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– Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

Sergeant Acuña

Fabens ISD training

Fabens Independent School District (FISD) employees and staff received a presentation on school safety and active shooters on July 29, 2022. Sergeant Acuña from the El Paso Sheriff's Department delivered the presentation. FISD School Resource Officers (SROs) were present. The district is rolling out enhanced security measures such as the Raptor Emergency Management System and FrontRow, to name a couple.

– Sofia Maciel

Picking a state

With around 8.4% of Americans having moved last year, which is a historic low, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2022's *Best States to Live In*, as well as accompanying videos and expert commentary. To help Americans settle down in the best and most affordable place possible, WalletHub compared the 50 states across 52 key indicators of livability. They range from housing costs and income growth to education rate and quality of hospitals. Texas was rated 34th in the report with living conditions ranked (1-Best; 25-Avg.):

- 24th – Housing Costs;
- 45th – Homeownership Rate;
- 20th – Income Growth;
- 50th – Percent of Insured Population;
- 47th – Avg. Weekly Work Hours;
- 1st – Restaurants per Capita; and

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Past generations have made sure that future generations will be born free, equal and in debt.

– Quips & Quotes

Elks stay active in El Paso County

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Elks Lodge #187, which is affiliated with the New Mexico Elks Association (NMEA), is enthusiastically setting out the welcome mat for the NMEA president's upcoming visit.

Jerry Hitchcock, of Carlsbad NM, who has been head of NMEA since April, will be visiting the local chapter on Friday, August 19, to see firsthand the community service work that the El Paso lodge has been demonstrating through its Elks Care & Elks Share programs.

In the morning, Hitchcock will observe the local Elks Lodge members' annual Toiletries & Toilet Paper (TTP) distribution drive, which is earmarked to assist 15 local nonprofit organizations and selected schools.

"The TTP campaign is in its fourth year and was created to promote good health and well-being of El Pasoans in need, through the distribution of toiletries and other basic daily life necessities,"



NEIGHBORLY VISIT – New Mexico Elks Association (NMEA) President Jerry Hitchcock (above left) of Carlsbad NM will be in El Paso to visit with members of the El Paso Elks Lodge #187 and its president, Manuel Aguirre (above right). The visit, scheduled for Friday, August 19, will allow Hitchcock to see firsthand the community service work that the El Paso lodge has been conducting through its Elks Care & Elks Share programs.



– Photos courtesy El Paso Elks Lodge #187

and a variety of household goods to 'turn a house into a home', have had on their daily lives," Kelly said. "We have helped over 50 veterans with these welcome home kits since April 2022," she added.

In the evening, Hitchcock along with the El Paso Elks' members, will attend a special reception that will incorporate recognition of the three El Paso area high school graduates who were awarded Elks National Most Valuable Students (MVS) scholarships last year. They are Class of 2022 high school graduates Rodolfo Arzaga, of Harmony Science Academy; Colin Cromeens, of Franklin HS; and Alyssa Yelenia Gallardo, of Coronado HS.

The evening event will also include a sit-down dinner and musical entertainment. The celebration will be held at the local lodge's headquarters, which is located at 2278 Trawood Dr. Suite C.

Persons interested in finding out more about the Elks Lodge #187 programs, like the TTP project, and membership opportunities, may visit the local chapter's website, at www.elpasoelks187.org or send email to elpaso187@gmail.com or visit them on Facebook: El Paso Elks Lodge 187/ El Paso Elks 187 TTP.

stated Cheryl Kelly, charity committee chairperson for Elks Lodge #187.

Kelly stated that in 2021 over \$200,000 in toiletries, shoes, clothes, socks, and various household items were distributed by the local Elks chapter to over 30 local nonprofit organizations, veterans, schools, and the elderly.

In the afternoon, NMEA President Hitchcock will visit with two homeless veterans who recently moved into independent living quarters with the assistance of community nonprofit organizations, the El Paso Elks Lodge #187, and the Elks National Veterans Service Commission.

During the slated visit, "these veterans will share the impact the 'Welcome Home Kits', which include a bed

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program

High school seniors who plan to go to college after graduation are encouraged to participate in the Most Valuable Student (MVS) contest, sponsored by the Elks National Foundation (ENF), and earn a chance of winning scholarships of up to \$50,000.

El Paso's Elks Lodge 187 recently reached out to El Paso County high school principals, counselors, and senior sponsors to elicit their help in promoting the ENF 2022 MVS scholarship program.

Every year, ENF awards 500 four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership, and financial need. The national scholarship awards range from \$4,000 to \$50,000.

The MVS scholarships are designed for students who plan to pursue a four-year degree on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), at a U.S. college or university.

