



NEWSBRIEFS

Black Friday

With the hectic holiday on top of us, WalletHub's is offering recent holiday studies and reports, highlights. In the digital *Courier* (wtxcc.com), the links (in italics) are active.

- JCPenney, Macy's and Belk are 2023's *Best Places to Shop on Black Friday*, offering an average discount of at least 55%.
- Around 13% of items at major retailers will be *more expensive on Black Friday* than their current Amazon.com prices.
- Consumer packaged goods will offer the most value on *Black Friday 2023* relative to their current prices, while furniture is expected to have the least rewarding deals.
- More than 1 in 3 Americans are foregoing gifts this year due to inflation, according to *WalletHub's 2023 Holiday Shopping Survey*.
- Starbucks, Sephora and Target top the list of 2023's *Best Gift Cards*.
- Consumers can save \$300+ with one of 2023's *Best Credit Cards for Holiday Shopping*.
- Some consumers already have access to little-known credit card benefits that can come in handy over the holidays, including *price-drop protection* and *coverage for damaged or stolen items*.
- 100% of store credit cards do not charge an annual fee, and the average card with an initial discount for new cardholders gives 18.75% off, according to WalletHub's *2023 Store Card Landscape Report*.
- 40% of the major retailers offering 0% financing use a dangerous feature called *deferred interest*, which has the potential to make holiday purchases up to 27.5 times more expensive than expected.

— Diana Polk

Holiday Movies at the Plaza Theatre

The El Paso Community Foundation Plaza Classic Film Festival's free Holiday Movies return to the Plaza Theatre – and expand to the El Paso Museum of Art. Part of the City of El Paso's eighth annual WinterFest, the Plaza Classic's 12th seasonal series features

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It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart.

— Quips & Quotes

Second Chance Wildlife Rescue seeks volunteers, donors to provide care

Rescue services are free in El Paso County and Southeastern New Mexico

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Over 2,000 injured wildlife birds and mammals from the borderland region received care, and more than 4,000 phone calls regarding distressed wildlife were answered last year thanks to the efforts of the Second Chance Wildlife Rescue program that is headed by Josie Karam, one of only two wildlife rehabilitators in the West Texas-Southeastern New Mexico region.

Karam, who has been caring for wildlife species for nearly thirty years, stated that Second Chance Wildlife Rescue is an organization that rehabilitates injured, immature, and ill wildlife in hopes of returning them to the wild. "I am the founder and president of the only organization remaining in El Paso County that helps wild birds and mammals," she noted.

Karam said that one of the organization's most important goals is community education. "We make presentations to groups, clubs, schools, and other organizations. We see a great deal of importance in educating the public, and we participate in as many events as we can, to promote what we do and share our mission," she explained.

"When I began as a wildlife rehabilitator, there were eight rehabilitators in our region. Most have died and not been replaced. I am the only active, licensed person left,"



— Photos courtesy Josie Karam

HOO CARES – Second Chance Wildlife Rescue program has been caring for birds, like the owl above, and mammals in the borderland since 2011.

Karam stated. "Recently, though, we recruited another rehabilitator, Dr. David Angerstein," she added.

The Second Chance rescue center has been in operation since 2011, and despite ongoing challenges, they continue to overcome these obstacles to help the borderland's wildlife. "We survive on donations, fundraisers and grants, and, right now, we really need the community's help. The cost of rehabilitating wildlife

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DEDICATED – Thousands of West Texas and Southern New Mexico residents have used Second Chance Wildlife Rescue services and hundreds of individuals have volunteered or completed internships at the facilities. Above, from left, are Wildlife Rehabilitator Josie Karam, foreground, with a group of recent UTEP student volunteers.

There’s one easy trick to winning in 2024

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. has a history, and a present, of promoting wild conspiracy theories. His independent bid for the presidency is quixotic at best. And yet a new Quinnipiac poll has him getting an impressive 22% in a three-way contest with Donald Trump and Joe Biden, and with a narrow lead among independents.

This should be less encouraging to RFK than a warning sign to the major parties that they are courting disaster by nominating two candidates so unappealing that a solid bloc of voters, at first blush, would prefer someone, anyone really, with the last name Kennedy.

