



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Viva! delayed

Viva! El Paso postponed its opening to this weekend due to health concerns. Tickets for last weekend's shows can be refunded through their point of purchase.

— Rudy Vasquez

### Film festival

Academy- and Emmy Award-winning actor, director, writer, and producer Helen Hunt will appear at the El Paso Community Foundation Plaza Classic Film Festival, which returns for its 16th year July 20-30 in and around the Plaza Theatre in downtown El Paso. Hunt will appear for on-stage, pre-screening interviews with 1997's *As Good As It Gets*, for which she won the Oscar for Best Actress, at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 29, and the 1996 blockbuster *Twister* at 1 pm Sunday, July 30, both in the historic Plaza Theatre. Hunt joins fellow multi-hyphenate Edward James Olmos as this year's Plaza Classic special guests. They're part of an 11-day film festival that includes screenings of *Casablanca*, *The Silence of the Lambs*, *Peter Pan*, *Psycho* (the original theatrical edition), *When Harry Met Sally*, *Kramer vs. Kramer*, *Steamboat Bill Jr.* and many more. Individual tickets go on sale Friday at the Plaza Theatre Box Office and Ticketmaster.com. Passes are on sale at plazaclassic.com/tickets.

— Doug Pullen

### The gold dispenser

You can find a candy bar dispenser anywhere these days but you'll have to go to South Korea if you want to find a gold bar dispenser. GS Retail, which operates some 10,000 convenience stores throughout that country, has been fitting them out with gold bar vending machines since last September. To date, just 29 of their stores have been fitted with the machines, but they've produced some \$19 million dollars in revenues. Guess what? They are wasting no time in providing more and more of their stores with gold dispensers. A company representative told UPI, "The most popular gold bar is the smallest, the 0.13-ounce one, which is currently priced at

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*A true friend tells you hard things to your face instead of saying them behind your back.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Vijil heading to Seguin

### Fabens superintendent resigns

By Sofia Maciel  
Special to the Courier

FABENS — The Fabens Independent School District (FISD) Board of Trustees has accepted the resignation of superintendent Dr. Veronica Vijil. She will be pursuing an opportunity with the Seguin Independent School District in Seguin, TX. Her first day with Seguin ISD will be July 1, 2023.

On behalf of the entire district and community, the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation for Vijil's multiple efforts and contributions to include the appropriation of \$2.8 M for the Cotton Valley Connect broadband expansion project in

partnership with multiple entities; funds to support teachers and teacher candidates through the mentor allotment, residency model, scholarships for schooling, and the teacher incentive allotment (totaling \$285,477 this year); while recognizing the richness of the community's heritage by initiating and supporting the award-winning los Gatos Salvajes mariachi group.

"It has been an honor to serve Fabens for almost five years. I met so many wonderful people in this journey who supported me in upholding this community's values in the best interests of the district. We do all that we do for our students. Fabens will



— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

See FISD, Page 4 Dr. Veronica Vijil

## Marrufo named Canutillo High principal

By Gustavo Reveles  
Special to the Courier



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

Candice Marrufo

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo Independent School District today announced the appointment of longtime educator Candice Marrufo as the next principal of Canutillo High School, the District's flagship campus. Her appointment is effective immediately.

Marrufo, an experienced educator with more than 15 years as a teacher and administrator, has served as interim principal at Canutillo High School for 6 months. She previously was an assistant principal at CHS.

"Ms. Marrufo brings with her a wealth of experience both inside the classroom and in the administrative office that will take Canutillo High School to the next level," said Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz. "In her short time as interim principal she

has made great strides in improving instructional services, safety and security and operational efficiencies at the campus. I am confident she will continue to do a great job."

Previous to her arrival in Canutillo ISD, Marrufo worked as an assistant principal in charge of guidance and instruction at Chapin High School, where she oversaw procedures and policies surrounding student success and provided leadership and mentorship to teachers and campus leaders.

Before entering administration, Marrufo served as special education teacher at Franklin High School and a special education instructional coach at Chapin.

Marrufo has a bachelor's of business administration degree in marketing from the University of Texas at El Paso and a master's in education administration from Grand Canyon University.

## Morales is new AD for San Eli ISD

By Jeannie Meza-Chavez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) announced Cesar Morales as the new Athletic Director. After many years as a math teacher and coach, Morales will serve the district, specifically student-athletes, in all sports for SEISD.

Morales holds a Master's in Education Leadership, a Bachelor's in mathematics, and an Associate's degree in mathematics. He is better known as Coach Morales and has been with the district since 2009, where he taught Algebra I courses to

Advanced Placement (AP) Mathematics for twelve years. He also served as the Head Cross Country Coach from 2012 through 2023, where his teams earned six University Interscholastic League (UIL) Cross Country State Championship titles in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, and 2021. Other distinctive team wins included a UIL silver medal in 2019 and two bronze medals in 2018-2022, which comprise nine consecutive team appearances on the state podium. Morales was also honored to have two UIL Cross Country State Champions.

Morales has garnered six El Paso Times Cross Country Coach of the Year in 2014,



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

See MORALES, Page 3 Cesar Morales



# Democrats are making a crazy bet

President Joe Biden’s fall at the end of the Air Force Academy graduation ceremony was a brief event. He tripped, got helped up, and walked off under his own power.

Sometimes, though, a small thing is fraught with meaning – and with peril.

Biden’s stumbles are not minor incidents, or a laughing matter. We aren’t talking about a manufactured narrative about President Jerry Ford’s alleged clumsiness played up on “Saturday Night Live.” Biden is 80-years old, is in decline, and has a stiff, shuffling gait that makes you hold your breath when he’s negotiating stairs or any place with potential obstacles. At his age, once the falls start, they usually don’t stop.

Democrats should be thinking long and hard whether this is the vessel they want to ride into 2024 – and to portray as up for performing the job of president of the United States in a second term extending all the way until January 2029.

A couple of weeks ago at the G-7 summit in Japan, Biden lost his balance going down steps at the Itsukushima Shrine to greet Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. He managed to right himself with some focus. He stuck the landing and could shake the prime minister’s hand like nothing happened.

But how close was he and the United States to major international embarrassment and a seismic political event? A couple of inches either way?

If Biden were to do a face plant, even down a few

steps, it could be very ugly. It’d be a symbol of U.S decrepitude. It’s one thing to have a senior senator from California who obviously should have hung it up several years ago; it’s another to have a U.S. president lacking the agility to get around easily and safely anymore.

He also could get seriously hurt. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, 81, fell a couple of months ago and had to be hospitalized. He suffered a concussion and a broken rib.

