



NEWSBRIEFS

Summer jobs

With summer approaching and many employers eager to hire due to labor shortages, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2024's *Best Places for Summer Jobs*, as well as expert commentary, to help job seekers find the most lucrative opportunities. WalletHub compared more than 180 markets in the U.S. across 21 key metrics. The data set ranges from the median income of part-time workers to the availability of summer jobs to the commuter-friendliness of jobs. El Paso was rated 165th in the report. Best vs. worst:

- Orlando, FL has the most part-time job openings per 1,000 people aged 16 to 24 in the labor force, which is 19.1 times higher than in New York, the city with the fewest.
- Scottsdale, AZ has the highest median income for part-time workers (adjusted for cost of living), which is than 3.3 times higher than in Burlington, VT, the city with the lowest.
- South Burlington, VT has the highest labor-force participation rate of people aged 16 to 24, which is 2.2 times higher than in Irvine, CA, the city with the lowest.
- Madison, WI has the lowest unemployment rate for people aged 16 to 24, which is 6.1 times lower than in Detroit, MI, the city with the highest.
- Pearl, HI has the lowest share of people aged 16 to 24 living in poverty, which is 10.5 times lower than in Burlington, VT, the city with the highest.

"It's a great time to get a summer job, considering that a lot of places are still having labor shortages and may increase their compensation as a result. In addition to good pay and good work conditions, the best cities for summer jobs also have attractive features like short commute times and fun activities to engage in outside of work. Columbia, MD, is the best city for summer jobs, boasting one of the most internships per capita. In addition, Columbia ranks at the top of the country when it comes to the number of jobs per capita that residents can get to within a 30-minute commute. Plus,

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More people would learn from their mistakes if they were not so busy denying they made them.

– Quips & Quotes



– Photo courtesy EPCC

GREAT SMILES – Bianca Hernandez, left, with her nursing mentor, Professor Maria O'Toole Corey.

Corey shares love of nursing with students

By Miroslava Casas
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC) Nursing Program recognizes the outstanding work of Assistant Professor Maria O'Toole Corey, who has been with the college since 2020 and has had a powerful impact with EPCC nursing students.

In April 2024, she wrote an article

"My Old Stethoscope" for the recognized *American Nurse Journal*; this article is about saying goodbye to an old friend is important even if a stethoscope is only a tool, for her it was more than that.

O'Toole has been a Registered Nurse (RN) for over 40 years, stating that her mother was her inspiration as she lived with chronic severe mental illness and epilepsy. Her care taught O'Toole about seeing the person, not the illness.

After retiring from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Maria decided to join EPCC as part-time nursing faculty. Then in 2023, she became an Assistant Professor.

"I spent a few months at home and was flunking retirement. I was venting to another VA Nurse retiree, Christine Aguirre, who started working for EPCC and told me O'Toole, you know we are not the types to just stay

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EPWater expands AguaRepairs program

By Martha C. Koester
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Low-income customers who lack the funds to make costly water leak repairs may qualify for assistance under El Paso Water's AguaRepairs program.

EPWater recently partnered with nonprofit Rebuilding Together El Paso to offer water leak repair services for eligible low-income customers. Homeowners may be eligible for up to \$4,000 in plumbing assistance. Assistance is available for water leak repairs only.

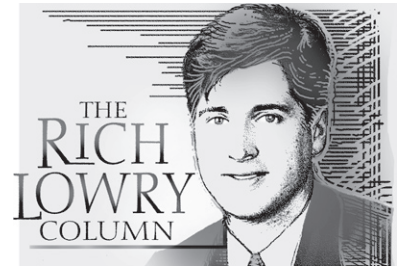
"We want to help low-income customers fix leaks in their homes because we know some can't afford a plumber," said Senior Water



– Photo courtesy Rebuilding Together

See REPAIR, Page 2 **BUSTED PIPES** – El Paso Partner Rebuilding Together El Paso will fix eligible leaks.

Butker is within his rights speaking about men and women



To judge by the internet reaction, Kansas City Chiefs place-kicker Harrison Butker is guilty of a dreaded double-doink – a missed field-goal attempt that embarrassingly hits both uprights – with his commencement address the other day.