Interested applicants must be current high school seniors (or equivalent) and are citizens of the United States. Also, eligible applicants for the MVS scholarship do not have to be related to a member of the Elks organization. And male and female students compete separately.

For more information, contact your high school counselor or visit the Elks website, at elks.org/scholars or send email to scholarship@elks.org.

EPCC receives 30,400 books for community distribution

By Ismael De La Rosa
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Over 30,000 books are being distributed by El Paso Community College (EPCC) through its community library. EPCC's Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library Head Librarian Lorely Ambriz has partnered up with The Molina Foundation accepting a grant that will put brand new books in the hands of thousands of El Paso County families to promote literacy that will enhance their lives.

One truckload with a total of 30,437 new books valued

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– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

FILLING UP THE FLOOR – 30,400 plus books will filter through this warehouse for distribution to the community.

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Joe Biden still isn’t a good President

Every dog has his day, and apparently so does every miserably inadequate president.

Joe Biden, who has been out-of-touch, tone-deaf and disturbingly incompetent from the outset of his presidency, suddenly has the “Big Mojo,” or at least the “Moderate-Sized, This Isn’t Quite the Legislative Debacle We Expected Mojo.”

The climate and health care spending deal forged by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and longtime Democratic holdout Joe Manchin has revived talk in the media and among Democrats of Biden’s transformative agenda – if not quite FDR- or LBJ-level, substantial and to be reckoned with.

There’s no doubt that Biden has spent a lot of money between the so-called \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package and now the \$700 billion in the latest bill.

It’s also true that winning is better than losing; success is better than futility; and passing something is better than nothing.

The Schumer-Manchin bill, though, is a shadow of the original sprawling proposal that constituted nearly the entire progressive wish list, from free community college to universal pre-K to expanded parental leave, stuffed into one legislative casing.

The scaled-back version is a not particularly coherent combination of whatever Joe Manchin and his fellow resistant Democrat, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, were willing to support.

Its claim to reduce inflation is a joke; its deficit

reduction is back loaded and has already been vitiated by other unpaid-for spending; its taxes will hit Americans earning less than \$400,000-a-year, despite Biden’s promises; its electric car subsidies are frustrated by its own requirements that key components not come from China – requirements that no car can currently meet.

The bill doesn’t remove any of the doubts about Biden, whose main contribution to the process of cutting the deal was to stay out of the way.

Otherwise, the president still hasn’t successfully made the public case for anything. Indeed, he has almost zero capacity for persuasion – something that the White House clearly realizes and is reflected in his limited schedule and interactions with the press.

He’s allowed the left to lead him around by the nose on most things, mouthing its lines about the Georgia voting law supposedly being “Jim Crow on steroids” and slamming the Supreme Court while on a trip overseas.

His agenda has been almost entirely removed from the concerns of ordinary Americans. The title of the new spending bill is a nod to inflation, but what it really offers Americans groaning under double-digit price increases in key goods is – just what they need – more solar

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **D** equals **G**

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It is the policy of San Elizario Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the, basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The San Elizaraio Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Rogelio Segovia, Associate Superintendent, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Mail: PO BOX 920, San Elizario, TX 79849, (915) 872-3900.

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Books

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at \$250,000 arrived at the EPCC warehouse last spring, enough books to fill a book shelf 1,500 feet long. Books were donated by The Molina Foundation’s 2022 Families Learning Together – Book Buddies Initiative, an initiative to distribute 1.5 million books worth \$13 million to nonprofits and community groups across the nation.

The Molina Foundation’s Book Buddies literacy program for 2022 is designed to support nonprofits, service agencies, libraries, and other community organizations across the nation. The goal is to provide free books and other educational resources to help children, parents, and caregivers create word-filled homes through reading and learning together.

Research shows that there continues to be significant academic achievement differences between children in poverty and their better-off peers. There is a strong correlation between illiteracy and a community’s lack of social and economic progress.

Through the Book Buddies program, The Molina Foundation will work with grantees to help children and families:

- Provide at-home learning opportunities;
- Encourage storytelling in everyday life;
- Participate and engage in

