



NEWSBRIEFS

Energy costs

With around 27% of American households are having difficulty meeting their energy needs, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2022's *Most & Least Energy-Expensive States*, as well as accompanying videos and expert commentary. To better understand Americans' energy costs relative to their location and consumption habits, WalletHub compared the average monthly energy bills in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia using a special formula that accounts for the following residential energy types: electricity, natural gas, motor fuel and home heating oil. Texas was rated 6th in the report, ranking (1-Most Expensive; 25-Avg.):

- Avg. Monthly Energy Bill: \$416
 - 33rd – Price of Electricity
 - 22nd – Price of Natural Gas
 - 45th – Natural-Gas Consumption per Consumer
 - 40th – Price of Motor Fuel
- Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/energy-costs-by-state/4833> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

Burglars sought

Three men burglarize a business in El Paso's Mission Valley. Crime Stoppers of El Paso and the El Paso Police Department are asking for help identifying these burglars. On Friday, July 1, 2022, at 4:05 a.m., three men arrived at the Green House Smoke Shop at 607 Giles. The men broke the glass front door to the business and went inside. In a matter of two minutes, the suspects took \$8,650 in merchandise. The trio left and returned at 4:25 a.m. and stole additional merchandise. Security cameras recorded the suspects and investigators know someone knows who these burglars are. The suspects may have been in a white SUV or truck similar to a Ford Explorer. Anyone with any information on this burglary should call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS) or online: www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous, and if your tip leads to an arrest, you may qualify for a cash reward

– Sgt. Javier Sambrano

Pilot problem

The sole passenger aboard a single-engine plane, Darren Harrison of

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The Golden Rule may be old but it hasn't been used enough to show any signs of wear.

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RECYCLE, REPURPOSE – El Paso County citizens will receive a cash incentive per PET thermoform plastics, above, recycled during the recently launched Community Recycling Program at the four El Paso Sam's Club locations. The recycling program is in conjunction with two environmental groups – Texan by Nature and Texans for Clean Water.

Pilot project promotes recycling of plastics in the El Paso region

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Environmental organizations, the Texan by Nature (TxN) and the Texans for Clean Water (TFCW) in collaboration with the Sam's Club of El Paso, recently announced the launching of a six month pilot project to promote recycling of PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) thermoform plastics in the

El Paso region.

The project is a fundamental step in TxN and TFCW's goal of reducing litter in waterways and roadways through community-driven recycling programs, stated program officials.

The collaborative is designed to provide El Paso County residents with cash incentives for taking recyclable PET thermoform items to any one of the four Sam's Clubs locations. PET thermoforms materials include clear fruit and produce

containers, trays, tubs, cups, lids, plastic egg cartons, and other clear plastics with the PET 1 symbol.

"Litter and illegal dumping costs the El Paso area six million dollars per year. This pilot has a goal of recycling 110,000 pounds of PET plastics over six months, keeping it off roadways and out of waterways," said Joni Carswell, CEO, and President at TxN. "This collaboration

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EPCC testing center is a worldwide leader

By Ismael De La Rosa
Special to the Courier



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

DEVOTED – The HSETC staff members, from left, are Connie Cisneros, Yolanda Pedregon, Sonia Maldonado, Cynthia Compean, Vianney Zuniga and Daniel Mejia.

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC) High School Equivalency Testing Center (HSETC) was recognized as one of the Most Innovative Pearson VUE Test Centers, receiving the Prosper 2022 PVTC Summit Award.

With over 5,000 testing centers, in over 180 countries, Pearson Vue Test Centers awarded EPCC, Melbourne International Graduate College in Melbourne, Australia and Mont Royal Elevate in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

"I take a lot of pride in my job and feel richly rewarded when someone of the stature like Pearson Vue acknowledges the job we do. I would not be able to do the job of this capacity if it wasn't for the EPCC HSE Testing Services Staff,"

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Biden’s unwarranted attack on gas stations

For Joe Biden, the buck stops with small independent business owners trying to make ends meet. Over the holiday weekend, the president slammed gas stations for the purported sin of not passing along declining oil prices to motorists.

Biden took to Twitter to urge “the companies running gas stations and setting prices at the pump” to heed his message: “Bring down the price you are charging at the pump to reflect the cost you’re paying for the product.”

Yes, sir, whatever you say, Mr. President! The United States Oil and Gas Association mockingly recommended that the intern who posted the tweet should sign up for Econ 101, but it’s worse than that. Biden has hit the

gas stations before on the same grounds. It’s hard to know where the economic illiteracy ends and the shameless demagoguery begins. Regardless, it’s another indication that the president’s approach to inflation is to cast about for scapegoats and villains, no matter how implausible.

So-called jawboning, or stern rhetoric directed at industries to get them to bend to the presidential will, is nothing new. The most famous example is from John F. Kennedy, who blasted U.S. Steel for raising prices in 1962. JFK’s tack was questionable, but at least he was targeting an enormously influential industry that had breached an agreement to hold the line on prices brokered by his administration.

Biden, by contrast, is going after the proverbial Liberty Gas Station and Uni-Mart down on Route 134 started by an immigrant couple hoping to

send their children to college for the first time. These small-time entrepreneurs have done nothing wrong, except remain in business at a time when the president’s anti-oil-and-gas policy has backfired spectacularly.

