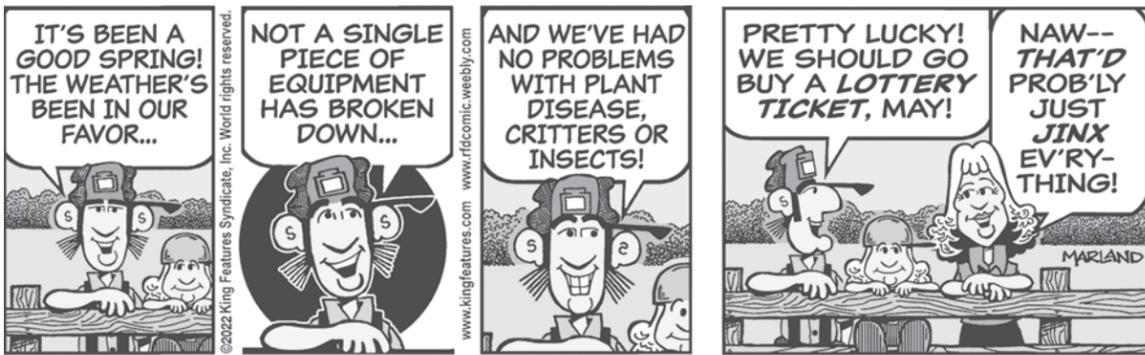
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

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his "perfect phone call" with Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

There is wisdom in the famous William Faulkner line that, "The past is never dead. It's not even past." It's an adage that's traditionally been best suited to Southern gothic novelists, though, rather than

American politicians who usually benefit from putting an accent on the future.

Trump's signature 2016 boast of, "I alone can fix it," has become, "I alone can fixate on it."

The candidate who brought relatively neglected issues that mattered to the average voter into the center of the political discussion in 2016, from immigration and trade to opioids, is now largely telling voters about the slights and ill-treatment

that matter to him in 2022.

All that said, there's no doubt that rally attendees still enthusiastically enjoy Trump's lines. And there's also no beating something with nothing. If Trump's rallies are stale, what hot new event in Republican politics is going to supplant them? The fact is that Trump at his most dull still may be more interesting than a conventional Republican at his or her most entertaining.

CPAP machine can help with sleep apnea

DEAR DR. ROACH: How are sleep apnea, sighing and heart failure related? Recently, I was told that I have severe sleep apnea and that I must use a CPAP machine. I have noticed that during the day I frequently take a spontaneous deep breath. Is that sleep apnea while awake? I have coronary heart disease and have three stents. Will the CPAP machine help me in any way? – A.P.



It's complicated.

By far, the most common type of sleep apnea is obstructive sleep apnea. This happens in people who are overweight, or in people whose neck anatomy predisposes them to the condition. During sleep, the upper airway collapses, preventing proper inspiration. This can be noticed by a sleep partner as choking, gasping or just not breathing for a prolonged time. The person eventually will wake up enough, due to lack of oxygen, to be able to take in a good breath, but will then fall back asleep. The process may happen hundreds of times a night, with the person often unaware.

Sleepiness during the day (from never sleeping properly at night) and snoring are the most common symptoms of obstructive sleep apnea. CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure), which uses high pressure to keep the airway open, is the most common initial treatment for obstructive sleep apnea.

In severe sleep apnea, the oxygen level in the blood can be so low for so long that the heart and lungs can be damaged, eventually leading to a type of heart failure of the right side of the heart.

However, the situation is even more complex. People who have other kinds of heart failure, such as from repeated heart attacks, can develop the less common form of sleep apnea, central sleep apnea. Although this also may be treated by CPAP, it is critical to treat the underlying heart failure as well. Your doctor can tell you whether you have central or obstructive sleep apnea.

Spontaneous deep breaths, sighs, are a part of normal human physiology. Sighs have several purposes, but the most important is to help keep the lungs properly expanded. Sighs might be more common in people with heart failure, but I do not know of any correlation with sleep apnea.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column on cramping and constipation. A few months ago I had a period of being constipated, and my wife told me to take a laxative. It worked. A few days later, I had to take it again, and again on and off for a month. Then I remembered something my mom once said to me: She told me to eat a couple of prunes a night. That worked. Now I am 84 years old, and my wife and I eat one or two prunes every night. Let me tell you, they work. Is this good for us? Can we keep eating them every day? I think they must be healthier than the laxatives. – R.P.