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By: rj johnson

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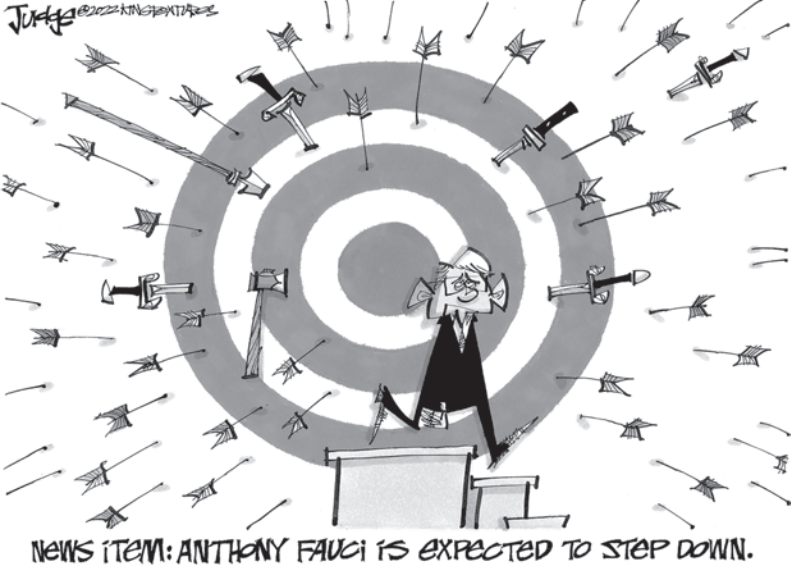
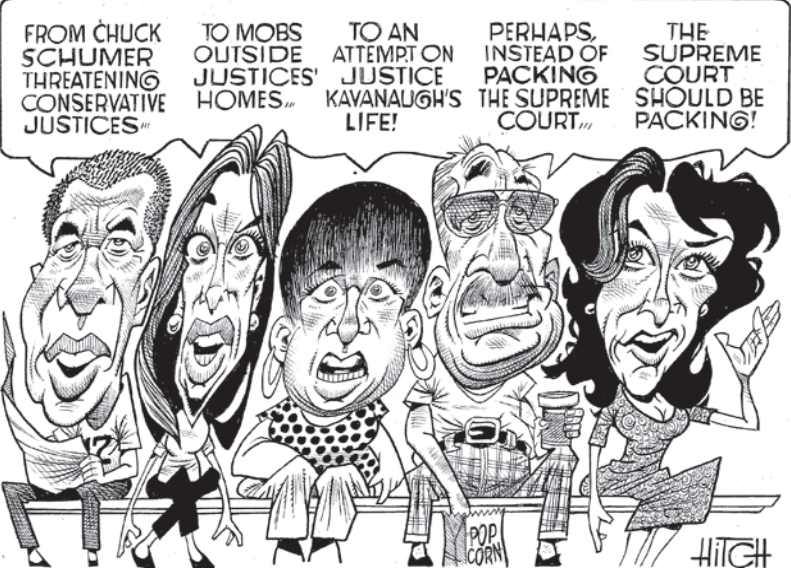
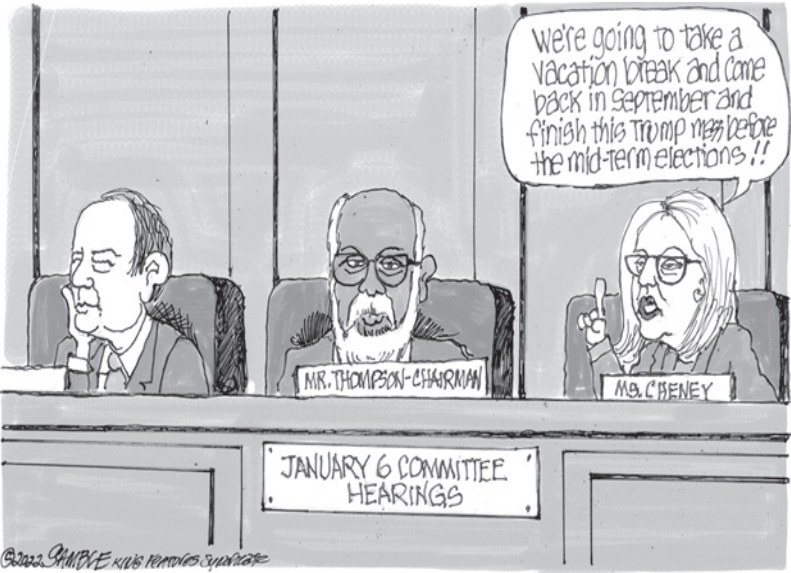
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 in in the W.E. Neill Service Center, 19210 Cobb Avenue, Tornillo, Texas 79853. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.899500/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.468900/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	2.47%	Increase
Debt Service	0.60%	Increase
Total Expenditures	2.28%	Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 118,0624,59	\$ 126,678,436
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,541,598	\$ 2,239,793
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 92,108,080	\$ 95,534,342
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,477,905	\$ 2,120,544

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$15,400,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.931500	\$ 0.468900*	\$ 1.40040	\$ 1,484	\$13,399
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.967270	\$ 0.414470*	\$ 1.381740	\$ 1,640	\$13,313
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.899500	\$ 0.468900*	\$ 1.368400	\$ 1,592	\$13,336

