



NEWSBRIEFS

Classroom grants

The El Paso Community Foundation granted \$50,000 in supplies to 52 educators through The Classroom Fund on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The educators received the supplies during a reception held at Foundation’s office. The Classroom Fund is a special project of the Foundation that purchases classroom materials to benefit educators in the El Paso and Las Cruces area. Funded projects range from basic supplies to materials for art, special needs, and technology. Visit theclassroomfund.org for more information about The Classroom Fund and a list of this year’s recipients.

— Eric Pearson

Finances

With household finances already under pressure and the Fed releasing its G19 report, the personal-finance website WalletHub released its latest Credit Card Debt Study, which found that consumers’ first-quarter paydown was the second-smallest in a decade (just \$24 billion). The study also identified the cities with the largest year-over-year increase in credit card debt. Consumers started 2023 by paying off \$24 billion in credit card debt. That is the second-smallest first-quarter paydown in the past 10 years. The average household credit card balance was \$9,654 at the beginning of 2023. That’s \$2,566 below WalletHub’s projected breaking point for household finances. El Paso was rated 110th in the report. In addition to the debt study, WalletHub conducted a consumer survey to see what people think about Fed rate hikes.

- Inflation impact: 35 percent of Americans say their credit score has been affected by inflation.
- Drowning in debt: Two out of five people say Fed rate hikes are forcing them into more debt rather than forcing them to pay off debt.
- Recession vulnerability: 56 percent of people say they are not financially prepared for a recession.
- Fed-fueled job insecurity: More than 1 in 4 Americans say their job is at risk if the Fed continues

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Philosophy is an orderly way of discussing subjects we don’t know anything about.
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SAFETY MEASURES – A new state law requires that every school campus in the state of Texas have an armed officer to patrol the facilities during school hours. Potential school security officers must complete an evidence-based mental health first-aid program, as well as law enforcement training.

Texas House Bill 3

Lawmakers want armed officers on school campuses

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – A new bill recently passed by the Texas Legislature earmarks \$330 million to ensure that there is an armed law enforcement officer at every campus during school hours throughout the state.

House Bill 3 (HB3) was created following the 2022 Robb Elementary School mass shooting that claimed the lives of 19 Uvalde children and two teachers. The House and Senate passed the bill in a show of bipartisanship, according to news reports.

HB 3, which is in addition to \$1.1 billion in the newly approved state budget for district security, requires school districts to place an armed school-employed or contracted peace officer or school resource officer on each campus.

Districts that cannot comply with the new rules may submit a waiver to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and ask to fulfill the requirement with another employee who would undergo training.

The bill also requires district employees, who regularly interact with students, to participate in an evidence-based mental health first-aid training program, with TEA reimbursing them for their time and money spent on the training.

Additional requirements under the bill include campus reviews every five

years by the Texas School Safety Center (TSSC); creation of regional safety teams to conduct audits at least once a year; and implementation of a safety and security department within the Texas Education Agency (TEA) that has the authority to compel school districts to follow active shooter protocols.

TSSC is a Texas State University think tank that has been reviewing schools’ safety protocols since the 2018 Santa Fe High School shooting. The center reviews school districts every five years to promote best practices for campus security. As part of the review, each district is asked to provide officers of local law enforcement agencies with walkthroughs and maps of each campus to avoid confusion when responding to an incident.

Furthermore, the new bill requires TEA to develop standards for notifying parents of violent activity on campus, and it is charged with setting up school safety review teams to conduct annual school vulnerability assessments once a year. HB3 also revived school districts’ need to update their emergency preparedness plans by requiring operational manual audits at least once every three years.

To help fund the new mandates, the bill allocated \$15,000 per campus for security funding and increased per-pupil safety funding from \$9.72 to \$10. The measure also gave the state more power to compel school districts to create active-shooter procedures. Those that fail to meet TEA’s standards

could be put under state supervision.

The main concern among opponents of the bill, however, was that they felt that fewer guns – not more – was the solution to mass shootings. Those who opposed the bill, like a Democrat state representative from Austin, stated that requiring armed persons at schools will endanger students instead of ensuring their safety and that the potential for disastrous consequences is staggering. Still, the bill passed by a large margin in the House, 93-49.

Nevertheless, although both chambers expressed that school safety was a priority this session especially after a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers at an Uvalde elementary school last year, the parents of the victims were left disappointed. They wanted state lawmakers to at least change the age to legally purchase semi-automatic rifles from 18 to 21.

State Senator Roland Gutierrez, a San Antonio Democrat who represents Uvalde, said that he voted against the bill because of the funding concerns. “It is sick and twisted that we have the largest budget surplus in Texas history and we aren’t doing a thing to keep our kids safe. We aren’t doing anything to prevent another Uvalde,” he told reporters.

In its finality, many state legislators acknowledged that HB3 was a step forward in providing safe school environments for all Texas school children. HB3 was sent to Governor Greg Abbott on May 30 of this year.

Daniel Penny was not a vigilante

Pretty much everything you need to know about the Daniel Penny case you can learn from the “Death Wish” movies.