Democracy is usually the art of giving voters what they want. But, apparently, not in 2024.

Usually the obvious political considerations prevail in presidential politics.

It was pretty obvious that Joe Biden was a stronger general-election candidate in 2020 than Bernie Sanders, and lo and behold, Biden rose from the dead and won the Democratic nomination.

Sometimes passion, calculated risk-taking, delusion or stasis overwhelm the obvious, though. When this happens to one party – think of the Barry Goldwater or George McGovern nominations – it often suffers a debacle. But what if both parties succumb to these forces at same time?

Then, you get a clash of weakness where each party risks throwing away a winnable race through its insistence on a desperately flawed nominee.

The Republican reaction to the likely re-nomination of President Biden is, in effect, “We’ll see and raise your unpopular incumbent who looks like he could

tip over at any moment with an unpopular former president who will likely be convicted of felonies next year.”

The Democratic reaction to the likely re-nomination of Donald Trump is, in effect, “We’ll see and raise your radioactive standard-bearer with a president who is trailing him in polls and who most people think can’t serve another four years.”

Both parties think they are going to win anyway. Even if they are right, their chances of victory would go up appreciably if they switched away from their

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TOO CUTE – A baby rabbit – caught by a cat – was cared for at the rehabilitation facility.

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is expensive, and the need for volunteers is overwhelming,” Karam stated.

To help recruit volunteers, the rescue program offers internships to high school and college students and is accepted as a legitimate community service option because the Second Chance organization is certified by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Service and by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department.

The rescue facilities are located at two locations. The homebase center is on a one and a half acre spread, at 635 County Club Road, in El Paso County’s west side. The other facility is situated on a seven and a half acre plot of land, at 7800 Doniphan Drive, in the upper valley’s Vinton community. To operate the centers, the two licensed wildlife rehabilitators depend on volunteers.

According to Karam, their services are available in El Paso County but also are offered in most of West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico. The rescue care is provided year-round, seven days a week with normal hours of operation being from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They also provide detailed messages over the phone about steps to take to keep the callers and the wildlife safe until help arrives.

Services offered are free and include caring for wild birds and mammals that need human intervention, like immature newborns displaced from their nests or dens, or are injured or ill, Karam said.

Neither the El Paso County animal control department nor veterinarian offices currently provide the type of care that the Second Chance group extends because animal control and veterinarians are allowed to administer medical care but not sustained care. Only a licensed wildlife rehabilitator can legally provide care for protected wildlife, according to Karam.

The rescue program has helped rehabilitate a wide variety of wildlife including birds, raptors, squirrels, rabbits, opossums, foxes, and many more. The shelter, however, cannot accept larger mammals, such as deer, mountain lions, bobcats, Karam stated.

“We are the last hope for many of these wildlife animals in an enormous region,” Karam pointed out. “We receive calls from farmers, animal services, law enforcement and fire departments, non-emergency county responders, animal rescue groups, schools, and businesses. The number of calls can be overwhelming at times,” she added.

To help the wildlife rehabilitators provide their services, a board of directors helps

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oversee the needs of the program. Current members are Lisa Mena-Malave, Linda Wise, Elsa Pasanen, Joe Fulkerson, Loretta Flores, Paulina Castillo, Iris Kerwin, and Dr. Guadalupe Vidal.

“We provide a unique service to our community and beyond. We do not get paid by the city or county, even though we do a job that would become their burden. Our financial support is based on donation, fundraising, and grants,” Karam emphasized.

Formoreinformationaboutthewildliferehabilitationeffortsor to volunteer, interested individuals may contact Karam, at (915) 920-7867, or visit its website, at secondchancewildliferescue.org or its Facebook page at second chance wildlife rescue.

Donations may be made by check, to Second Chance Wildlife Rescue and mailed to P.O. Box 13245, El Paso, TX 79913. Credit card and cash donations may be sent through PayPal or Facebook.