Prunes are a time-tested constipation treatment that work for a lot of people. Prunes not only contain fiber, but they contain natural laxatives as well. They also have a fair bit of sugar, but one or two a night is not enough to be worried about. I agree with you that prunes are a good alternative to over-the-counter laxatives for many people.

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.

A Trump march toward the GOP nomination will elate his supporters and create a five-alarm fire in the press and among Democrats. But at least this time around, everyone will know what he's going to say next.

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

BILLY, WHAT IS VELASCO?



Moore Texas by Roger Moore

June 26, 1832: Texicans defeat the Mexican army at Velasco, a prelude to war.

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: K equals L

CZPTJTF XPB EQZPV JT Z LUUV
 AYUPQ CEQT ZKK UL JYA KUZWQA
 EZWQ IQXUDQ DUKVB:

"IPQZV ZKQPY!"

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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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10-foot stack of mail sits unopened at VA



by Freddy Groves

Imagine a pile of mail heaped 10 feet high sitting unopened for 10 months. That's what was found in the basement of a rented Department of Veterans Affairs facility in Atlanta. When investigated, the stack was determined to contain 17,660 pieces of mail that included claims, correspondence from veterans, 10,020 medical records and \$207,000 in checks, some of which had already expired.

The problems began when a health care arm of the VA wanted to commandeer the basement space being used by a VA payments group. They came to a verbal agreement that the new group would take over dealing with the mail if the payment group left. A handshake later, it was done. Except nobody asked the new

group if they even knew how to process correspondence, records and checks. And, apparently, nobody did.

So, although the new people took a stab at dealing with the mail, for the most part the pile sat and grew as more mail came in. And sat and grew some more. The new group asked the old group for help. The old group said no. Enterprising souls in the new group sent off some of the mail to other facilities – 14 boxes to one facility alone – which sent it right back. They tried again, sending another 13 boxes.

What happens when payment requests are ignored? Veterans can't go to that outside provider and treatment is delayed or denied. Appeals can be denied if not received in time. Veterans with bad test results may not be notified.

Within a short period of time after the report came out, the VA acted and got the backlog cleared up.

The worrisome part of this is that with a coming

consolidation of 82 claims processing groups at the VA, this can happen again if steps aren't taken to ensure that mail is handled correctly.

To learn more, go to www.va.gov and search for "unopened mail backlog."

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- Save the peels from your oranges, and dry them at a low temperature in the oven. You can add them to a pot of coffee or tea for a flavor boost that is refreshing and delicious.

- "If your tomato garden is experiencing caterpillars, try planting dillweed close to your tomatoes. It can provide a diversion, allowing your tomatoes to grow pest-free!" – Y.F. in Florida

- "Cure your color in new garments (especially dark- or bright-colored) by soaking the item in cold, salty water before washing. Make sure that the fabric will allow this!

- "Take good care of quality paint brushes, and they will take care of you! Wash thoroughly in soapy water and rinse very well. After the brush is washed, combine enough water to cover the bristles and add two tablespoons of fabric softener. Swish for a minute or two, being sure to get it in the brush good, then hang to drip dry. Before you use the brush to paint, simply rinse the fabric softener away." – M.E. in Washington

- Baking soda can be used as a tooth scrub. It's particularly effective against stains, as it is a mild abrasive.

- "When you are dusting, don't forget the light bulbs. Dusty light bulbs can contribute to less-bright lighting and can shorten the life of your bulbs. Turn lights off when you are not using them. You will save electricity that way." – A.L. in Oklahoma

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

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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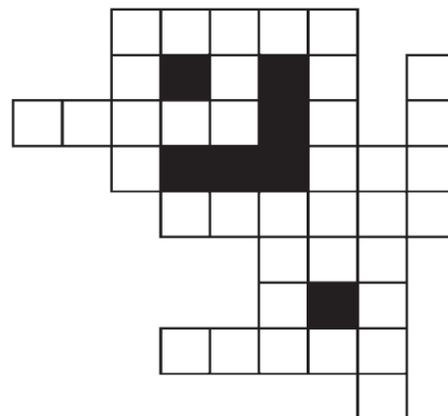
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- APACLE
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- ♥PRSA



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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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