

NEWSBRIEFS

Electric buses

Socorro Independent School District (SISD) was selected as one of only 13 Texas school districts and the only one in Region 19 to receive EPA's Clean School Bus funding. SISD was awarded \$9.875 million to build charging infrastructure and replace 25 buses with new electric models through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean School Bus Program rebate competition. The EPA grants will help school districts purchase over 2,400 clean school buses that will accelerate the transition to zero emission vehicles and produce cleaner air in and around schools and communities.

— Christy Flores-Jones

One last look

Socorro High School (SHS) students, teachers, alumni, and Team SISD stakeholders took one last stroll through the halls of the original SHS last Saturday as the area is prepared for the final phase of reconstruction. The walkthrough will begin at the original main foyer of the school and continued through the areas of the classic building. The structure will be razed to allocate the space for new facilities in the renovation of SHS.

— Christy Flores-Jones

Young musicians

The El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestras open the 2022-2023 season with their annual Fall Concert on Sunday, November 6, 2022, 3pm at the Plaza Theatre.

- Nathan Black will lead the El Paso Youth Orchestra in Brahms' Tragic Overture.
- The El Paso Youth Symphony, led by Jose Rios, will perform Highlights from Harry Potter plus the 3rd movement of Mahler's Symphony No. 1 and The Prince of Denmark's March by Jeremiah Clarke.
- The El Paso Youth String Ensemble, led by Rodrigo

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Gossip is when someone gets a little wind of something and treats it like a great big cyclone.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

DEDICATED — On a recent Thursday morning, some of the VICTORY members gathered at their treasured Clint Veterans Park to conduct their weekly maintenance chores. The group included, from left, Jerry Acuna, Tino Cereceres, Cel Inostrosa, Kiki Cereceres, Julian Tellez, Poncho Fierro, Juan Portillo, Robert Cereceres, and Jaime Gonzalez.

VICTORY pays tribute to lower valley veterans

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Clint Veterans Park

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CLINT — When an unassuming group of veterans, who call Clint TX their home, decided to start a support group for lower valley residents who served in any one of the U.S. military branches, they chose to name their organization VICTORY — Veterans In Clint Thinking Of & Remembering You — because they wanted to pay tribute to American veterans everywhere.

One of the founders of the organization, Robert Cereceres, a U.S. Army infantry soldier during the Viet Nam War, said that it was a hell of an experience for him because he didn't think that he would make it back home, to his beloved community of Clint. And when he did survive, when he came back to the states, there was no welcoming parade, no cheering crowds. Instead, they were ridiculed and jeered, he recalled recently.

"It took me ten years after getting out of the army to admit to folks that I served in Viet Nam. Now, I'm proud to have served my country," R. Cereceres acknowledged. And so, with fellow veteran Henry Franco, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, they started the ball rolling for establishing VICTORY in 2001 to honor all veterans and to remember those soldiers who lost their lives serving their country.

Gradually, more veterans started joining. Julian Tellez was drafted into the U.S. Army soon after graduating from Ysleta

High School. Right after boot camp, he was shipped overseas and was stationed in Cam Ranh Bay, Viet Nam where he was with a transportation support convoy.

"Today, I am proud to say that I am a veteran, because at first it was difficult to talk about it to anyone who hadn't experienced that war," Tellez said. "So, I joined the VICTORY group, because it's good to get together with other veterans who understand, who went through the same things I went through," he said.

Another member, Alfonso Fierro was a U.S. Marine, who still finds it difficult to recount his experience in Viet Nam. He was there in 1968-69, during some of the fiercest fighting incursions in that war. He readily sounded off that he was assigned to Fox Company, Second Battalion, Ninth Marine Third Division and stoically admitted that

they were known as the Walking Dead. He wouldn't divulge much else though about his tour of duty in Viet Nam, except that he was awarded the Naval Commendation Medal for Heroic Action.

Jerry Acuna, a Clint native, spent 25 years in the U.S. Army and retired as a First Sergeant. He said that it was an honor and privilege to serve his country. He returned to Clint and taught ROTC at Clint High school, his alma mater. That is how he came to know the VICTORY group. He said that he would bring his ROTC cadets to participate in the organization's annual events.

Now that he is retired, he said, "I really enjoy the companionship of the other veterans, which is what a community

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QUIET SPACE — "Clint and the surrounding communities have hundreds of individuals who have served in the different branches of the military, and we want to continue to recognize their selfless duty to their country by maintaining the Clint Veterans Park, above, year-round," said Robert Cereceres, vice president of the VICTORY organization.

Hispanics weren’t what progressives thought

One of the most significant events in American politics is that Hispanics are, in effect, deciding that they are working-class voters rather than ethnic-grievance voters.

This is so momentous because it means that Democrats can’t rely on the monolithic Hispanic voting bloc they imagined would guarantee them an enduring electoral majority, and that the shift to the Republicans may be just beginning (the migration of working-class whites to the GOP has been happening over the course of a couple of generations).

An NBC News/Telemundo poll of Hispanics has Democrats ahead of Republicans in the battle for Congress 54-33%. That’s a healthy lead, but it’s down from prior polls. Democrats led among Latinos by 42 points in October 2012, 38 points in October 2016, and 26 points in October 2020. Detect a trend?

Republicans don’t have to win Hispanics outright to change the calculus of American politics, only eat into

Democratic margins.

In specific places, they are doing even better. A Sienna College poll shows Gov. Ron DeSantis and Sen. Marco Rubio, both running for reelection in Florida, above 50% among Hispanics. A new poll for The Nevada Independent has Republican Adam Laxalt, challenging Democratic incumbent Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, down by only 2 points among Hispanics.

It wasn’t supposed to happen this way. Progressives had Hispanics pegged as “non-white” voters, which meant they’d be animated by the same worldview as Black Americans and become nearly as immovably Democratic. The arbiters of such things even cooked up a new term for Hispanics, “Latinx,” to signal their assimilation into the hothouse world of “woke” politics, with its kaleidoscope of genders and other bizarre priorities.

Hispanic is an incredibly wide-ranging category

including people from different countries and regions who may have lived here for generations or just got here recently.