As the business newsletter The Hustle explains, the majority of owners operate a single gas station, either as a branded location of a big famous company or on their own. Given that there are more than 100,000 gas stations in the United States, many clustered at the same busy intersections in direct competition with one another, a proprietor hardly has monopoly power to determine prices.

Indeed, when Biden says

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Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs at Clint Independent School District for 2022-2023 School Year

- 1)Clint Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Architecture and Construction; Arts, A/V Technology and Communications; Business, Marketing, and Finance; Health Science; Hospitality and Tourism; Human Services; Law and Public Service; Manufacturing; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math; Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Clint ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.
- 2) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of Education amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) Clint ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Rene Chavez at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 and/or Section 504 Coordinator, Rodrigo Hernandez, Assistant Director Special Education, at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

Notificacion de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnica Clint ISD por el año escolar del 2022-2023

- 1) El distrito escolar independiente de Clint ofrece programas de educación técnica y carreras en las áreas de Agricultura, Comida y Recursos Naturales; Arquitectura y Construcción; Artes; Tecnología Audio/Visual y Comunicaciones; Negocio, Mercadotecnia y Finanzas; Ciencias de Salubridad; Hospitalidad y Turismo; Servicios Humanos; Leyes y Servicio Público; Manufactura; Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas; Transportación, Distribución y Logística. El ingreso a estos programas será basado en el número de estudiantes matriculados en el distrito escolar de Clint y se deberá cumplir con los requisitos necesarios de ingreso a estos programas.
- 2) El Distrito Escolar de Clint no discrimina por razones de raza, religión, color, origen nacional, sexo, género, edad o discapacidad al proveer servicios de educación, actividades, y programas, incluyendo programas vocacionales, de acuerdo con el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, y enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, enmienda.
- 3) El Distrito Escolar de Clint no discrimina por razones de raza, religión, color, origen nacional, sexo, género, edad, discapacidad, o cualquier otra baseen sus practicas de empleo, de acuerdo con el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, y enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; la Acta de discriminacion por edad de 1975, enmienda; y la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, enmienda.
- 4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y partipacion en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.
- 5) Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Rene Chavez, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Rodrigo Hernandez, Subdirector/a de Educación Especial, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

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said Cynthia Compean, High School Equivalency Testing Services Manager. “The HSETC services the community in the El Paso and Hudspeth county by offering the GED and IT Certifications and Licensure through Pearson Vue.”

Pearson Vue said, “Through a time of unprecedented change and challenge, our Pearson VUE test centers have persevered – improvising and innovating to support learners in their pursuit of certification exams that help professional industries thrive. And that’s why we wanted to introduce an award to recognize the Most Innovative Test Center. We received countless nominations from around the world, which goes to show the value people place on their community test centers.”

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Food for thought

By John Grimaldi

More seniors using computers for entertainment, gambling

The statistics show that a growing number of senior citizens are becoming tech savvy. Perhaps the isolation protocols of the pandemic have helped encourage the elderly set to accept computers as a means of keeping in touch with friends and relations and as a way to shop online.

The FandomSpot website, focused on Internet content, recently conducted a survey of 1,000 computer users aged 65-plus and found that most of them, 76%, go online because it helps to stimulate their brains. The poll also found that nearly half of those who took part in the survey had spent \$500 or more on computer paraphernalia. As FandomSpot's Alyssa Celatti told the New York Post, "Old people don't just want to sit on the porch and watch leaves fall, they want to have fun. This study might even encourage more senior citizens to give gaming a go for some of the benefits cited by their peers."

That's all well and good, but there is a sinister side of online gaming when gaming is a synonym for gambling. Rethinking65.com, an online resource

for financial advisors, warns that "As [online] gambling platforms multiply, some people in or near retirement might be tempted to roll the dice on their wealth accumulated over a lifetime. And financial advisors may find themselves on the front line of helping clients for whom casual gambling becomes a compulsion that could drain their savings."

For some seniors gambling might be a stimulant but for others it could be all about the appeal of so-called "easy money," especially for those on fixed incomes. "But gambling also can numb the pain of chronic health problems and provide an escape from lifestyle issues. It can distract from anxiety," says Felicia Grondin, executive director of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey. And she told Rethinking65, "the proliferation of new casino locales and of heavily advertised online gaming sites can be a siren call to those filling emotional needs."

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Canada's largest mental health teaching hospital, says that gambling is not a problem for most people, including seniors. CAMH provides a list of things to look for that might signal that it has become or is becoming a problem:

- Spending more on gambling than intended;
- Feeling bad, sad or guilty about gambling;
- Placing larger, more frequent bets;
- Not having enough money for food, rent or bills after gambling;
- Loss of interest and participation in normal activities with friends and family;
- Placing a high priority on gambling; and
- Being secretive about the amount of time and money spent gambling.

Food for thought

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Airline travel woes: Flying is frustrating

Airline travelers have experienced frustration since the 2021 holidays as covered by national news. Travel delays and even trip cancellations have been aggravating experiences for travelers. If you only have a weekend and your trip includes a flight on Friday and a return flight on Sunday you are chancing a lost weekend. Being delayed from Friday to Saturday is surely to sour your trip.