The NFL has distanced itself from Butker’s unadorned socially conservative speech at Benedictine College, a Catholic school in Kansas. He’s accused, meanwhile, of potentially driving women away from the NFL and, even worse, perhaps offending Taylor Swift by quoting one of her lyrics.

The first thing to say about this is that Butker is a traditionalist Catholic who gave a speech to traditionalist Catholic students graduating from a traditionalist Catholic school. Should we be

surprised he sounded like a traditionalist Catholic? He wasn’t going to endorse abortion or pride month or transgenderism. And if you’re not a Catholic (I’m not), his views on priests and the power of the Latin Mass are going to leave you cold, for a simple reason – they aren’t for us.

Complaining about the intensely Catholic subject matter of his address is a little like listening to the keynote at a philately convention and being shocked that it’s all about stamp collecting.

Of course, the substance of Butker’s talk was much more serious, and he had important, indisputably correct things to say about men and women.

His line that has drawn the most fire was directed at the graduating women: “Some of you may go on to lead successful careers in the world, but I would

venture to guess that the majority of you are most excited about your marriage and the children you will bring into this world.”

Butker was surely making a sociologically true statement about the women of Benedictine. If he had been talking at Vassar, he might have couched his remarks differently. Still, his observation has a more general applicability.

According to an analysis of public-opinion surveys by the Institute for Family Studies, “Strong majorities of mothers under 55 agree that housework

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Nursing

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at home and she encouraged me to apply,” O’Toole said.

EPCC has been a huge impact in O’Toole’s career as a Nurse, currently she has been teaching Foundations in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. She is persistent in teaching the students to take nursing school one day at a time and encouraging them to

face their fears and go for it.

“EPCC has many resources like the Teaching Seminar which I attended last year to support my encore career as nursing faculty and I like how the faculty and students are working for the purpose of promoting the nursing profession,” O’Toole said,

EPCC is proud to have wonderful professors like Ms. O’Toole that help our students to their path to success in the field.

Visit www.myamericannurse.com/382161-2/ to read *My Old Stethoscope*.

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Conservation Specialist Dawn Walker-Hughes, who serves as program administrator. “This program

also helps save water for El Paso.”

The consequence of ignoring plumbing leaks not only significantly wastes water but also inflates your bill, Walker-Hughes said.

“If we don’t fix the root cause, your water bill is just going to get higher and higher,” she said. “Then, it turns into a stressful situation for those who can’t afford it.”

To meet the requirements for assistance, customers must:

- Live in a single-family residential dwelling within the city limits.

- Be a homeowner with the Central Appraisal District.
- Own both the home and land.
- Have income at or below 50% of area median income under HUD income limits at the time of application.

Walker-Hughes urged disadvantaged customers to fill out the application to see if they qualify. Managing the AguaRepairs program is Rebuilding Together El Paso, which will contact customers once the application is submitted.

EPWater wants to ease financial burdens on those most vulnerable in the community by expanding customer assistance programs with AguaRepairs. Since 2018, AguaCares also assists struggling customers who are at risk of being disconnected from water service.

“We are making an effort to assist our customers and not just say, ‘Conserve water,’” Walker-Hughes said. “We want to help you conserve water.”

For more information, please visit EPWater’s Customer Assistance webpage.

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Columbia has one of the highest median incomes for part-time workers, at close to \$26,900 per year.”

– Cassandra Happe
WalletHub Analyst

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-places-for-summer-jobs/21137> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

To be a kid again

A pair of daring women in Florida

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Public Notice

Village of Vinton

Adoption of Ordinance

On May 16, 2024 the Village of Vinton, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

1) **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04-16-01, an ordinance requiring public service providers to conform facilities located within the public right-of-way to accommodate public improvement projects, to include public improvement coordination, relocation of facilities at public service provider's expense or be deemed**

abandoned, and requiring construction permit and construction plans.

Any violation of this Ordinance is an offense that is considered a class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 dollars. Each day the violation continues shall be a separate offense.

The effective date of this Ordinance is immediately upon adoption and publication.

Published by order of the Village Council of the Village of Vinton, Texas.