Or so you might conclude if you took seriously the left’s analysis of the tragic incident in a New York City subway car last month that led to Penny, a former Marine, getting charged with second-degree manslaughter.

The upshot of this commentary is that conservatives favor “vigilantism” and support it, of course, because it’s a bulwark of white supremacy.

“The Republican Embrace of Vigilantism Is No Accident,” according to New York Times columnist Jamelle Bouie.

Greg Sargent and Paul Waldman rapped Ron DeSantis in The Washington Post for his support of Penny: “DeSantis’s celebration of vigilantism is a

new low in MAGA extremism.”

“Daniel Penny shows how much the right loves white vigilante violence,” averred the headline on a piece at the Public Notice Substack.

Jon Marshall, an associate professor at Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, was quoted in another Washington Post piece, “What we’re seeing now for Daniel Penny after he killed Jordan Neely is that he fits within a long, ugly history of some media and politicians glorifying vigilante violence.”

There are many problems with this line of argumentation, beginning with the fact that Daniel Penny wasn’t a vigilante.

Merriam-Webster defines a vigilante as “a member of a volunteer committee organized to suppress and punish crime summarily (as when the processes of

law are viewed as inadequate).”

There can be loner vigilantes, of course. If, say, someone Penny cared about was harmed by a mentally ill homeless man, and he started riding the subways looking for mentally ill homeless men like Neely to take vengeance on, that’d be vigilantism.

This is a version of the scenario that set the Charles Bronson character Paul Kersey on his path of blowing away New York City’s muggers and lowlifes in the series of movies.

By contrast, conservatives are, as a general matter, viewing Penny as a defender of himself and, most importantly, those around him – not an avenging



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View from here

By Jane M. Orient, M.D.

No, you do not own ‘your’ pronouns or my language

From the viewpoint of a home-school grammar teacher (since I was in seventh grade), a pronoun is just a short word that takes the place of a noun, so that you don’t have to keep saying the noun over and over.

Pronouns do not define your identity or create or solve social injustice.

Using an incorrect pronoun used to get you a red mark on your essay. Today, the red mark might be considered racist – a sign of white supremacy, implying that there is a correct answer. Or it might make someone feel unsafe or excluded.

Instead, there’s now a permanent Scarlet Letter, or job loss and cancellation, for not using a person’s preferred pronouns, no matter how ungrammatical.

The main grammatical

requirement for pronouns is that they must agree with their antecedent (the noun they stand for) in number and gender, to avoid confusion. Gender used to be just a grammatical concept. In some languages, it is mostly arbitrary and does not necessarily have anything to do with sex. “The table” is “der Tisch” (masculine) in German and “la mesa” (feminine) in Spanish.

For decades, there has been trouble over the third-person singular pronoun in English. The default option or “common gender” was masculine when the person referred to (e.g., teacher, doctor, patient) could be of either sex. As Margaret Thatcher explained, “Man embraces woman.”

But feminists became outraged. Hence, all the “he or she” constructions. Instead of unobtrusively doing their

job, pronouns constantly demanded attention. Then people asked why the “he” should come first; hence “she or he,” or perhaps alternating use of one or the other.

Then there is the grammatical atrocity of using “they,” “them,” or “their” (plural) to refer to a singular noun. (Das geht durch mich wie ein Messer – that goes through me like a knife – as my German teacher used to say.) This is becoming very common even in prestigious, supposedly scholarly publications.

The increasing number of genders and made-up pronouns greatly complicates the antecedent-agreement problem. And we now have an additional problem: “misgendering.”

Humans are very good at discerning sex unless extensive efforts are made to

disguise it. Gender is more challenging.

There is a verb “to sex,” meaning “to identify the sex of.” If you are going to do genetics experiments with Drosophila (fruit flies), you need to sex the flies. If you are in the egg business, you need to sex the chicks. You don’t want to waste money feeding male chicks because no rooster has ever laid an egg – although they have something to do with the process as in that song. “They’re laying eggs now, just like they [the hens] used to.” Ever since that rooster came into our yard.

So, how does one “gender” – or “misgender” someone? It might have nothing to do with a physical characteristic and might be the opposite of the sex.

Apparently, people gender

themselves. I suspect that these days even Rush Limbaugh would not be allowed to play the song with the words “I was born a woman. I didn’t have no say.”

People simply announce “their” pronouns on their nametag.

Long ago, the only way people might be offended by your use of pronouns was if, in talking to someone, you used the wrong second-person pronoun in a language that distinguishes by status. Did you address someone as “du” or “tu” (familiar) when you should have used “Sie” or “usted” (formal or polite)? If you were talking about someone (third person), then that person had no say about your use of pronouns and could not accuse you of trespassing

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Tips for managing credit card debt

Make a budget and stick to it
It's difficult to spend within reason or plan savings if you don't know how your monthly spending compares to your take-home pay, or where that money is going. That is why you should rank-order your expenses – including debt payments, emergency fund contributions, and other savings – and trim the fat, if necessary. Most importantly, once you develop your budget, make sure to stick to it or else you'll have simply wasted your time.