Wildlife Rehabilitation

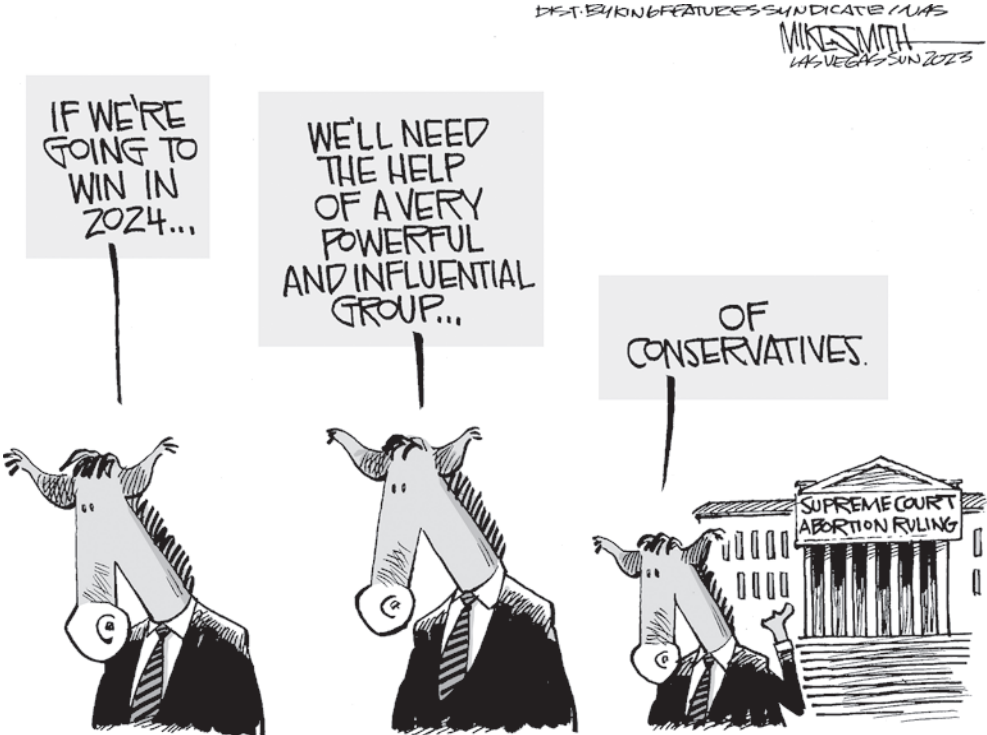
We have lost 70 percent of all wildlife in the last 50 years. At this this rate, extinction of thousands of species is imminent. As adults, our new generations of humans may never see wildlife in the wild. Loss of habitat, to make more room for the overpopulation of humans is the number one cause of these losses. Wildlife is being destroyed in their underground homes. Those losses affect all life. The predators, hawks, owls, fox, and other animals are starving due to this loss of the food chain. Free roaming cats are responsible for the deaths of 2.4 billion wild birds and over four billion mammals every year... The balance of nature has been destroyed. Wildlife rehabilitation is the only hope of saving and returning to the wild millions of wild birds and animals... Humans are the only creatures on earth that take from our planet and never give back. All other creatures give back to the earth and, if left without human interference, will balance nature. I am passionate about saving the wildlife that we can.

– Josie Karam
President and Executive Director
of Second Chance Wildlife Rescue



IT’S ALL GOOD – An American Kestrel was recently nursed back to health at the rescue center.

– Photo courtesy Josie Karam





CLINT MAN – Isaiah Gonzalez

Clint pitcher, Gonzlez, signs with UT

By Jim Heiney
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Isaiah Gonzalez has signed with the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Vaqueros in Edinburg, TX. Isaiah is a right-handed pitcher who attended Clint High School. So far in his collegiate career, he has thrown 33 innings and struck out 49 with only 14 walks. He will be a Spring 2024

graduate from EPCC and currently has a 3.77 GPA, majoring in Accounting, Business, and Economics. After Gonzalez completes his final season and graduates from El Paso Community College, he will continue his education and athletics at UTRGV. Another player, Edwin Sanchez, a left-handed pitcher who attended the Leadership Christian Academy in Puerto Rico has signed with Bethune-Cookman Wildcats in Daytona Beach, FL.

“Both of these players are a big reason why the culture has changed here. They have exemplified everything that I have asked of them since stepping foot at El Paso Community College,” Julien Soucy, EPCC Head Baseball Coach said. “They are students first and have shown that throughout their academic success. They have put themselves in a great position to sign early with Division 1 universities.”

