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having playing in the FIFA World Cup this year, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2022's Best Cities for Soccer Fans, as well as accompanying videos and expert commentary. To accompany this report, WalletHub also released its FIFA World Cup By The Numbers infographic with fun stats about the competition. To find the best places for loving on the world's favorite sport, WalletHub compared nearly 300 U.S. cities with at least one college or professional soccer team across five divisions comprising 52 key metrics. The data set ranges from minimum season-ticket price for a game to stadium accessibility to number of championship wins. El Paso was rated 45th in the report. Other stats:

- For MLS, Philadelphia Union's performance level, 49.70 percent, is 3.2 times better than that of FC Cincinnati at 15.60 percent.
- For NWSL, North Carolina Courage's performance level, 56.94 percent, is 4.6 times better than that of the Kansas City Current at 12.50 percent.
- For USL, Phoenix Rising FC's performance level, 67.28 percent, is 3.8 times better than that of Loudoun United FC at 17.52 percent.
- Houston, TX has the lowest minimum season-ticket price for an MLS game, \$240, which is 2.6 times less expensive than in Charlotte, NC, the city with the highest at \$630.
- Chicago, IL has the lowest minimum season-ticket price for an NWSL game, \$134, which is 2.2 times less expensive than in San Diego. CA, the city with the highest at \$297.

Visit https://wallethub.com/edu/bestworst-cities-for-soccer-fans/14207 For the full report.

Slackline walking

Tightrope walking is hard enough but taking a walk on a not-so-tight rope suspended between two mile-highplus hot air balloons takes a special sense of balance. Take Rafael Bridi who did it recently for a second time this year. Bridi earned the Guinness World Record earlier this year for what is known as a slackline walk 6,236 feet over Santa Catarina, Brazil. This time he did it high above his hometown of Florianopolis, Brazil.

- John Grimaldi

Leisure first meant an opportunity to do something. It has come to mean an opprtunity to do nothing.

- Quips & Quotes

NEWSBRIEFS Soccer cities With the U.S. Men's National Team having playing in the FIFA World Cup having playing in the FIFA World Cup

By Alfredo Vasquez Special to the Courier

NATION - With the recent successful re-election bid behind her, El Paso Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (D) is back to work, and one of her priorities is the passage of the Advancing Justice for our Servicemembers Act (H.R. 9163).

Aided by Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D), of California, Escobar has introduced legislation that would set a time limit for processing complaints of harassment and discrimination made by members of the Armed Services, as well as allow servicemembers to seek review or appeal in a U.S. court.

"Our men and women in the military shouldn't have to wait for justice after reporting sexual assault, harassment, prohibited discrimination," Congresswoman Escobar stated in a recent news release. "This bill is for all the victims of harassment or discrimination who feel unheard or unseen. Each of these cases should be treated with the urgency they deserve. Expediting them and providing additional avenues to seek justice should help remedy the grievances I've heard from the brave men and women who have come forward," she said.

"By ensuring complaints are heard and addressed in a timely manner, we create an environment where 20-year-old U.S. Army soldier Vanessa Guillen, who was murdered (in 2020) by a harasser she had complained about, would still be with us today," the congresswoman asserted.

Representative Speier, who chairperson of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee, stated, "We know that sexual harassment begets sexual assault, and that discrimination of any kind seeks to silence those suffering injustice. And the numbers don't lie, both sexual assault incidents and prevalence military wide have spiked by 35 percent for servicewomen and more than doubled for servicemen,".

According to the California congresswoman, sexual harassment incidents have increased by 20 percent. And trust and faith in the military to eliminate this insidious scourge and bring survivors justice is down.

"Ensuring that complaints from servicemembers of harassment or discrimination are completed within 180 days, and allowing servicemembers to seek review or appeal in a U.S. court of law, if they choose to do so after the 180 period is exhausted, is a critical component of addressing this crisis and rebuilding faith and trust in the brave women and men who serve our country," Speier said.



- Photo courtesy office of Rep. Veronica Escobar

U.S. Representative Veronica Escobar (D), of El Paso, recently introduced the Advancing Justice for our Servicemembers Act (H.R. 9163), which would establish a timely process for harassment and discrimination complaints by military personnel.



- Photo courtesy office of Rep. Jackie Speier

U.S. Representative Jackie Speier (D), of San Francisco, is helping with the passage of the Advancing Justice for our Servicemembers Act.

introducing this much needed legislation long delays awaiting final resolution of and in our continued work to see that perpetrators of harassment and discrimination are held to account. We must do this to ensure justice for survivors and to eliminate the environment in which assault, abuse, and degradation thrives," Speier noted.