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 79,438	\$ 88,594
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 54,438	\$ 48,594
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.400400	\$ 1.368400
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 762.35	\$ 664.96
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ - 97.39

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.378568. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.378568.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,515,442
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 84,792

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

BOOKS BY THE PALLET – Lorely Ambriz, Head Librarian at the Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library, stands in front of boxes upon boxes of books.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of **\$0.700000 per \$100 valuation** has been proposed by the governing body of **TOWN OF ANTHONY**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.700000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.634634 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.771362 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for TOWN OF ANTHONY from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that TOWN OF ANTHONY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that TOWN OF ANTHONY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 22, 2022 AT 6:30 PM AT Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, TOWN OF ANTHONY is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of TOWN OF ANTHONY at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal: Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Weeks Councilman Jose Garcia
Councilman Louie Alfaro Councilman Eduardo Chavez
Councilwoman Soledad Flores

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Benjamin Romero

ABSENT: None

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The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by TOWN OF ANTHONY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by TOWN OF ANTHONY this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.710781	\$0.700000	<i>Decrease of -\$0.010781, or -1.52%</i>
Average homestead taxable value	\$123,122	\$137,349	<i>Increase of \$14,227, or 11.56%</i>
Tax on average homestead	\$875.13	\$961.44	<i>Increase of \$86.31, or 9.86%</i>
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,467,027	\$1,619,404	<i>Increase of \$152,377, or 10.39%</i>

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for **TOWN OF ANTHONY** at **915-212-0106** or **citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov**, or visit **townofanthony.org** for more information.

Books

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pleasure reading;

- Connect to the world through books and stories; and
- Develop classroom readiness skills and prepare for school.

Lorely Ambriz, Head Librarian at the Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library said that, “we are privileged to receive this generous donation of books, giving these materials out empowers youth and their families with resources that encourage recreational reading, sharing stories and learning all year long.” She added that this pro-literacy effort is in alignment with EPCC and the library’s efforts to help support the success of the youth and the families we serve.

Individual and boxed books have been distributed at various events and to various organizations. Individual books can be picked up at the Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library located at

the EPCC Northwest Campus
6701 S. Desert Blvd. El Paso,
TX 79932 or request by the box
can be requested by contacting
Lorely Ambriz at lambriz@
epcc.edu.

The Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library is a partnership of the El Paso Community College and the City of El Paso Public Libraries, established since 2003 and serving as a dual mission library academic for EPCC college students and public as a branch of the El Paso Public Libraries. Serving an extensive underserved community in far west El Paso.

The Molina Foundation is a national nonprofit organization. Since its inception in 2004, it has partnered with more than 2,000 organizations and schools around the country to promote literacy and wellness. In addition, it has donated more than 5 million new children's books in English and Spanish and hosted hundreds of free workshops and programs for educators, families, and children.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Aug. 15, 1961, two days after sealing off free passage between East and West Berlin with barbed wire, East German authorities begin building a wall – the Berlin Wall – to permanently close off access to the West. For the next 28 years, the wall was a literal “iron curtain” dividing Europe.

• On Aug. 16, 1954, Sports Illustrated, a new magazine dedicated to covering sports, appears on American newsstands with a cover photo of Milwaukee Braves third baseman Eddie Mathews. Sports Illustrated did not make money for most of its first decade but eventually became the undisputed leader in American sports media.

• OnAug. 17, 1993, Random House agrees to pay Gen. Colin Powell an advance of about \$6 million for the rights to his autobiography, “My American Journey.” Powell’s book became the fastest-selling book in Random House history.

• On Aug. 18, 1940, Walter Percy Chrysler, the founder of the American automotive corporation that bears his name, dies in New York. Chrysler was also known for financing the 77-story Art Deco Chrysler building skyscraper in midtown Manhattan. When completed in 1930, it was the tallest building in the world.

• On Aug. 19, 1812, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, known as “Old Ironsides,” catches the British warship Guerriere 600 miles east of Boston where the Constitution delivered its first broadside. The British man-of-war was de-masted and rendered a wreck while the Constitution escaped with only minimal damage.

• On Aug. 20, 1911, a dispatcher in The New York Times office sends the first telegram around the world to determine how fast a commercial message could be sent. After it traveled more than 28,000 miles, relayed by 16 different operators, the reply was received by the same operator 16.5 minutes later.

• On Aug. 21, 1980, animal rights advocates Ingrid Newkirk and Alex Pacheco found People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Rising from humble beginnings, PETA will soon become the world’s foremost and most controversial animal rights organization.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• The Psychotria elata flower, also affectionately known as the “hot lips plant,” which grows in the rainforests of Central and South America, resembles a puckering mouth covered in lipstick.