Build an emergency fund
With a safety net of cash to fall back on, you won't be as likely to fall behind on your bills in the event of emergency expenses or unplanned joblessness. Your goal should be to gradually save about a year's worth of after-tax income. In other words, set aside a little bit every month until you've got a nice cushion.

Try the Island Approach
The Island Approach is a strategy that involves using a collection of credit cards, with each serving a specific purpose. For example, you could transfer your existing debt to a 0% balance transfer credit card to save on finance charges and get out of debt sooner. And you could use a rewards card or two – perhaps one with travel rewards and one with cash back, or maybe a store credit card – for purchases that you'll be able to pay off by the end of the month. This will enable you to get the best possible collection of terms. It will also tell you when you're overspending. Finance charges on your everyday spending cards will signal a need to cut back.

Evaluate your job situation
In some cases, all the budgeting and planning in the world won't be enough to solve your debt problems. You may need to explore whether higher-paying opportunities exist for people with your background or consider acquiring some new skills to make yourself more marketable. This may require a bit of an investment in yourself, but as long as you get a worthwhile return, it's money well spent.

Repay your most expensive debt first
Most people with serious credit card debt have multiple balances. If that's the case for you, try the “avalanche method.” That means putting the majority of your monthly debt payment toward the balance with the highest interest rate and making the minimum payment required on the rest. Once your most expensive debt is paid off, repeat the process until you're debt-free.

Improve your credit
This might sound a bit counterintuitive, seeing as more credit could mean more debt. But improving your credit standing will have a dramatic impact on the cost of your debt. And reducing the cost of your debt will allow you to pay it off faster. Better credit can also make it easier to find a job or a place to live, both of which impact your bottom line. You can check your latest credit score for free and get personalized credit-improvement tips on WalletHub.

Food for thought

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Choose your company carefully

A friend will do his best to prevent you from driving off a cliff. Your enemy will give you directions to the cliff and happily watch you plunge to your destruction. A friend cares enough to caution you about financial decisions or bad investments. Your enemy will be glad to see you lose your money. Your friend will warn you about a snake in the path. Your enemy will tell you to enjoy your walk.

A friend cares enough to help. Your enemy will let you sink. Thirty years ago, I made a move. I had a house payment in one town and an apartment rent in my new location. I had two car payments, a very sick wife and two small children. The financial burden was tough. I met with a group of 8 to 10 men every Thursday morning at 6 AM for prayer. These men prayed for me but came to me one day and said, “We’re going to collect \$300 to \$400.a month to give to you until you sell your house. I was surprised, thankful but declined the offer. They insisted. One man spoke up and said, “We’re not going to sit here and watch you sink.” I was very close to just giving my house back to the bank but fortunately I was able to sell it eventually and gained enough money to make a down payment on a house in my new location.

Your friend may not be able to save you. However, your friend will try to save you from sinking. Your enemy will find humor in your demise.

Your friend will not barrage you with your past mistakes. A real friend puts the past behind and moves forward. The only good thing about remembering past mistakes is so you won’t repeat them. Your enemy delights in rehashing ancient history when you failed, divorced, folded, went crazy and more. Your friend will focus with you on today. They will celebrate your current life and activities.

The Bible says the Devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom he might devour. Often, his most effective work is discouraging us and immobilizing our lives. The work of God is forgiving, forgetting, cleansing, burying and looking ahead to the goal line. The work of evil is to take you back to your old sins and failures.

The Bible talks about forgetting those things which are behind. The scriptures teach that God through Christ cleanses us of all our sins. He buries our sins in the depths of the sea to be remembered no more. God doesn’t remember them, so why do you worry about a failure that happened a hundred

years ago? Remember Lot’s wife? She looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. Looking back turns us into salt or immobilizes us from going forward. You can’t go forward looking over your shoulder. The Bible says press toward the goal line. This means you look forward.

Choose who you spend time your time with very carefully. Live looking forward and avoid those who want to keep you looking back.