My wife and I have flown a few times and it seems as if there is a new devil at every level. Last Spring, we hoped for a few days in Florida. We booked our flight from Indiana to change planes in Atlanta before going on to Florida. We checked our luggage and had minimum provisions in our backpacks. We arrived in Atlanta on

a Saturday afternoon only to learn that our plane on to Florida was cancelled because of weather. We also heard from fellow disgruntled travelers and a TSA agent that the cancellation was really due to problems with air traffic controllers. We also heard that Delta was very short-staffed. After standing in line at a ticket counter for two hours I was told the next available flight was two nights later at 7 p.m. We were advised that our luggage was already on another plane to our destination.

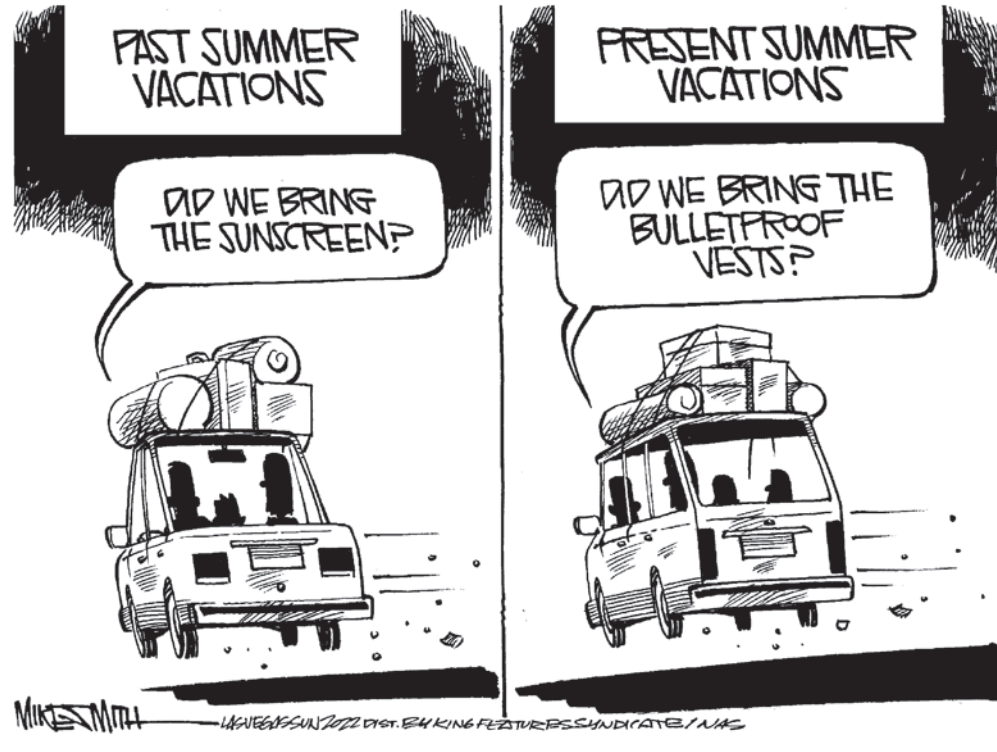
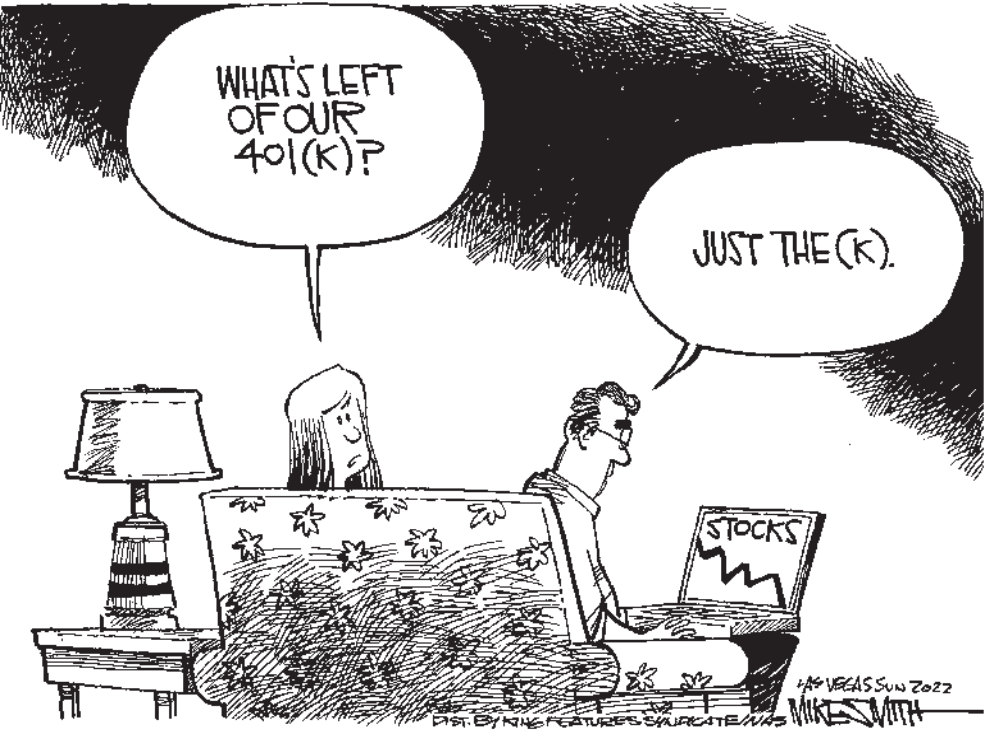
We had no choice but to find a hotel room. Thousands of other flights were delayed or had been cancelled that day. Hotel rooms were not easy to find. We finally found one. We were forced to get a taxi and stay two nights in

Atlanta with minimal provisions. Needless to say, it was an extra unplanned expense.