Generalizations are inevitably simplifications, but it’s safe to say they don’t have much in common with Black Americans, who went through the uniquely searing experience of enslavement and systematic discrimination. Within memory, Black people had to fight for the basic legal protections of citizenship, whereas many Hispanics got here after 1980, when the most fundamental civil rights struggles had already been won.

In a piece for Spectator World, the Republican pollster Patrick Ruffini argues that Hispanics are tracing the basic trajectory of white Catholics as they assimilate,

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View from here

By Jane M. Orient, M.D.

You can’t carry electricity in a bucket

If you ran out of gas, you used to have to hike to the nearest gas station, buy enough gas to get the car to the station, and carry it in a can back to the car. Now, with the miracle of cell phones, you can telephone your road-side service provider, and someone will bring you some gasoline.

Unless, of course, you have an electric vehicle (EV).

From my dad, a building contractor, I learned Bill Orient’s Laws of Contracting. Rule #3: You can’t carry electricity in a bucket.

If your EV stalls because its battery is depleted – say the weather is cold, so the range is much less than you thought – you’ll have to wait for a rescue vehicle to bring a diesel generator with enough fuel. It will take some time, so let’s hope your wife is not in labor, or your son’s appendix does not burst. Or perhaps the Zero Emissions authorities still allow an internal combustion engine (ICE) in ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

The EV is not exactly fuel

efficient. Your ICE might get almost 30 miles to the gallon. A charging station hooked up to a 350 kw diesel generator uses 12 gallons of diesel per hour. If it takes 3 hours to charge your EV so you can go 200 miles, you are getting 5.6 mpg¹.

But President Biden has promised half a million charging stations that are presumably connected to the grid, not a diesel generator.

Suppose you are fleeing a hurricane, along with thousands of others, in a huge traffic jam?

Maybe you’ll be lucky and come upon a roadside charger that doesn’t have a long line of waiting cars.

You understand that there’s no electricity stored in the charger. Just as you can’t carry electricity in your gas can, you can’t store it either. Electricity must be used as it is generated, or else wasted. If high winds and torrential rains have taken down power lines, the charging station is useless.

And what about the grid? During a hurricane or blizzard, wind turbines and solar farms will be generating zero electricity. To save any surplus generated energy for a rainy day, it must be converted to another form of energy; for example, potential energy in pumping water up a hill, or chemical energy in a battery.

In 2017, the total energy capacity of all installed battery systems² in the U.S. was less than 1,000 MWh. A nuclear

generating station puts out more than that in an hour. “Renewable” energy (solar and wind) is unreliable and weather-dependent, and adequate battery back-up is impossible.

Floridians evacuating before Hurricane Ian probably own an ICE and had enough warning to fill up their tank. If the EV zealots get their way, next time will be different. And there will be a next time—there will still be hurricanes, just as there were before ICEs.

President Biden wants you to have an EV. If you are a hard-working but low-income person, who can barely manage to keep your old car running, you cannot afford to buy a \$60,000 EV, even with subsidies and price controls. If somebody gave you a used model, you probably couldn’t afford to replace the battery when it reached the end of its

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Food for thought

By John Grimaldi

Cortes: Discrimination and sticky inflation

Political commentator Steve Cortes served on former President Donald Trump’s Hispanic Advisory Council, advocating for his fellow Hispanics. Recently, Cortes sat down with Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature Americans, for an interview on AMAC’s Better For America podcast. He was “a strong communicator who understood very early on what the people wanted in a commander-in-chief,” according to Maria Bartiromo of Fox News, and continues to support the country he loves.

When Weber brought up the topic of the Bank of America initiative that offers a new zero down payment mortgage policy exclusively for Black and Hispanic customers, Cortes was quick to call it “intrinsically bigoted and an incredible betrayal of American citizens.” These are the same citizens who saved banks like Bank of America during the financial crisis back in 2008 and 2009. “U.S. taxpayers, between direct capital allocations as well as loans, were put to work on behalf of Bank America to save that institution during that crisis,” Cortes stated.

Cortes said that instead of a thank you, “the Bank is telling white Americans to ‘go pound sand’ because of the color of their skin.” The news media “didn’t see anything wrong... as a proud Hispanic American, I said, what a terrible idea, how overtly discriminatory. If we want to talk about helping first-time homebuyers,

I’m all for that. But it should be regardless of race, it should be irrespective of your ethnicity.” He brought up the tough economy we are in and how it “would be a wonderful program for people who have never owned a home, especially young folks who might just be getting married, might just be having children, haven’t saved up enough for a down payment. That kind of program [would be] absolutely fantastic. But once you codify it and put it in a silo based on race or ethnicity, to me that’s exactly the opposite of what America wants to be.”

We’re in the midst of the Biden inflationary cycle – Cortes calls it “sticky inflation” – and he said that all of us, Black, Brown and White are suffering. He explained that sticky inflation refers to the fact that when prices of rent, housing, and services are raised they rarely, if ever, come back down. He noted that the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank even has a “Sticky-Price” Index.

“If you look at the history of inflation generally, the first phase of inflation is commodity-based. And I’m not saying we’re done with commodity-based

inflation, but I’m just saying that it’s the first wave to hit. The second wave, the more problematic wave, is sticky inflation, things like rents. So, anybody who rents their home, if they have renewed recently or if they’re looking to renew, they are facing stiff increases on a national basis, according to apartment.com – 15% right now is the year-over-year median rise in apartments. For the first time in American history, the average apartment rent in America is over \$2,000 a month.”