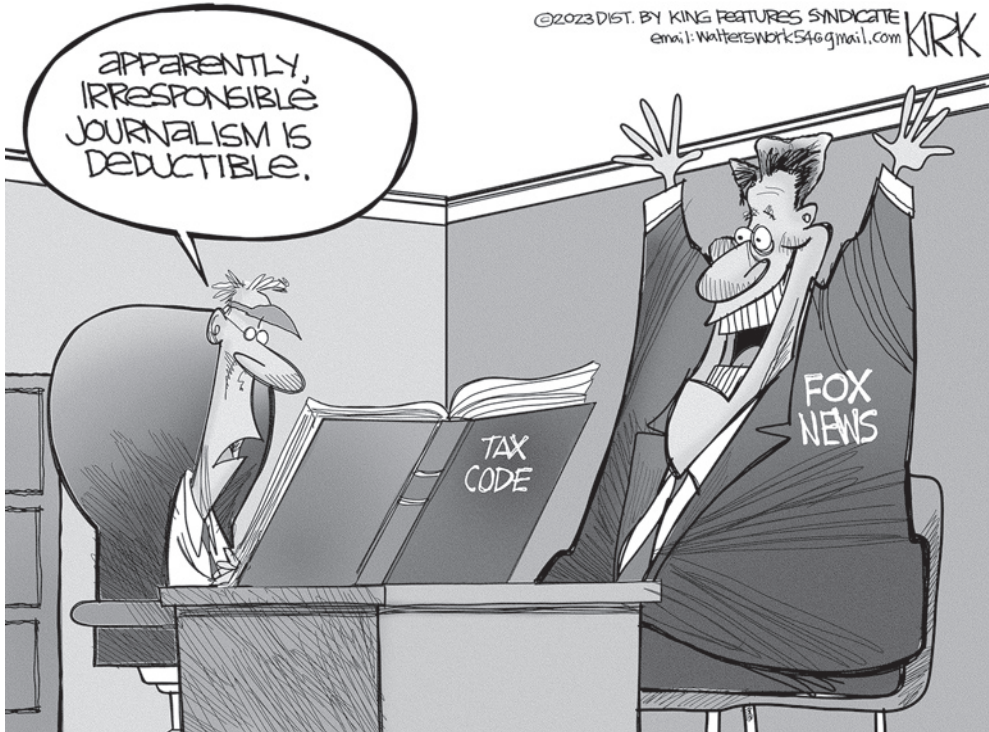
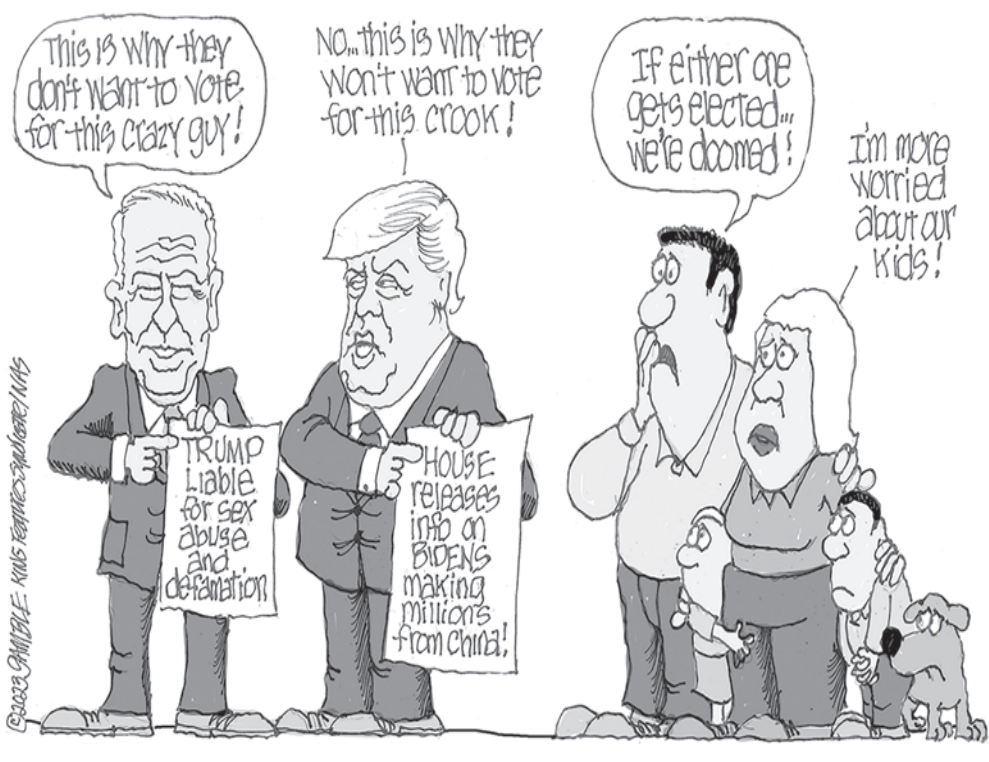
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– Diana Polk

Snowing seniors

It was a sight to behold at Skydive Perris in Orange County California when 101 freefalling 60-year-old senior citizens jumped from five airplanes in a record-breaking snowflake formation. The next day 95 of them broke another record when they leaped from their planes in a “sequential” formation. The organizers of these events are seeking recognition from the Guinness Book of World Records for these daring old men.

– John Grimaldi

Fast fingers

How long does it take you to complete a Rubik’s Cube puzzle? Nine-year-old Yiheng Wang who hails from China can do it faster than anyone else on the planet, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. In a recent playoff in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia he set a new record averaging an awesome 4.69 seconds in five attempts at solving a 3x3x3 cube.

– John Grimaldi

Pronouns

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on their identity. Someone calling you “sir,” instead of “ma’am,” was merely a faux pas, not a federal crime.

Beyond pronouns is meta-reality. Prescribers and surgeons are trying to mold bodies to conform, but self-identification is determinative. A person with male equipment and male proclivities must be accepted as a self-proclaimed female, even in prisons, shelters for abused women, and locker rooms. Maybe you have no sympathy for female prisoners, even if they weren’t formally sentenced to be caged with rapists, but what about your little girl?

Language is our tool for thinking, and even the smallest words count. Activists do not own pronouns, or English grammar, or our thoughts. They have no right to dictate our opinion of their gender or to force us to allow them access to our private spaces. And they cannot change the reality of sex.