Copies of the ordinance are available for review at the Village of Vinton, Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton

Rd., Vinton, Texas 79927; Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Andrea N. Carrillo
Village Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for El Paso County, Texas and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Technical

Agency (FEMA) has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within the Cities of El Paso, San Elizario, and Socorro, Towns of Anthony and Clint, Village of Vinton, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo of Texas, and the Unincorporated Areas of El Paso County. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Information or proposed information. This appeal period will commence on the second publication date of this notice scheduled on or about June 6, 2024. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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CryptoQuip Answer

What do you call a celebrated fictional spy who's producing tons of output? A high-yield Bond.

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View from here By John Grimaldi

Megan Kelly calls it ‘a social contagion’

Moms and Dads across America are “concerned about what their children are being taught in schools. They’re worried that their children and grandchildren are being silently transitioned. And they see how unfairly girls and women are treated when we encourage biological men to play in women’s sports,” says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens and host of the *Better For America* podcast. She made her remarks during an interview this May with attorney, journalist and TV personality Megyn Kelly, who is, perhaps, best known for her interviews and commentaries on the Fox News Channel.

“I had a very early introduction to the trans thing when someone in my extended family went from male to female back when no one did this; it was a scandal and it was very hard for the family. We were all shocked by it,” said Kelly. “It is a social contagion now. And not just that, they’re abusing children. It’s actually evil what they’re doing to them, and they’re demanding the rest of us to go along with it. They’re hurting girls in sports. They’re hurting women in bathrooms and locker rooms. They’re everywhere. It’s not a matter of a tiny sliver of society that we should just try to be respectful of and not bully. They’re bullying us. I think others who are empathetic, like I was, really need to understand that empathy these days means something else. We need to be empathetic toward the women and the girls who are getting bullied every day.”

But, said Kelly, things have changed; President Biden has edited Title IX regulations and the mainstream media has ignored it.

“It hasn’t been covered nearly enough in my judgment. I don’t know that people fully understand what happened with the stroke of his pen. He’s changed the definition of women. Through his agency, the department of education, which is a bunch of unelected bureaucrats, he’s made it so that Title IX, which previously supported and protected girls and women now protects men and boys pretending to be women and girls as well. And so what this does, as a practical matter, is to allow men and boys into our locker rooms, into our bathrooms. So if your daughter is getting changed for seventh grade field hockey and a boy comes into her locker room and says, I’m a girl and I want to change in here too, there’s nothing she can do about it. Thanks to this administrative agency rule that never was voted on by any of our lawmakers.”

Kelly pointed out that if the president had sought Congressional approval before making this decision, Republicans would have stopped it. Weber suggested that decision, as well as President Biden’s faux pas at this year’s White House Easter Sunday lawn party may impact his future. During that gathering he declared that rather than it being a religion-based day it should be renamed to Trans Visibility Day. Kelly remarked that it might impact how people will vote come November.

The Association of Mature American Citizens (<http://www.amac.us>) is a senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today.

Special Appointment to the Board of Trustees for El Paso Community College District

The Board of Trustees for the El Paso County Community College District is currently seeking individuals to apply to fill a vacancy in the District 4 Trustee seat.