Cortes went on to say, “things like veterinary care, medical or health insurance, premium legal fees, accounting fees, all of these services that are really important in our lives, tend to form the stickier part of inflation. That inflation is actually, in my view, now even more problematic. We still have a lot of problems with commodity-based inflation. But that is, to me, the more problematic aspect of Biden’s inflation. The Biden administration, [including] the Federal Reserve, both share blame for this inflation explosion; they lied to the American people all throughout 2021. Fed Chair Jerome Powell, Treasury Secretary Yellen, a lot of folks who

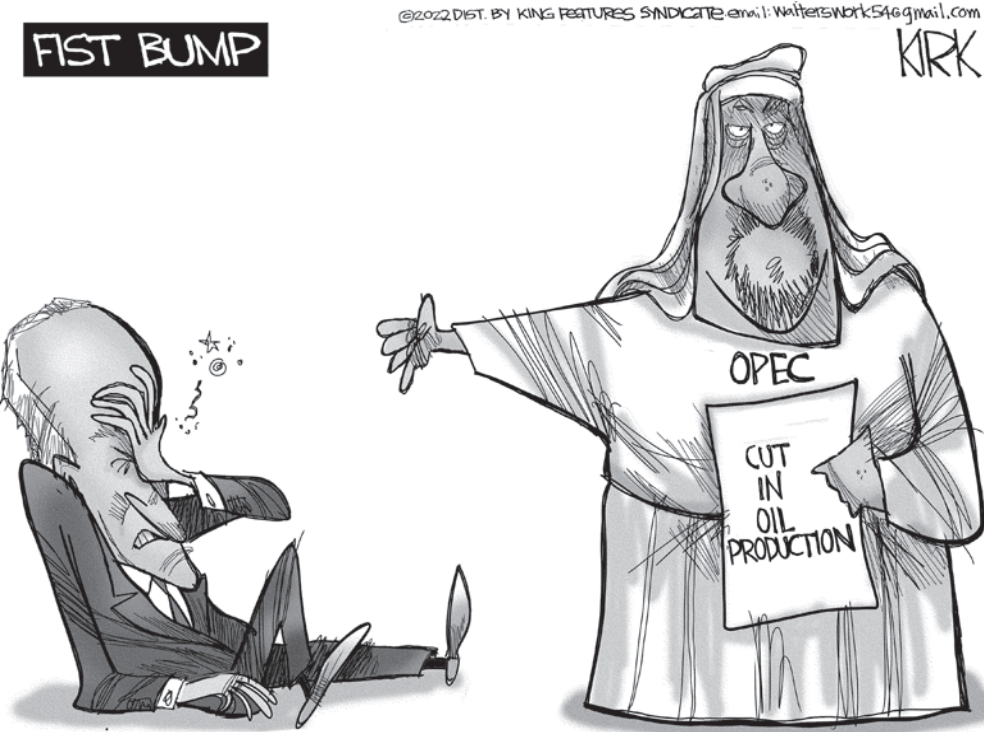
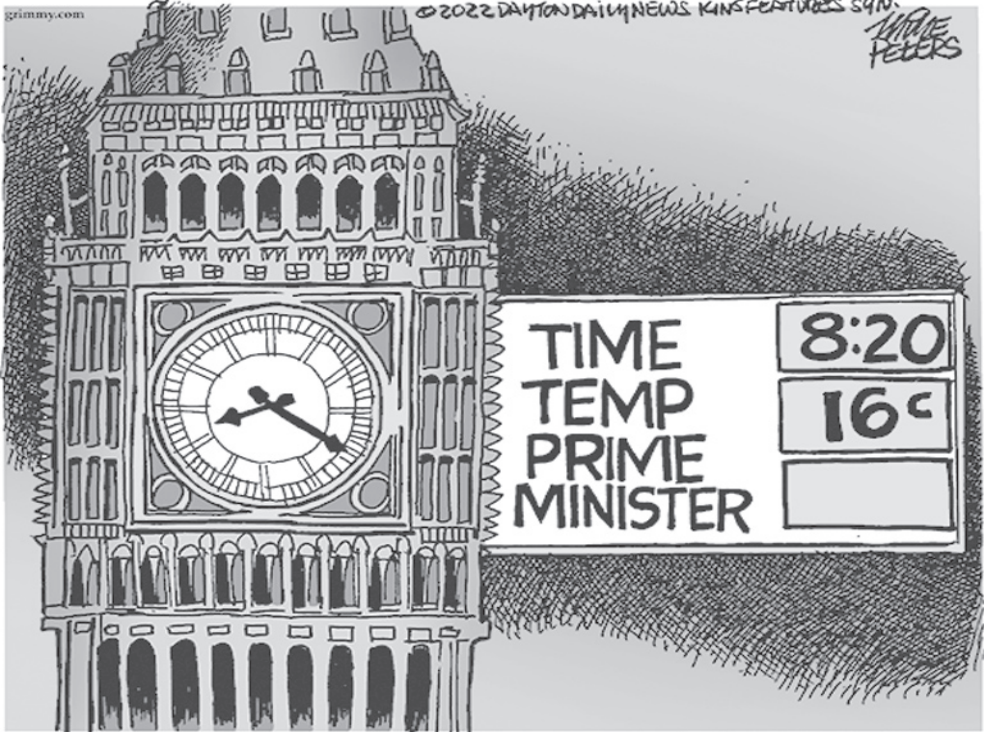
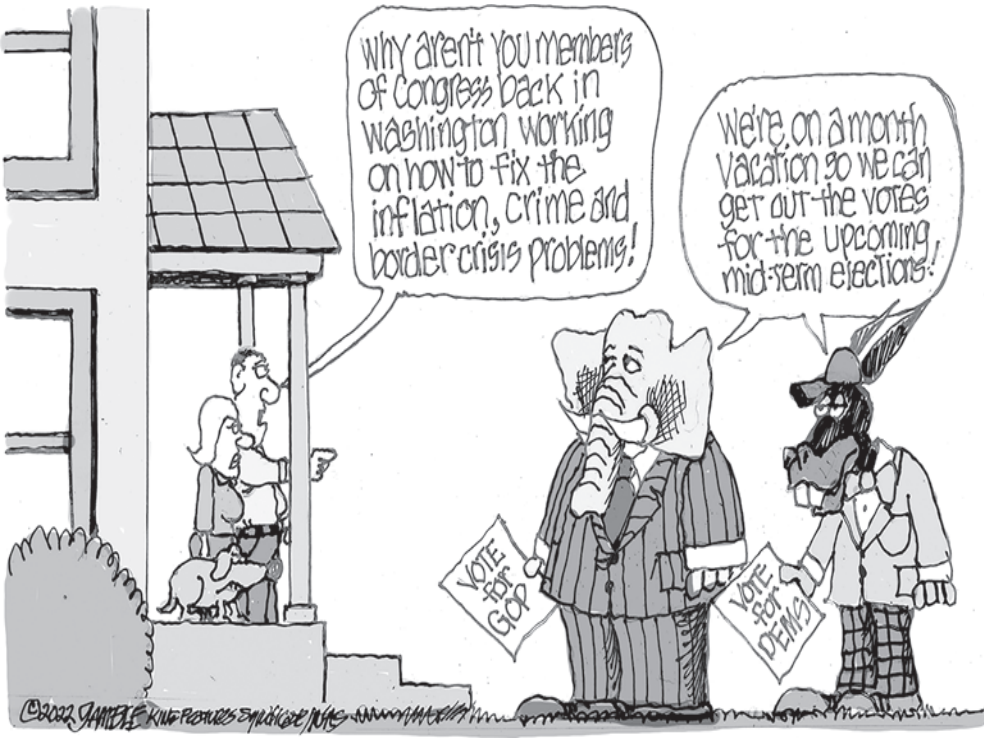
should know better and probably did know better, chose to continually tell the American people that this inflation was, quote, transitory.”

