

NEWSBRIEFS

Best cities for vets

With Veterans Day approaching and the veteran unemployment rate falling to 2.7%, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2022's *Best & Worst Places for Veterans to Live* (as well as accompanying videos and audio files). The report compares the 100 largest U.S. cities across 20 key metrics, ranging from the share of military skill-related jobs to housing affordability and the availability of VA health facilities. WalletHub also released the results of its 2022 *Military Money Survey*, which revealed that 70% of Americans agree that military families experience more financial stress than the average family. To help with that, WalletHub's editors selected 2022's *Best Military Credit Cards*, which provide hundreds of dollars in annual savings potential. Below are highlights from the reports. El Paso was rated 42nd for living in the report. To view and your city's rank, please visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-cities-for-veterans/8156> for the full report.

Military Money Survey:

- 71% of military members think the U.S. does not take care of its veterans financially;
- 37% of Americans blame the war in Ukraine for inflation;
- 56% of military members think that poor financial literacy among military personnel is a threat to national security;
- 70% of Americans agree that military families experience more financial stress than the average family;
- Around 2 in 3 military members don't think they should have to pay bills while deployed; and
- 63% of people think firefighters, police, EMS, and other first responders should get the same credit card perks as military personnel.

— Diana Polk

Communication skills

Horizon City Emergency Communications Manager E. Ramos took part in the Center Manager Certification Program the month of October and received certification for the course. The CMCP training was provided out of Rio Rancho, New Mexico with Communications Supervisors and Managers from Utah, New Mexico, and Texas. The program is a 40-hour week-long course that

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The computer was a great invention. There are as many mistakes as ever, but now they're nobody's fault.

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— Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

ALONG FOR THE RIDE – San Elizario Veterans Day Parade featured a special float for veterans, above, that was sponsored by the San Elizario Veterans Committee. At the forefront is Tony Gonzales, U.S. Congressman for the 23rd Congressional District.

San Eli Veterans Committee hosts its 26th annual parade

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The sun shined brightly soothing the Saturday morning breeze while hundreds of individuals,

vehicles, and horses made their way down Old Socorro Road towards the historic placita as part of the Town of San Elizario's special Veterans Day parade.

For the 26th year, the San Elizario Veterans Committee (SEVC) brought together a large contingent of local area

law enforcement personnel, veterans organizations, school groups, and government officials to pay tribute to El Paso County's veterans on November 5th. (Veterans Day is observed nationally on November 11th.)

Grand Marshal for this year's parade was Alicia Cruz Halter, a 14-year U.S. Navy veteran who was born and raised in San Elizario. Her husband, Michael, and

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VETERAN – San Elizario native Alicia Cruz Halter was Grand Marshal for the parade. She served fourteen years in the U.S. Navy.



ALL DECKED OUT – Among the special guests for the annual parade were the 2022 Nuestra Bellezas of Texas Lucia Cabral, left, and Araceli Camacho.

High-speed rail is a progressive fantasy

California progressives tried to build a European-style high-speed rail network and alienated the French in the process.

A big New York Times piece on the rail project reports that the French, who wanted to work with California, decided the state was simply too dysfunctional and departed to help complete a high-speed line in Morocco instead.

The ongoing unraveling of California’s rail plan is an object lesson in how infrastructure as eschatology is a bad idea. If transportation is conceived as a way to save the planet and fulfill a deep-seated, quasi-religious fixation rather than a means to move people around more efficiently, it is bound to fail. Throw on top California’s politicized decision-making and regulatory and legal obstacles to building, and it’s a formula for a boondoggle for the ages.

No matter how high California has estimated the cost of the project, it hasn’t been enough, even as almost

nothing has been built. It started out at \$33 billion in 2008. Now, it’s \$113 billion, with no one knowing where the funding is going to come from.

Not that the California experience will diminish the progressive ardor for high-speed rail. As far as its enthusiasts are concerned, it is like socialism – never failed, just never truly tried.

President Barack Obama proposed an 8,600-mile high-speed rail system, and Transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg wants the U.S. to be the “global leader” in high-speed rail. Progressives think of bullet trains like windmills on rails, a symbol of enlightenment and modernity, a way to free ourselves from the selfish, small-minded tyranny of the automobile and adopt a sleeker, greener, more virtuous future.

Then, the wheel meets the rail. In California, it might have sounded appealing to build a high-speed rail link between Los Angeles and San Francisco – if

you abstracted the project from all the topographical and other difficulties. For political reasons, a less direct, less economical route between the cities was selected. And the decision was made to start building between the two megalopolises, in the Central Valley, creating the possibility that California may end up with a bullet train to and from nowhere.

Of course, we already have cheap, high-speed transport between population centers. It is called air travel.

As Randal O’Toole of the Cato Institute points out, planes cruise at roughly 500 miles per hour. The Amtrak Acela, on the other hand, has a top speed of 150 miles per hour. Yes, airplanes need infrastructure, but not



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View from here

By Elizabeth Lee Vliet M.D.