• After losing a drunken poker bet in 2009, a New Zealand man had his name legally changed to “Full Metal Havok More Sexy N Intelligent Than Spock And All The Superheroes Combined With Frostnova.” After five years, the new moniker was finally approved by the government, and all 99 characters are on his passport.

• In Oklahoma, it is illegal to wear boots to bed (but shoes are OK).

• In 1956, four men on a boat off the coast of Cornwall threw explosives at a shark to kill it, or at least scare it away from divers, but the plan partially backfired, killing two of the men and injuring the others when the shark headed for them instead with an explosive device on its back.

• “Ouijazilla,” in Salem, Massachusetts, holds the unofficial title of the “World’s Largest Ouija Board” at 3,168 square feet and approximately 9,000 lbs.


• Charlie Daniels objected to the use of “The Devil Went Down to Georgia” in the Guitar Hero III video game because it was possible for the player to lose to a devil-like character, which “perverted” his song.

• No matter what it might feel like, to the contrary, when you’re suffering from one, the majority of microbiologists say viruses are not actually alive, as they produce no energy and can only reproduce when inside a living creature.

Thought for the Day: “It isn’t the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out, it’s the pebble in your shoe.”
– Muhammad Ali

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore

Texas pioneers were forced to use home remedies, like SPIDER WEBS, to suppress bleeding.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of **\$0.093580 per \$100** valuation has been proposed by the governing body of EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.093580 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.091193 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.085717 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.093580 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 exceeds the voter-approval rate for EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 .

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 23, 2022 AT 5:30 PM AT 16001 Socorro Road, Fabens, TX 79838 and via web at <https://www.epcountyesd2.org/2022-meetings>.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 may petition the EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) /100

FOR the proposal:	Michael Diaz	Rick Avalos
	Michael Barnes	Adrian Santana
AGAINST the proposal:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.100000	\$0.093580	<i>Decrease of -\$0.006420, or -6.42%</i>
Average homestead taxable value	\$109,644	\$125,974	<i>Increase of \$16,330, or 14.89%</i>
Tax on average homestead	\$109.64	\$117.89	<i>Increase of \$8.25, or 7.52%</i>
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,382,394	\$4,654,944	<i>Increase of \$272,550, or 6.22%</i>

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 at (915) 212-0106 or citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov, or visit [epcountyesd2.org](https://www.epcountyesd2.org) for more information.

Miners’ Sun Bowl opener could be the first domino to fall

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Believe it or not, the UTEP football season is just a little over a week away and the city seems as excited for this campaign as they have been in a long time.

It wasn’t long ago that the Miners were considered the worst college football team in the entire country... for two years in a row.

Remember head coach Dana Dimel’s first three years at UTEP? If you’ve forgotten, his Miner teams were 5-27 and fans were beginning to believe that athletics director Jim Senter made a big mistake hiring this guy.

But in his fourth season a year ago, Dimel led the Miners to a winning 7-6

record and a ticket to the New Mexico Bowl, where they lost a hard fought 31-24 decision to favored Fresno State.

Usually the preseason Conference USA predictions have the Miners finishing dead last. And why not? That’s exactly where UTEP usually finishes its football season.

But this year, because of the success they had last season and with many of the key players returning, the 11-team league picked the Miners to finish sixth.

Now sixth place may not be anything to write home about but considering its embarrassing past, UTEP has earned some respect from the other conference members.

So the Miners are getting ready for their home opener and C-USA opener against North Texas in the Sun Bowl on August 27.

This game will not just be in the Sun Bowl, it will be in a sold out Sun Bowl. And that hasn’t happened since the Texas Longhorns came here in 2008.

Thanks to the “915” campaign that Senter and the athletic program thought up, city leaders, the fans and the business community have stepped up big to make this dream of a sellout a reality.

Now comes the tough part. When a great opportunity presents itself, you have to rise to the occasion and take advantage of it.

The UTEP football team will be playing a tough conference team in front of a packed Sun Bowl crowd. And because it’s packed (over 48,000 compared to the usual 15,000) that obviously means that the majority of the fans there that night either rarely go to Miner games or have never been to a Miner game.

This is an opportunity for the Miners to show the rest of the city how entertaining a UTEP game in the Sun Bowl can be. If the Miners win this game, many of those fans will come back the next week and the week after that.

And don’t doubt for a second that a packed stadium is noticed by young athletes when they’re deciding which college to play for.

There was a time that Boise State and Cincinnati and Central Florida were just plain old college football programs. Now they are considered elite college football programs because they are consistent winners and draw big crowds.