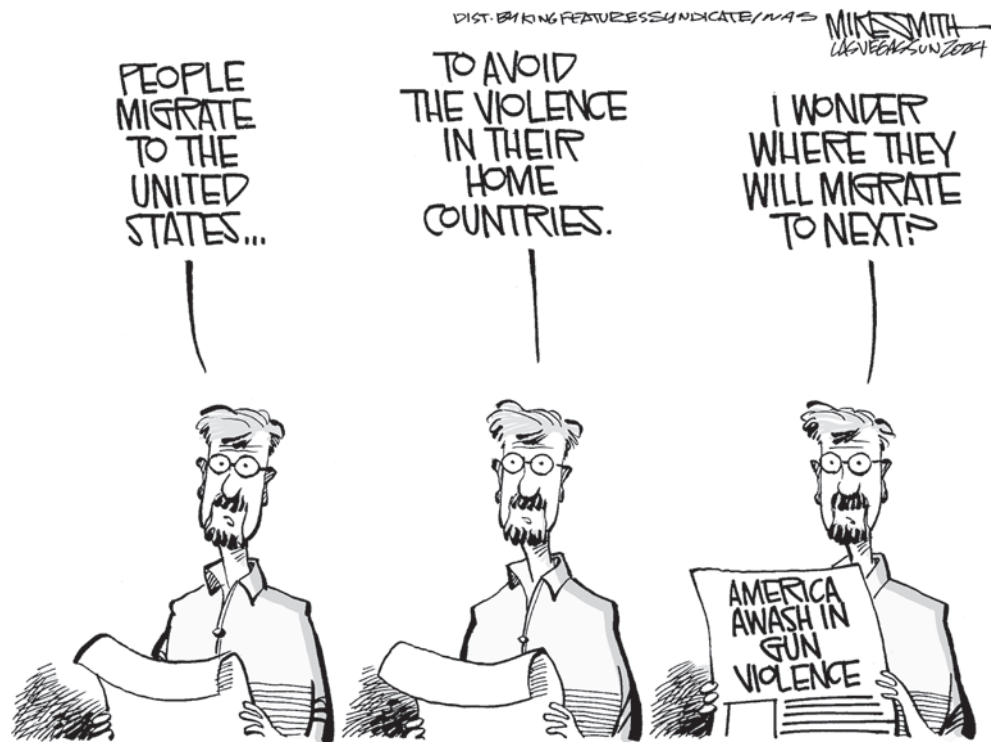
- Details and applications are available online or can be picked up at the President’s Office*, located at the EPCC Administrative Service Center, 9050 Viscount Blvd., Suite A131 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. *Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day.
- Notarized applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on Friday, June 7, 2024 and can be submitted by email to mcast291@epcc.edu or in-person to the President’s Office.
- No late applications will be accepted.

Eligibility:

- Registered Voter
- Reside in District 4 of the El Paso County Community College District

Applications are due at 5:00 p.m. MT on Friday, June 7, 2024.

For application and more information, visit: go.epcc.edu/redistricting



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are determined to make it into the Guinness Book of World Records by hopping into their cars for a 500-mile ride from Jacksonville to Key West.

our childhood.”

– John Grimaldi

Rough rider

The dictionary defines skijoring as “the action of being pulled over snow or ice on skis by a horse or dog or a motor vehicle, as a sport or recreation activity.”

– John Grimaldi

– PUBLIC NOTICE –

Last week the West Texas County Courier made a mistake. The paper ran a place holder for the notice below that was from 2023. The information was for 2023, not 2024.

Public Notice / Aviso al Público

Anthony ISD Summer Meal Program 2024

Programa de Servicio de Alimentos para el Verano 2024

Anthony Independent School District is participating in the Seamless Summer Option. Meals will be provided to all children 18 and under without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Distrito escolar Independiente de Anthony está participando en el Programa de Servicios Alimentos de Verano. Las comidas se proporcionará a todos los niños de 0 a 18 años sin cargo y por igual a todos los niños sin importar raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad, y no habrá ningún tipo de discriminación en el servicio de comida.

Table with 3 columns: Campus/Facility, Address, Dates (Mon. - Thurs. only). Lists locations like Anthony MS, Anthony ES, Enrique Miramontes, etc.

All Locations Closed / Todos Ubicaciones Cerrado: June 19 and July 1 - July 5, 2024. Dates and times may be extended by the District. Information: (915) 886-6542

To file a complaint of discrimination, write or call immediately to: Para presentar una queja sobre discriminación, escriba o llame inmediatamente a:

USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication 1400 Independence Avenue S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

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By Lucie Winborne

Some farmers started feeding their pigs waste products from the marijuana industry, such as plant stems, leaves and roots, saying it boosted the animals' appetites so they would bulk up to 30 pounds heavier than normal, also that it had the effect of making the meat taste "more savory."

The fastest any human has ever traveled was during the re-entry of the Apollo 10 module, at a maximum speed of 24,830 miles per hour, or 7 miles per second.

If you can convince yourself that you slept well last night, even though you didn't, your brain will be tricked into thinking you aren't tired. It's called "placebo sleep."