FDA’s catastrophic safety and quality oversight failures on COVID vaccines

Since its inception in 1934, The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has regulatory to oversee drug and medical products manufacturing processes and quality control to protect the public from unsafe products.

Recent research revelations from career pharma insider whistleblowers¹, Alexandra Latypova and Hedley Rees, provide chilling information on catastrophic safety and manufacturing oversight failures for the still experimental COVID-19 injections that are linked to the skyrocketing deaths and complications happening to people around the world. Dr. Michael Yeadon, former Pfizer Chief Scientist Worldwide for Respiratory Pharmacology, has reported that Pfizer documents showed the FDA knew of the death risks².

Making the mRNA for the product is a complex, multistage process. Each step entails potential errors that can be amplified at later stages. Scaling up any process is problematic. To make millions of doses required scaling up at breakneck speed. One batch may contain up to 900 liters; problems were encountered at 37 liters, and it appears nothing has been done to resolve them.

Theoretically, every vial of vaccine is supposed to have uniform content. But independent analysis reveals more than 10,000% variability in potency from batch to batch. Other violations of safety and quality control include the following:

Not a single vial tested had ingredients or doses that conformed to FDA labeling

requirements.

Some vials contained NO mRNA, others contained massive doses far exceeding stated amounts. Is this a cause of “sudden death” soon after vaccination?

Some vials contain high concentrations of DNA and protein impurities in quantities far exceeding allowed limits specified by the manufacturer. Numerous other contaminants have been described.

Some batch numbers of Pfizer and Moderna are associated with more than 5000 adverse event reports in the CDC’s Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Yet other batch numbers show zero to only a small number of adverse events. Such variance should not be happening if consistency and quality manufacturing standards

were followed.

Almost all vials examined contain high contamination levels of various metals that are toxic to the human body.

Additionally, frozen vaccines are delivered to vaccination centers in an UNFINISHED state. This means multi-step “finishing” procedures³ have to be carried out on sites that are not equipped or qualified to do such procedures safely and properly.

Any of these problems should have stopped production lines. Shockingly, the normal Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) standards and pharmacovigilance oversight have been flagrantly ignored by all of the COVID injection manufacturers. The U.S. and European oversight agencies (FDA, EMA) have turned a blind eye to the fact that GMP standards are not being followed. This is

unprecedented in the history of the FDA and is an outrageous violation of public trust.

The implausible scale of Pfizer mRNA manufacturing, based on documents received from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, suggests to experts that Pfizer is either combining batches, diluting to an unprecedented degree, relabeling older products, or something even more fraudulent. There simply is no way with current production capability to reach that scale of production and maintain reliable safety or quality.

Another stunning revelation from pharma insider Hedley Rees from the UK is that “over a period of 40 years, Big Pharma has outsourced every physical activity it possibly could, until

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is taught through lectures and lab-based education. Portions of the training have been seen as a critical part of having a long and successful career in the public safety agency management field.

The curriculum is built by current and former 9-1-1 center managers with decades of combined supervisory and training experience. The CMCP states it is built to enhance an agency’s everyday operation. Ramos learned about the center’s culture, improving the hiring process for dispatchers, having efficient business communications as well as discussing legal issues in the field that reduce liability for the department. Ramos has 12 years of experience in Emergency Communications, 10 with the Horizon City Police Department and has been its Emergency Manager for 5 years.

– Heli Sierra



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it has lost its ability to develop new drugs – drug development, manufacture and distribution is now in the hands of third party organisations.”

In his INSIDE PHARMA article, “The One Thing Big Pharma Can’t Outsource – Culpability⁴,” Rees explains: “Outsourcing manufacture can work so long as the development process and control are in the hands of the developer and the developer allows detailed instructions and specifications to be handed down to contractors and suppliers.” However, Big Pharma has lost control, and outsourcing has brought it to the brink of failure, he states. “The only way to deliver blockbuster revenues in an acceptable timescale, was to cheat. To deceive and falsify in the most cynical way possible, hang the consequences.”

Disregarding the many questions raised about the safety of the mRNA technology itself, the dangerous violations of regulatory oversight⁵ of manufacturing and distribution revealed by courageous whistleblowers should alone halt the program.

Your shot may contain virtually no active ingredient – perhaps helping to explain apparent lack of efficacy. Or it may contain a massive overdose – perhaps explaining the high frequency of “sudden death syndrome.” You have no way to know which you get when you take “the jab” or get a “booster.”

For those who suffer adverse side effects and prolonged complications of the experimental COVID shots, there are integrated treatment approaches⁶ to help patients restore health. Combinations of anti-inflammatory and anti-coagulant prescription medications, nutraceuticals, vitamins and minerals, and lifestyle strategies help alleviate the inflammation, micro-blood clotting, oxidative stress and immune system damage.

COVID injection manufacturers – Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson, and AstraZeneca – should all be held accountable for their negligence, but we must not stop there. Americans and people around that world must hold our taxpayer-funded regulatory agencies accountable for their gross failures to protect a trusting public.