When we finally arrived in Florida, I knew we were good on transportation. I had paid in advance for a rental car. We got the car pretty fast. However, I wasn't told that our upfront payment was forfeited because we didn't pick up the car within a 24-hour time frame of the reservation date. I didn't realize I was paying a second time until I reviewed my bank statement later. Since I had paid for the car up front, I did not think that Budget would care if we were delayed. I thought wrong. According to Budget you have to let them know within 24 hours if your plans change. I learned something new. Education is always expensive. I disputed the charge but my bank stood with Budget.

All in all, my wife and I had a good time in Ft. Myer's

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San Elizario Independent District SPECIAL EDUCATION/CHILD FIND

The San Elizario Independent School District provides services for children who are eligible for special education. Eligible special education students will be afforded a free, appropriate public education beginning on their third birthday and continuing through their 21st year. Children who are identified as auditorially impaired, visually impaired or deaf-blind may be served from birth through 21 years of age. The San Elizario Independent School District provides special education and related services to students residing within the District boundaries. A student with a disability must meet eligibility guidelines in one or more areas including physical disability, intellectual disability, emotional disturbance, learning disability, autism, speech impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual or auditory impairment. This impairment must significantly affect the student’s ability to progress adequately without support services.

If a child is experiencing learning difficulties, the parent may contact the person listed below to learn about the district’s overall general education referral or screening system for support services. This system links students to a variety of support options including referral for special education evaluation. Students having difficulty in the regular classroom should be considered for tutorial, compensatory, and other support services that are available to all students. At any time, a parent is entitled to request an evaluation for special education services. Within a reasonable amount of time, the district must decide if the evaluation is needed. If the evaluation is needed, the parent will be notified and asked to provide consent for the evaluation. The district must complete the evaluation and the report within 45 school days of the date the district received the written consent. The district must give a copy of the report to the parent. If the District determines that the evaluation is not needed, the district will provide the parent with a written notice that explains why the child will not be evaluated. This written notice will include a statement that informs the parent of their rights if they disagree with the district. Additionally, the notice must inform the parent how to obtain a copy of the Notice of Procedural Safeguards-Rights of Parents of Students with Disabilities.

For more information, contact the Director of Special Education, Amanda G. Sanchez-Munoz, (915) 872-3926 at 13680 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX 79849. Mailing address: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

Educación Especial / Programa De Identificación De Niños (Child Find)

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario provee servicios a los niños que califican para recibir educación especial. Los estudiantes que califiquen recibirán una educación pública gratuita y adecuada comenzando con su tercer cumpleaños hasta el fin de su vigésimo-primer año (21). Los niños que son identificados con problemas auditivos, visuales, sordos o ciegos pueden ser atendidos desde su nacimiento hasta los veintidós años de edad. El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario provee servicios de educación especial y otros servicios relacionados a los estudiantes que vivan dentro de los límites del distrito. Un estudiante con una discapacidad debe cumplir con las guías que reúnen los requisitos en una o más áreas incluyendo: discapacidades físicas, discapacidad intelectual, alteraciones emocionales, discapacidad de aprendizaje, autismo, discapacidad del habla, daño cerebral por trauma, o discapacidad visual o auditiva. Esta discapacidad debe afectar significativamente la habilidad del estudiante para progresar adecuadamente sin asistencia.

Si un alumno está teniendo dificultades en su aprendizaje, los padres pueden contactar a la persona encargada (ver información al final) para que les informe acerca del programa general de derivación (referral) del distrito o sistema de detección para servicios de asistencia. Este sistema enlaza a los estudiantes con una gran variedad de opciones de apoyo que incluyen la derivación para que se le practique una evaluación de educación especial. Los estudiantes que estén teniendo dificultades en un aula regular deber ser considerados para recibir tutoría, planes de compensación educativa y otros servicios de apoyo que estén disponibles para todos los estudiantes. Los padres tienen derecho, en cualquier momento, de pedir una evaluación para recibir servicios de educación especial. El distrito debe decidir, dentro de un plazo razonable, si dicha evaluación es necesaria. En caso afirmativo, el padre será notificado y se le pedirá permiso para realizar la evaluación. El distrito debe llevar a cabo la evaluación y el reporte sobre los resultados dentro de 45 días escuela a partir de la fecha en que el distrito recibió el permiso del padre por escrito. El distrito debe proporcionar una copia del reporte al padre. Si el distrito determina que la evaluación no es necesaria, debe proporcionar por escrito una notificación que explique el por qué. Esta notificación por escrito debe incluir una declaración que informe al padre sobre sus derechos si es que no está de acuerdo con la decisión del distrito. Además, la notificación debe informar al padre cómo obtener una copia del Aviso sobre Garantías Procesales-Derechos de los Padres de Alumnos con Discapacidades.