When an astronaut working on the International Space Station needed a tool he didn't have, NASA came to the rescue by designing one with computer software and emailing the file to him. He then used a 3D printer to create the first object ever designed on Earth but made in space.

Studies show that the human brain remains half-awake when sleeping in a new environment for the first time.

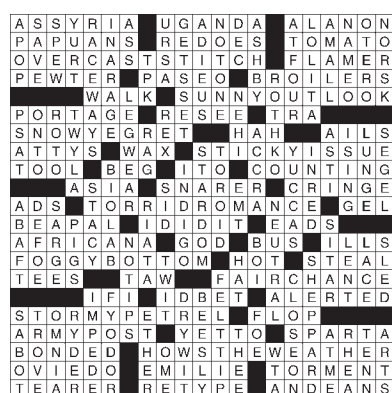
Just before WWII, the U.S. created the Logan Bar, a chocolate bar that deliberately tasted "a little better than a boiled potato," as an emergency ration to prevent soldiers from snacking on it outside of emergency situations.

Too much grape soda will make your poop turn blue.

A shopping mall in China offers "husband storage" pods, where wives and girlfriends can leave their partners while they shop. Each pod is equipped with a TV, a gaming console and a leather massage chair.

Thought for the Day: "A comfort zone is a beautiful place – but nothing ever grows there." – Anonymous

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Moments in time THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On May 27, 1831, trapper-explorer Jedediah Smith, who established the South Pass across the Rocky Mountains in modern western Wyoming as a well-known and heavily traveled route for fur trappers, was riding alone when he was attacked and killed by a hunting party of Comanche Native Americans on the Santa Fe Trail.

On May 28, 1983, Irene Cara's song "Flashdance (What a Feeling)," from the "Flashdance" movie soundtrack, reached the top of the U.S. pop charts and helped push the film to the No. 3 spot on that year's total box-office revenue list. It also proved to be the biggest hit of Cara's career.

On May 29, 2014, LGBT advocate and Emmy-winning actor Laverne Cox of the Netflix original series "Orange Is the New Black" became the first transgender person to appear on the cover of TIME magazine.

On May 30, 1899, amateur bandit Pearl Hart and her drifter boyfriend, Joe Boot, held up an Arizona stagecoach, making away with over \$400 in cash. Although discovered and sentenced to prison, neither served their full term, and Hart was pardoned by the governor in 1902, living out the rest of her life in relative obscurity.

On May 31, 1970, an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale off the coast of Casma, Peru, in the Pacific Ocean caused an avalanche traveling at over 100 miles per hour that buried the towns of Yungay and Ranrahirca, killing an estimated 50,000 people and making it the worst natural disaster ever recorded in the country's history.

On June 1, 1958, following a long political crisis over the Algerian War, former French president Charles de Gaulle was called out of retirement to head a new emergency government as prime minister for a six-month term in an effort to keep the country together.

On June 2, 1920, Eugene O'Neill won his first of four Pulitzer Prizes, for his play "Beyond the Horizon," which was also his first full-length work to be staged. Though he was initially not happy over the news, his attitude improved upon learning the award came with a \$1,000 prize and did not involve a ceremony.

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CLINT ISD WILL SERVE UP GOOD NUTRITION FOR LOCAL CHILDREN THIS SUMMER CLINT ISD PROVEERA UNA BUENA NUTRICIÓN PARA NIÑOS LOCALES ESTE VERANO

Bringing healthy summer meals to the Clint, Horizon, and Montana Vista areas ensures kids have a healthy summer break and return to school ready to learn.

Llevar comidas de verano saludables a las áreas de Clint, Horizon y Montana Vista asegura que los niños tengan unas vacaciones de verano saludables y regresen a la escuela listos para aprender.

This summer, the Clint Independent School District will connect children 18 and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no-cost summer meals. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). For the children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out during the summer months.

Este verano, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint conectará a los niños de 18 años o menos y a los estudiantes matriculados con discapacidades hasta los 21 años con comidas de verano saludables y sin costo. El Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de Verano (SFSP) es un programa de nutrición del Departamento de Agricultura de los EE. UU. Administrado en el estado de Lone Star por el Departamento de Agricultura de Texas (TDA). Para los niños que dependen de las comidas escolares durante el año académico, estas comidas ofrecen una fuente de buena nutrición cuando no hay clases durante los meses de verano.