"The American military continues to be plagued by the scourge of pervasive sexual harassment that rips at the fabric of the force. Currently, survivors who report "I am proud to join Rep. Escobar in sexual harassment endure extraordinarily

their allegations. Delayed resolutions devastate service members seeking justice and discourage others from coming forward, which negatively impacts retention and force readiness," said Don Christensen, president of the Protect Our Defenders nonprofit organization.

Christensen stated that the his organization is proud to endorse this legislation because it would establish a

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Kevin McCarthy's tough task

Washington.

Assuming that he becomes speaker of the House, which will require the near-unanimous support of his caucus and isn't necessarily a foregone conclusion, he's signing up for the most miserable experience of any congressional leader since John Boehner barely controlled a Republican House majority in the Obama years.

Boehner presided over a caucus infused with new tea party members who expected to do great things, when the leverage a congressional majority has over a president of the opposite party is inherently limited.

The mismatch between their hopes and their power led to continual frustration, which was taken out on Boehner. By the time he resigned, the Ohio Republican could be forgiven for wondering if his dog was going to turn against him.

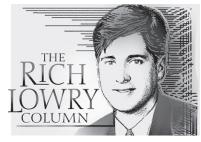
Kevin McCarthy may now have the hardest job in majority in a Washington still arrayed against them. It will be hard enough to pass anything consequential or controversial out of the House before it runs into a brick wall in the Democratic-controlled Senate. House Republicans presumably won't be able to get their handiwork within hailing distance of President Joe Biden's veto pen.

> In light of this, the first priority for House Republicans should be tempering expectations. Their most important achievement has already occurred - namely ensuring that Nancy Pelosi will no longer be speaker with all that that entails for Biden's agenda.

> Making the most of their opportunity otherwise will require some realism, subtlety and creativity.

budget next year. Republicans will want to extract their pound of flesh but shouldn't overestimate their influence. Now, House Republicans will have a microscopic They aren't going to reform entitlements or put the U.S.

on a fundamentally different fiscal path in a dramatic, down-to-the confrontation over the debt limit or a possible government shutdown. Usually,



the aggressors in such fights lose, and it'll be hard to maintain GOP unity with more cautious Republican senators hesitant to go down this path.

Republicans would be well-served to choose a few plausible policy objectives at the outset of these fights - say, revoking the new Biden IRS agents - rather than coming up with large, superficially attractive demands that inevitably have to be abandoned.

Then, there are the investigations. Here, Republicans Deadline-driven fights loom over the debt limit and don't have to worry about the balancing act involved in getting to 2018 votes. The House Oversight Committee

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Bills filed to tackle wide variety of issues

González aims to help schools, crime victims, and people with disabilities

By J.J. Garza *Special to the Courier*

the next session of the Texas 13 bills to improve our schools, Legislature won't begin until protect children on social media,

consideration next session. State Representative Mary E. EL PASO COUNTY – While González, (D) – Clint, introduced

January 10, 2023, legislators aid people with disabilities, and a special commission to public property tax lists to started "pre-filing" bills for shield information about Border recommend ways to improve protect them and their families Patrol and Customs officials student grading and school from threats of intimidation or from drug and human trafficking accountability;

> bills a head start and makes of family and dating violence, to them eligible for debate sooner in the legislative process," said González. "Pre-filing generally means a bill will enter the all important committee process days or even weeks ahead of other legislation. Ultimately, however, whether a bill becomes a law depends on securing enough votes from other legislators."

González's legislative package

• House Bill 37, creating and other family members to act and the State of Texas."

- House Bill 250, enable receive relocation compensation through under the Crime Victims Compensation Fund;
- "digital citizenship" training in Committee. "When we pass public schools so children can the appropriations bill, we will better understand and navigate address myriad issues in a single the dangers of disinformation on bill. Every legislative session is social media:
- Among the highlights of the pay of community attendants proud to use my experience in for people with disabilities to \$15 the Capitol to advance public per hour, and permits spouses policy to support my constituents

as attendants; and

• House Bill 96, which would allow removing Border Patrol agents and Customs and Border Protection officers' names from retaliation by cartels.

"Bills that are filed are "Pre-filing legislation gives crime victims, especially victims only part of the process. Many items require money the appropriation process," said González, who currently serves as Vice-Chair • House Bill 99, to provide of the House Appropriations a very complicated process with • House Bill 245, which raises many moving parts, and I am

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Moments in time THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Nov. 28, 1967, England's National Hunt Committee, following the advice of the Ministry of Agriculture, canceled all horse racing in the country due to new outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease.
- On Nov. 29, 1972, Atari released the table tennis-themed arcade video game Pong. While originally designed as a training exercise by creator Allan Alcorn, Atari's founders were pleased enough by its quality to manufacture it.