I don’t say this with any pleasure. Anyone who has



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## View from here By Dr. Glenn Mollette

# Don’t vote for a number

Are President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump too old to be President of the United States?

The answer to this question varies and depends on your perspective.

This perspective hinges on your expectations of America’s President. Should he or she be able to run up steps? What about walking down the steps from Airforce One without looking down? This is a good trick.

We have to be careful about hanging a number on the maximum age to serve as President. Eighty may be too old, but maybe it’s not. I heard Billy Graham preach when he was 80 and he came on the stage talking and preaching

like a dynamo. There was nothing inarticulate or incoherent about him. There are millions of eighty-year-old plus people in this nation who live very active lives and have a lot to contribute to our country.

However, we have to be realistic there are millions of 80-year-old American’s who are barely alive, their health is terrible. Many cannot care for themselves let alone care for a nation. Furthermore, there are also millions of Americans between 36 and 70 who are not mentally or physically healthy enough to hold down the world’s number one job.

Each individual must be evaluated by each American. We have to look at all of the

candidates circumspectly. Do they have the experience? Do they have the knowledge and skills. Are they articulate. Does the candidate demonstrate leadership skills that we need

to lead this country forward to better times? Will the candidate be a strong presence on the world stage and be a peace maker and leader?

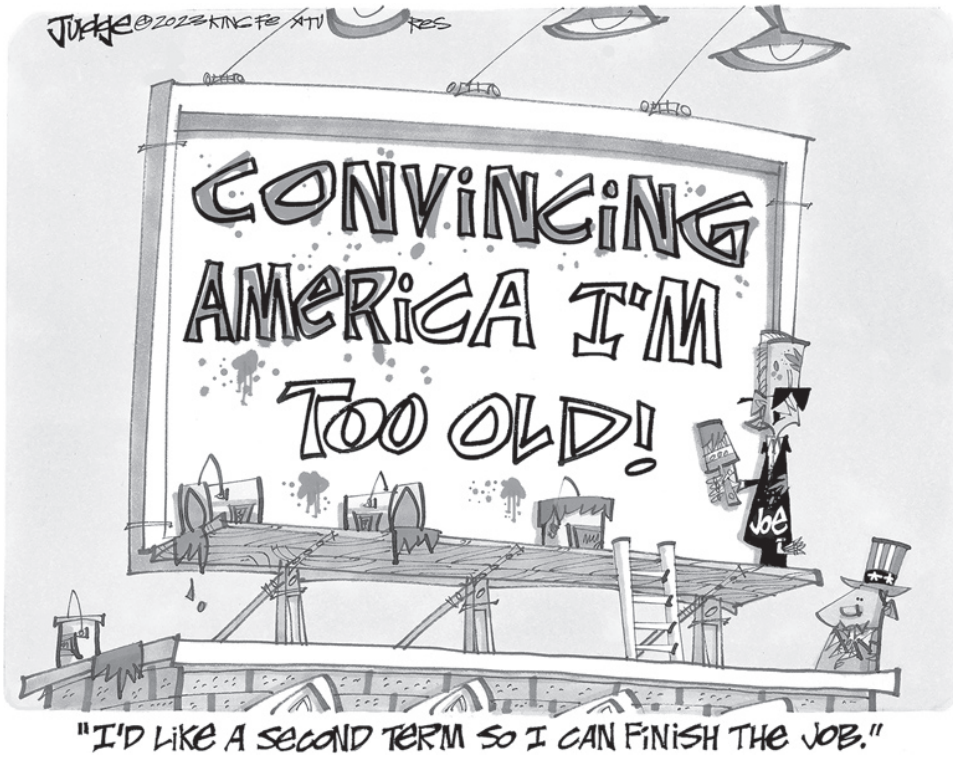
Seventy million Americans do not want a President who is going to cut Social Security or Medicare benefits. Millions

of Americans over 50 do not want the Social Security retirement age raised from 67 to 70. No one in this age bracket is going to support a candidate who infers either of the changes. The full benefits age should never have been raised from 65 to 67. Millions of Americans will pay into Social Security all their lives but never make it to age 67 and thus never collect a penny. Of course, these people can collect a smaller amount if they want to retire at 62 and live on much less money. This is not a viable option for many.

Don’t vote for someone just because they are young and vigorous. Youth is attractive and

often charismatic but youth sometimes make mistakes. Don’t vote for someone just because they are 80. Hopefully they are wise and very experienced but may be on the verge of becoming too frail. Look at the whole person. Age is a number. Look at what he or she is able to bring to the job and potentially do to help and lead our nation.

It’s a big decision and don’t make it all about a number.



### Public Notice

#### Tornillo Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact Georgina Miramontes at 915-765-3040 or Anna Brew at 915-765-3041. Address: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

#### Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados Bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Georgina Miramontes a 915-765-3040 o Anna Brew a 915-765-3041. Dirección: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