He went on to say that while things are bad in the United States right now, better days are coming and that there are legitimate reasons to be optimistic. Cortes is also incredibly optimistic as he says “I really believe that the patriotic populist movement, what I refer to as the America First Movement, is still a very young political movement. And as a young movement, we have lots of fits and starts. But the trajectory, in my view, is towards success for this movement. It wasn’t just about the election of President Trump, as important as that was. It wasn’t just about one election cycle. It is an ongoing movement that continues to gain steam and continues to broaden in terms of its constituencies. And one of those constituencies, by the way, which I spend a lot of time reaching out to, is Hispanic Americans who are increasingly rallying to the political right and to the patriotic populist movement and to the America First Movement. We’re seeing candidates who happen to be Hispanic getting elected more and more and who are standing for office in the November elections. So, it gives me great reason for hope and optimism. And I do believe as bad as the situation is in the United States, we do have solutions.”



– Internet

Steve Cortes





– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

REMEMBRANCE – This special monument at the Clint Veterans Park was dedicated in 2011 by the VICTORY organization in memory of veterans from the lower valley community who gave their lives in the service of their country.

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like Clint is all about. VICTORY honors all Lower Valley veterans, it has put Clint on the map with its continued traditions.”

One of the youngest member of the VICTORY group is Juan Portillo, who served in the U.S. Navy, and after 21 years retired as a Damage Control Senior Chief. “Being part of this group of veterans is awesome. It’s fun coming to the meetings; it reminds me of what I missed most while away in the Navy,” commented Portillo, who graduated from Clint High School in 1999.

Francisco Cereceres was in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years. He was assigned to the personnel and recruiting aspects of the military. His service included a stint in the Desert Storm conflict in the Middle East from 1992 through 1994. He is one of the founding members of the VICTORY organization and has been

supporting the group ever since.

F. Cereceres was also instrumental in convincing the Town of Clint to let the VICTORY group take over an acre lot in the heart of the town and convert it into the Clint Veterans Park, where in 2006 a special memorial wall was proposed and eventually dedicated in 2012 to all the individuals from the Lower Valley communities who honorably served their country.

Other veterans of the VICTORY group include Ray Alvarado, U.S. Army; Bob Mabee, U.S. Navy; Polo Mesa, U.S. Army; Joe Borrego, U.S. Army; and Lupe Ramirez, U.S. Air Force. And as the word gets out, they hope more veterans will join their active entourage.

Every Thursday morning, from 8 to 11 a.m., these dedicated veterans meet at their cherished park to care for it, as if it were their own backyards. Through the years, they have installed commemorative plaques and engraved pavers, laid cement

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money. You will probably have to wait for delivery. As demand grows, waits will be longer, as materials are hard to come by. To make one battery requires digging up between 200,000 and 1,500,000 pounds (or between 90 and 680 tonnes) of the earth’s crust³. You need the lithium from processing 25,000 pounds of brine; cobalt from 30,000 pounds of ore; nickel from 5,000 pounds of ore; copper from 25,000 pounds of ore; plus graphite, aluminum, and steel. Just getting to the ore requires moving vast amounts of earth.

The bottom line is that if you are not allowed to have an ICE, you are not going to have a private vehicle, or one that can go very far. If there’s a wildfire, blizzard, hurricane, or other emergency, you will just have to “shelter in place”—and the place might be under 12 feet of water.

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Briefs

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Maldonado, will perform Soon See Newbold’s Medieval Kings, Larry Clark’s Hotaka Sunset and Brian Balmages’ Burst!.

• Jennifer Martinez will lead the El Paso Youth String Philharmonic in New World Symphony Theme by Dvorak, Entry of the Tumblers by Elliot

Del Borgo and The Lair at Midnight by Bruce Tippette.

• TOCANDO Music Project students will open the Fall Concert with arrangements of De Colores and Cielito Lindo.

Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for students. Tickets may be purchased at epso.org or call (915) 532-3776. Tickets at the door will be \$25.

– Rosemary Flores

Road 1110.

The VICTORY members are inviting the public to join them in paying tribute to all veterans and to honor the memory of those servicemembers who lost their lives for their country. The event will be comprised of a special salute with a color guard presentation, a flag raising ceremony, and guest speakers. The tribute will be followed by a variety of food offerings and refreshments.

R. Cereceres said that the group

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CryptoQuip Answer

Supposing a shellfish is driving a fast vehicle, I imagine one could call it a mussel car.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Boxing heavyweight champion Jack Johnson invented the household wrench in 1922.

• The movie title “Death Wish III” was changed to “Death Wish 3” after a survey conducted by the Cannon Group revealed that nearly half of Americans couldn’t read Roman numerals.

• Tom Hanks’ brother Jim voices “Toy Story’s” Woody when his sibling is too busy.