- The links in the digital copy of this issue, at www.wtxcc.com, are clickable.*
- 1 – <https://www.trialsitenews.com/a/failure-to-scale-covid-19-injection-vials-must-be-independently-tested-for-conformity-to-label.-9a77eba4>
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- 6 – <https://www.truthforhealth.org/patientguide/>

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Senior moment

By Matilda Charles

Cutting down on scam phone calls

Welcome to the season of increased scam telemarketer phone calls, either political or holiday related.

The National Do Not Call Registry is a government program intended to block unwanted sales calls. It’s a free service, and all you have to do is sign up either on your phone or on the internet.

Call (888) 382-1222 from the phone you want to block and follow the steps. Or go online to donotcall.gov and read the info. A word of warning: If you register your number online, you are also required to enter an email address. They’ll send you a note asking you to click a link in that email to finish the registration to stop unwanted calls – if they stop.

Blocking scammers on the registry doesn’t take care of the whole problem. The FAQ on the site says that certain types of calls are allowed: political, charitable, debt collection, informational and surveys. Think about the holes those leave.

I maintain that receiving a political call is still a sales call – they’re trying to sell us on the idea of voting a certain way, and therefore political calls also should be blocked in the Do Not Call Registry. Surveys can be just as bad if the questions they ask are clearly skewed in one direction or another.

I see charitable calls as scams if they take your personal banking or credit-card information. Additionally, if you’ve ever done business with a company, they’re allowed to call you.

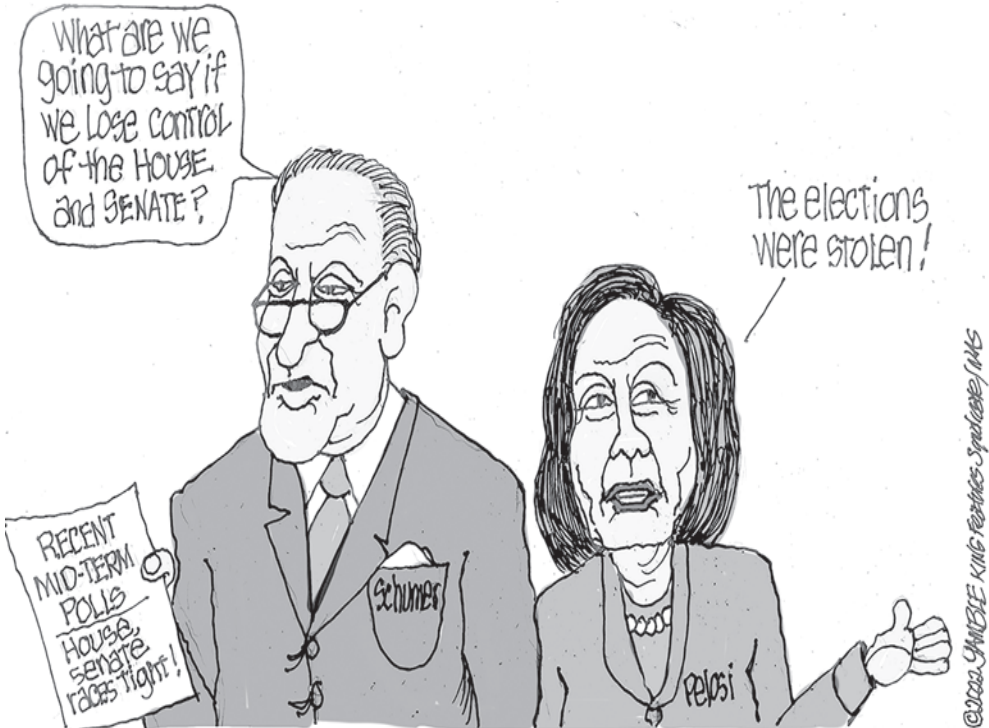
So, there are holes in the system. But you can take steps to stop at least some of the calls by registering with Do Not Call.

As an aside, I called the registry to verify that my phone is already listed. Yes, despite all the calls I get, it’s been listed as a do-not-call number since 2006.

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BONA FIDE – Priscilla Terrazas displays her WeTeach_CS Mini-Grant Award certificate. The accompanying \$1,000 grant will help Terrazas teach her students Pyhton – a computer programming language – by purchasing time on a digital platform called AutoAuto.

Terrazas receives grant to teach Python coding

By **Adriana Candelaria**
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY – Anthony Independent School District students in middle and high school are learning the popular and innovative computer programming language, Python, thanks to a grant received by Anthony Middle School Science Teacher and Robotics Sponsor Priscilla Terrazas.

Python coding is a multipurpose computer language often used to build websites and software, conduct data analysis, create

visualization and can be used in artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Terrazas received the WeTeach_CS Mini-Grant Award from Expanding Pathways in Computing (EPIC), a research and service unit of the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) at University of Texas at Austin. The annual award is given to computer science teachers with distinct ideas to improve teaching and learning in the classroom.