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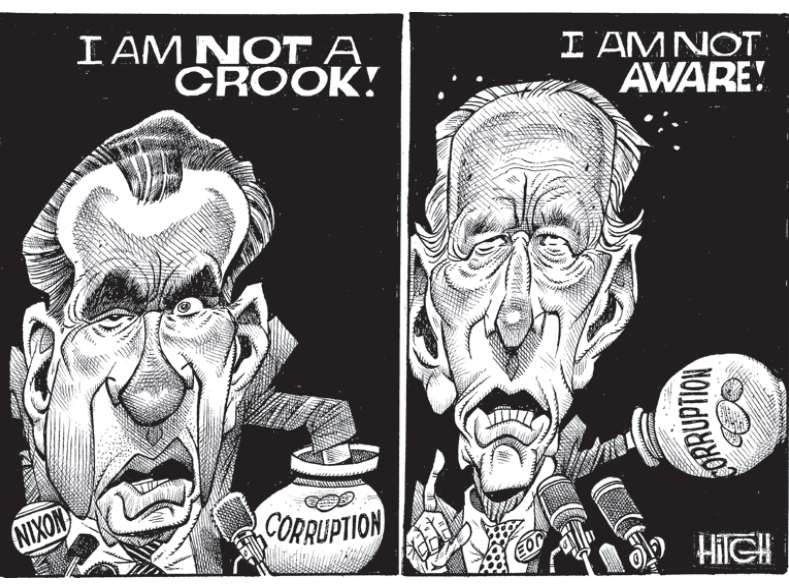
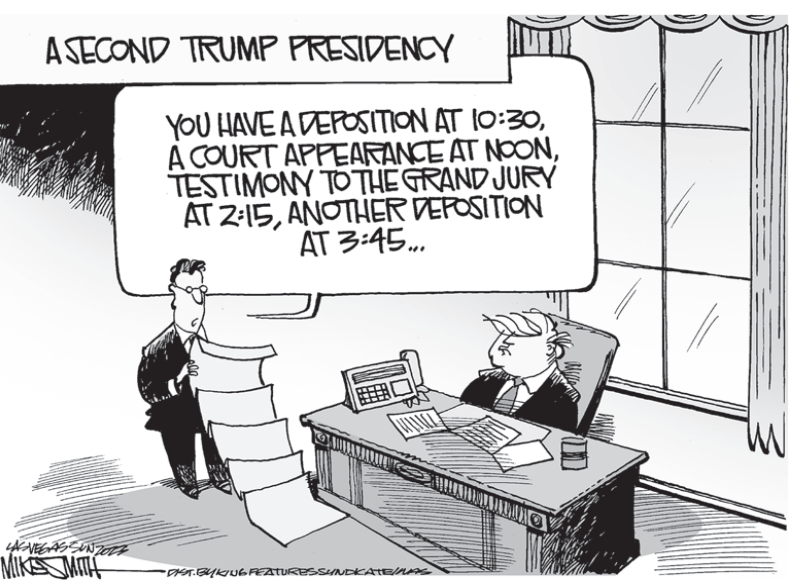
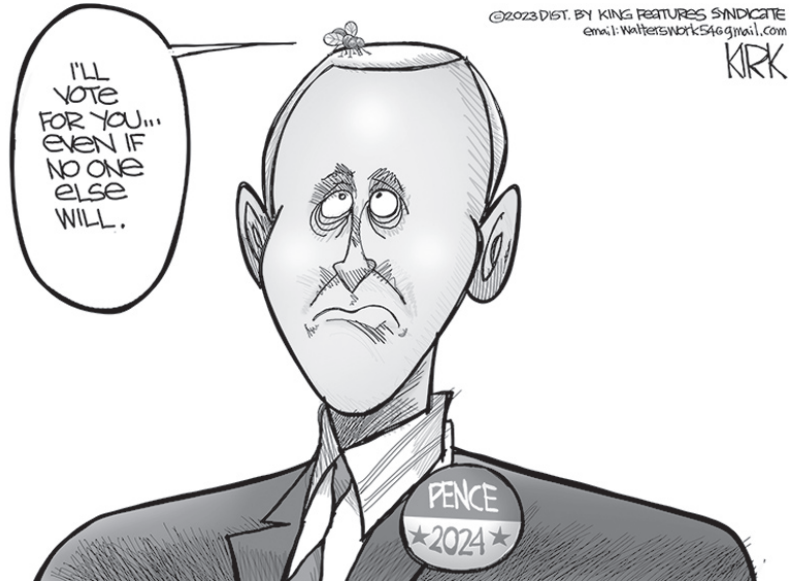
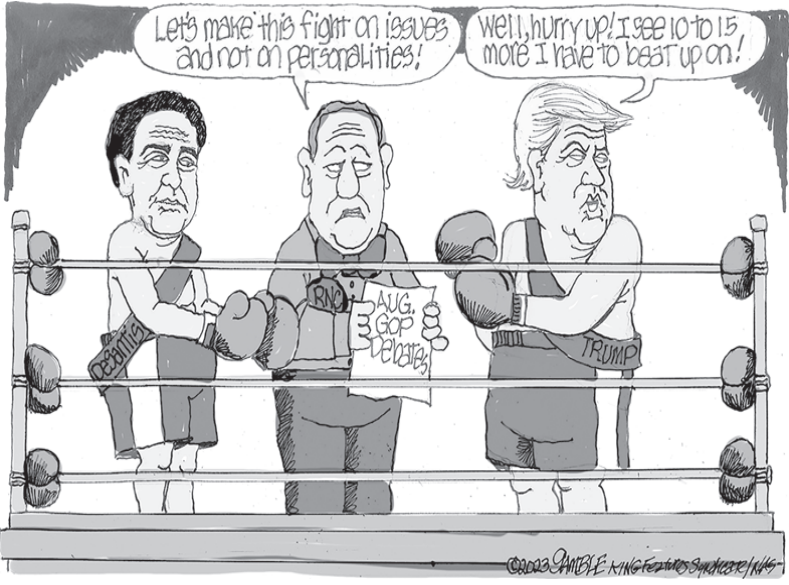
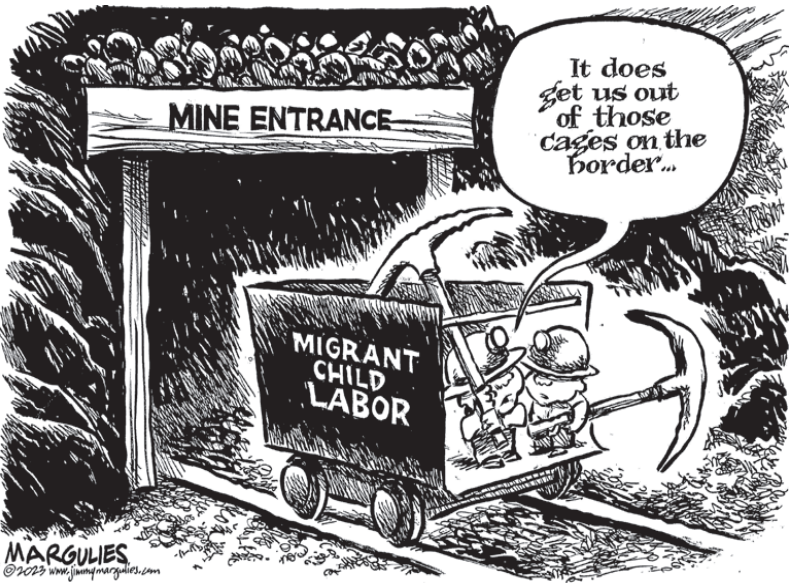
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## Morales

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2015, 2017, 2020, and 2021. Other recognitions include four Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas (CCAT) Coach of the Year 2016, 2017, 2020, and 2021, named the 2017 National Federation of State High School Association Coach of the Year. He said, “I hope to inspire my coaches as I did with all my athletes and students in the classroom.”

Dr. Rogelio Segovia, associate superintendent, said, “We are excited to have someone with the caliber of Coach Morales who will bring a standard of excellence to all the athletic programs.”

The San Elizario High School Track & Field team has won six district championships with five individual UIL Track and Field State Champions under Coach Morales in Track and Field. Additionally, he is a two-time Track and Field El Paso Coach of the Year, once in 2017 and again in 2019.

## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice - Child Find

The Tornillo Independent School District has a duty to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities ages 3-21 who reside within the district, including those attending private schools. This process is called Child Find, and all eligible students may receive services, at no cost, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Information: Georgina Miramontes at 915-765-3040 or Anna Brew at 915-765-3041. Address: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

## Noticia Pública Identificación De Niños (Child Find)

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo tiene que identificar, localizar y evaluar todos los niños con discapacidades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años de edad, incluso niños que asisten escuelas privadas. Este proceso se llama Identificación de Niños (Child Find), y todos los estudiantes elegibles pueden recibir servicios sin costo, a través de La Ley para la Educación de Individuos con Discapacidades (IDEA). Información: Georgina Miramontes a 915-765-3040 o Anna Brew a 915-765-3041. Dirección: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

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## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

### Special Needs Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2023-2024 School Year

Tornillo Independent School District provides access to identification of children with suspected disabilities who reside within the district; eligible students will be afforded a free, appropriate public education beginning on their third birthday and continuing through their 21st birthday, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Services are available to all eligible children identified with one or more areas including physical disability, intellectual disability, emotional disability, specific learning disability, autism, speech disability, traumatic brain injury, visual or auditory impairment or other health impairment.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (FERPA) which governs the access of educational information and records, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, and who is residing within the Tornillo Independent School District please contact: Georgina Miramontes, M. Ed Special Education Coordinator, Tornillo ISD, at (915) 765-3040 or Anna Brew at (915) 765-3041.

## Noticia Pública

### Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales en Tornillo ISD para el Año 2023-2024

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee acceso a la identificación de niños con incapacidades que viven dentro del distrito; los estudiantes que califiquen recibirán una educación pública, gratuita, y adecuada comenzando con su tercer cumpleaños hasta el fin de los 21 años de edad, bajo el Acto de Individuos con Incapacidades (IDEA).

Estos servicios son disponibles para todos los niños identificados con una incapacidad y que estén experimentando dificultades en una o más de las siguientes áreas: incapacidad física, incapacidad intelectual o emocional, discapacidad de aprendizaje, autism, discapacidad del habla, daño cerebral por trauma, discapacidad visual o auditiva o cualquier otra discapacidad de salud.

Conforme al Acto de Confidencialidad y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derecho de ver los archivos educativos. La póliza del Distrito FL provee acceso a archivos, confidencialidad, y proceso de reclamación. Si usted desea más información o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo y que no está recibiendo servicios educativos, favor de comunicarse con: Georgina Miramontes, M. Ed Coordinadora de Educación Especial, Tornillo ISD, (915) 765-3040 o Anna Brew a (915) 765-3041.



Briefs

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around \$225. People in their 20s and 30s appear to be the main buyers, purchasing physical gold as an investment vehicle, especially in times such as these, when its value is continuing to rise.”

– John Grimaldi

Anniversary gift

Tim and Melinda O’Brien of Kansas City, MO were married 40 years ago and spent their wedding night at what was then known as the Muehlebach Hotel, which presented them with a gift certificate good for a free room for the night in any year on the month of their wedding anniversary. The certificate was lost some time ago but as their anniversary approached

this year, they found it. The hotel was sold to the Marriott Hotel Chain in 1996 but Tim decided to contact the new owners to see if they would still honor the gift certificate. The folks at Marriott agreed and said that, of course, they would for the same rate they paid in 1983 – just \$38.

– John Grimaldi

What a deal

Imagine purchasing a 5 bedroom, 4 bathroom home, complete with an indoor basketball court for a measly \$60,000. This 17,408-square-foot abode is located in Burbank, OK. It used to be a high school but realtors at Zillow claim: “The large lot size and open floor plan provide endless opportunities. With some imagination, this could be the perfect home for you.”

– John Grimaldi

FISD

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forever be small town tough,” Vijil said.

During a special board meeting held last Thursday, board trustees appointed Martin Torres as interim superintendent for FISD. Torres will serve during the process of of vetting candidates appointing a new superintendent for the District. His new duties will begin July 1, 2023.

Board of Trustees president Sylvia Gonzales stated, “During this transitional period, the district remains steadfast in its mission: all students of the district will be prepared to be successful, life-long, global learners.”



– Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

Martin Torres

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Canutillo Independent School District  
Public Notice

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) will conduct a public information meeting to review the following CISD Programs funded with Federal Funds:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training & Recruiting
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- IDEA Part B – Formula
- IDEA Part B – Preschool
- Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century

The meetings will be held via Zoom Friday, June 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92069211710?pwd=eVdMVWpMUXpIZ2ZZK1dQSWNuUFRFQT09>, Meeting ID 920 6921 1710, PIN 819449, and Friday, July 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98326738826?pwd=dmpSVGZFZ2I5WkQyNEFLN2t1dVhEQT09>, Meeting ID: 983 2673 8826, PIN: 339279.

Individuals that require technical assistance should contact the Canutillo ISD Public Information Office at least 1 day before the meeting at (915) 877-7482.

Distrito Escolar Independiente  
de Canutillo Aviso al Público

Junta Pública para Informar sobre los Programas proveídos con Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo llevara a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas con Fondos Federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejora de Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa de Migrante
- Título II, Parte A – Entrenamiento y Reclutamiento de Maestros y Directores
- Título III, Parte A – Adquisición del Idioma Ingles
- Titulo IV, Parte A – Estudiante y Enriquecimiento Academico
- IDEA Parte B – Formula
- IDEA Parte B – Pre-Escolar
- Perkins V: Fortalecimiento de Carreras en Tecnología Educación para el siglo XXI

La reuniones se llevará a cabo por videoconferencia el viernes 30 de junio de 2023 a las 9:00 a.m., enlace: <https://zoom.us/j/92069211710?pwd=eVdMVWpMUXpIZ2ZZK1dQSWNuUFRFQT09>, ID de la reunión: 920 6921 1710, contraseña: 819449 y viernes 7 de julio de 2023 a las 5:30 p.m., Enlace: <https://zoom.us/j/98326738826?pwd=dmpSVGZFZ2I5WkQyNEFLN2t1dVhEQT09>, ID de la reunión: 983 2673 8826, contraseña: 339279.

Las personas que requieren asistencia técnica deben comunicarse con la Oficina de Información Pública de Canutillo ISD al (915) 877-7482.

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Strange  
BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Amazon founder Jeff Bezos originally wanted to name the company Cadabra, but thought better of it after people kept mishearing the moniker as “cadaver.”