The Clint, Horizon, and Montana Vista area children need good nutrition year-round, so they can learn, grow and succeed in life," said Carlos Villalobos, CNP Director. "With nearly 2 million food-insecure children living in Texas, these healthy meals are vital to nourishing young Texans during the summer vacation."

Los niños del área de Clint, Horizon y Montana Vista necesitan una buena nutrición durante todo el año, para que puedan aprender, crecer y tener éxito en la vida", dijo Carlos Villalobos, Director de CNP. "Con casi 2 millones de niños con inseguridad alimentaria viviendo en Texas, estas comidas saludables son vitales para nutrir a los jóvenes tejanos durante las vacaciones de verano".

CLINT AREA ÁREA DE CLINT

Clint High School
13890 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

June 3 to July 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Junio 3 a Julio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Comida: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Clint Early College Academy
13100 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

May 28 to May 31, 2024 – Tuesday to Friday
June 3 to June 27, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Mayo 28 a Mayo 31, 2024 – Martes a Viernes
Junio 3 a Junio 27, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Comida: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Clint Junior High School
12625 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

June 3 to June 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Comida: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

William Surratt Elementary School
12675 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

June 3 to June 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Comida: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HORIZON AREA ÁREA DE HORIZON

Horizon High School
14651 Horizon Blvd., El Paso TX 79928

June 3 to July 27, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Julio 27, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Comida: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Horizon Middle School
400 North Kenazo Drive, El Paso, TX 79928

June 3 to June 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Comida: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ricardo Estrada Middle School
851 South Darrington Rd., El Paso, TX 79928

June 3 to June 20, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 20, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Comida: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Desert Hills Elementary School
300 N. Kenazo Drive, El Paso, TX 79928

June 3 to June 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Comida: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Frank Macias Elementary
14400 Golden Eagle Dr., El Paso, TX 79928

June 3 to June 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
Comida: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Carroll T. Welch Elementary School
14510 McMahon Ave., El Paso, TX 79928

June 3 to June 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Lunch: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Comida: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Mountain View High School
14964 Greg Dr., El Paso, TX 79938

June 3 to June 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Comida: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

East Montana Middle School
3490 Ascension Rd., El Paso, TX 799384250

June 3 to June 20, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 20, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Comida: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Red Sands Elementary School
4250 O'Shea Rd., El Paso, TX 79938

June 3 to June 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
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Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
Comida: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Montana Vista Elementary School
3550 Mark Jason Dr., El Paso, TX 79938

June 3 to June 13, 2024 – Monday to Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 3 a Junio 13, 2024 – Lunes a Jueves
Almuerzo: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Comida: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Note: All Clint ISD campuses and offices will be closed July 1-5, 2024.

Nota: Todos las escuelas y oficinas de Clint ISD estarán cerrados del 1 al 5 de Julio de 2024.

For more information about Clint ISD summer meals, please call (915) 926-4980.

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- Call 2-1-1 to speak to a live operator
- Visit www.SummerFood.org for an interactive site locator map
- Text FOODTX or COMIDA to 877-877

Clint ISD" es una de las organizaciones sin fines de lucro que se asocia con TDA para servir comidas en todo Texas. Se anima a las familias a utilizar estas tres herramientas para encontrar un sitio para comer en cualquier parte del estado:

- *Llame al 2-1-1 para hablar con un operador en vivo*
- *Visite www.SummerFood.org para obtener un mapa de localización de sitios interactivo*
- *Envíe un mensaje de texto con FOODTX o COMIDA al 877-877*

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UTEP tries to attract bigger acts by giving the Sun Bowl a facelift

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

How many times over the years have you heard that your favorite band is starting a North American tour and you excitedly searched the website for concert dates and sites?

As you go down the list you get to where they are visiting this part of the country. You see dates in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Albuquerque, Phoenix, Denver, San Diego and then they are off to other cities farther away.

How many times have you been totally disappointed because you never read "El Paso" as one of the concert sites?

Why do they keep skipping the Sun City?

In case you didn't know, El Paso is the 23rd largest city in the United States.