The first commercially successful video game, it would prove instrumental in launching that industry.

- On Nov. 30, 1982, Michael Jackson released his sixth solo studio album, "Thriller." Earning a record 12 Grammy nominations and ultimately becoming the best-selling record album in music history, the title song's video is the only one to be inducted into the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress.
- On Dec. 1, 1891, our beloved sport of basketball was created by Dr. James Naismith, a physical education instructor at the YMCA International Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts, after he was asked by his boss to

create an indoor game that would help athletes stay in shape during cold weather. Peach baskets served as the hoops, along with a soccer-style ball, and each time a point was scored, the game was paused so the janitor could fetch a ladder to retrieve the ball.

- On Dec. 2, 2020, the U.N. Commission on Narcotic Drugs removed cannabis from the list of most dangerous drugs of the international drug control treaty, which included such highly addictive substances as heroin, opium, morphine, methadone and cocaine, although the U.N. still considers cannabis a controlled substance.
- On Dec. 3, 1926, mystery novel

maven Agatha Christie pulled a disappearing act from her home in Surrey, England. She rematerialized nearly two weeks later at a hotel in the spa town of Harrogate, where journalist Ritchie Calder found her using her husband's mistress's surname as a notable pseudonym.

• On Dec. 4, 1875, William M. "Boss" Tweed, who notoriously led New York City's Democratic political machine, escaped from his cell at the Ludlow Street Jail and went into hiding even as a civil case for misuse of city funds proceeded against him. Found guilty in absentia, Tweed fled again, to Spain, but was quickly captured there and returned to New York to serve his sentence.

Bill

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firm 180 day time limit for processing sexual harassment complaints and would ensure that the military provide

service members with timely investigations and responses to their complaints.

Amy Braley Franck, founder and CEO of another nonprofit group called Never Alone Advocacy, said, "We want to thank Congresswoman Escobar for her leadership on this issue requiring transparency and accountability throughout the Armed Services, Never Alone Advocacy supports this legislation."

According to Escobar's office staff, the Advancing Justice for our Servicemembers Act would add a new section to chapter 80 of title 10 of the United States Code to establish a 180-day time limit for processing administrative complaints of harassment or discrimination made by servicemembers.

Currently, there is no timeline in the Department of Defense's policy for harassment and prohibited discrimination complaints, which arguably limits the effectiveness of these policies. This legislation is intended to ensure investigations are completed in a timely manner in situations where lower-level members of the chain of command are not diligently investigating a complaint.

Advancing justice for military personnel

The legislative bill, Advancing Justice for our Servicemembers Act (H.R. 9163), introduced by U.S. Representatives Veronica Escobar and Jackie Speier would:

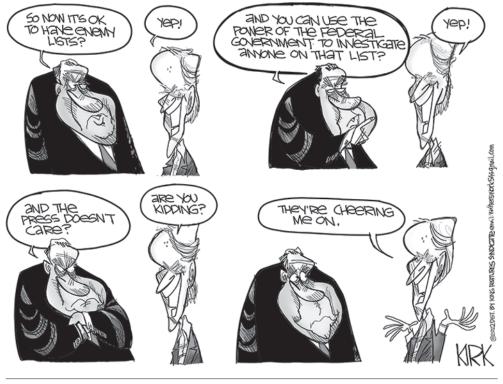
- 1. Designate a time limit of 180 days for investigations conducted under the existing harassment prevention and prohibited discrimination programs established by the Department of Defense.
- 2. Contain two types of judicial review: One addresses circumstances when an investigation is not completed in a timely manner or the investigation's findings are not provided to the complainant. The other would incorporate a limited judicial review commonly applied to certain other administrative decisions in a military department.

Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Clint Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Thursday, December 15, 2022, in the Central Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

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

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Socorro ISD earns superior financial rating

By Christy Flores-Jones *Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY - The Socorro Independent School District has received an A rating for Superior Achievement the state's highest, demonstrating the quality

of Socorro ISD's financial management and and cost-effective operations." reporting system.

Socorro ISD has earned in the Texas FIRST system for fiscal responsibility across the is certainly something to be proud of," said school district," said SISD Superintendent Nate Carman, Ed.D. "It demonstrates the under Texas' School FIRST financial districts' solid management of taxpayers' accountability rating system. This rating is funds and our overall commitment to district's finances and serve the students and efficiently provide high-quality instruction families in our amazing SISD community."