TxDOT urges Texans to find a sober ride during the holidays

By Jeff Salzgeber
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – The holiday season gets its official start next week as many Texans gather around the table for Thanksgiving dinner. But for the families of the 1,246 people killed last year in Texas by drunk drivers, holiday seasons will never be the same. Starting Dec. 1, 2022, there were 108 people killed and 229 people seriously injured in just 32 days in DUI-alcohol related crashes across the state. All of these families suffered painful memories that will last a lifetime. “Don’t turn your holiday event into a life-changing tragedy by drinking and driving,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “A safe and sober ride should be at the top of your list when

making plans with family and friends. If not, you risk your job, your life and the lives of others. It’s just not worth it.” Drunk driving crashes are completely preventable, yet they can cause physical, emotional and financial consequences that last for years. If you drink any amount of alcohol this holiday season, never get behind the wheel. Instead, designate a sober driver, use a rideshare service or taxi, stay put, call a friend or family member, or use public transportation to ensure you get home safely. To remind Texans about the serious consequences of drunk driving and to always find a sober ride, TxDOT is bringing a mobile video exhibit across the state in a series of holiday-themed outreach events. Each interactive stop will feature powerful video testimonials from people who have dealt firsthand with the consequences of drunk driving,

either as an offender or survivor. These video stories and tips on finding a sober ride can be found at <https://www.soberrides.org/media-center/>. To encourage everyone to enjoy the holidays without drinking and driving, TxDOT’s Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign will include PSAs on TV, radio, billboards and online, and at bars, restaurants and convenience stores statewide. The campaign runs in support of a heightened law enforcement period from Dec. 16 through Jan. 1, when more officers are on the road looking for drunk drivers.

(The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer’s Crash Report (CR-3). This information was received and processed by the department as of August 16, 2023.)



By Lucie Winborne

- Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backward. In fact, they’re so impressive in the air that they’ve been referred to as the “flying ninja.”
- And speaking of flying, fruit flies can turn in midair simply by shrugging their shoulders.
- Want to feel safer while driving? White cars are considered the safest color because they typically stand out against black roads. Statistics have also shown that they’re 12% less likely to be involved in an accident than black cars.
- Forefingers possess the highest dexterity among their eight neighbors.
- Until it actually blows against something, wind makes no sound.
- The prevalence of syphilis in the 19th century led to a sharp increase in demand for sunglasses, as the disease causes intense sensitivity to light if left untreated.

• You can obtain a degree in Viticulture and Enology, or the cultivation of grapes and the science of winemaking, at Cornell University.

• Gold will never erode because it is chemically inert, meaning it doesn’t react to oxygen in the atmosphere.

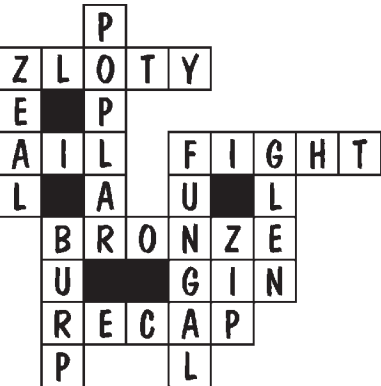
• Earlier this year, Taylor Swift’s “Eras” tour performances registered as a 2.3 earthquake on seismometers in Seattle due to the collective dancing of her enthusiastic fans. The activity was compared to 2011’s “Beast Quake,” in which Seattle Seahawks fans shook the ground as they celebrated a touchdown, but Ms. Swift’s lasted longer.

• During the 12th century, tennis was first played in France, but without rackets. Instead, players used the palms of their hands to lob the ball back to their opponents.

• Humans’ ability to detect and discern scents fluctuates throughout the day, peaking during the late hours when environmental stimuli decrease, likely due to changes in body temperature and brain activity.