• A hat that doubles as a weapon? Sure, if you’re a gum-leaf skeletonizer caterpillar, which wears its old molted heads on top of its noggin and uses them to bat away predators!

• Those chocolate-covered caramel candies we fondly know as Milk Duds were originally intended to be perfectly round. But when machines in 1928 couldn’t produce them consistently, the misshaped goodies were called “duds,” hence their unusual name.

• The human jaw can clench with 250 pounds of force.

• Studies show that about 85% of people breathe out of just one of their nostrils at a time.

• From the “nothing like planning ahead” files: CNN has prepared a doomsday video, to be played by the last surviving employee. In 2009, a former intern posted the footage online. It shows a low-resolution video of a U.S. Army band playing a mournful rendition of “Nearer My God to Thee.”

• The center of the Milky Way tastes like raspberries and smells like rum.

• Romania’s Movile Cave, isolated from the outside world for more than 5 million years, contains more than 30 species not found anywhere else on Earth.

Thought for the Day: “Try to be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.”

– Maya Angelou


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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On October 31, 1955, out of loyalty to the crown, England’s Princess Margaret announced she would not marry Group Captain Peter Townsend. His divorced status would have forced her to give up her royal title, Civil List allowance, and place in the line of succession to the throne.

• On November 1, 1941, Ansel Adams shot a picture of a moonrise over Hernandez, New Mexico, that would become one of photography’s most famous images. Adams made more than 1,300 prints of it during his career including one that sold at a Sotheby’s auction for \$609,600 in 2006.

• On November 2, 1862, Mary Todd Lincoln wrote to her husband about the public sentiment against General George B. McClellan’s cautious command, saying people “would almost worship you if you would put a fighting general in the place of McClellan.” The president followed her advice.

• On November 3, 1960, Congress passes an act creating the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Morris County, New Jersey, residents and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey wanted to turn the swamp into a regional airport.

• On November 4, 1985, Soviet defector Vitaly Yurchenko announced his return to the Soviet Union, claiming he’d been kidnapped by the CIA. Yurchenko was awarded the Order of the Red Star by the Soviet government for the successful “infiltration operation.”

• On November 5, 1605, King James I of England learns that a plot to blow up the Parliament building with some 20 barrels of gunpowder was foiled. Guy Fawkes was taken into custody and revealed that he was part of a conspiracy to annihilate England’s Protestant government. Every year Fawkes is burned in effigy in remembrance of the plot.

• On November 6, 1995, Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell announces officially that he is moving the team to Baltimore. Months later, the NFL allowed Modell to move the team, but he had to give up rights to the Browns name.

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Food for thought

By John Grimaldi

Solomon: FBI appears to be politicized

Has the FBI gone rogue? That’s the question John Solomon posed in his interview recently with Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, on AMAC’s Better For America podcast.

Solomon is an award winning investigative journalist who, fed up with the emergence in recent years of biased news coverage, came to the conclusion that it was time for a return to the old fashioned notion of journalism – “getting news first, but first getting it right.” The reportage on his website, www.JustTheNews.com, offers “Honest Journalism, Trusted Reporters.”

Weber asked him for his take on today’s FBI, which seems to have become politicized over the past year and a half – most notably when it raided former President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago home and more recently when FBI agents, with guns drawn, raided the Kintnersville, PA home of pro-life activist Mark Huck and arrested him in front of his wife and seven children.

Current and former FBI agents were troubled, according to Solomon. “There is a whistleblower by the name of Steve Friend. He’s an FBI agent, highly decorated, highly respected, great performance ratings his whole career. He began speaking out this summer saying, [he’s] very concerned about the FBI’s use of SWAT teams and tactical teams to go make misdemeanor arrests, go make minor arrests. It’s dangerous, it’s unsafe, it escalates the violence. And I’m beginning to see that the Justice Department just wants to intimidate people it’s about to arrest that are conservative and it needs to stop, and he’s been suspended now for raising those concerns. Some of the most famous former FBI agents, including the guy who arrested the Unabomber, one of the most deadly terrorists in American history, has said the same thing. It is insane to be using tactical teams to make misdemeanor or minor political arrests... And when you listen to the people who are on the front lines, who were FBI agents or are FBI agents, they say three things. One, this is a complete aberration from the practice of the FBI for the last 30 years. Two, it appears to be a violation of the FBI’s manual. And three, it appears to have a political nature. All three of those things concern current FBI agents, former FBI agents and, of course, the American public. And the only assumption most Americans are making is this is somehow political, that the DOJ under Joe Biden has been weaponized to go after political enemies, to criminalize political differences.” He said he thinks this kind of behavior is going to have an impact on the midterm elections.

Solomon pointed out that in addition to Agent Friend, “there are at least 19 other FBI whistleblowers that have come forward in the last few months. They’ve approached Congressman Jim Jordan, Senator Chuck Grassley, Senator Ron Johnson, Congressman James Comer, all key Republicans. If the Congress flips this fall, they will be in chairmanships and have a key role doing investigative oversight of the FBI and other federal agencies. These 20 whistleblowers all have the same story. There is a politicization of the FBI when it comes to criminal investigations, and they give real specific examples... FBI agents have said the FBI in Washington opened up a criminal case on Donald Trump during the 2020 election without the proper predicate. It took information from a leftist group, pretended it was real evidence, and they opened it up just like they did in the Russian collusion case in 2016... So Donald Trump gets opened up on, without predicate evidence, an investigation of Hunter Biden with pretty good evidence gets shut down. That’s the sort of political bias that these agents are reporting to Congress.”

Solomon’s concluding remarks focused on the upcoming midterm elections. “There are indications in the polls that Americans prefer Republicans

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Classified Ads

LEGALS

Public Notice

Village of Vinton, Texas

VINTON COMMUNITY CENTER SITE U.S. EPA BROWNFIELD CLEANUP GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL & ANALYSIS OF BROWNFIELD CLEANUP ALTERNATIVE COMMENT

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2520023141?pwd=VVVRDZDIFR3ZHR3FJVlJuL3ZLWTB6dz09>


THE VILLAGE PROVIDES T W O - W A Y COMMUNICATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO COMMUNICATE WITH COUNCIL DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING NUMBER: +1 346 248 7799 AND THEN DIAL IN THE MEETING ID 252 002 3141 AND PASSCODE: 12345

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Vinton intends to apply for a United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Brownfield Cleanup Grant for the Vinton Community Center Site located at 501 Vinton Road in Vinton, Texas. The DRAFT Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives and grant application documents are available beginning November 8th on the Village's website at <https://vintontx.gov/office2.com/> under the Latest News section.