"We are proud of the outstanding score the FIRST system for 12 consecutive years. "SISD's success in the FIRST rating system SISD Chief Financial Officer Victoria Perez. "We are proudly operating with fidelity and transparency to successfully manage the

Socorro ISD has earned a superior rating in

By Lucie Winborne

- You've no doubt heard of shattering a glass with your voice, but how about singing at a pitch so low only an elephant can hear it? That feat belongs to Tim Storms, who possesses a 10-octave vocal range and holds the Guinness World Record for lowest note produced by a human and widest vocal range.
- · In some parts of the world, tarantulas have "pet" frogs, which they protect from predators.
- At the Harvard-Yale annual college football matchup in 2004, Yale students played quite the trick on their opponents by dressing as Harvard pep squad members and handing out crimson and gold placards to the crowd. While told their cards would spell out "Go Harvard" when raised, the actual message read "We Suck."
- · Two of the most common paint colors at Walt Disney World are "Go Away Green" and "Blending Blue." Their curious monikers attest to the fact that Disney Imagineers created them to make your eyes ignore them.
- You don't need a body to play video games - just a mind! Lab-grown human and mouse brain cells inhabiting a petri dish became sentient enough to learn how to play Pong.
- Billy Joel's song "Only the Good Die Young" was banned by some radio stations for being Catholic." Joel hardly minded, however, as the resulting publicity made the tune so popular that he wrote to the president of Seton Hall College in New Jersey (the first entity to forbid it) requesting a ban on his next record as well.

Thought for the "People who don't take risks generally make about two big mistakes a year. People who do take risks generally make about two big mistakes a year."

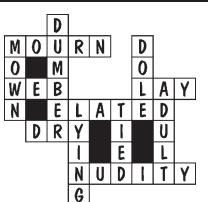
- Peter Drucker

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San Elizario Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance **Governmental Funds** For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Data Contro Codes		General Fund	ESSER II - School Emerg. Relief	ESSER III - School Emerg. Relief	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES:					
5700 5800 5900	Total Local and Intermediate Sources State Program Revenues Federal Program Revenues	\$ 2,949,691 31,346,020 5,049,515	\$ - - 2,109,886	\$ - - 3,773,304	\$ 603,397 1,300,055 2,915,796	\$ 3,553,088 32,646,075 13,808,501
5020	Total Revenues	39,345,226	2,109,886	3,773,304	4,819,248	50,007,664
	EXPENDITURES:					
	Current:					
0011 0012 0013 0021 0023 0031 0032 0033 0034 0035 0036 0041 0051 0052 0053	Instruction Instructional Resources and Media Services Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development Instructional Leadership School Leadership Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services Social Work Services Health Services Student (Pupil) Transportation Food Services Extracurricular Activities General Administration Facilities Maintenance and Operations Security and Monitoring Services Data Processing Services Community Services	17,343,090 390,927 225,711 742,337 2,081,360 1,226,040 246,189 403,886 1,168,388 2,773,697 961,960 1,593,324 4,137,583 955,160 1,349,562 34,504	1,231,753 16,131 41,206 28,686 119,829 49,976 9,220 38,065 62,494 114,232 40,313 45,078 175,658 72,159 28,686 36,400	3,110,306 645 24,319 83,717 102,052 111,707 - 49,641 - 12,688 - 300 115,752 - 122,177	1,151,407 57,472 1,138,625 40,946 6,327 10,918 - 75,641 - 9,640 83,320 - 595,377 1,745 - 111,605	23,226,556 456,175 1,429,861 895,686 2,309,568 1,398,641 255,409 567,233 1,230,882 2,910,257 1,085,593 1,638,702 5,024,370 1,029,064 1,378,248 304,686
	Debt Service:	, , , , ,	,	,	,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
0071 0072 0073	Principal on Long Term Liabilities Interest on Long Term Liabilities Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	83,961 6,744 –	- - -	- - -	690,000 985,973 125,216	773,961 992,717 125,216
	Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Aquisition and Construction	148,274	_	_	265,557	413,831
	Intergovernmental:					
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	40,286	_	_	_	40,286
6030	Total Expenditures	35,912,983	2,109,886	3,733,304	5,739,769	47,495,942
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,432,243	-	_	(920,521)	2,511,722
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
7911 7912 7916 8911 8949	Capital Related Debt Issued Sale of Real and Personal Property Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds Transfers Out (Uses) Other (Uses)	47,102 - (600,000)	- - - -	- - - -	5,565,000 - 912,182 - (6,352,366)	5,565,000 47,102 912,182 (600,000) (6,352,366
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(552,898)	_	_	124,816	(428,082
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	2,879,345	_	_	(795,705)	2,083,640
0100	Fund Balance – July 1 (Beginning)	13,295,680	_	_	1,902,776	15,198,456
3000	Fund Balance – June 30 (Ending)	\$ 16,175,025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,107,071	\$ 17,282,096

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Champion: Nyathi named All-American



Photos courtesy El Paso Community College

SHE'S FAST – El Paso Community College (EPCC) runner, Faith Nyathi swept the her final two races of the year. On November 12th she won the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division 1 Cross Country Championship in Tallahassee, FL. She finished with a time of 17:47 in the 5K race. On the 15th, at the venue, Nyathi won the NJCAA Division 1 Half Marathon National Championship. Her time was 1:19:59 – a full 7:30 ahead of her closest competitor. Along with winning the National Championship, Nyathi was named an All-American. She was also named the Western Region Athlete of the Year.