• The unenviable record for longest sneezing fit belongs to U.K. resident Donna Griffiths, who began “kerchooing” Jan. 13, 1981 and by July 26 broke the previous record of 194 days. Griffiths sneezed an estimated million times in the first 365 days and finally stopped on Sept. 16, 1983, after 977 days. The exact reason behind her ordeal is still not fully clear.

• Scientists believe Earth’s core, made up primarily of iron and nickel, may be even hotter than the surface of the sun, with temperatures reaching up to 9,932 degrees F.

• Smoking a cigarette causes damage not in years, but minutes.

• Speaking of smoking, a Japanese company awards employees who don’t indulge in the habit an extra six days of paid leave per year. The incentive was launched after it became clear that workers who took smoke breaks had more than 15 minutes of extra time away from their desks each day.

• Red is the first color a baby sees.

• Platypuses may be cute, but are also so odd-looking that when scientists first discovered them, they thought the animal was a hoax.

• People are 30 times more likely to laugh at something if they’re with someone else.

• In the early 20th century, radium was commonly mixed with water, sold as an over-the-counter “energy” drink under the brand name Radithor, and marketed with the slogan “A Cure for the Living Dead,” until the federal government stopped its production in 1932.

• Ancient Roman soldiers sometimes wore breastplates encrusted with diamonds in the belief that the gems offered them extra protection.

Thought for the Day: “I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific.”

– Lily Tomlin

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# Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On June 26, 1927, the Cyclone roller coaster opened at Coney Island in New York City. Notable riders are said to have included Charles Lindbergh, who reportedly described the experience as “greater than flying an airplane at top speed.”
- On June 27, 1833, American schoolteacher Prudence Crandall, a white woman, was arrested after she refused to shut down the academy she’d founded for “little misses of color” in Canterbury, Connecticut. Ultimately, the case was dismissed on a technicality, though Crandall ended up closing the school in fear for students’ safety after a mob attack the following year.
- On June 28, 1976, Janet C. Wolfenbarger and 156 other women became the first women to enter the United States Air Force Academy. Wolfenbarger went on to further make U.S. military history in 2012 when she also became the first woman in the Air Force to receive the rank of a four-star General.
- On June 29, 2000, rapper Eminem’s mother, Debbie Mathers-Nelson, filed a \$10 million lawsuit against her son, claiming slander and defamation of character for comments he made about her on his 1999 debut album, “The Slim Shady LP,” and in interviews, including the line, “My mom smokes more dope than I do.”
- On June 30, 1859, Charles Blondin became the first person to cross Niagara Falls by walking across a tightrope. He managed the feat in about 23 minutes, walking the complete length and back again on a line that was just 2 inches thick and 2,200 feet long.
- On July 1, 1972, the feminist magazine Ms., founded by activists Gloria Steinem and Dorothy Pitman Hughes, published its first regular issue, featuring Wonder Woman on the cover. Steinem’s choice to showcase the Amazonian superhero was inspired partly by DC Comics’ decision to have the long-running character lose her superpowers (which were soon restored).
- On July 2, 1505, on the verge of becoming a lawyer, Martin Luther was caught outside in a violent thunderstorm. Praying aloud for St. Anne to save him, he promised to become a monk if his life was spared. He survived the tempest and entered an Augustinian monastery several weeks later, despite the efforts of his friends to persuade him otherwise.

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## Public Notice

### Tornillo Independent School District

#### SECTION 504 SERVICES

The Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational services/ options to identified students with disabilities who reside within the district.

- ◆ Child find activities to notify students with disabilities and their parents of their rights and the district’s obligation to provide a free, appropriate public education.
- ◆ Referrals to Sections 504 when it is believed the students have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and the students are in need of educational accommodations.
- ◆ Procedural safeguards under Section 504.
- ◆ Evaluations of students to determine eligibility for the Section 504 program.
- ◆ Placement into the Section 504 program, which means the student may receive:
  - ✓ individually planned modifications in the regular classroom,
  - ✓ health services from the school nurse,
  - ✓ accommodations regarding access to any part of the campus, or
  - ✓ assistance in reading for students with dyslexia in a reading program which meets the state’s standards for a dyslexia reading program.
- ◆ Special education services are available to Section 504 students, if the students qualify for one of the specific disabilities under special education.
- ◆ Nondiscrimination protections of 504.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact Georgina Miramontes at 915-765-3040 or Anna Brew at 915-765-3041. Address: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

#### SERVICIOS DE LA SECCION 504

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes servicios/ opciones educacionales a los estudiantes con discapacidades identificados que residen dentro del distrito.

- ◆ Actividades para encontrar a niños para notificar a los estudiantes con discapacidades y a sus padres de sus derechos y de las obligaciones del distrito a proporcionar una educación publica que sea gratuita y apropiada.
- ◆ Referimientos a la Sección 504 cuando se cree que el estudiante tiene una discapacidad mental o fisica que limita substancialmente una o mas actividades vitales importantes y los estudiantes necesitan modificaciones en su educación.
- ◆ Derechos legales garantizados bajo Sección 504.
- ◆ Evaluaciones de estudiantes para determinar si califican para el programa de la Sección 504.
- ◆ Colocación dentro del programa de la Sección 504, lo que significa que el estudiante puede recibir:
  - ✓ modificaciones en el salon de educación regular planeadas individualmente,
  - ✓ servicios de salud por la enfermera de la escuela,
  - ✓ cambios que garanticen el acceso a cualquier parte de la escuela,
  - ✓ ayuda en lectura para estudiantes con dislexia en un programa de lectura que cumpla con los requisitos que pide el estado a un programa de lectura de dislexia.
- ◆ Se ofrecen servicios de educación especial a los estudiantes Sección 504, si los estudiantes califican para una de las discapacidades especificas bajo educación especial.
- ◆ Protecciones de no discriminación de 504.

Si usted desea mas informacion o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el Distrito Escolar de Tornillo y que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con Georgina Miramontes a 915-765-3040 o Anna Brew a 915-765-3041. Dirección: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

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## Tornillo Independent School District

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Tornillo Independent School District Special Education Department will be destroying confidential student information on special education students who have graduated, moved or were dismissed in 2013. Parents of these students may come to the Special Education Department located at 19200 Cobb Avenue in Tornillo on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to claim their child’s file. The remaining files will be destroyed as per state directives 30 days from the date of this notice. If you have any questions, please call Georgina Miramontes, M.Ed Special Education/504 Coordinator at (915) 765-3040 or Anna Brew at (915) 765-3041.