“I’m very honored to receive the Mini-Grant Award from WeTeach_CS. I have fallen in love with Computer Science, and it has been my desire to inspire the same love in my students,” Terrazas said.

The grant – worth \$1,000 – allowed Terrazas to purchase access to digital platform AutoAuto to introduce her students to Python. Terrazas attended summer trainings to familiarize herself with Python and is now using the software in her classroom to program Lego Robotics.

“We’re proud to recognize Priscilla with a WeTeach_CS Mini-Grant,” said Carol Fletcher, director of the EPIC team at TACC. “Our team is dedicated to broadening participation in computing for every student regardless of race, gender, or income, and great educators like Priscilla make this possible.”

Terrazas says the goal is to use Python coding on the robots created by students. Python is fast growing programming language due to its timesaving approach with fewer lines of code needed to achieve a goal.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Those of us who have a little difficulty successfully sealing wraps, gyros or burritos are at last in luck, thanks to a group of female engineering students who came up with a solution called Tastee Tape. It will hold your food nicely in place during cooking or consumption. And yes, it is an edible tape.
- Ladybugs are cute, but they’re also cannibals. These tiny spotted creatures will, if need be, eat fertilized ladybug eggs, ladybug larvae and even other adult ladybugs.
- Do you know someone who really loves to tell jokes? Here’s hoping they aren’t suffering from a rare syndrome known as Witzelsucht, or joke addiction, affecting certain folks with an injury to their brain’s right hemisphere. One such patient couldn’t stop waking his poor wife in the middle of the night to share his jokes with her.

• The longest eyelash on record reached a length of 2.75 inches and belonged to one Stuart Muller, who attributed the record-setting strand to a “mutant follicle.”

• When the German football club FC Union Berlin faced bankruptcy in 2004, its loyal fans donated enough blood en masse that sufficient funds were raised to save it.

• King Charles III will receive his crown while sitting on a throne containing the Stone of Destiny, a rock that was stolen from Scotland in 1296 and carried to Westminster Abbey by King Edward I, then returned to Scotland 700 years later. But why is it significant, other than its feature in a royal coronation? It is said to be the stone on which the biblical Jacob rested his head when he dreamed of a ladder ascending to heaven!

Thought for the Day: “The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.”

– Michael Altschuler

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Moments in time

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- On Nov. 7, 1885, at a remote spot called Craigellachie in the mountains of British Columbia, the last spike is driven into Canada's first transcontinental railway. Despite the logistical difficulties posed, the almost 3,000-mile-long railway was completed six years ahead of schedule.
- On Nov. 8, 1974, Salt Lake City resident Carol DaRonch narrowly escapes being abducted by serial killer Ted Bundy. When Bundy was finally captured in 1978 in Florida, he confessed to the murders of 28 women, and was executed in 1989.
- On Nov. 9, 1946, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Army Cadets play to a historic 0-0 tie at Yankee Stadium in New York. Notre Dame-Army was college football's biggest rivalry. Football tickets typically cost \$1 to \$5, but many fans had paid scalpers as much as \$250, equal to \$3,200 in today's dollars.
- On Nov. 10, 1969, "Sesame Street," a TV show that would teach generations of young children the alphabet and counting, makes its broadcast debut. Over the years, critics have blamed the show and its use of brief segments for shrinking children's attention spans.
- On Nov. 11, 1973, the Soviet Union announces that, because of its opposition to the overthrow of the government of Chilean President Allende, it would not play a World Cup Soccer match against the Chilean team. It was the first time in the history of World Cup Soccer that a team had boycotted over political issues.
- On Nov. 12, 1799, Andrew Ellicott Douglass, an early American astronomer born in Vermont, witnesses the Leonids meteor shower from a ship off the Florida Keys. Douglass' journal entry is the first known record of a meteor shower in North America.
- On Nov. 13, 1974, Karen Silkwood is killed in a car accident in Oklahoma on her way to a meet with a reporter. She reportedly carried documents proving that Kerr-McGee Corp. was negligent when it came to worker safety at its plutonium plant. The theory was that someone forced her off the road to prevent the meeting.

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– Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

MARCH ON – Adding to the parade's military pageantry were ROTC cadets from Ysleta Independent School District high schools including Eastwood, above, Bel Air, Del Valle, Hanks, Parkland and Ysleta. Also participating in the parade were ROTC cadets from Clint HS and San Elizario HS.