– Jim Heiney



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Miners blow 24-point lead and a chance to go bowling

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

The UTEP football season ended last weekend pretty much the way it started, by taking an early lead only to be crushed the rest of the way.

The Miners took on the best team and 10-7 lead before in Conference USA, UT-San Antonio eventually trailing 14in the Alamo Dome last Saturday. To 13 at halftime in a very everybody's surprised, UTEP raced out to a 24-0 lead.

With UTEP holding a 5-6 record, the crowd. The Miners were upset win would have made them eligible for a bowl game for the second straight season. That's something they hadn't accomplished since 2004.

But after dominating the first quarterand-a-half, the Miners did what they often 5-7. That sounds a lot do – they imploded.

In the last five minutes of the second quarter, UT-San Antonio scored on a 65yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 24-7. Then with the Miners threatening to score again, quarterback Calvin Brownholtz threw an interception. It was run back 73 vards for a touchdown to cut the halftime lead to 24-14.

Miners outscored 20-7 in the second and lost the game on a field goal with three seconds left.

Like the "915" opening game of the season where UTEP raced out to a 7-0 winnable game in front of a sold out Sun Bowl outscored 17-0 in the second half and that set the table for the rest of the

eight-win season.

The Miners finished better than those 1-11 and 0-12 seasons New Mexico Lobos team 27-10? we had a few years ago. But with all the experience and talent they had coming back this was supposed to be a seven- or

The one thing that haunted the Miners all season was their lack of consistency.

How can a team that beat perennial power Boise State 27-10, lose to a 2-9

A big problem for coach Dana Dimel and his staff going into next season is replacing the 23 seniors who are leaving the program. Not to mention those players who will leave El Paso via the transfer

It's nice to see that Dimel has turned the program around somewhat, but it's time this UTEP squad starts to contend for a conference title.

But there are many fans in town who believe Dimel should be replaced. And there are times when I see his in-game decisions and I scratch my head, along with all the other reporters in the press box.

Let's take the 34-31 loss last week. It was a close game and everyone knows that time outs are precious. Dimel used all his second half time outs early and had none late in the game when he needed to stop the clock.

On the other hand, UTSA coach Jeff Traylor had all three of his time outs available during his team's last drive that led to the winning field goal.

It's things like that that drive fans nuts. Another thing is their play calling. I'm not sure the Miners have a play for a 3rdand-4 or 3rd-and-5 situation. The idea is to complete a short safe pass about seven yards down field and get the first down. What UTEP does is throw the ball 30 to 40 yards downfield, usually resulting in an incompletion.

And too many times the Miners will jump out to a lead by being aggressive, then the second half rolls around and the team goes into "safe mode." They stop doing all the things that got them the lead in the first place.

So what kind of a season did UTEP end up having? I guess so-so is the best answer.

After 50 years of losing football, going 15-18 the last three years is an improvement.

I see teams like Boise St., Cincinnati, Central Florida, TCU, Utah, Tulane, Coastal Carolina and UT-San Antonio move into the rankings. These teams are the same size as UTEP and some were terrible programs not long ago.

But these programs had a vision to improve their culture. UTEP has had the same losing culture for five decades. I think the Miners need a new young coach from a successful division-2 school who loves to throw the football. Let's bring some excitement to the Sun Bowl.

Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Avoiding holiday shopping scams

It's that time of year again when we do holiday shopping, much of it online. It's also the time when more scammers come out.

And what is it scammers want most? They want your personal information so they can turn it into cash and fraudulent purchases.

Here are a few ways to avoid getting scammed online this holiday season:

Beware sales emails that include links, even if the email is from a store you usually use. Thieves are very good at making their scam pages look genuine. Instead of clicking a link, open a web browser and go directly to the website itself. Sometimes the email will request that you update your account information. Instead, call the store and ask if they've sent out that request.

Beware the tracking emails you get with updates about packages that you're expecting. Remember that genuine FedEx and UPS emails won't ask for any personal information from

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If you are scammed, report it. Call your bank and the police, and then notify the Elder Fraud Hotline at 833-372-8311.