Thought for the Day: “For pilgrims walking... every footfall is doubled, landing at once on the actual road and also on the path of faith.”
– Robert Macfarlane

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High-ranking military officer taking part in a multi-game sports contest:
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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Nov. 20, 1998, the first module of the International SpaceStation,Zarya(“Dawn”), was launched. Russian-built and American-owned, its name signified the concept of a new era of international space cooperation.
- On Nov. 21, 1931, the horror film “Frankenstein” was released, starring Boris Karloff as the monster created from corpses. Based on Mary Shelley’s 1818 novel “Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus,” it was a commercial success and is still widely considered one of the greatest movies of all time.
- On Nov. 22, 1718, the infamous pirate Blackbeard was killed off the coast of North Carolina by British naval lieutenant Robert Maynard, who’d been dispatched by Virginia’s Lieutenant Governor Alexander Spotswood to track him down. As a warning to others who might be pondering a career in piracy, Spotswood had the buccaneer’s head mounted on a pike at the mouth of the Hampton River.
- On Nov. 23, 1976, 49-year-old Frenchman Jacques Mayol, sometimes known as “Dolphin Man,” became the first person to dive 100 meters into the sea without the use of breathing equipment. Seven years later, he broke his record with a dive of 105 meters.
- On Nov. 24, 2012, a fire in the Tazreen Fashion clothing factory in Dhaka, Bangladesh, killed over 110 people and injured another 200. The tragedy shed light on poor working conditions for employees who made export clothing in the country and led to major labor reforms in Bangladesh and the fashion world, which promised to take steps to ethically source its products.
- On Nov. 25, 1834, Delmonico’s, one of New York’s finest restaurants, offered its customers a meal of soup, steak, coffee and half a pie for 12 cents. Even as we sigh for the “good old days,” however, weshouldremember that this meal would also cost an unskilled laborer about an hour’s wage.
- On Nov. 26, 1865, “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” by Lewis Carroll (born Charles Lutwidge Dodgson), a mathematics don at Oxford University, was published in the U.S. The beloved children’s classic, which has never gone out of print, has been translated into 174 languages and adapted for the cinema, art, ballet, opera, musicals, theme parks, board games and video games.

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anniversary screenings of *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Elf*, and *Frozen*, plus the return of *It’s a Wonderful Life*. The series begins Sunday, November 26 and runs on various days through Sunday, December 24. All movies are free. No tickets are required. Seating is first-come, first-served. The Holiday Movies at the Plaza Theatre will be presented “Plaza Classic style,” including a 30-minute performance by Richard Garven on the Wyler Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ before each movie. The movies are presented in partnership with El Paso Live and the El Paso Museum of Art. Go to plazaclassic.com for details. WinterFest runs November 18-January.

Schedule:

Sunday, Nov. 26
Plaza Theatre Kendle Kidd Performance Hall
1 p.m.: The Nightmare

Before Christmas (PG)
3:30 p.m.: Home Alone (PG)

Sunday, Dec. 3
Plaza Theatre Kendle Kidd Performance Hall
1 p.m.: Elf (PG)
3:30 p.m.: National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation (PG-13)


Saturday, Dec. 9
El Paso Museum of Art EP Energy Auditorium
3 p.m.: Miracle on 34th Street (Not rated)

Saturday, Dec. 16
El Paso Museum of Art EP Energy Auditorium
3 p.m.: Frozen (PG)

THURSDAY, Dec. 21
Plaza Theatre Kendle Kidd Performance Hall
1 p.m.: The Polar Express (G)
3:30 p.m.: How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG)

Sunday, Dec. 24
Plaza Theatre Kendle Kidd Performance Hall.
1 p.m.: It’s a Wonderful Life (PG)