Para mayores informes, favor de contactar el departamento de Educación Especial, Amanda G. Sanchez-Munoz, (915) 872-3926 at 13680 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX 79849. Mailing address: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

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By Lucie Winborne

• Bugs Bunny’s relaxed manner of eating carrots was inspired by a scene from the movie “It Happened One Night,” in which Clark Gable crunches on the vegetable while chatting with Claudette Colbert.

• Caligynephobia, also known as Venustraphobia, is the fear of beautiful women.

• Pale skin was such a big fad in the 1700s that some French women drew over their veins in blue pencil to accentuate their ethereal look.

• The first guidebook for Stonehenge, published in 1823, claimed the formation was one of the few ancient structures that survived the Old Testament flood.

• On average, less than 18 minutes of a baseball game is actual action.

• While many people are attracted by the promise of greener pastures, more than 100,000 are ready for those of a redder hue – they’ve applied for a one-way trip to Mars as part of The Mars One project.

• The New York City Ballet has an annual shoe budget of \$780,000! Dancers go through 500-800 pairs of pointe shoes just while performing “The Nutcracker” over a period of six weeks, and use even more pairs in two weeks performing “Swan Lake.”

• Singer Billie Holiday babysat actor/comedian Billy Crystal, even taking him to his first movie.

• Researchers at California State University discovered that the self-control needed to suppress the urge to urinate can produce a more convincing liar, something known as the inhibitory spillover effect.

Thought for the Day: “The compact between writing and walking is almost as old as literature – a walk is only a step away from a story, and every path tells.”
– Robert Macfarlane

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Moments in time

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- On July 11, 1922, the Hollywood Bowl, one of the world’s largest natural amphitheaters, opens. Its stage was a wooden platform with a canvas top, and audiences sat on moveable benches set on the hillsides of the surrounding canyon. In 1926, a group of Los Angeles architects built the Hollywood Bowl’s first shell.
- On July 12, 1957, Dwight D. Eisenhower becomes the first president to ride in the newest advance in aviation technology: the HMX-1 Nighthawk helicopter, administered jointly by the Army and the Marine Corps.
- On July 13, 1960, Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts is nominated for the presidency at the Democratic Party Convention. Four months later, on Nov. 8, Kennedy won 49.7% of the popular vote, edging the 49.6% received by Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.
- On July 14, 1789, Parisian revolutionaries and mutinous troops storm and dismantle the Bastille, a royal fortress built in 1370 that had come to symbolize the tyranny of the Bourbon monarchs. This dramatic action signaled the beginning of the French Revolution.
- On July 15, 1606, the great Dutch master Rembrandt van Rijn is born in Leiden. Rembrandt completed more than 600 paintings, many of them portraits or self-portraits. By the age of 22, he was accomplished enough to take on his own students.
- On July 16, 1935, the world’s first parking meter, known as Park-O-Meter No. 1, is installed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Indignant opponents of the meters considered paying for parking un-American, as it forced drivers to pay what amounted to a tax on their cars without due process of law.
- On July 17, 1975, as part of a mission aimed at developing space rescue capability, the U.S. spacecraft Apollo 18 and the Soviet spacecraft Soyuz 19 rendezvous and dock in space. During the 44-hour Apollo-Soyuz embrace, the astronauts and cosmonauts conducted experiments, shared meals and held a joint news conference.

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Briefs

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Lakeland, FL, was forced to take control of the aircraft when his pilot was incapacitated due to a medical emergency high above West Palm Beach, FL. He calmly radioed ground controllers and told them: “My pilot has gone incoherent. I have no

idea how to fly the airplane.” Air traffic controller Robert Morgan talked Harrison down: “I just knew I had to keep him calm, point him to the runway and tell him how to reduce the power so he could descend to land. It felt really good to help somebody, and he told me that he couldn’t wait to get home and hug his pregnant wife.”

— John Grimaldi

Flying

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Beach, Florida. Except, flying was miserable that time around. Delta Airlines made no offers to compensate us with any new or free tickets. They felt no obligation to cover any of the additional expenses we incurred in Atlanta. Budget Rent A Car made double money for an old Camry they rented me. The car was a take it or leave it. They said it was all they had available when I arrived.

Are there any answers? Sure. Stay home. Or, try to find flights that are direct if possible. This seems harder and harder. Buy a small suitcase that fits the legal carry-on dimensions. Then you will have your bag with you. If you can handle your trip without a rental car, you might be happier. Sometimes this is impossible but not always. We recently traveled to Baltimore and stuck with Taxis. We saved quite a bit because we didn’t pay for a rental car and we didn’t have to pay parking fees at the hotel.

I don’t like to fly in storms. I do want the airlines to make my safety a priority. I would rather arrive late than never. Just be aware that in the age we currently live in flying can be frustrating.

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Cowboys have a chance to break the NFC East curse

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

With some NFL training camps opening in less than a week, let’s have some fun looking at El Paso’s favorite division, the NFC East.

Why the NFC East? Well, of course it’s because that’s the division the Dallas Cowboys are in.

The Cowboys had a successful season a year ago, going 12-5 before losing in the first round of the playoffs.

But the Cowboys are attempting to do something this season that hasn’t been done in a very long time.