A goal for 2023: Go inside your bank to do your transaction now and then. Yes, it's easier to just use the drive-up window for deposits and cash withdrawals, but there is a lot to be said for letting them put a face to a name. Once they know you and your banking habits, they're more able to quickly identify anything that might be wrong.

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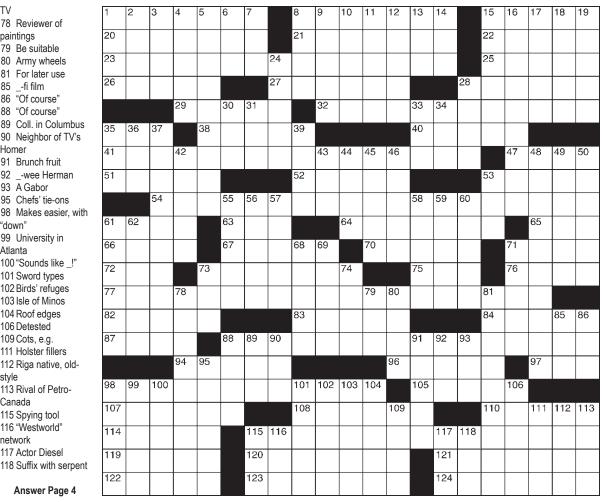
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- 54 Courage 61 Beach grit 63 "The Simpsons"
- 82 Glossy proof, for short 83 110-Across' high 32 What the Union home 84 Ear-splitting 87 Helper: Abbr. 35 "I think," to texters 88 19th-century 38 Really bother anti-alcohol fraternal society 94 Result in Cross some funds, e.g. 96 Really bother 97 U.S. Army soldiers 98 Beatles song on the "White Album" 105 Dog restraint 107 Strike caller 108 "Coyote Ugly" actress Piper 110 "Bald" bird 114 Very, in music scores store clerk 115 Christian set
- featured in this puzzle 119 Cerebrum's place 120 Helped criminally 121 Creates 122 Matches up. as sets of files 123 Have 124 Really should

DOWN

- Stop sleeping 2 Stuntman Knievel
- 3 Whoppers 4 In the _ luxury 5 Working overtime,
- 6 Centuries on end Bit of work 8 Lyricist Sammy
- 9 See 67-Across 10 Mob group 11 Restaurant
- offerings 12 Love-in-_ (plant with feathery foliage) 13 Louse-to-be 14 Lah-di-
- 15 1972 Jack Lemmon film 16 Sidesplitter 18 Minor fight
- 17 Drug banned for Olympians, for short 19 Words on an F paper, maybe 24 Opening for a
- letter-shaped bolt 28 "My, my, old chap!" 30 Suffix with prop-

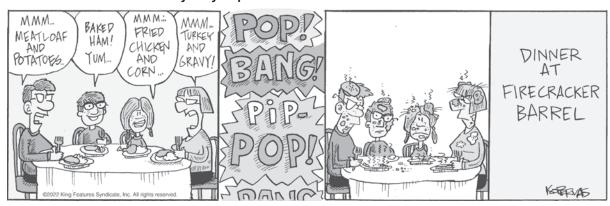
- 31 Ky. neighbor 33 Young guy, in hiphop 34 Doc studying laryngitis 35 Wyo. neighbor
- 36 Hip '60s teen 37 Programs running 39 Hanna-Barbera bear
- 42 "Live PD" network 43 Inmate 44 Two-time Wimbledon winner Lew
- 45 Improvise 46 Allude (to) 48 Committing to a fiduciary 49 Officers in training 50 Doglike scavengers
- 53 Prefix with afternoon 55 Really bother 56 Muscle ierk 57 One-on-one
- student 58 "Stop that, silly goose!" 59 Pool triangles 60 Yummy tidbit
- 61 Actress Bullock 62 Doesn't differ 68 Wrist-to-elbow
- 69 San _, California 71 Tinfoil giant 73 _-Magnon 74 Klingon officer of
- 80 Army wheels 81 For later use 85 -fi film 86 "Of course" 89 Coll. in Columbus 90 Neighbor of TV's Homer 91 Brunch fruit 92 _-wee Herman 93 A Gabor 95 Chefs' tie-ons 98 Makes easier, with "down" 99 University in Atlanta 100 "Sounds like _!" 101 Sword types 102 Birds' refuges 103 Isle of Minos 104 Roof edges 106 Detected 109 Cots, e.g. 111 Holster fillers 112 Riga native, old-113 Rival of Petro-Canada 115 Spying tool 116 "Westworld" network 117 Actor Diesel

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps

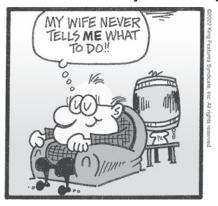








THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering

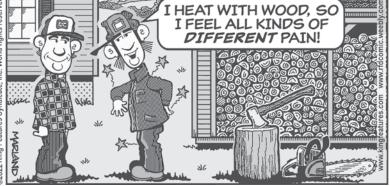






R.F.D. By Mike Marland

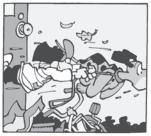




TIGER By Bud Blake

















Lowry

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can simply get busy. There are still pitfalls to avoid, though.