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 during the Regular City Council Meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821 or to Daniel Bueno Jr., dbueno@vintontx.us or Andrea N. Carrillo, acarrillo@vintontx.us by email. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915) 886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Andrea N. Carrillo
Village Administrator

WTCC: 11-03-22



The El Paso County Community College District is holding community forums with its Public Redistricting Committee in order to receive public input on proposed redistricting.

The public is invited to the following meetings:

Thursday, November 3rd at 6 p.m.
Mission del Paso Campus – 10700 Gateway East (79927)
Flexitorium, Classroom Building, Room R-124

Friday, November 4th at 6 p.m.
Northwest Campus – 6701 South Desert Blvd. (79932)
Flexitorium, Building A, Room 122


Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m.
Transmountain Campus – 9570 Gateway Blvd. North (79924)
Conference Room, 1005

Saturday, November 5th at 2:00 p.m.
Valle Verde Campus - 919 Hunter (79915)
Flexitorium, AST Building, Room 150

Monday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m.
Rio Grande Campus – 100 West Rio Grande Ave. (79902)
A Building, Room 119-121

For more information or to offer comments online, visit:

go.epcc.edu/redistricting



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

To Discuss Socorro Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Socorro Independent School District will hold a public meeting at:

6:00 PM November 15, 2022 in the Board Room District Service Center 12440 Rojas Drive El Paso, TX 79928

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Socorro Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

The Socorro Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs, activities or employment.

WTCC: 11/03/22

Clint Lions proves the running game isn’t dead

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

In any level of football, from pee wee, to high school, to college, to the NFL, the idea is to keep your opponent in the dark. In other words, the goal of any football offense is to keep the defense guessing. Any good offense throws the ball when the defense expects it to run, and runs the ball when they’re expected to throw. The experts say that the two worst things an offense can be is unable to throw the ball, and be predictable. Evidently, no one ever told this to coach Rosvel Martinez and his Clint Lions. I’m sure you’ve heard of teams that like to move the ball on the ground and eat up the clock. That’s what the Dallas Cowboys and the UTEP Miners try to do every time they take the field. And though they try to establish the run, they both throw the ball 20-30 times a game. You know, to keep the defense off balance. But the Clint Lions don’t just run the

ball often, they don’t just run it most of the time, they run the ball almost all of the time. And when I say almost all of the time, I’m not kidding. Let’s take their 44-13 win over Fabens last Friday. Clint ran the ball a whopping 66 times and threw only four passes. And by the way, they picked up 502 yards on the ground and scored six touchdowns. That’s an unusual high difference of runs to throws, right? Wrong. This is exactly what Clint does every game. And for the most part – it works. And after leading the Lions to 15 straight playoff appearances, how can you argue with coach Martinez and his results? Let’s be honest, the Lions’ offense of run, running and running some more, isn’t always the prettiest thing to look at, but more times than not, it’s effective. And its effectiveness has absolutely nothing to do with keeping the defense guessing. The defense knows what’s coming. Clint hides nothing. Every team they

play knows exactly what they’ve going to do and yet, they do it anyway. Have they always done it this way? We took a little look at their history to find out. Let’s start with this year. With just one game left in the regular season, the Lions are running it an average of 50 times and throwing it just four. Last year, the Lions averaged 51 rushes per game and also just four passes per contest. In fact, we took a look at the last 10 years of Clint football and discovered that over the last decade, the Lions have averaged 49.8 rushes per game and just 4.7 passes. Now that’s what I call dedication to a singular brand of football. Four yards and a cloud of artificial turf. And though the Lions have had plenty of success over the years, I can’t help but think that if you play quarterback or wide receiver for Clint, that you’ve got to be a little frustrated with the lack of a passing game. That’s what football is today – teams

are throwing it all over the field. Another drawback to running it almost exclusively is the difficulty the Lions have when they fall behind late in games. The inability to throw the ball makes it tough to come back, or score quickly. Fortunately for the Lions, they don’t fall behind very often. To prove it, they’ve put together a 64-41 record over the last 10 years, so like the saying goes, “if it ain’t broke – don’t fix it.” The Clint Lions’ streak of 15 straight playoff appearances is in a little bit of doubt this season. If Mountain View loses at Pecos this Friday, it’ll be 16 straight years for the Lions. But if Mountain View wins, that’ll set up a 3-way tie between Clint and Mountain View and Pecos and my head hurts just thinking about the scenarios. Anyway, no team in El Paso runs the ball more effectively or as often as the Clint Lions do. It’s their bread and butter. It’s just what they do. And as long as they keep winning – there’s no reason to change.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TO REVIEW SOCORRO ISD

STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY “FIRST” RATING
SUPERIOR

Socorro ISD will hold a public meeting
November 15, 2022,
during the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 PM
at the Socorro ISD District Service Center
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928

The purpose of this meeting is to review Socorro ISD’s
rating on the State’s Financial Accountability System.

FBI

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over Democrats. That’s an unusual thing. In the generic poll, normally Democrats have an advantage even in a bad year. That’s one sign.” He noted also that Hispanic voters are moving much more to the red column, pointing out that in June Hispanic Republican Mayra Flores won a House seat in Texas – a seat that hadn’t been in Republican control for 150 years. It suggests, he said, that the border issue is having an effect. “Hispanic voters, white voters, black voters are very concerned about the border. And then I think crime is becoming a third factor. Americans say that crime is one of the primary reasons they’re going to go to the polls. Democrats own the ‘defund the police’ narrative. They own the ‘no cash bail’ narrative. And so that could

be a boomerang. And then finally, the economy, inflation, gas prices are eating into everybody’s wallet. Everybody feels like their budget went back a few steps last year. And as a result, 70% to 81% of Americans say this country is on the wrong path... [concern] about inflation, concern about crime, concern about the border, and the growing shift of Hispanics to Republicans. It certainly lines up for a midterm election where Republicans could capture both chambers, but it’s still a very divided country. These are all close margins. There’s still the uncertainty of absentee voting in some of these key states like Pennsylvania, where just the other day a government official said it could be a few weeks before we have some races settled. So, we have to watch the integrity issues as this election unfolds. But right now, the momentum seems to be with Republicans. And I would not be surprised if Republicans picked up a couple of seats in the Senate and maybe 15 to 29 seats in the House.”