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CryptoQuip Answer

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- By Lucie Winborne
- In a study to improve hospital design for children, researchers polled 250 kids about their opinions on clowns. The verdict was unanimous: Every single one reported disliking or fearing them. Well, so do some adults.
 - A Texas woman named Verda Byrd, adopted by a Black family in the 1940s, only discovered she was white after finding her adoption papers in 2013.
 - In 1987, a barge left New York for North Carolina with a whopping 3,168 tons of trash on board. North Carolina didn’t want it either, so the barge traveled for seven long months trying (and failing) to find someone to take it, launching a national conversation on the subject of landfills and recycling.
 - The town of Dull in Scotland has been twinned with the town of Boring, Oregon, since 2012.
 - Because goats can eat poison ivy with no ill effects, some farmers rent out the animals to clear parks, golf courses and historical sites without having to use chemicals or herbicides.
 - A nuclear bomb is stuck somewhere in the ice on the coast of Greenland.
 - Retired NFL wide receiver Steve Smith left his cleats on the field after every game to raise awareness of homeless people who don’t have shoes.
 - At the planet Neptune’s highest altitudes, winds blow at more than 1,100 mph.
 - The amount of copper on the Arizona capitol building roof is equivalent to nearly 5 million pennies.
 - In 1993, a Missouri man purposely damaged a levee on the Mississippi River to delay his wife coming home from work so he could party. The plan spectacularly backfired when the river flooded 14,000 acres, leading to his arrest and conviction for causing a catastrophe and a life sentence in prison.
 - There are cases of identical twins in which only one is born with Down syndrome.
- Thought for the Day: “Pay no attention to what the critics say. A statue has never been erected in honor of a critic.” – Jean Sibelius
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Clint Independent School District
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Applying for Federal Grant Funding Opportunities

The Clint Independent School District is providing public notice with the intent to apply for Federal Grant Funding opportunities through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the 2023-2024 School Year.

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition (ELA)
- Title IV, Part A – Subpart 1 Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Special Education Grant (IDEA B – Formula and IDEA B Preschool)
- American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) Grant Program
- Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century
- Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program

The public meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Central Administration Office/Board Room located at 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, TX., 79928.

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Clint Independent School District
AVISO DE JUNTA PÚBLICA


Solicitud sobre los programas de fondos federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint está proporcionando un aviso público con la intención de solicitar oportunidades por fondos federales a través de la Agencia de Educación de Texas (TEA) por el Año Escolar 2023-2024.

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Educación de niños migrantes
- Título II, Parte A – Apoyando la instrucción eficaz
- Título III, Parte A – Adquisición del idioma inglés (ELA)
- Título IV Parte A – Subparte 1 Apoyo estudiantil y enriquecimiento académico
- Beca de educación especial (IDEA B-formula y IDEA B preescolar)
- Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARP) – Ayuda de urgencia para las escuelas primarias y secundarias (ESSER III)
- Perkins V: Fortalecimiento de carreras y educación técnicas para el siglo XXI
- Nita M. Lowey Programa de centros comunitarios de aprendizaje para el siglo XXI

La reunión pública está programada para el martes, 20 de junio, 2023 a las 5:30 de la tarde en la Oficina de administración central/Sala de juntas ubicada en el 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, TX., 79928.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On June 12, 1817, the earliest form of bicycle – known as the Laufmaschine in German and in English by the derogatory term “dandy horse” – was demonstrated by its inventor, Karl Drais.

• On June 13, 1981, Queen Elizabeth II was shot at with six blank rounds by Marcus Sarjeant while she was riding a horse. The queen managed to keep her horse under control and was not injured. When police questioned Sarjeant about his motives, he said: “I wanted to be famous. I wanted to be a somebody.”

• On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution, which determined that the U.S. flag would consist of 13 alternating red and white stripes and 13 white, five-pointed stars on a blue background.