— Rudy Vasquez



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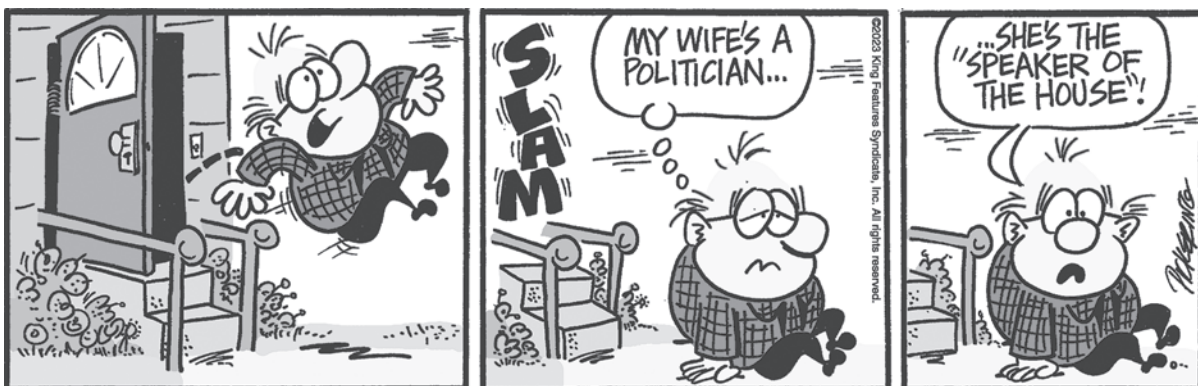
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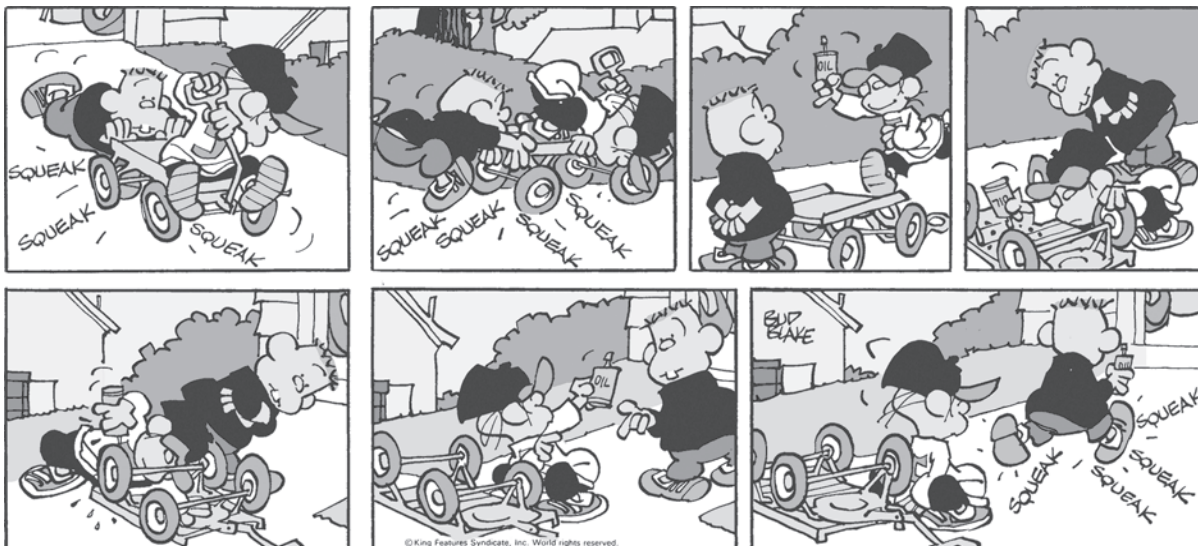
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Lowry

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current presumptive nominees.

A generic Democrat who is not festooned with Biden's failures and weaknesses and is not in his or her 80s would almost certainly readily defeat Trump. (The unpopular Kamala Harris does not meet the definition of such a Democrat.)

A generic Republican who hasn't spent years making him- or herself hateful to suburbanites, who isn't wedded to ridiculous yarns about the 2020 election, and who isn't in serious legal jeopardy in multiple jurisdictions would almost certainly readily beat Biden.

According to the latest USA Today/Suffolk poll, Trump leads Biden on who's best to handle the economy, foreign affairs and the border, while surveys consistently find about three-quarters have doubts about Biden's ability to serve another four years. And yet the mandarins of the Democratic Party believe he's best suited to beating Trump.

On the other hand, despite all his troubles, Biden has a higher favorable rating (39% positive, 49% negative) than Trump (35%

positive, 54% negative), according to a recent NBC News poll.

There's no doubt that Trump could eke out a win against Biden, the way he did against Hillary Clinton in 2016. But why settle for hoping for a narrow win against such a debilitated incumbent?

With Trump, the GOP will be asking the middle of the electorate to conclude, “We can’t stand this guy and there’s nothing that can make us change our minds about him, but things are so bad in the country that perhaps we should give him a try again, anyway.”

Maybe that happens, but it isn't the strongest grounds on which to contest an election.