The Hunter Biden investigation obviously needs to focus on involvement more

the midterms showed about the political costs of any association with "Stop the Steal." And impeaching Biden without even a majority in the Senate would be an exercise in futility.

Otherwise, the field is wide the public corruption and the open for probes that could be question of the president's substantively important and than politically useful, whether on the Hunter's lurid personal life. origins of COVID-19, how the Republicans should steer clear Centers for Disease Control and

January 6, especially given what entities responded to the pandemic, the Afghan withdrawal, and government pressure on social media companies.

should pass legislation, not in the hopes of getting any of it signed, but to show that the party has a solution-oriented agenda. This was an element of the party's message that was woefully lacking in the run-up to the midterms. They should pass of any counterprogramming on Prevention and other government bills to address inflation, support and order, while trying to sell King Features Synd., Inc.

Excess connective tissue leads to skin condition

DEAR DR. ROACH: In my 40s, I developed lumps in the palm of my hands. I was diagnosed with Dupuytren's contracture and underwent

hand surgery to correct the condition. I also noticed similar lumps in the arches of my feet, which don't cause any pain, so I've not sought treatment for my feet. Now in my mid-60s, I have experienced a severe bend in my penis. I assume it's Peyronie's disease. The bend has lessened over several months. What is the cause and connection between these phenomenon? Should I seek treatment? – B.M.



All three of the conditions you mention are related to excess growth of connective tissue. In the hand, Dupuytren's contracture is caused by excess growth of a connective cell (called a fibroblast) in the superficial palmar fascia (fascia is the thick, tough connective tissue found in many places in the body). A very similar condition in the plantar fascia ("plantar" refers to the sole of the feet) is called plantar fibromatosis (also called Ledderhose disease).

Peyronie's disease is also caused by excess growth of fibroblasts, with deposition of collagen plaques in the penis, causing pain and deformity of the penis. This, in turn, can cause psychological distress and sexual dysfunction. Twenty-one percent of people with Peyronie's also have Dupuy-tren's contracture. It is thought that repeated trauma, whether to the hand, penis or foot, is a trigger for the abnormal fibroblast activity in people with a genetic predisposition.

Many men do not speak to their physician about Peyronie's disease, so they don't get referred to an urologist, who can discuss the options for treatment. Treatment may include medications, injection and surgery, and referral to an expert is appropriate for all men in whom the condition is suspected.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My wife was diagnosed with liver cancer in *January.* We do not know how she got it, since she does not smoke, drink or do drugs - and has no family history. She has lost about 50 pounds. She is currently receiving the immunotherapy drugs Tecentriq and Avastin. These drugs worked for a while, but now they do not work as well. My question is, could these drugs have caused this weight loss, since the side effects of both medications say that they might cause weight loss? What else could she take, and what could we do to help her gain weight faster? Her legs are very weak, and she has trouble walking. She has even fallen a few times. Thank you. -H.R.

I am very sorry for your wife's diagnosis. Many symptoms found in people with cancer can be caused either by the cancer or by its treatment, and it can be very hard to determine which is causing the symptoms. Weight loss is an extremely common symptom in people with liver cancer, so it may not be either of these drugs causing the problem. Even though weight loss can happen with either of the medicines she is taking, 50 pounds makes me suspect the issue is more likely the cancer itself, rather than the drug. But, of course, both might be working together.

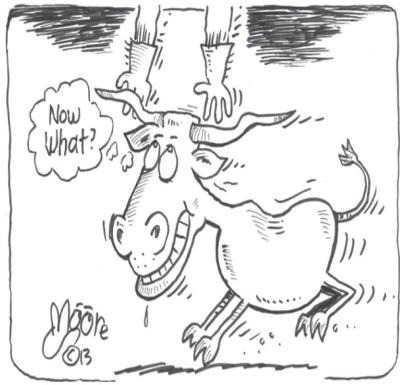
A registered dietician can help work with your wife to give her nutrition advice, which normally includes tasty, high-protein, nutrient-rich foods. Her cancer doctors may help with anti-nausea medicines, treating any underlying depression and sometimes prescribing medicines to stimulate appetite.