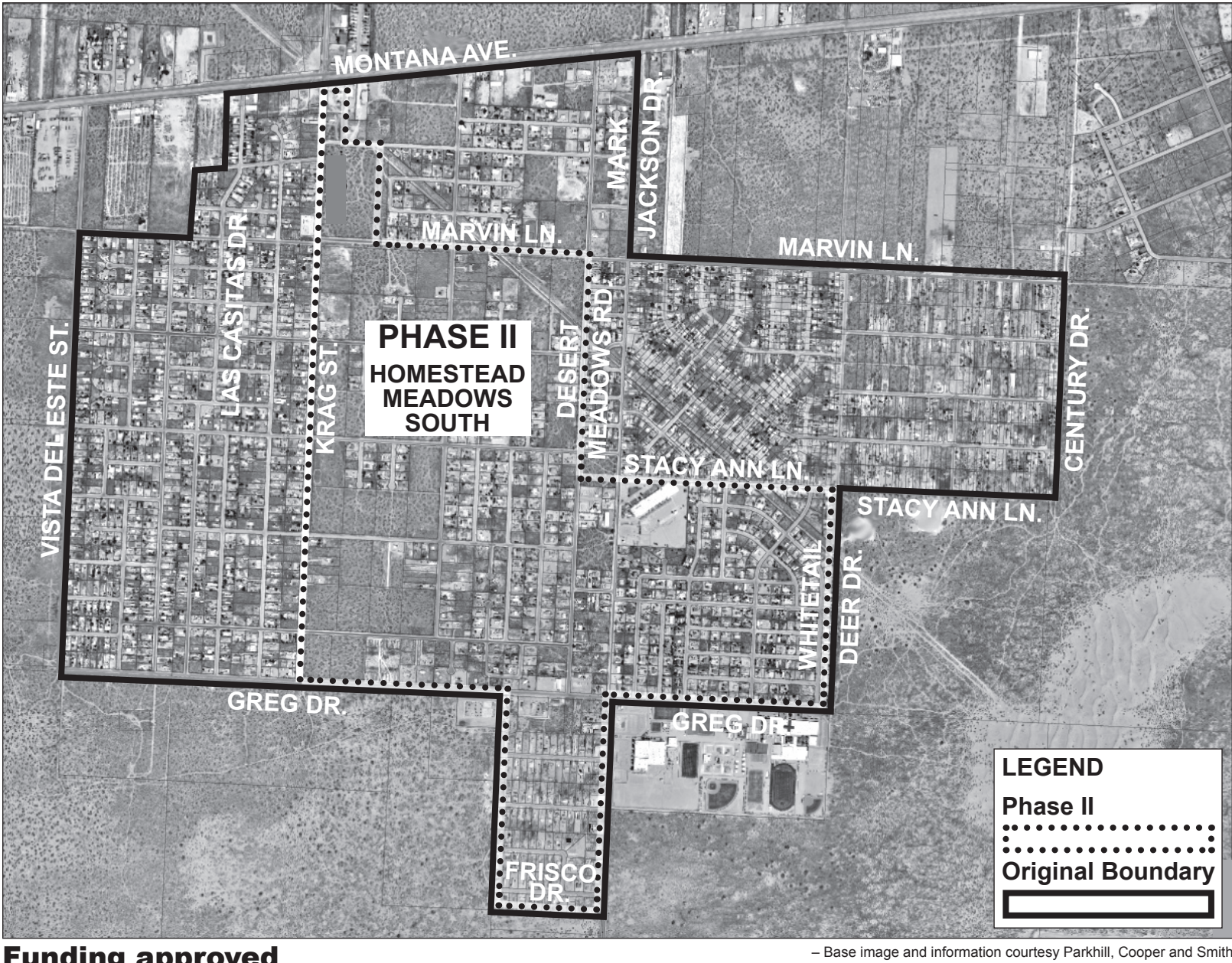
• On June 15, 2019, Babe Ruth’s baseball jersey became the most expensive sports memorabilia in history when it sold for a staggering \$5.6 million. According to Hunt Auctions, the jersey dated to between 1928 and 1930 and broke the previous record of \$4.4 million set by a 1920 Ruth jersey.

• On June 16, 1903, Pepsi-Cola became an official trademark. The Pepsi Cola Company had launched just the year before, to immediate success, and by 1910, boasted more than 200 franchises in 24 states.

• On June 17, 1985, fighter pilot and Saudi prince Sultan bin Salman Al Saud became the first Arab, the first Muslim and the first member of a royal family to fly into space, on NASA’s Discovery Space Shuttle, as a payload specialist. He chose not to fast for Ramadan while he was training and in space, but brought a small Koran along for the trip, with a prayer from his mother asking God to protect travelers, and tied his feet to the shuttle floor to prostrate himself in prayer as best he could.

• On June 18, 1978, American serial killer and sex offender Jeffrey Dahmer murdered his first victim just three weeks after his high school graduation. Dahmer had lured 18-year-old hitchhiker Steven Mark Hicks to his house with the promise of a few beers.

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Funding approved

On June 6th the Texas Water Development Board approved \$28,930,096 in financing to El Paso Water. The funds will be used to improve the wastewater infrastructure in and around Homestead Meadows South in east El Paso County. The project area is shown in the map above. \$8,6830,000 is traditional financing while \$20,250,096 in grants is being financed by the Economically Distressed Areas Program. The project will connect 775 households to wastewater services and remove the existing septic systems.

– Texas Water Development Board

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Socorro Independent School District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The Socorro Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following 2023-2024 ESSA Federal Grants:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Migrant Education Program
- Title II, Part A – Preparing, Training and Recruiting High Quality Teachers, Principals or Other School Leaders
- Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Socorro ISD will be held June 21, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the District Service Center Board Room, 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928.

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Lajunta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas federales de 2023-2024:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa Educativo Migrante
- Título II, Parte A – La Preparación, la Capacitación y la Contratación de Maestros, Directores de Escuelas de Alta Capacidad u Otros Dirigentes Escolares
- Título III, Parte A – Adquisición del Idioma Inglés
- Título IV, Parte A – Apoyo Estudiantil y Enriquecimiento Académico

El 21 de junio de 2023 se llevará a cabo una reunión regular de la Mesa Directiva de Socorro ISD a partir de las 6:00 p. m. en la sala de juntas del Centro de Servicios del Distrito, 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928.