UTEP once did that with their basketball program. There’s no reason why they can’t continue that with their football program. Just because something has always been a certain way doesn’t mean it can’t change tomorrow.

Briefs

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• 27th – Percent of Residents 12+ Who Are Fully Vaccinated.
Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-to-live-in/62617> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

Record breakers

It seems that the folks at the Guinness Book of World Records are handing out awards for just about anything that anybody can think up. They recently New Yorker Eric “Badlands” Booker to their list of record breakers. They honored him with two titles – one for downing a liter of soda pop in record time and another for gulping a liter of tomato juice. Meanwhile, Guinness has announced that Johan Espenkrona who resides in Sweden, has broken the world record for picking up and tossing a washing machine more than 14 and a half feet.

– John Grimald



• “When painting, write the name and brand of paint under the room’s light switch plate. If you ever need to go out and buy more, you will know where to start.” – R.K. in Montana

• My family has always used mayonnaise as a salve on minor burns. I heard you can use toothpaste too. – Sam P. via e-mail

• Add these to the list of items to eliminate the odor of cooking cabbage: a heel of bread, a whole walnut or a pinch of baking soda.

• To travel with pleated skirts, use this packing trick: Turn the skirt inside out and straighten all the pleats. Then tape the bottom so that all the pleats are held together. Next, feed the skirt into a leg

of pantyhose with the foot cut off. You end up with a nice tube, which you can tuck into the sides of your luggage.

• When traveling for more than a few days, stick your plants into the bathtub with a little bit of water. They soak it up, and you don't have to have someone come over and water your plants. This will only work for a week or less, though. – John McF. of Baton Rouge, Louisiana

• If you have a pickle- or jelly-jar lid that’s stuck on, try using the handle end of a butter knife to tap a few indentations around the edges. This can sometimes loosen the seal, making it easier to remove the lid.

• I keep grocery lists on my computer. When I am going to go shopping, I print out the list and fold the paper in half. Then I slip my coupons into the fold. Keeps them handy when I am shopping. – Reader in Maryland

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Super Crossword

MAKE JOKES ACROSS

1 Yearned (for)
7 Zion National Park locale
11 Fracas
14 Domino's order
19 Colorado River tribe
20 Quarterback Tony
21 Bible book after Exod.
22 PC letter
23 Bought an expensive Camaro?
26 Desert plants
27 “_ all true!”
28 Hit the slopes
29 Crooning while standing atop a Rio?
31 Glimpses
33 Large African antelope
36 Pianist Schiff
37 Request to your Accord when you need to get somewhere in a hurry?
42 Triton's realms
43 Snake noise
47 _ Lingus
48 Traffic jam
50 Funny
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56 City where the Model 3 is produced?
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62 Raggedy _
63 Tripled trio
64 Why you don't

want to give your beloved Q7?
70 Has food
71 Sparkly stone
72 From long ago: Abbr.
73 Once-big news agcy.
74 “Silkwood” co-star
78 Declaration when a Regal stalls in traffic?
82 VIP roster
86 London loc.
87 Clink dweller
88 Shire of “Rocky”
89 Charger being dismantled for scrap metal?
94 Permitted
96 San _ (city WSW of Sacramento)
97 Unceasingly
99 Up to, in brief
100 Pace
101 Don of talk radio
104 Things provided by joyrides in a Grand Cherokee?
109 Crude shed
111 Knightly title
112 Caulk, e.g.
113 Action words used in Continental ads?
119 Forest hooter
122 Rapa _ (Easter Island)
123 Large city in Nebraska
124 Put a wheel boot on a Mustang?

128 Cato's language
129 Ocean east of Fla.
130 Burn balm
131 Main course
132 Nerve cell projections
133 Pekoe, e.g.
134 Oxen connector
135 Vocalizes Alpine-style

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1 Mischievous
2 Just so
3 Chipping tool
4 Was ill with
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6 Pack of cards
7 Suffix with depart
8 “Mazel _!”
9 Schumer and Sedaris of comedy
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11 Trues up
12 Make a choice
13 Pull-out part of a range
14 _ Bill (Old West folk hero)
15 Somalian supermodel
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17 Rigatoni relative
18 Et _ (and more)
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43 Cracker brand of old
44 Holy likeness
45 Equivalent
46 Louver piece
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51 _-pedi (spa option)
52 NSFW part
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57 “Gemini Man” director Lee
58 Acting instinctively, informally
61 Long-_ (rangy)
65 E followers
66 Capital of South Vietnam
67 “Ltd.” cousin
68 Winning by a point
69 Salsa, say
74 White wine
75 Fiery realm
76 Pennsylvania city
77 Use a book
78 Texter's “ciao”
79 Sturm _ Drang
80 Backdrops
81 Flight unit