The parties show no sign of doing something different, though. Benefiting from incumbency, Biden is all but unchallenged, and Trump continues to have an incredible grip on Republican voters.

So, both parties will probably roll the electoral dice unnecessarily next year, and try to give the voters what they don't want, good and hard.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Hyaluronic acid injections only so-so for joint pain

DEAR DR. ROACH: A friend recommended hyaluronic acid for joint pain in my wrist and hand. I have been taking 180 mg once a day for a couple months now and have experienced notable success. I also feel that my neck pain and range of motion in my neck have improved. My question is, what exactly is hyaluronic acid? Is it safe, and are there any side effects I should be aware of? —T.E.



Hyaluronic acid is a naturally occurring substance composed of long strings of sugar. Because of this structure, it carries a great deal of water, so it acts as a shock absorber and lubricant for several places in the body, including the joints. Hyaluronic supplements are usually purified from chicken cartilage, but can also be produced by bacterial fermentation. The body makes about 5,000 mg of hyaluronic acid daily.

Multiple studies on injections of hyaluronic acid have shown that it is only slightly better than a placebo at treating arthritis, especially of the knee. I have stopped recommending injection treatments to my patients with knee arthritis, as they are quite expensive. Oral hyaluronic acid, however, is inexpensive. There have been several small studies showing benefit (again, mostly for the knee rather than the neck), but I couldn't find any well-done large studies that were convincing.

There is very little harm from hyaluronic acid. None of the studies I've read found any serious side effects; however, that doesn't mean it is completely safe, since supplements aren't regulated the way prescription medicines are. But I can conclude that oral hyaluronic acid is possibly effective and probably safe for treatment of osteoarthritis.

The studies have mostly used doses in the 100-200 mg range, but I have seen supplements for sale that have 20 mg or less of hyaluronic acid. I'm glad you are taking a similar dosage to what is shown to be effective.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have had muscle twitches in virtually every part of my body for about 50 years now. These fasciculations usually occur somewhere on my body every day. My legs and arms are the most common areas. There is no discomfort, and they rarely last more than a minute or two. Why do these occur, and should they be of any concern? I am an active, healthy 58-year-old male who isn't on any medication. – D.I.

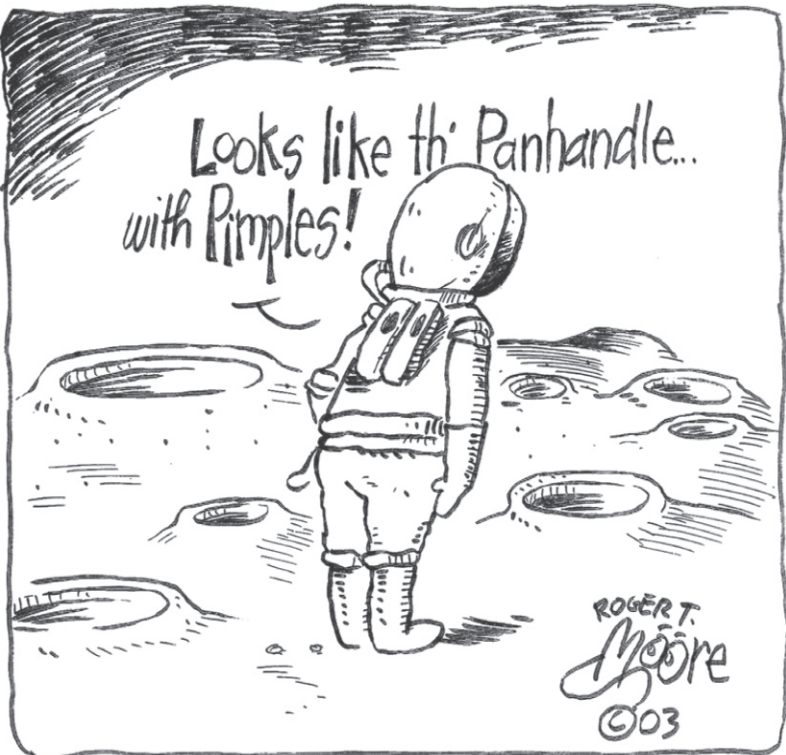
Muscle fasciculations are common. Most people get them from time to time, sometimes in the small muscles like the eyelid and sometimes in the large muscles like your legs and arms. Fasciculation can be a sign of a serious neurological problem, such as a lower motor neuron disease. If the muscle doesn't receive proper neurological signals, it increases its receptors so that the muscle can be easily stimulated, causing twitching.