What is it? Well, let’s put it this way – Washington has had three different names since the last time any NFC East team has won the division two years in a row. They’ve been the Redskins, the Football

Team and the Commanders.

That’s right. The last time an NFC East team won in consecutive years was 2003 and 2004. The Philadelphia Eagles won it those years.

Since then, Dallas has won it six times, Philadelphia five times and New York and Washington have each won it three times. But no team has won it two years in a row.

So the question is, can the Dallas Cowboys finally break that curse and repeat as division champions in 2022?

Let’s go through the division.

The team that many are predicting may be the worst is the New York Giants. And I agree. The Giants will be a six-win team at best. Quarterback Daniel Jones has had three years to prove he’s an above-average NFL passer. Don’t bet on him doing it this year.

As a team, the Giants threw just 15

touchdown passes and 20 interceptions in 2021. No running back on the team gained at least 600 yards.

I’m afraid it’ll be another long season for the G-men.

The Commanders (it’ll take me a while to get used to that) won’t be much better than the Giants.

Washington will probably end up 7-10 or maybe 8-9. Anything better than that would be a big surprise. Yes, they picked up Carson Wentz as their new quarterback. But some experts don’t know if he’s any better than last year’s starter Taylor Heinicke.

The Commanders will hope their defense can return to the top five ranking it had two years ago. If not, they might find themselves in a fight to stay above the Giants.

The Philadelphia Eagles made it to the playoffs with a 9-8 record a year ago, but

at least on paper, they look like they’ll be better in 2022.

The Eagles are hoping second-year starting quarterback Jalen Hurts can keep improving. Picking up star wide receiver A.J. Brown certainly won’t dampen Hurts’ chances.

There are many sports reporters who are picking the Eagles to win the NFC East and keep that non-repeating streak going.

But I have my doubts. Philly should make the playoffs again with a 10-7 record. That just earns them second place in the division.

The Dallas Cowboys are undoubtedly the class of the East. They have most of their stars coming back in 2022.

I did say most. They lost pass rusher Randy Gregory and receivers Amari Cooper and Cedrick Wilson.

But the stars, Dak Prescott, Zeke Elliott, Tony Pollard, CeeDee Lamb, Michael Gallup, Dalton Schultz, Micah Parsons, Trevon Diggs, Demarcus Lawrence, Tyron Smith and Zack Martin are all back. There are also some new guys who could blossom the way Parsons and Diggs did a year ago.

We all know the Cowboys have one of the most explosive offenses in the entire NFL. And the defense improved immensely in 2021. There’s no reason to believe that either side of the ball will suffer this year.

Dallas should end the regular season with another 12-5 or even a 13-4 record, thanks in part to their schedule, which is one of the easiest in the league.

The Cowboys do have questions on the offensive line and kicking game. After losing Cooper they could be short at the wide receiver spot if anyone gets injured.

But overall, Dallas is the unquestioned leader of this division.

And by the end of the regular season, the Cowboys will have ended this “no repeat” curse.

If they don’t repeat, it won’t be long before Sean Peyton is introduced as the new coach of the Cowboys.

Plastics

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between the citizens of El Paso, Texans for Clean Water, and Sam’s Club will build on prior models of providing financial incentives for material returns that have been successful in reducing litter and waste,” she said.

Fully funded by TFCW, the project is dovetailed with other litter research initiatives and public policy outreach. And TxN, a leader in collaborative conservation initiatives, is charged with managing the pilot program by working closely with community partners on messaging, education, and promotion of the recycling effort.

“We’re excited to play a role in making recycling more accessible for the El Paso community,” stated Christopher Poulin, vice president of Regional General Manager of Operations for Sam’s Club. “This pilot aligns with our goals to become a regenerative company and we’ll be exploring ways to use the recycled materials collected to make packaging for some of the products we sell,” he added.

For this pilot project, consumers will use the McCycle App to drop off their PET thermoforms and receive cash incentives that they can claim through Venmo or donate to a local El

Paso charity, according to project organizers.

Green Impact Plastics will recycle the thermoforms. The recycled materials will be used in new packaging by manufacturer D6. D6 is on-track to becoming the world’s first carbon-negative packaging company. To help improve the circularity of its supply chain, Sam’s Club will also explore opportunities to use the recycled packaging for some of its products, stated a recent news release.

“This pilot is focusing on PET thermoforms, but it could be translated to other materials. Point being, people don’t toss loose change out car windows and will still stop to pick up a dime off the sidewalk,” stated Maia Corbitt, president of TFCW. “Plus, getting this material back supports Texas’ recycling industry, and we’re proud to champion projects that are a win-win for the environment and economy,” she asserted.

Program organizers noted that the data and outcomes from the project will be shared with other retailers as a model for replication and an example of supply chain circularity.

To learn more about the community-driven recycling project in El Paso, visit TxN’s website, at www.texanbynature.org and on Facebook @TexanbyNature, Twitter @TexanbyNature, or Instagram @texanbynature for the latest information on the local recycling initiative.

In North America alone, 1.6 billion pounds of PET thermoform plastics are discarded every year with only about 10 percent being recovered.