Believe it or not, that means that El Paso is bigger than Boston, Las Vegas, Detroit, Portland, Memphis, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Atlanta, Kansas City, Miami, New Orleans, Cleveland, Orlando, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

While those cities host big events all the time, El Paso has turned into an entertainment venue afterthought.

Who knows where El Paso would be right now if that multi-purpose downtown arena would have been

built a decade ago. But after 72 percent of El Pasoans voted for it, this city couldn't even get that done.

So what do the people of El Paso do, especially the young people, they drive or fly to those other cities we mentioned to catch big concerts.

I've flown to New York, Orlando and Las Vegas myself to catch events that would never come to El Paso.

Well, UTEP is trying to do something they hope will change the bigger entertainers' negative thoughts about performing in El Paso.

Last week a proposal was made for major improvements for the Sun Bowl. It would meet the requirements big-time concerts demand.

The improvements they're asking for would also help the UTEP football team, their opponents and the teams that are selected to participate in the annual Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl game.

UTEP's leaders are asking that the \$99 million upgrades to the Sun Bowl be included to the quality-of-life capital improvements that voters could vote on in November.

My kids, who are in their late twenties, are always traveling to other cities because no big acts come to El Paso.

Heck, that's the same thing me and my friends were saying when we were their age back in 1970s and 80s.

In other words, nothing much has happened to improve El Paso's entertainment scene in about 50 years. Remember all the kicking and screaming by those locals who didn't want a Triple-A baseball stadium built in downtown. How they said that would never work.

For the life of me, I don't understand why El Paso is so afraid of moving forward, while the people of San Antonio, Phoenix, Austin and even Albuquerque invite it.

So what kind of improvements to the Sun Bowl are being considered? A drivable field cover system required by top acts, electrical system upgrades to power A-list shows, improved entrance for 18-wheelers to access the Sun Bowl, upgrades to the locker rooms in the south entrance, improved bathrooms and concession areas, accessibility improvements for people in wheelchairs

and a scoreboard revamp.

UTEP suggests that the upgrades to the Sun Bowl could have a major impact on tourism, jobs and retail spending, projecting a \$2.06 billion economic impact over the next 30 years, as well as creating over 600 new jobs.

The Sun Bowl, which was built in 1963, seats approximately 46,000 people, and more can be added for concerts with ground seating.

The big question with all of this is will the voters of El Paso approve the idea? Normally, I think they would, but because of what happened with that nightmare of an arena, I don't know if the citizens trust their officials to deliver what they promise.

The Sun Bowl needs the improvements, El Paso needs the improvements.

I go to other cities and I always think to myself, "why can't we have this in my hometown?"

I hope the people of this city vote for the proposal, but then again, if they do, I hope the officials asking for this come through on their promises and put El Paso "in the entertainment game."

Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Losing friends

I'd heard that once we seniors reach a certain age, we start losing people – friends, acquaintances, other senior relatives – they start dying one by one. I'd reached my age unscathed by much of that loss, and was happy to consider that it might always be so, that the others I hold dear would continue being part of my days. But no, that unfortunate phase of life has caught up with me.

It got to the point where I didn't want to answer the phone, so sometimes I didn't. I would unplug it the night before and wouldn't plug it in the next day until noon. I would tell myself it was because I didn't want my sleep disturbed by the robocalls or sales pitches. But the truth was that I feared hearing about yet another death in my circle.

I had to take myself in hand to deal with the endless sadness about the ever-growing list of appearances at

funerals. My way of handling the grief has been to get out of the house at least once each day, no matter what.

On Monday afternoons, I walk and socialize dogs at the humane society, working with the animals to get them more suitable for adoption. On Wednesdays, I shelve books in the library, usually the kid section.

On Friday afternoons, I deliver prescriptions for a pharmacy here in town. I was told that most of the customers are other seniors who aren't well enough to get out to pick up their own prescriptions, which has certainly been an attitude adjustment as I ponder their conditions (unhealthy) versus mine (healthy enough to play with dogs, shelve books and so on.)

The other days I walk laps at the rec center.

Getting out every day helps. But I still dread answering the phone.