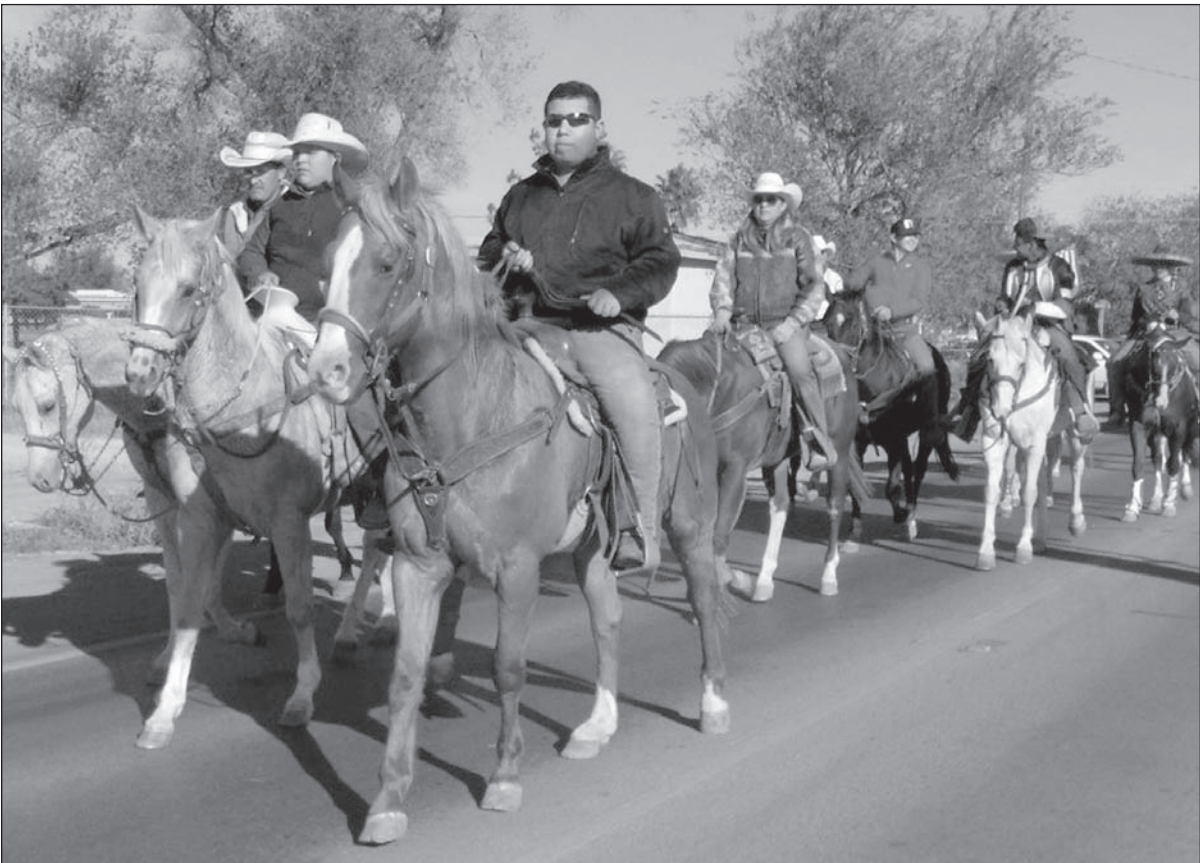
Parade

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her sons Herman John Morales and Christopher Sean Morales are also military veterans.

Convening at San Elizario's iconic placita after the parade for a commemorative presentation, master of ceremony Ray Borrego introduced several guests and dignitaries. Speakers included Mayor Isela Reyes, County Judge Ricardo Samaniego, County Commissioner Illiana Holguin, State Representative Mary Gonzalez, and Congressman Tony Gonzales.

As part of the patriotic ceremony SEVC's 2022 Veterans Day honorees were introduced including Marcos Antonio Grijalva, U.S. Navy; Enrique (Henry) Maese, U.S. Navy; and Eduardo Medina, U.S. Army.



GIDDYUP – Los Amigos de Los Caballos made their annual appearance for the Saturday morning parade.



TAKE ME TO THE RIVER – A U.S. Coast Guard ship and its crew cruised down Old Socorro Road to the delight of parade viewers.