### AVISO

El Departamento de Educación Especial del Distrito Escolar de Tornillo va a destruir los archivos confidenciales de estudiantes que estaban en el programa de educación especial que han graduado, se han movido, o fueron despedidos en el año escolar de 2013. Los padres de estos estudiantes pueden venir a la oficina del Departamento de Educacion Especial del Distrito Escolar de Tornillo en 19200 Cobb Avenue, de lunes a viernes de 8:00-5:00 de la tarde a recoger los archivos de sus hijos. Los archivos que no sean recogidos van a ser destruidos como manda el estado en 30 días después de este aviso. Si tienen preguntas, llamen al teléfono Georgina Miramontes, M.Ed Coordinador de Educación Especial/504 al (915) 765-3040 o Anna Brew a (915) 765-3041.

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# Spurs are hoping for déjà vu all over again

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

There have been many dynasties throughout NBA history. Super teams like the Boston Celtics, Los Angeles Lakers, Chicago Bulls and Golden State Warriors have, at one time or another, ruled the league for several years at a time.

Another former super team that has been struggling over the last few years, may find themselves back where they belong, at the top of the league standings.

Over a 15-year span, from 1999 to 2014, the San Antonio Spurs won five NBA titles.

It all started when they drafted David Robinson with the first pick of the 1987 draft. However, because he was in the Naval Academy, he had to serve a two-year commitment and didn’t join the team until 1989.

The Spurs went from a 21-61 team the year before Robinson arrived to a 56-26 team their first year with him. The Spurs were now a playoff team but they still needed more help to become elite.

In 1997, the Spurs had the #1 pick again and drafted Tim Duncan and that was the help they needed to go from contender to champion.

Robinson and Duncan teamed up to win the 1999 championship over the

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New York Knicks.

After Robinson retired, Duncan and new guys Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili went on to win the other four titles. All four players made the Hall of Fame.

Since they all retired, the Spurs and coach Gregg Popovich haven’t had a whole lot to cheer about – but that may change very quickly.

Last season, San Antonio suffered through a miserable 22-60 record, but it did give them the top pick in last week’s NBA draft. And just like with David Robinson and Tim Duncan, they are hoping their choice will lead them to another run of very successful seasons.

Maybe even the start of a new dynasty. The Spurs selected Victor Wembanyama. Who? You may ask.

One of the reasons you may never have heard of him is because he is from France. He’s also 7 feet, 5 inches tall, he can dunk, block shots, rebound, dribble the ball and shoot 3-pointers.

Oh yeah, he’s just 19 years old.

According to all the basketball

experts on every sports network, Wembanyama is a can’t-miss superstar.

Most guys that big have a very difficult time with agility and balance, but Wemby (as they are already calling him) can dribble the ball down the court and create his own shot.

He has a Kareem Abdul-Jabbar body but he plays more like a small forward or a shooting guard. Don’t get me wrong, he can play down low and bang with the big boys, it’s just that he as the ability to do both.

His 237 pounds sounds pretty hefty... for a 6-foot-4 guy. At 7-5, he’s going to have to bulk up to near 300 so that he won’t be pushed around by some of those 6-10 guys with classic NBA bodies.

So who else do the Spurs have to help Wembanyama turn things around?

Keldon Johnson, a small forward led the team at 22 points a game last season, followed by Devin Vassell’s 18.5. Point guard Tre Jones averaged 12.9 points and 6.6 assists a night.

As you can see, not exactly a list of well-known stars to be sure.

But as they say, some guys are good enough to make everybody around them play better.

One thing for sure is that coach Popovich and the San Antonio Spurs are relevant again. Everyone is talking about them and everybody wants an interview with Wembanyama, who many are saying is the most hyped young player since LeBron James.

Now I don’t want to rain on anyone’s parade, but the young kid can barely grow a mustache. Let’s sit back and wait to see how he looks in three or four years.

It’s going to take a little time for his body and mind to mature to his new surroundings, his new teammates, a new style of basketball, and a new country.

But let’s hope he can make the Spurs great again, and let’s face it, like the Cowboys or the Yankees, the NBA is better when the Lakers and the Celtics and the Bulls and the Warriors... and the Spurs are better.

## Senior moment By Matilda Charles

# Handling your family inheritance

If you’re struggling to deal with all the things you inherited from your parents (and maybe their parents), things you’ve held on to for years, you’re not alone. In fact, as told to me recently by an antiques dealer, there are many, many of us. And we all have the same dilemma: what to do with all that “stuff.”

The answer for some of us is to determine if those items have any real monetary value and then sell them.

Coins and coin collections seem to be at the top of the list of things we unearth in our parents’ possessions. Your first step: Grab a magnifying glass. If the coins are loose, go over them one by one. If the coins are encased in plastic, don’t open the case. Check the date and the details on the coins and go online. You might be surprised at their value (as I recently was to discover that a very tiny gold coin at the bottom of my father’s jewelry box was worth many hundreds of dollars if sold).

Your second step, if you’d like to sell the coins: Find

someone you trust. Look for someone local, not an online company. Make two or three calls and describe a few of the coins you have to gauge their reaction and what price they might offer. If you like what you hear, go see them in person. Take pictures on your phone and show them what additional coins you have, but don’t take them all in at once.

There are other things you might unearth in your parents’ possessions that can have value as well: watches, clocks, military medals, magazines, cut glass crystal, silverware, original Fiestaware, fountain pens, tools, first day covers, vinyl records, rotary telephones, luggage, first edition books, etc.

Who knows? You might end up with extra cash to pay your next several electric bills or a month of groceries... or much more.

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## Super Crossword

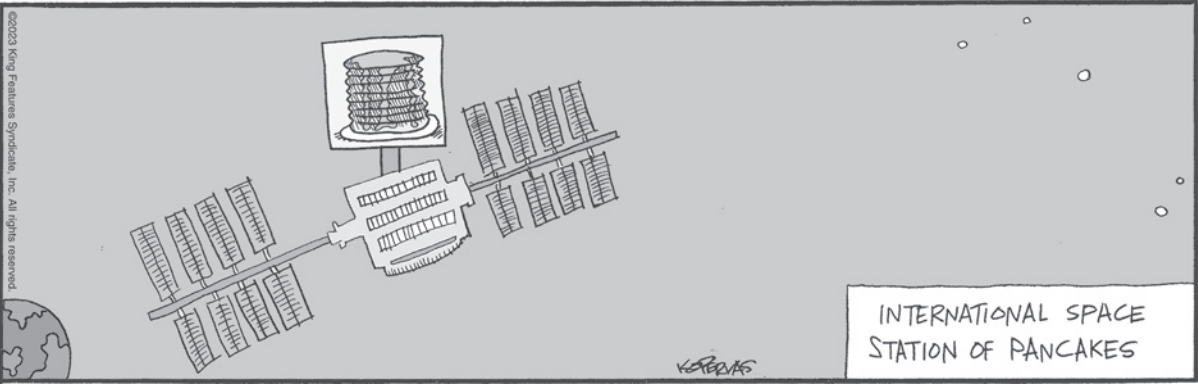
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31	Identical sibling near some falling rocks?									6	Golfer Michelle								
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41	"Happy Days" star with gleaming eyes?									11	Of a pelvic bone								
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50	Wedding page word									14	Yappy lap dog, in brief								
51	Top-notch									15	Predicament								
52	Genetic stuff									16	Oahu porch								
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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