82 Slightly open
83 Moon, in Italy
84 Research ctr.
85 _-Ball
90 “Entrapment” director Jon
91 Headwear in the title of the first Ellery Queen mystery
92 FBI's govt. division
93 “Gosh!”
95 _ degree
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102 Gen. Assembly procedure for a resolution
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105 Medium gait
106 “The Raven” maiden
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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



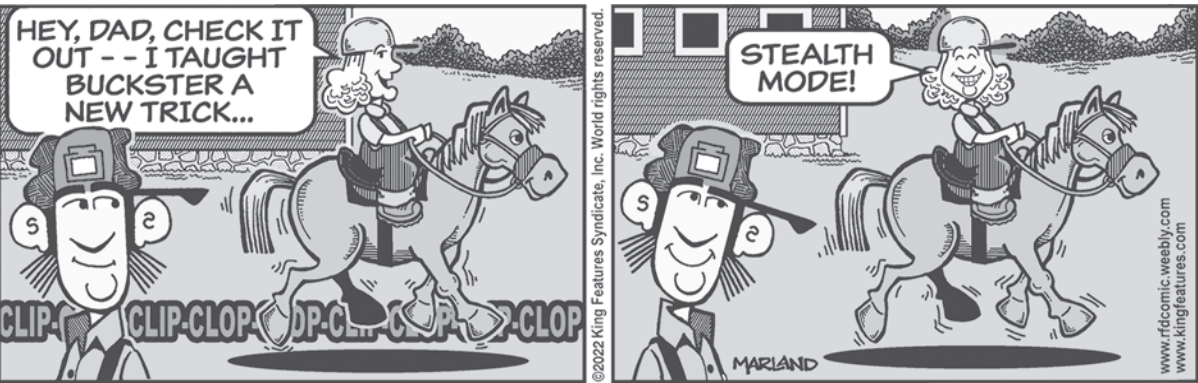
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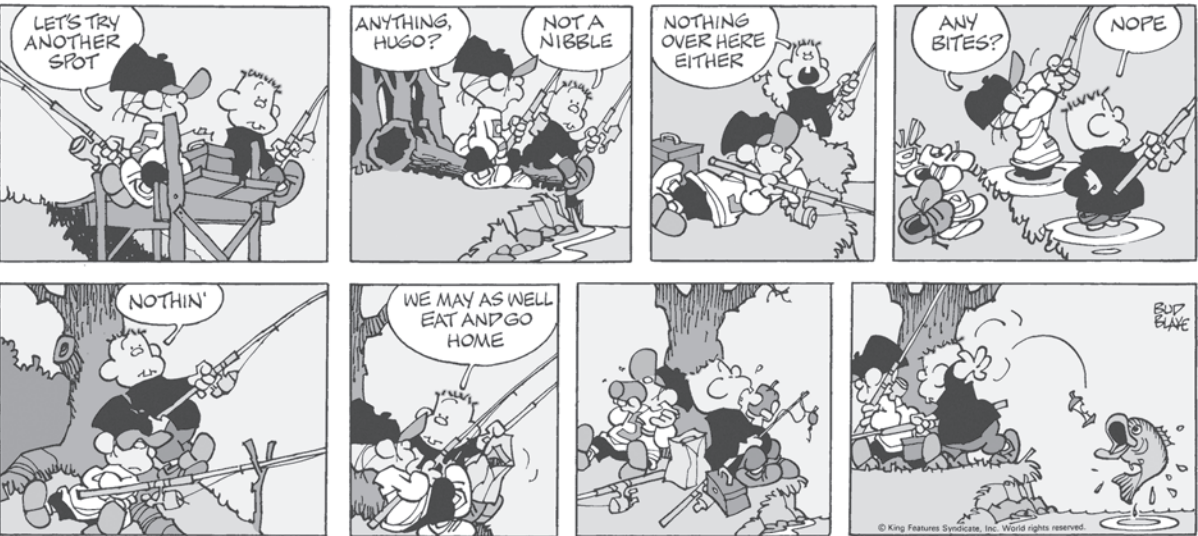
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By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



Lowry

From Page 2

panels and wind turbines.

Of course, Biden’s first big achievement, the COVID bill, turned out to be most consequential for what it did to stoke an inflation that has disrupted the lives of much of the country and eroded its standard of living.

It is this failure, more than the border or Afghanistan, that has sent Biden below 40% approval in most polls. It’s one thing to sag in popularity before a midterm election – that’s normal. It’s quite another to convince most everyone in the country, including members of your own party, that you are unsuited to running for president again.