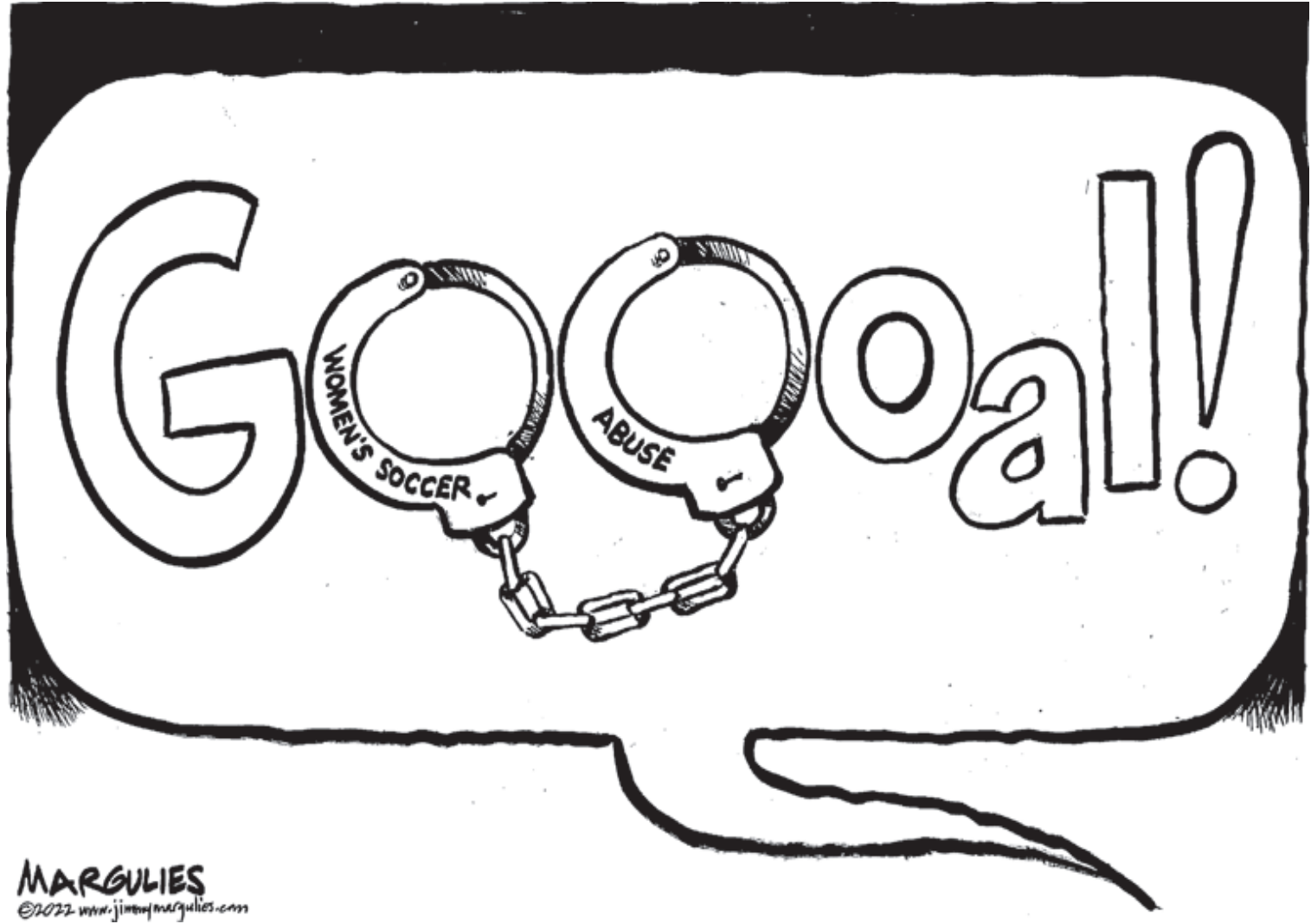
By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The teams from El Paso and Las Cruces

While the Miners have spent the last few seasons trying just to qualify for the Conference USA postseason tournament, the Aggies seem to always find themselves pulling off an upset win in the first round.

Both the UTEP Don Haskins Center and NMSU's Pan American Center hold

Then we might get back to the days of 12,000 fans here and in Las Cruces for a real Battle of I-10.