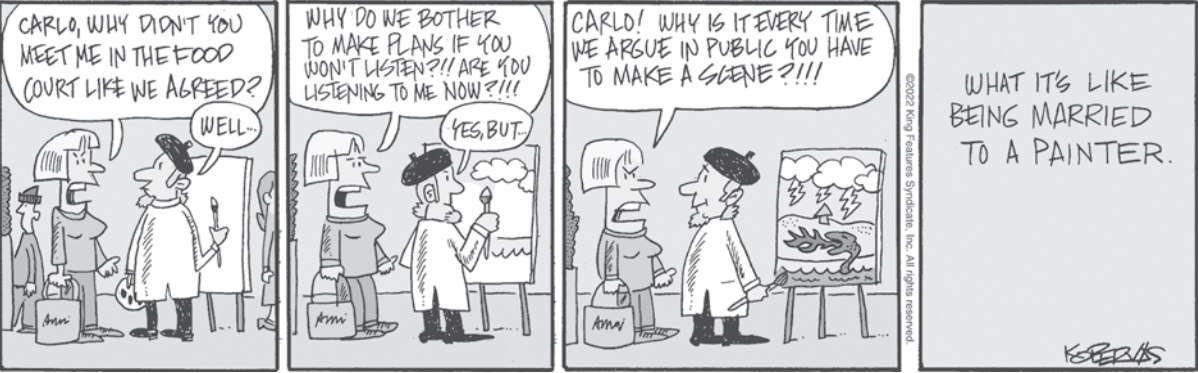
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	63	See 42-Down	122 Figure skater	32 Taiwan tea	78	44th president
	64	Noteworthy	Lipinski	33 Feudal estate	79	Pocatello's state
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		Luau souvenir		37 Horse, when running	85	Horse's gait
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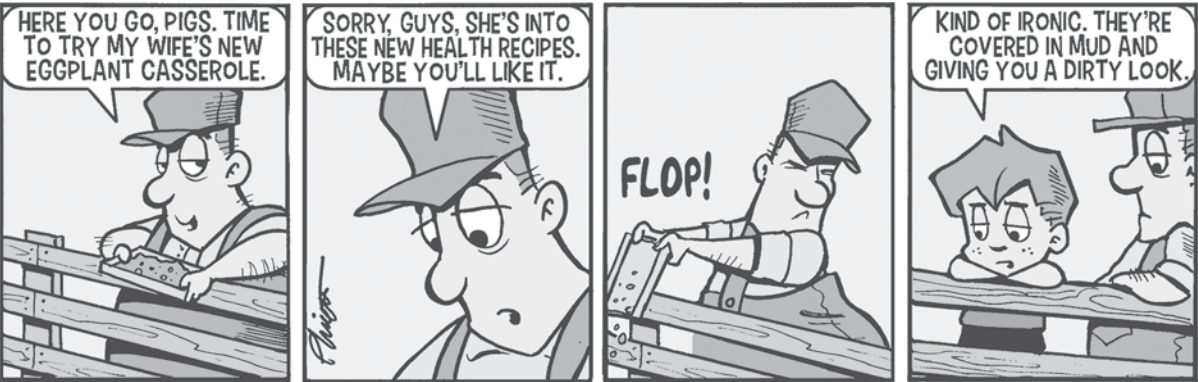
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AMBER WAVES

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TIGER

By Bud Blake



Lowry

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gas stations set prices, he’s technically correct in the sense that they post the prices on their iconic signs down to the tenth of a cent. They aren’t doing it arbitrarily, though. They all know that if they set a price not justified by broader market forces, customers will simply drive down the street to a more

reasonably priced station. Selling gas usually isn’t the most lucrative part of the business, either. Gas stations make a very small margin on fuel, with the cost of crude and refining, along with transport and taxes, accounting for almost all of the price at the pump. Stations earn a much higher margin on their sales of drinks and foodstuffs. Biden would be on more solid ground urging gas stations to cut consumers a

break on the price of soda and Doritos. Biden maintains that the stations should reduce gas prices since it’s a time of “war and global peril.” This appeal might make sense if Biden were browbeating gas stations located in Ukraine or Russia. But the U.S. is not at war, and business owners are under no obligation to sell their product at cost or below because Vladimir Putin is trying to dismember Ukraine.

Chest CT can’t replace screening mammogram

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am due to have a mammogram in July, but around the same time I am supposed to have a chest CT as a follow-up to my chondrosarcoma cancer. I have a CT every other year, and an X-ray on the opposite arm and my lungs. Does a chest CT have the potential of showing a similar finding as a mammogram? I would just as soon not have to expose myself to so much radiation all in one month. I’m 66. There is a history of postmenopausal breast cancer in my family, in my mother’s mother. – T.M.H.



A mammogram is an X-ray that is designed specifically to look for abnormalities in breast tissue. Mammograms have been extensively studied and proven to reduce mortality in women between the ages of 50-74 (outside these ages, there remains extreme controversy). CT scans are X-rays taken from many angles and then reconstructed in a computer to provide a look at many slices of the part of the body being looked at. A CT scanner can be set to emphasize bones or soft tissue, and work is ongoing now with CT scans designed specifically for breast abnormalities. The CT scan you get as follow-up to your chondrosarcoma (a rare cancer of cartilage) is designed to look in lung tissue for abnormalities and has not been evaluated as a means of screening for breast cancer, although I do know that some may be found anecdotally. The CT scans you get as a part of your cancer follow-up are not an adequate substitute for ongoing mammography, which is particularly important in your case due to a family history. I do understand the concern about radiation, but a mammogram has very little radiation – approximately the same you would get from naturally occurring radiation sources in seven weeks of walking around.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read a news report that vasectomy increases risk of prostate cancer. Should men avoid this procedure due to concern for prostate cancer? – T.S.V.