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Hopefully, the NIL free-for-all will be over soon

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

For decades, athletes had been bringing up the idea of getting paid to participate in collegiate athletics and in 2020, the Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) policy was instituted. Of course, this gives athletes the right to receive compensation for the use of their name or photos or obvious likeness by a college or business. Don't get me wrong, I believe if someone is willing to pay for your image, you should be able to charge for it. But as far as college athletics goes, there should be some rules involved. Basically there are none.

We've written about the tremendous potential for the unfair advantages and corruption this money grab could result in. And sure enough, it's gotten so bad that many college athletes are actually getting paid more than some players on pro teams. That was never supposed to be the case.

Bigger college programs are using their influence to collect millions and using that money to recruit the best athletes to their schools. And that also was never supposed to be the case.

Here's another problem, there is almost no accountability. Huge amounts of money are making its way into the system and no one is in charge of where it's all going.

If we could take a closer peek, we'd probably find some of it in the pockets of corrupt agents, school administrators, politicians, businessmen, coaches and anyone selling athletic apparel.

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Teams like Notre Dame and Oklahoma and Alabama and Texas and Georgia and UCLA and Ohio State and USC and LSU and Michigan and Tennessee and all the other BIG programs with big donors and fan bases and corporate ties are raking in the big bucks.

Meanwhile average-sized schools like UT San Antonio and Central Michigan and Florida International and Creighton and Tulsa and Marshall and NMSU and UTEP and dozens of others will never be able to collect nearly as much. Thus an unfair advantage.

Finally it looks like some officials in collegiate athletics are going to try to fix the problems.

Last week, NCAA President Charlie Baker announced that he wants a federal law to regulate the way college athletes can be paid for endorsement deals. It would create a registry of deals, agent certification and uniform contract standards.

In a recent statement Baker said, "I think it was a big mistake by the

NCAA not to do a framework around NIL when they had the opportunity to."

No kidding? Do you think? Then he added, "I think there were too many people in college sports who thought no rules would work really well for them. And what everybody's discovered is no rules, no transparency, no accountability, no framework, doesn't work well for anybody."

But Baker isn't the only one who feels changes have to be made. Other college presidents and chancellors and athletic directors and even coaches like Alabama's Nick Saban have spent time in Washington to push lawmakers for help regulating NIL. Arizona President Robert C. Robbins said he believes they have the attention of lawmakers.

Let's face it, college athletics is the wild west. Nobody knows exactly where the money is coming from. Nor do they know where it's all going, how much of it there is, if it's being taxed, and so forth and so on.

I'm no expert on the subject, but how about we put a cap on the amount of money a college can dish out. Even the NBA, NHL and NFL have a limit on how much money they can pay their athletes.

UTEP may never be able to raise as money much as the Texas Longhorns. But let's at least stop teams like Texas from rivaling the Yankees.

The most hilarious thing of all is that one of the few rules put into place was that none of the NIL money raised could be used for recruiting athletes to a particular school.

Duh! That's about all it's being used for. High school athletes and those entering the college transfer portal are just sitting and waiting for the highest bidder.

But truthfully, it's about time the NCAA tries to put together some regulations concerning NIL.

The only horrifying setback is that the NCAA is about as effective at problem solving and preventing corruption as our federal government has become.

Senior moment

By Matilda Charles

Who is stealing from us?

We think we would know when we're being scammed, but would we really? Financial exploitation of seniors can take many forms, and it's one of many types of elder abuse.

The exploitation can be as simple as taking cash out of our purse or wallet when we aren't looking, leaving us to wonder whether we actually had the money.

It can be outright theft of money from our accounts after we've given someone our personal information.

It's fraud when someone forges our signature on documents, causing us to lose money or property, or when someone misuses a power of attorney.

Exploitation can come in the form of pressure, persuasion or coercion when someone talks us into making changes to our finances, a will or an estate plan, or when we're pushed to pay their bills or buy them things.

The ones who do this to us aren't necessarily foreigners

who manage to get us on the phone and try to wheedle personal information out of us or convince us to buy something. Sometimes the ones who do these things to us are people we trust.

Sometimes it's a relative, someone we're dating or even a child or grandchild pretending to act in our best interests. Sometimes it's a caregiver. The fact that they would steal from us can be shocking to even think about -- until they do. Cash, jewelry, income checks taken out of the mailbox, money taken out of our accounts when they discover our PIN ... the list is nearly endless.

One small step to help guard your finances: Do your banking inside the bank so tellers get to know you and your normal habits. Another small step: Make use of a shredder.

But mostly, trust yourself. If you're suspicious, trust that feeling. If you suspect you're the victim of financial exploitation in any form, call the police. Don't wait.