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| ACROSS | Year's Eve special? | 124 Antique car | 31 Loch monster | 80 Literary last words |
| 1 Lag | 65 Really smell | 125 Medications taken | moniker | 81 "Batman" actor |
| 10 Hailed ride | 66 Chaney of horror | by mouth | 32 Bits of sand | Cesar |
| 13 Nightwear | 67 Grazing field | 126 One backing up a | 33 Ex-Giant Mel | 82 Ikea's home |
| 20 Rust, essentially | 68 Oolong, e.g. | soloist | 34 Quarreled bitterly | 84 Element in bronze |
| 21 Corrida cheer | 70 Preminger of film | 127 Mem. of Congress | 35 Tomb-raiding Croft | 89 Hair gel, e.g. |
| 22 Topped with ice cream | 73 2 and 8, in Morse code? | 128 AWOL soldier... | 40 Antis' votes | 90 Eats as a snack |
| 23 Katie Couric or Diane Sawyer | 83 Writer Kafka | or a feature of eight answers in this puzzle | 42 Doe's baby | 92 Actress Merrill or |
| 24 Spell-casting | 85 Sources of | DOWN | 43 Cheery tune | Spybey |
| cartoon infant? | 1-Down and 84-Down | 1 Element in bronze | 44 Twister | 95 Swerve |
| 26 Commotion | 86 Eye-irritating bulbs | 2 Mad feeling | 46 Jewelry beetle | 96 The "A" of USDA |
| 27 Per unit | 87 "Kaboom!" | 3 Groom grass | 47 Rattan | 98 Brings up to speed |
| 28 Brewskis | 88 Boxer Spinks, to non-Americans? | 4 Nav. officer | 48 Comedian | 99 "Don't believe a word..." |
| 29 Chimed | 91 Slimy garden crawler | 5 The "D" of DJIA | Johnson | 100 Dessert, to Brits |
| unstoppably? | 92 With 94-Across, old hack paperbacks | 6 Mass emigration | 49 Pipe problem | 102 Rustic poems |
| 36 Unit of force | 93 Big name in canned heat | 7 Highest or lowest point | 51 Pitcher's spot | 103 Goes fast |
| 37 Turns inside out | 94 See 92-Across | 8 "A Bell for _" | 53 Chatter idly | 104 As a friend, in French |
| 38 Outback bird | 96 Was sick | 9 Hankering | 54 Squeak (out) | 105 Zapped with light |
| 39 Sarandon of "Alfie" | 97 Hot winter quaff | 10 Having two or more parts | 55 Bear's retreat | 106 Earthy tone, to Brits |
| 41 Put forward | 101 Salty water | 11 "Mr. Klein" star | 57 Spooky cry | 108 One more than a pair |
| 42 Able to speak easily | 102 Snub | Delon | 58 Applies, as some deodorant | 109 Old game console |
| 45 Cheeky kid | 103 Move, to Realtors | 12 Gives rise to | 62 One making an exact copy | 110 Soft drinks |
| 50 Depose | 107 Song about a fire breather who uses | 13 Toyotas of the 1990s | 63 Really small | 112 Light haircut |
| 51 Alice, for the Bradys | Apple computers? | 14 Boxing's "Greatest" | 64 Smarted | 116 Guess at Sea-Tac |
| 52 Where old Venetian magistrates dropped off their tots to be watched? | 111 Put on _ (pretend) | 15 Doorframe part | 69 Gp. mobilized by a | 117 Male turkey |
| 56 _-fi flick | 113 One or the other | 16 Fired (up) | 911 call | 118 Exiled Amin |
| 57 One trying for strikes | 114 Child's amuser | 17 Saunter | 70 Rip-_ (flimflams) | 119 Suffixed with northeast |
| 59 Lawn tool | 115 People who relax by listening to singer Johnny? | 18 Ornament | 71 Jogging pace | 120 Used a spade |
| 60 He has a famous lap | 117 Calculated the total of | 19 Smell or taste | 72 Weight deduction | 121 Fleece-lined boot brand |
| 61 Stiller and Affleck | 123 Honored academic | 25 Tan shade | 74 Ending for buff or bass | 122 Chi follower |
| | | 27 Highest point | 75 Address for a techie | |
| | | 29 Put on a blog again, e.g. | 76 Apiary buzzer | |
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OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

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THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



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expensive, complex new infrastructure all along their routes.

O'Toole notes that Japan's high-speed trains seemed like the future in the 1960's, when air travel was more expensive than rail. Also, Japan's high-speed trains had a ready-made customer base in the

substantial proportion of the country's population that already traveled by train.

In the U.S. today, in contrast, the average cost per mile of traveling by air is cheaper than traveling by rail, and a minuscule 0.1% of all passenger travel is via Amtrak.

If we built the Interstate Highway System, why can't we build a comparable high-speed network? As O'Toole observes, the highway system basically paid for itself

and accounts for a substantial 20% of the country's passenger-miles and a roughly comparable proportion of freight ton-miles.

High-speed rail could never be a match. Even if you put aside the endemic cost overruns, the inevitable construction delays, and the considerable maintainable costs, it can only carry passengers, not freight.

While progressives swoon over high-speed rail as the shiny future, some other genuinely futuristic technology is likely to

emerge. If the age of self-driving cars ever arrives, people will be able to experience a car more like a personal train, except unlimited by rails.

California hasn't created a railroad to the future but a warning to the rest of the country to avoid its delusion and folly.

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

Physician revokes driver's license without explanation

DEAR DR. ROACH: My wife's handicap parking placard expired, and she asked her primary care physician to fill out a renewal application. The new placard was received, followed by a letter from the DMV instructing my wife to return her license within 10 days because a medical professional had deemed it unsafe for her to drive. There was no discussion with my wife about driving.



My wife had a stroke about two years ago, but there are no obvious signs that she shouldn't be driving outside of that. She recently had a Watchman device placed, but no one ever said she shouldn't drive. My wife has had no symptoms since the surgery. She saw the cardiologist who performed the Watchman surgery, and he said she is doing well. She also saw her regular cardiologist, and he also said she is doing well. She saw both of these doctors after seeing the physician who notified the DMV that she should not drive.

I have seen the after-visit notes of all the doctors my wife has seen in the last three months. All say that she is doing well. The doctor involved said, in her notes, "She is doing well, no concerns." She has not had any device implanted to maintain rhythm. Was it unethical to not discuss revoking my wife's license with her before doing it? – Anon.

The Watchman device is placed to reduce the risk of stroke in people with atrial fibrillation (AFib), a rhythm disturbance of the heart. Its placement has no bearing on her driving, but AFib potentially does. AFib does predispose people to strokes and, occasionally, to a heart rate so fast that they can't think properly. Conceivably, a person could have a stroke or a very fast heart rate while driving, but this is a very rare cause of motor-vehicle accidents. The most common medical cause for impairment while driving is epilepsy, which is a whole separate discussion.