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Super Crossword

BEST OF BREED
ACROSS

1 Agents, informally

5 Wombs

10 Soccer great Mia

14 Warm up

19 Fix up copy

20 Condor claw

21 Emollient plant juice

22 Incandescent

23 Good occasion to buy securities

25 After-hours

26 Youngest of Chekhov’s “Three Sisters”

27 Davenport, e.g.

28 Dish of melted cheese on toast

31 Small marsupial with long hind limbs

35 Doubters

36 Dutch painter Jan

37 Actress Thurman

38 Depot: Abbr.

41 Financier Onassis

42 Rocker Nugent

43 Tiny flash of light

45 Light classical orchestra

51 Flips out

53 Met again, as a legislature

55 Painful spots

56 Mendelssohn orchestral piece in A minor

62 Merlot, e.g.

63 “Yentl” actress Feldshuh

64 Paranormal gift, for short

65 Prankster’s messy missile

66 Prankster’s messy missile

67 Hunt quarry

68 Pack animals around Lhasa

73 Actor Julia

75 “Dr.” of rap

76 Lean red meat source

77 _ Bo

78 Eisenhower’s wife

79 On Soc. Security, say

80 Popover served with roast beef

86 Thin as _

88 Gorbachev’s wife

89 “Count” of jazz

90 “The Simpsons” airt

93 “Lorna _”

95 _cone

98 U.S. spy org.

99 Part of OTC

101 Platform for iDevices

102 Entr’_ (interludes)

104 Dispute go-between

109 Very sleek

112 Maine and Montana, to Canada

115 Fact fudgers

116 Firefighter Red

117 Residence

118 Crossbreed

apropos to this puzzle (hint: see the starts of 10 long answers)

123 Resolved to accomplish

124 Fairway club

125 At the zenith

126 Org. looking for aliens

127 Party givers

128 Annoyer

129 Playwright Clifford

130 Eve’s garden

DOWN

1 Yank’s rival

2 Instruct

3 Flew, as a plane

4 Patron of physicians

5 Ogden native

6 Pothole filler

7 Lean red meat source

8 Fish spawn

9 Bisected

10 Corridor

11 “’Tis so sad”

12 Fliers drawn to flames

13 African mongoose

14 Very sharp road curves

15 Heron variety

16 Cover story

17 Pick-me-up

18 Hits hard

24 Thom _ shoes

29 Canon camera

30 Prefix with space

31 Q-U link

32 Big swallows

33 Mennonite subgroup

34 Oversaw

39 Recipe amt.

40 Ark builder

43 Moo goo _ pan

44 Lovers’ get-together

46 “You can’t _ train”

47 Sports drink brand

48 Art of paper folding

49 Waddling bird

50 Opposite of NNW

51 Didn’t leave the house

52 To the _ degree

54 Ones who can sense others’ feelings, in sci-fi

56 Engine additive

57 Jockey Angel or baseballer Wil

58 Burden too heavily

59 Lay eyes on

60 Suffix with neat

61 “Absolutely!”

68 Novelist Josephine

69 “I believe...,” in texts

70 Small donkey

71 Water nymph

72 “_ darn tootin’!”

74 Chair piece

78 Roman 1,501

79 Brit. mil. fliers

81 Go-_ (kid’s racer)

82 Certain Indian believer

83 Kindle buy

84 Violet variety

85 Purpose

87 Podiums

91 Stadium part

92 Frigate, e.g.

94 Engine additive

95 Really raged

96 Web location

97 _ Kosh B’gosh

100 Suffix with Vietnam

102 Luc’s gal pal

103 Vulgar

104 Embarrass

105 Calf-roping competition

106 Little imps

107 _proof

108 Place to shop

110 Retort to “It ain’t so!”

111 Ice mishaps

113 “Famous” cookie guy

114 Teepee

119 Purpose

120 No. on a road sign

121 Decay

122 Mark, as a ballot square

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



Lowry

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move to the suburbs, and hew to traditional values out of fashion with the nation’s elite.

Analyst Ruy Teixeira has noted the clashing cultural attitudes of “strong progressives” and Hispanics. According to Echelon Insights survey, 66% of progressives reject the idea that America is the greatest country

in the world; 70% of Hispanics disagree. Asked whether racism is built into our society or comes from individuals, 94% of progressives say it is systemic, and 58% of Hispanics say it is from individuals. The same divides are evident on transgender sports, defunding the police, and the importance of hard work.

The picture is of a constituency that is going to be skeptical of a party that made excuses for the

2020 riots premised on the notion that America is fundamentally corrupt, or that is on board the rush to embrace a nonbinary future. Needless to say, this is not FDR’s Democratic Party, which had such a hold on white Catholics for so long.

On the cultural questions in the Echelon survey, Hispanics are much closer to working-class voters than the “wokesters.” This shouldn’t be a surprise since about 80% of Hispanics over age

Praluent injections decrease LDL level

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 66-year-old male who was diagnosed about 15 years ago with mild coronary artery disease, with some blockages in my peripheral arteries. I was taking the maximum recommended dosage of pravastatin to maintain a low cholesterol, but I experienced complete ruptures of both Achilles tendons. These incidences occurred five years apart, but after the second rupture, my doctor discontinued the pravastatin. I then started Praluent injections twice a month to control my cholesterol, which has been incredibly effective – maybe even too effective – and is the purpose of my writing to you. With Praluent injections, my LDL level is about 26, and my HDL is 100. When my primary doctor’s assistant recently called to inform me of my bloodwork results, she said she has never seen anyone with such a low LDL level – and she sees a lot of bloodwork! My primary care doctor doesn’t like it that low, but two different cardiologists I have seen think that the lower it is, the better. What do you think? – J.W.