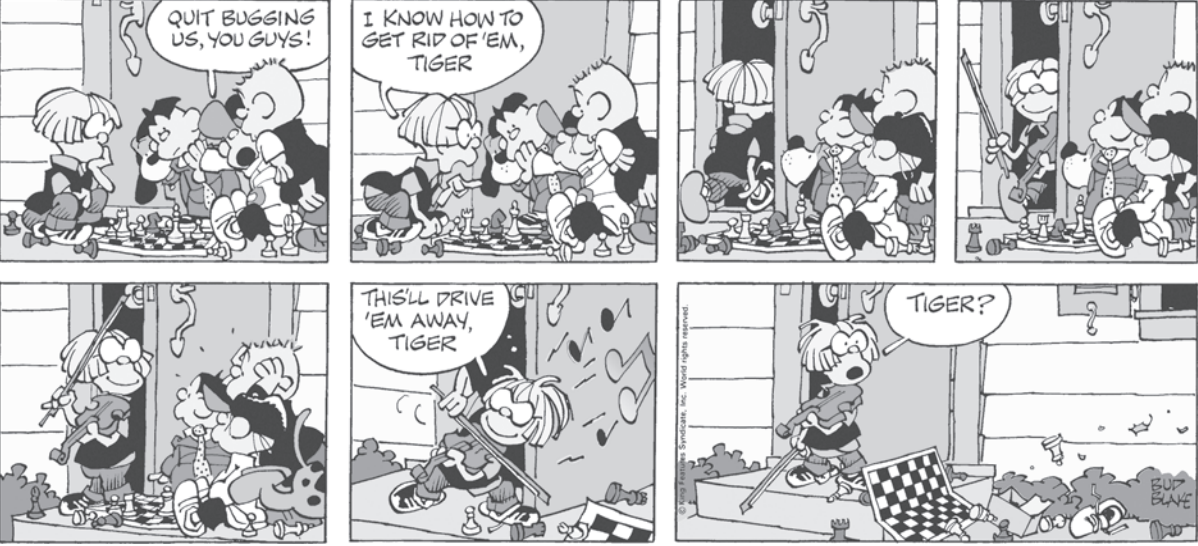
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

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dealt with an elderly parent in decline knows aging and its attendant loss of capacity are frustrating, heartbreaking and humiliating. In their apparent willingness to acquiesce to another Biden nomination, Democrats are looking away from the enormous risk his frailty poses to their prospects. A bad fall or some other health event could happen on a catastrophic political timetable – if something happened to Biden in late October 2024, it could easily throw a close race to his Republican opponent. Hillary Clinton’s polling took a hit in 2016 after her fainting spell on Sept. 11. While the public often sympathizes with politicians with health troubles (see Sen. John Fetterman), any adverse Biden event would confirm widespread doubts about his capacities and the wisdom of him running again. Rather than simply the victim of circumstances out of his control, he’d likely look foolhardy for having taken on, once again, at age 80 or 81, the physically,

mentally and emotionally taxing enterprise of a national campaign. Moreover, it would make Biden the issue in the campaign when the whole idea is supposed to be that he can repeat his role as the default candidate, making the other guy, especially Donald Trump, the focus of the race. All of this should be factored into any calculus of how electable Biden is or how strong a candidate he is against Trump. It’s understandable that Democrats feel they are stuck – there’s no good way to leverage an incumbent out of office and there aren’t readily evident strong candidates waiting in the wings. The conservative intellectual James Burnham famously said, “If there’s no alternative, there’s no problem.” There may be no good alternative to Biden for Democrats, but having to hold your breath every time he climbs or descends the steps of Air Force One is a big problem and one that isn’t going away from now until Nov. 5, 2024. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2023 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Pneumonia leads to breast cancer discovery

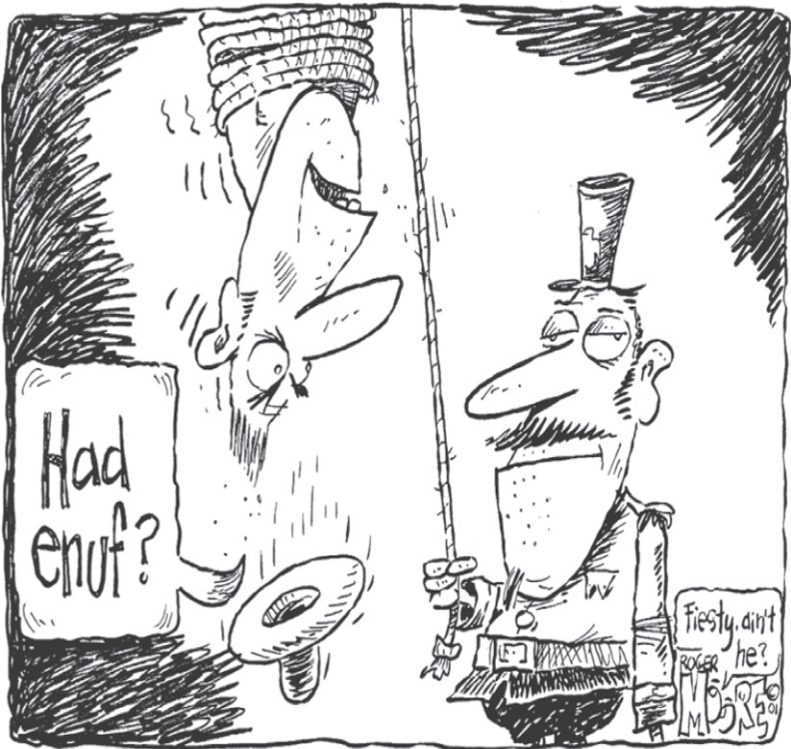
DEAR DR. ROACH: My 73-year-old wife has been diligent in getting her mammograms done, plus blood tests and doctor’s visits every three months. In November 2021, she came down with what seemed like a very bad cold that was actually confirmed by X-ray to be pneumonia. After two rounds of different antibiotics, she had lost 35 pounds, and it left her with weakness and a lingering cough. A CT scan later indicated that she “either has cancer or had cancer in the past.” Multiple tests later, it was determined that there was a tumor at the 12:00 position in her breast and a tumor in her stomach that had spread to her pelvis and bones in her legs. She started taking letrozole and Ibrance, and although extreme fatigue is the most common side effect, they appear to be working. My question is, how could this initial breast cancer have gone undetected for some time with all of the regular testing and not set off alarms? As bad as the pneumonia was, it allowed her to receive a diagnosis of a disease that eluded detection by current screening methods and very good physicians. – Anon.