There are international guidelines to help clinicians decide whether a person with a history of arrhythmia is safe to drive. In the case of atrial fibrillation, the guidelines are consistent that only if a person is having symptoms or is incapacitated should they stop driving, and they may resume once the symptoms or incapacity is better. From what you tell me, she had no reason for her driving to be restricted. Unless her primary care physician knows something that you haven't told me, this decision was not supported by consensus guidelines.

Was the decision ethical? I don't think so. An ethical decision is one that minimizes harm, both to your wife and to the community. Your wife has been harmed, and I don't think the community is safer because she can't drive. I don't think she was treated fairly. Lack of truth-telling undermines trust, which is essential for ethical patient care.

It is possible that the decision to restrict her driving privileges was done in error, either by her physician or by the DMV. I do feel strongly that her physician should have told her that her driving privileges would be restricted: This would have allowed for some discussion, perhaps with her cardiologists, and would remove the question of whether there was an error.

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.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
“Washers” is the national yard game of Texas and was probably invented here.

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: R equals S

RXHFYTD FVIXBQHP IHIVPA BEYQR
ITCH QV SH BRHC SA TFQPHRR
PHYC TEC RZTQHP DYXYERZY:
QTPT SAQHR.

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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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Suicide rates are down



by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently released its 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. Suicide numbers are down, they say, for the second year in a row.

At the same time, they announced the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grants, a program that gives money to community organizations to create suicide prevention programs, and authorized \$174 million to be handed out over the course of three years to provide those services.

The list of groups that received the grants is impressive, with most receiving the maximum amount of \$750,000. But it's the groups that received lesser amounts that arouse curiosity. War Horses for Veterans received one-third the maximum amount, yet they're very hands-on, matching horses

with veterans and first responders under stress to help them recover from trauma. United States Veterans Initiative provides job assistance, rental assistance and much more, but they received only a small grant. Community Building Art Works received a similarly small grant to provide writing and art workshops for veterans and family members in all counties of three states. Legal Aid Society got half the largest amount to handle legal assistance for the whole state of Kentucky.

Declining suicide numbers are no guarantee that veterans are under less stress. In 2020, there were 6,146 veteran suicides. That year had the lowest number since 2006, but we need to look at overall rates to see what it really means. While veteran suicide numbers fell by 9.7% between 2018 and 2020, the civilian numbers fell by 5.5%.

And just so you know, Staff Sgt. Parker Gordon Fox, for whom the grant is named, was a sniper instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia, when he died in 2020 of suicide at age 25. Fox, a talented musician,

left his parents and many relatives, as well as his dog, Willie Nelson Fox, and a 1962 Gibson guitar.

If you or someone you know is in trouble, call 988 and press 1. Or go online to www.VeteransCrisisLine.net, and chat or text to 838255. There's help 24/7. Don't wait.

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by Jo Ann Derson

• Those hide-a-key rocks can be a little obvious – at least they are to me. I have a spare key hidden outside too, but I sealed mine in a plastic baggie and buried it in a spot known to our family members. Also, it's not right by the door. – I.E. in Mississippi

• “To remove the skin from salmon, I freeze it and skin it while frozen. The skin comes off much easier, and I waste less of the fish. I buy a large piece and parcel it into several smaller pieces, since it's just me. I like salmon, and it's healthy for me!” – L.A. in Florida

• “To remove muffins or rolls from a pan, set it on an old, damp towel for a minute. The steam must loosen the bottoms, because they just slide right out. I thank my mom for this tip. ðŹ Janey R. via e-mail

• Ripen a green tomato by wrapping it in a sheet of newspaper or placing it in a plain, small paper bag. Leave it on the counter and check it daily until ripe.

• If you are stuffing pillows or a child's toy with foam rubber chips, rub a bit of fabric softener over your hands first. The tiny pieces won't get stuck to your hands with static, and it will smell nice to boot!

• Fun get-together project for kids: Have everyone doodle on a large posterboard. At the end of the night, trace a puzzle pattern and cut it up, making a large floor puzzle. You can bring it out at the next play date. The smaller the children, the larger the pieces! – A.L. in Florida

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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: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

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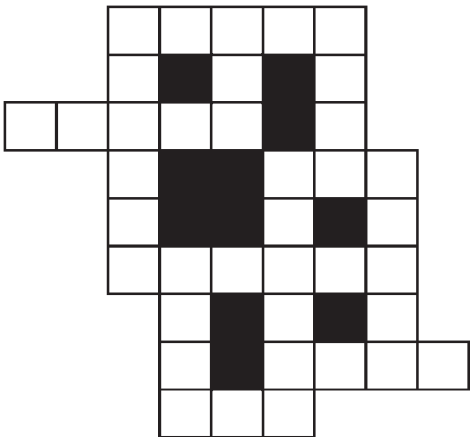
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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