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Super Crossword

FRONT PAWS																			
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1 Publisher Adolph										61 Australian territory in the Indian Ocean									
5 Pile up										66 Greek deity of wisdom									
10 Hit with an open hand										68 "Kate & _" (old sitcom)									
14 Mafia heads										69 Uncultured									
19 Defrost										70 Ivy League school in Providence									
20 Fireside drink										75 Backless sofa									
21 Lead-in to byte										76 Lavs, to Brits									
22 O. Henry literary device										77 Prefix with drama									
23 Yore										80 Bird-built home									
25 Finks										81 Kin of -ette									
26 City in France										82 Left-leaners									
27 Trickled out										86 "Tomb raider" Croft									
28 Graduation cap dangle										88 Sister, say									
30 Ticked Muppet										89 2016 Best Director winner for "La La Land"									
31 Entrees with pastry crusts										95 Zoo collection									
33 Wood-cleaning product										99 Letters after alphas									
36 Forest array										100 Localities									
37 Rich wall tapestry										101 Certain letter-shaped pattern, to Brits									
38 Cholesterol-lowering drugs										104 Set free									
39 Predecessor of Andrew Johnson										106 Touch down									
44 Naval vessel inits.										107 "Yes _!" ("You bet!")									
45 _ Sea (Asian lake)										108 Shortcoming									
46 Gravy-train job										109 Compadre									
48 Take on moguls										111 Arctic bird									
51 Week's seven										112 Ancestor... or what the first word of seven answers in this puzzle can have?									
55 Grouchy type										116 Cab ticker									
57 Zingy flavor																			
58 Hockey great Mikita																			
59 Japanese city																			

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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



The fevered theorizing is quite impressive, even by today's standards. According to the Public Notice piece: "Conservatives are desperate to preserve the privilege of white violence, which is why the defenses of

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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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) 2023 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
June 18, 1877: Charles Goodnight and John Adair form the “J.A.” Ranch, the first in the Panhandle.

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: B equals L

MR M UZDZ NT RMBB LBB
NGZYZ NZYN NXHZY UMNG
CTC-LEMJME YTBXNMTCY, M'J
JZEBLDZ "HLYZY BTLJZJ!"

Answer Page 4

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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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VA’s Office of Inspector General strikes again



by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs’ Office of Inspector General was asked to review the response of facility leaders at a certain VA health location when there had been allegations of sexual harassment of a mental health patient. Specifically, the patient claimed to have been harassed via social media by a food service worker and reported this to several people, including a supervisor and an HR specialist. No one, it appeared, had done much of anything, and the patient was increasingly stressed and anxious.

It was only after the patient was admitted to a mental health ward that a nurse reported it to the VA’s police, with the social media posts as proof. Too little, too late. The people who should have intervened tried to

weasel out of responsibility during the investigation by saying they didn’t think they could take any action because the social media posts were done after working hours and off-site. Later, when someone else called for a welfare check at the patient’s home, the police found the patient dead by suicide.

Sexual harassment becomes sexual assault when it’s hands-on, and a VA physician was indicted on just that: sexual assault of at least four women during routine exams while working at a VA hospital. Authorities suspect there were additional women who were assaulted and ask that they come forward to add to the investigation. The doctor, meanwhile, has been assigned to a job with no patient interaction.

If this isn’t bad enough, consider the VA employee who was sending out child pornography – over the public Wi-Fi at a VA medical center. Not only did the perp send it out, but he had a collection at home,

and the children involved were under the age of 12. Distribution could get him up to 20 years in prison, and the possession could get him an identical amount of time, including possible fines of up to \$250,000 for each charge.

If you suspect wrongdoing at the VA, submit a complaint via the VA OIG Hotline at www.va.gov/oig/hotline or call them at 800-488-8244.

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• “Before traveling, I write down the numbers, expiration and contact information for any credit cards I plan to bring with me. I keep one copy hidden in my luggage, and another is left with a friend back home. This way, if anything happens to my wallet, I can easily call and cancel cards and arrange for replacements.” – R.E. in New York

• “When getting ready to entertain, I use sticky notes to organize my serving pieces. For each dish, I make two sticky notes. I label the dishes and set them out on the buffet. When I am satisfied with the arrangement, I remove one sticky note and attach it to the place the dish will remain, and the dish goes to the kitchen, still labeled until it’s filled.” – W. in Texas

• Lipstick on your linens? Dab with petroleum jelly, then dish soap. Then launder as usual. Be sure the stain is removed before you dry the linens.

• A properly clean windshield is not only a good view, it’s safer! If your windshield blades still look good but are smearing, wipe them down with a cotton ball soaked in rubbing alcohol. If the cotton pulls off on the blade, it’s time to replace. If not, the alcohol will likely clean up that smudge.

• Natural peanut butter fan? Store your jar upside down. The oil will settle to the top, and when you flip it over, it will be less messy to stir. No peanut oil sloshing down the side of the jar!

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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

★★★ GO FIGURE!

Answer Page 5

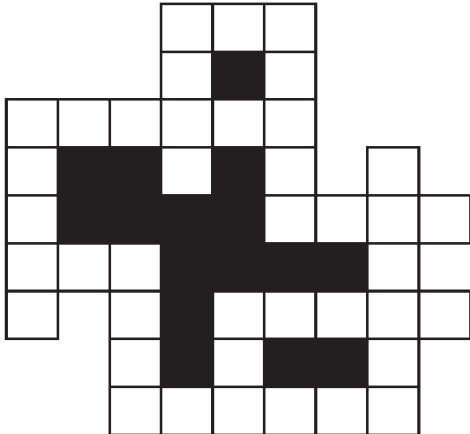
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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