If you had suddenly developed this, especially with weakness or atrophy of your muscles, that would be very worrisome, and you should see a neurologist right away. However, since it has been going on so long, it is very unlikely to be a serious disease.

You probably have benign fasciculation syndrome, which, as its name suggests, is not a worrisome condition and usually does not worsen over time.

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.

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Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
November 19, 1969: Alan Bean of Wheeler becomes the first Texan to walk on the moon.

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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 M

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Losing it all in St. Louis fire



by Freddy Groves

On July 12, 1973, a fire in St. Louis, Missouri, at the National Personnel Records Center destroyed between 16 and 18 million military personnel files. My mother’s file was one of those.

The files covered the period from pre-World War 1 to 1963. There began decades of veterans struggling to prove military service in order to access their benefits.

When I sent away for my mother’s records, what I received back was a certificate, similar to a Little League participation certificate. It has the information that I had provided: dates of service, branch of service, rank, but not much more. Thankfully, I’d had enough information on hand to send them to prove service, including a copy of a newspaper photo taken as she took the oath.

But what of people who

don’t have even those things? What if you have... nothing?

After the fire, the Records Center started a new rule for all military facilities: Save everything. No matter where in the country a record was likely to be found, it was to be saved and indexed. In this way they were able to index approximately 6 million files. When a claim for benefits came in from a veteran whose file was burned, instructions were sent out to attempt to reconstruct the file from the pieces here and there.

The Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General was asked to audit the process of reconstructing a file. Here is what they found:

Last year it was taking an average of 450 days from time of claim to a claim decision, compared to 146 days for a non-fire claim.

Staff were not following the steps outlined in their instructions, thereby adding 73 days to the process.

Staff did not complete follow-up procedures 25% of the time due to lack of training.

If there’s good news, I’ll never have to send away for my father’s military records. The man saved everything, and I mean everything: every transfer, pay stub, promotion notice, TDY order... everything. Perhaps you should do the same.

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by Jo Ann Derson

• OK, I'll say it: I love tradition, but sometimes I want to mix it up for holiday dinner. I keep the main dishes the same as they always are, but I add my drama in the details. For instance, mix your choice of herbs into a stick of softened butter. Using a plastic baggie with the corner cut off or a decorating bag, pipe the herbed butter onto a butter dish. Refrigerate and enjoy the oohs and ahs. – JoAnn

• “In the week before holiday meals, have a leftovers day and get all those bits and pieces out of the refrigerator. It will make it easier to clean so you'll have room for the turkey and the sides.” – S.T. in South Carolina

• “For easier cooking, when making large holiday meals, simply choosetwosidedishes that can be oven cooked in the same amount of time at an average temperature. I like one or two that can be cooked in the microwave as well.” – E.U. in Texas

• For a delightful twist on cranberry jelly, slice and sprinkle with orange zest. Dress up your mashed potatoes with a sprinkling of chopped fresh chives. Need pumpkin pie spice? Mix 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon ginger, 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves for each teaspoon needed.

• The night before serving your large sit-down dinner, put all the serving pieces on the table, and all the dinnerware in the dining room. You don’t want to have one person trying to get plates and spoons when you are getting dinner on the table. – JoAnn

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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!
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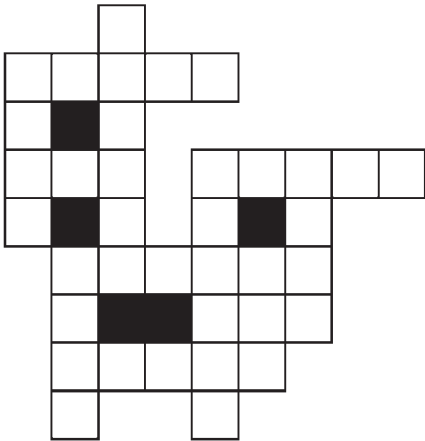
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Answer Page 4

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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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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