Only 18% of Americans in the latest Yahoo News/YouGov poll say that

Biden should run for a second term. Just 29% of Biden voters are ready for him to suit up and ride again in 2024, an astonishing repudiation from people who presumably wish him well and were hoping for the best.

Well, at least Biden, the oldest man ever to serve as president, set up his succession with foresight and care, right? Naturally, only 30% of Democrats and Democratic independents want Vice President Kamala

Harris to be the nominee in 2024.

Perhaps it makes Biden’s legislative achievements all the more impressive that he’s been able to manage them while simultaneously cratering. If that’s a distinction of sorts, it’s not one any president should welcome.

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

Smoking, symptoms biggest factors in COPD prognosis

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was diagnosed with COPD a year and a half ago. I seem to be unable to get answers from my pulmonary doctor, as he is always busy. How fast does COPD progress? I’m 78 years old, I’m in reasonably good health, and I exercise regularly. I have chronic bronchitis with a slight amount of emphysema. I had been coughing a little during the day, had mucus in the morning and coughed at night for two to three hours after bedtime – to the extent of having to use a rescue inhaler to settle down and get back to sleep. After he put me on Trelegy, all of those symptoms disappeared, and I feel perfectly normal except for shortness of breath. My other question is, what is the life expectancy of a person diagnosed with COPD? I’ve read answers to this all over the map, from two or three years after diagnosis to 15 or more years. I would presume that it depends on other factors such as physical condition, exercise, weight, etc. I would like some kind of guideline for someone in my condition. – T.J.



There are two major types of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: chronic bronchitis, where the primary problem is productive cough; and emphysema, which is destruction of the small airways. Shortness of breath is a common feature of all types of COPD. The most prevalent cause is smoking. I can’t answer your questions on rate of progression and overall prognosis without much more information, but it is certainly a good sign that many of your symptoms are well-controlled on treatment. The single biggest factor in rate of progression of COPD is whether you are a smoker, but not being able to exercise, being male and being very underweight are additional risk factors for faster progression. In someone with COPD, the decline over months to years can cause symptoms to occur first with exercise, and then when at rest. Once people have severe symptoms at rest, the prognosis becomes quite poor.

No medication can reverse lung damage. Inhaled steroids reduce inflammation and can slow progression somewhat. Inhaled bronchodilators open airways and make breathing easier. Inhaled anticholinergics reduce secretions. Trelegy contains all of these medicines and is for people with severe COPD or those who do not have good symptom control with a less intensive regimen.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My family recommended yoni pearls for cleansing the vagina and for prevention and treatment of vaginal bacterial infection. Are these necessary? – J.H.

A healthy vagina does not need any cleaning, and any kind of herb or douche inserted in the vagina is much more likely to cause problems than prevent them, so I strongly recommend against them. Bacterial vaginosis is a condition where the normal, healthy bacteria in the vagina are outnumbered by other bacteria, such as Gardnerella and others. This outnumbering changes the vaginal pH and may cause symptoms ranging from abnormal discharge to unpleasant odor. Bacterial vaginosis is normally treated with antibiotics when symptoms are bothersome. Women who suspect bacterial vaginosis should have an examination to confirm the diagnosis.

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.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

Answer Page 5 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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\$240 million fraud



by Freddy Groves

The owner of several construction companies has been nailed for fraud. His crime: Defrauding the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses(SDVOSB)program for the purpose of grabbing up government contracts that he wasn't eligible for.

The scam went on from 2004 to 2017. The thieves \$240 million in contracts.

Unfortunately, one of the

scammers was a veteran. He was talked into pretending that he, a service-disabled veteran, was the majority owner (at least 51%) of the company for the purposes of qualifying for the contracts.

The head criminal in this venture is going to have a good long time to think about it. Depending on how the sentencing turns out, he could be looking at 20 years for each of six counts of wire fraud, not to mention the \$250,000 fine for each one.

One of the co-crooks pleaded guilty to his part in the long-running theft. He's since lost his money to bankruptcy and his wife to divorce.

The disabled veteran also has

himself in a world of hurt. He lied about the company as well as everything else, even signing the documents stating that he was the majority owner. At least he manned up when they were caught and pleaded guilty, not bothering with a trial.

One thing that stands out for all three of the criminals: None of them was lacking in skills or talent. One of them, for example, was a local shining star in developing low-cost housing out of defunct properties and was seemingly well regarded.

If you know fraud that's taking money away from legitimate small business veterans in the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and/or Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) programs, report it to the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General at 800-488-8244. For more information on reporting fraud, go online to www.va.gov/oig/hotline/default.asp. Click on the FAQ page to learn what types of complaints the OIG doesn't normally handle. You'll find a long directory of resources there.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★

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