Several studies have looked at this possibility, and the results are conflicting. A 2014 study of about 50,000 U.S. men showed an increase of about 15% in the risk of fatal prostate cancer, but a 2016 study of 360,000 U.S. men showed no increase in risk. In June 2019, a study of over 2 million Danish men showed a 15% increase in overall prostate cancer risk. To put the risk in perspective, about 500 men would need to have a vasectomy for one additional man to get prostate cancer, in the Danish study. It is not clear that the vasectomy caused the prostate cancer. It is possible that there is something about men who choose vasectomy that puts them at higher risk to begin with; however, the authors were unable to find a known risk factor to support that possibility. Even if vasectomy does lead to an increased risk of prostate cancer, it still has similar or lower overall risk than other forms of birth control, and is a good choice for a man who is absolutely sure he does not want to father any more children, as a vasectomy should be considered permanent. Attempting reversal is possible, but there is no guarantee of success.

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.

Counterintuitively, gas stations in recent decades, and the rise of electric cars is putting more pressure on the business model. At least they are actually doing their job in difficult circumstances. The same can’t be said of the president.

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



Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
In WWII, the Navy took over a bat cave near Hondo and eventually strapped small bombs to the little creatures and dropped them on Tokyo.

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: X equals S

QRLM IBG ZVQZIX OLA ARL
GMKBMABVVZNVL GJOL AB
KVUTN TBGMAZUMX, U'W XZI
IBG'JL WJZQM AB XKZVL.

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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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New Covid rules at VA medical facilities



by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just instituted a three-tier safety program to keep veterans, visitors and staff safe from COVID at medical facilities.

Starting in May the Veterans Health Administration COVID-19 Health Protection Levels program, aligning with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the health care setting data, will determine on a weekly basis just what needs to be done before you can access care at a VA medical facility.

At mine, for example, it's at Level High. That means the full menu of options comes into play: masks, social distancing (stay 6 feet from others), probable screening at the door, approved visitors only and video options encouraged for appointments instead of

needing to go in.

At a Level Medium, it means masks, your care partner can come in but no other visitors, self-screen for COVID symptoms before you go and social distancing not required.

At a Level Low, visitors are probably fine (staff approved) if you're hospitalized, self-screen for COVID symptoms before you go and social distancing not required.

And yet there were other facilities I checked across the country where there were no health protection levels whatsoever, typically at VA in-network community partners like civilian optometrists. You'll need to call them individually to find out their protection levels. Oddly enough, in some locations across the country, facilities within mere miles of each other can range from low to medium to high.

Each week on Mondays the CDC rules will be updated on the facility listing with any changes and signs posted at doors. They'll also update on

website and social media and telephone voicemails.

The new guidance covers not just coming in the door, but waiting rooms, group therapy, staffing, visitors... everything.

If you're about to head out to a VA health facility, check to see their level so you'll know what to expect, even if you can guess based on the COVID cases in your home area: www.va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions.

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by Jo Ann Derson

• Keep your crisper drawer clean by lining with fresh newspaper. It will absorb smells and liquid, and can be easily replaced.

• If it's garage sale time, try this trick: Wrap a picture frame tightly with tulle. Then you can hang earrings from the tulle. Maybe someone will think it's so cute that you'll sell the frame, too!

• When your cut-up fruit is about to expire and you don't think you'll be able to eat it in time, just freeze it for smoothies. Lay it out in a single layer and pop it in the freezer. When it's frozen, you can put it in a zipper-top baggie for easy storage.

• "Do you have a lot of coffee mugs? Maybe it's time to show them off! My granny has so many coffee mugs from trips and that she got as gifts. My daddy put up five long shelves on one wall of her kitchen. They are the perfect place to line up and display all the mugs, and each one has a story, which is fun to hear." – F.E. in North Carolina

• "I have three girls and one bathroom, so there's no way anyone gets 'ready' in front of the bathroom mirror. Instead, all the girls have a hanging shoe rack on the back of their door for makeup and hair supplies, and a mirror on the wall." – P.W. in Oregon

• Cut cotton pads in half to double your supply. They are typically big enough for two uses, and you can always use two halves if you need a whole.

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

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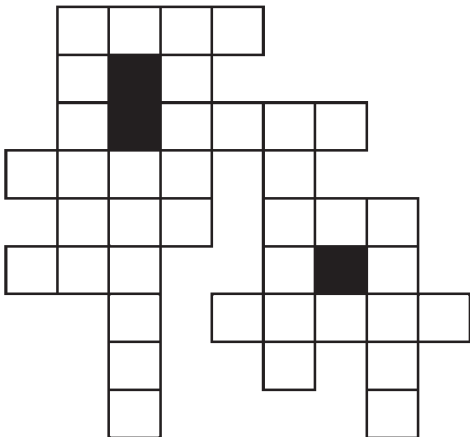
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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