The first issue is whether statins increase the risk of an Achilles tendon rupture, and I can’t answer that with certainty, because there is some evidence it does. (Some studies have reported anywhere from an 80% relative risk increase to triple the risk, but the risk is still very, very low. Even if they triple the risk, the risk would be only three people per 10,000.) The studies that have shown there is risk suggest that the risk is only in the first year of taking statins, but other studies have shown no risk at all from statins.

The second issue is your very low LDL level, and the data for LDL levels is firmly on the side of the cardiologists you spoke with. The lower the LDL, the lower the risk of heart disease, and levels under 30 are not at all unusual in a person taking aliocumab (Praluent) or the other drug in that class (called PCSK9 inhibitors), evolocumab (Repatha). Your doctor’s assistant will likely be seeing more people with LDL levels like yours. Do remember that a healthy, mostly plant-based diet and regular exercise still have benefits in people with LDL levels as low as yours – and not just in heart disease, but in reducing cancer risk, too.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Can Dupuytren’s contracture be transmitted from one person to another via plasma donation? Is the theory a consensus in the medical field? – H.H.

Dupuytren’s contracture is a condition of fibrosis in the connective tissue of the hand, which leads to decreased hand flexibility and, ultimately (without treatment), to contractures, where fingers curl into the palm.

There is no known person-to-person transmissibility of Dupuytren’s contracture. It’s not an infectious disease. The risk factors include previous family history, being over 50, repetitive trauma, diabetes, smoking and alcohol. Some other related medical illnesses can also predispose a person to Dupuytren’s contracture. Potential treatments include surgery and enzyme injection.

The word “theory” means a well-thought-out explanation based on the scientific method that helps explain why certain observed phenomena occur. Your question about Dupuytren’s contracture being transmissible by plasma donation is a hypothesis for which I could find no support.

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.

25 don’t have a four-year degree, whereas hyper-progressives are disproportionately college-educated. Like other working-class voters, Hispanics are focused on the economy, and give President Biden failing grades.

None of this means the Hispanic trend toward Republicans is inexorable. Rather, it shows that, despite Democratic hopes, these voters are up for grabs, and their support has to be earned like that of other Americans.

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



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
September 10, 1772: Spain issues a decree that closes most Texas missions.

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: F equals S

FORRPFSCJ T FZGAABSFZ SF
VSMSCJ T BTFW MGZSLAG, S
SDTJSCG PCG LPOAI LTAA SW T
DOFFGA LTV.

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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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Medical scammers caught



by Freddy Groves

Thieves must think they’re smarter than the rest of us. Until they’re caught, that is, and have to give up all their ill-gotten gains and spend time behind bars. Here are a few examples:

The president of a medical testing company has been convicted of paying kickbacks, misleading investors and committing health-care fraud for pushing an allergy test.

He made several outlandish claims to investors along the way:

- That his company was valued at \$4.5 billion and that his little test could show nearly any disease just using a few drops of blood when it wasn’t actually a diagnostic test at all.

- That Dr. Fauci had required testing for Covid and allergies at the same time, which was handy, because the scammer also claimed that his allergy

test could test for Covid.

- That he was on the list to receive the Nobel Prize.

The scammer was convicted of a whole list of crimes and could face five to 20 years in prison on each of the scams. A back-of-the-envelope calculation shows 115 years in prison.

Then we have yet another health-care fraud, this time for genetic cancer testing. The owner of a chain of laboratories paid kickbacks for referrals who sent him patients who didn’t actually need the test he was providing. The scammer submitted 325,000 claims and received over \$26 million in payments.

And yet another thief, this time a chiropractor, targeted health care in the durable medical equipment niche: crutches, hospital beds, canes, walkers, wheelchairs and more – all supposedly prescribed through telemedicine visits. It involved bribery of doctors who approved the medical equipment. Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) was just one of their targets, and the

scammers collected over \$10 million from that one source alone.

Unfortunately, the head thief in this scam only got four years in the slammer. He will, however, be minus \$3 million he has to pay back and \$10 million in restitution when he gets out.

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by Jo Ann Derson

- Using your fireplace? Try adding citrus peels to the logs for a nice aroma. They can be a good starter material as well.

- When closing up our cabin for the season, we brought a box of mothballs and scattered them around the porch perimeter. This keeps the small animals like mice and skunks from setting up shop there while no one is around. – S.F. in Pennsylvania

- Now’s a great time to start weatherstripping! Check and recaulk windows. Caulk along baseboards to deter drafts. Add insulation to electrical outlets and under sinks around plumbing. Seal it up to stay toasty this winter.

- Remember to turn off bathroom fans after 10 minutes. In the winter, if your house is on the dry side, don’t use the fan at all: Open the door so the humidity from the shower or bath reaches into the house.

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

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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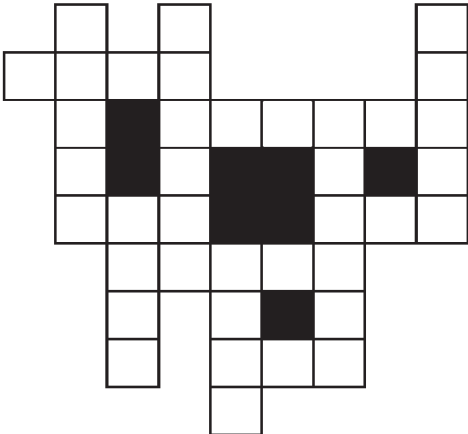
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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VICTORY

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holds fund raising activities throughout the year to enhance the park and invites all persons, organizations, and businesses to support VICTORY’s efforts. Currently, they are trying to raise funds for a sprinkler system, more benches, a water meter installation, and other landscaping features.

For more information about VICTORY, contact R. Cereceres at (915) 240-1436. Also, individuals interested in making a donation can visit its Go Fund Me page, which was set up by Melanie Martinez.