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.

Finally, House Republicans families, control the border, itself to the middle again as move toward a more merit- serious and competent. based legal immigration system, push back against the "woke" education bureaucracy, reduce college costs, and point in a more McCarthy's job would be easy. sensible direction on crime.

This will be no small task with a very narrow, fractious majority, but no one said Kevin

The party should demonstrate Rich Lowry is editor of the that it's pro-family and pro-law National Review. (c) 2022 by



Moore Texas by Roger Moore

Plainview 1920: A fella named Matt Hinkle reportedly bulldogged a steer from an airplane. Ain't Texas grand?

SryptoQuip

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: J equals Y

WMBDU DJDIWPPCVZ XLND ZKJ'X QLVFCVQCVZ MWED AUCFDU'X PCQDVXD, BYD ILKVQDU UDNWUEDA "BYWB'X VLB W IWA CA."

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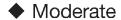
Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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	4		1			3		
		8	7				4	
	5	2			6		9	
9				8		2		3

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: ◆





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A monk walks into a beer garden...

by Freddy Groves

It's always amazing what thieves think they can get away with, especially when way. Here are two instances where the thieves really should have known better.

When the Covid pandemic bond after arraignment. assistance money was handed disaster in 2020, two people circumstances organizations. One was an Orthodox Christian monk applications, they eventually made off with \$3.5 million. One-third of the money was used for a property they complex, complete

chapel, brewery and beer garden, guilty of mail fraud, wire not to mention an audio system fraud, healthcare fraud, theft of and antique furniture.

vow of poverty, additionally purchased a \$40,000 Swiss fraud charge, 10 years on each watch. Those who reviewed and approved the applications should have been clued in by the name of the monastic the Department of Veterans property: Shrine of St. Nicholas Affairs Office of Inspector the Wonderworker, Patron of General starts looking their Sailors, Brewers & Repentant Thieves. At this writing, the pair has been released on a comparatively tiny \$10,000

A Texas woman didn't out to businesses for economic nab as much cash, but the figured that would be an despicable. The woman and her excellent way to grab funds husband claimed VA and SSA for their nonprofit religious disability money because they said that the veteran had an active duty injury that left him and the other was an attorney. paralyzed from the waist down. After multiple fraudulent They'd been given an adapted home by a nonprofit group, a specially equipped vehicle and money. A thumbs-up to the local news, however, for their were turning into a monastic investigation after being sent a with video of the veteran walking

around the neighborhood and playing basketball.

The veteran died in federal custody while awaiting trial, but his spouse was found government funds and more. The monk, who'd taken a At sentencing she faces 20 years for each wire and mail health care fraud charge and theft of funds and five years for each false statement related to a health care matter.

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- "During the holidays, our schedules change so much, it's hard to keep track. I used to write and re-write our family calendar, but now I just make a grid for the days/weeks, and I use Post-it notes to enter parties, school obligations and anything that is a 'maybe.' It's much easier to move around, and to add or delete events as needed." via email
- "I pick up extra coffee mugs from second-hand stores, then clean and fill them with hot chocolate packets, small coffees and wrapped tea bags and a few little chocolate bars. These make nice little gifts for friends and service people. I am on a fixed budget, but I find that I can be generous this way." -T.L. in North Carolina
- · When mailing packages, keep in mind that secure cargo is tightly packed. You don't have to buy expensive packing peanuts or bubble wrap; you can use what's around. For instance, plastic grocery bags are always in abundance. They can be tucked into any spare room and they barely weigh a thing. Same with newspaper; fill all the available space so that nothing bounces around in transit. Save your bubble wrap for the following tip.
- · "When mailing cookies, make sure they are packed well. Use an appropriate size container, and give layers some space by separating them with small sheets of bubble wrap. My cookies arrive intact every time." -J.J. in Florida

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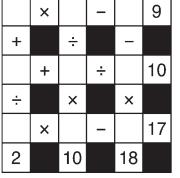
GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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: ★

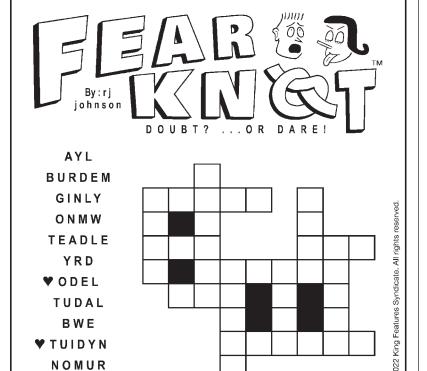
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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult * * * GO FIGURE! Answer Page 4



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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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