I am so very sorry to hear about your wife. Breast cancer is not just one disease. We think of breast cancer as something that can be easily cured if it is found early, but if you wait too late, it becomes difficult or impossible to cure. Some breast cancers do act that way, but others are much more indolent – they grow slowly and may never get to the point where they threaten a person’s life. Unfortunately, there are some breast cancers that can become metastatic (spreading to different sites such as the lymph nodes, bones, liver or lungs) before they are detectable at all by even the most sensitive tests, such as a mammogram or MRI. By the time they are found, because of symptoms, they are incurable by surgery and require systemic treatments like chemotherapy and hormonal therapy. Most metastatic breast cancer is incurable, but newer treatments have improved life expectancy, with the average being three years. Screening for breast cancer is unable to save all lives. More effective treatment, in combination with regular screening, will be necessary to continue to progress against this horrible disease. DEAR DR. ROACH: If a male inherits the BRCA1 gene, what should his medical concerns be? – B.D.

Men with the BRCA1 gene (mutations in this gene predispose patients to several types of cancer) are at high risk for male breast cancer and prostate cancer. They should perform a monthly breast self-examination and receive a clinical breast exam every year, starting at age 35. Screening mammography is not recommended for men with a BRCA1 mutation. Prostate cancer screening should certainly be done, possibly starting at age 40, rather than age 55, for average-risk men. There are some medicines that reduce risk of prostate cancer, but these aren’t generally recommended. A diet high in plants, especially tomatoes, which are high in lycopene, has a suggested, but not definitively proven, reduction in risk of prostate cancer. There is an increased risk for pancreatic cancer among both men and women with this gene, and one guideline recommends screening for pancreatic cancer in a person with a BRCA mutation who also has a first-degree family member (parent, sibling or child) with pancreatic cancer. Colon cancer screening should begin at age 45, just as it does for the general population. I recommend a visit with a genetic counselor, especially in a person with a BRCA gene mutation who is considering starting a family. 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 30, 1835: Mexican troops put down a Texican uprising in Anahuac.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals N

UQS ZLVFA EQCBW'G BLLGS  
CFECGLN HXWS QCG AVHG  
JNSUUZ GLNS. C ULBW QCH  
"UQCG ULLUQ GQXBB JXGG."

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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 fraud 101



by Freddy Groves

There are only so many tax dollars to go around to provide services and benefits to veterans. When thieves cut into that money by taking what they're not entitled to, it harms the rest of us.

You can help by keeping your eyes open, and then reporting what you see to the correct people if you spot a scam.

Education benefits fraud can occur when a school charges veterans a higher rate than what is advertised or what they charge civilian students. They might offer discounts to civilians while billing the Department of Veterans Affairs for higher amounts. Students are told they don't even have to go to class and no actual skills are being taught.

Health care fraud can include billing for services the veteran didn't receive (check your explanation of

benefits and your bills), or include the name of a different doctor or even the wrong dates the services were supposedly provided.

Medical identity theft can include the above, but gets worse when you discover errors in your medical file or when collection agencies start to hound you for medical bills you didn't incur.

Genetic testing scams can be lucrative for thieves, partially because of the kickbacks involved. Beware especially if you get a request for your personal information – including medical, personal and financial – for tests your doctor didn't order.

Keep an eye on what goes on around you for things such as: It looks as though a deceased veteran's benefits are being used by others, a veteran has a maxed-out 100% disability rating but doesn't seem to be getting any care for it or a beneficiary is too physically active for the supposed disability level.

What I've written about here is only the tip of the

iceberg. To read about even more signs and indicators of fraud and theft, check the VAOIG's webpage: [www.va.gov/oig/fraud/default.asp](http://www.va.gov/oig/fraud/default.asp). Scroll through each section and become familiar with the signs of fraud. You could end up saving the VA massive amounts of money.

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by Jo Ann Derson

• Use the measuring cups when adding detergent to the washer. It avoids using too much, which can get costly. And it will avoid residual soap left in the fabric.

• If you use air-conditioning, use a programmable thermostat. You can set it to a higher temperature overnight, when it's naturally cooler, and have it cool down the house right about the time you'll get home, so there's no wasted energy cooling a house with no one in it.

• When putting woody-stem flowers, such as roses, in a vase, cut the stem diagonally and whack with a small mallet. It will absorb water much better this way. – A.R. in Mississippi

• Save small milk cartons and wash well. Fill with water and freeze. You can use these in your picnic basket for an easy cold pack to keep foods chilled.

• Too many suds in the sink? Try sprinkling them with salt. The foam will settle down quickly!

• To thread a needle, run the tip of your finger and thumb over a stick of lip balm, then roll the end of the thread between your fingers. It keeps the threads together and goes through the eye of the needle much easier.

• To keep the edges of lettuce from browning, tear it or use a plastic knife sold just for this purpose. Metal will make the edges brown.

• Shower rings (the hooks that hold your shower curtain to the curtain bar) can be used for lots of things: I keep one in my sewing basket to hold safety pins. It's terrific, and the pins are orderly and easy to find. – E.L. in Utah

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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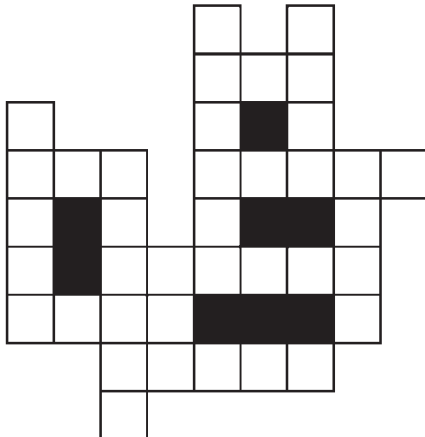
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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