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INITIAL CONDITIONS

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- 8 Its capital is
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- 23 It's used for outlining designs in embroidery
- 25 Internet newsgroup
- troublemaker
- 26 Alloy that's mostly tin
- 27 1990s Toyota model
- 28 Grills in stoves
- 30 Take a stroll
- 32 Cheerful disposition
- 34 Carrying of a boat
- 38 View anew
- 39 Nonsense song syllable
- 40 American bird with all-white plumage
- 42 "So there!"
- 44 Feels unwell
- 48 Lawyers: Abbr.
- 49 Dental floss coating
- 50 Difficult matter to deal with
- 54 Saw or sickle
- 55 Implore
- 56 Olympic skater
- Midori

- 57 Enumerating
- 58 Oman locale
- 60 One trapping
- 62 Shrink back
- 63 They may have jingles
- 66 Passionate love affair
- 69 Hairstyling goop
- 70 "C'mon, help me out"
- 72 "Finally finished!"
- 73 St. Louis' _ Bridge
- 75 Artifacts of Angola, e.g.
- 77 Ares or Eros
- 78 Greyhound vehicle
- 79 Misfortunes
- 83 The U.S. State Department, informally
- 85 Sultry
- 86 Pilfer
- 87 Casual tops
- 88 Fancy playing marble
- 89 Even break
- 91 "... _ do say so myself"
- 93 "In all probability..."
- 96 Warned
- 97 Bird that flies near the ocean's surface
- 102 Utter failure
- 103 Military base
- 104 "The best is _ come"
- 106 Ancient rival of Athens
- 111 Became inseparable
- 112 Apt question for

- this puzzle
 - 115 Northern Spanish city
 - 116 Actress de Ravin of "Roswell" and "Lost"
 - 117 Pain greatly
 - 118 Person ripping things
 - 119 Key in anew
 - 120 Dwellers around Peru's peaks
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 - 2 Rescue
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 - 5 Speeding cars' ovals
 - 6 Boiling mad
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 - 8 Celestial bear
 - 9 Gears up
 - 10 Farewells
 - 11 Zero
 - 12 Yuletide mo.
 - 13 "Harold and Maude" director Hal Davidovich
 - 16 "Scenes From _" (Bette Midler film)
 - 17 "And Bingo was his _"
 - 18 New Mexico county
 - 19 From Oslo's country, to its natives
 - 24 Toll rd.
 - 29 "Number 10"

- painter Mark
- 31 Stockings, say
- 33 Classic soda
- 34 Jr.-year exam
- 35 Savvy about
- 36 _-Rooter
- 37 Tharp of choreography
- 38 Dinosaur in "Toy Story"
- 41 Dusting cloth
- 43 Capital of Ghana
- 44 Fizzy wine, in brief
- 45 Walt Whitman's " _ the Body Electric"
- 46 Fencer's attack
- 47 Jason of "Bad Teacher"
- 50 Celebrity status
- 51 Doughnut or bagel's shape
- 52 New Mexican succulents
- 53 Common way to mark losses
- 55 Place to dissect a frog
- 56 Blue shade
- 59 Actor Keach of "Mike Hammer"
- 60 Caesar of old comedy
- 61 CPR pro
- 63 Toward a ship's stern
- 64 Crusoe creator Daniel
- 65 Platoon VIP
- 67 Rodeo lasso
- 68 Idling position
- 71 Oinkers
- 74 Indian lute

- 76 Gratuity-prohibiting policy
- 78 Young guy, in hip-hop
- 80 Pre-Easter time
- 81 Shoe securer
- 82 Yukon vehicle
- 84 Tease in fun
- 85 Head cover
- 86 Mark of TV's "Supernatural"
- 89 Certain penpoint feature
- 90 Seal, as a house-buying deal
- 91 Hinder
- 92 Novelist Dostoyevsky
- 94 Deadpan humor
- 95 "The Office" character Pam
- 97 Wood shoe
- 98 Treasure pile
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- 100 Winona of "Black Swan"
- 101 Once-popular anesthetic
- 102 Rival
- 105 You, of yore
- 107 "Stop staring _!"
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- 113 Kipling's "Follow Me _"
- 114 Org. founded by Billie Jean King

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Super Crossword

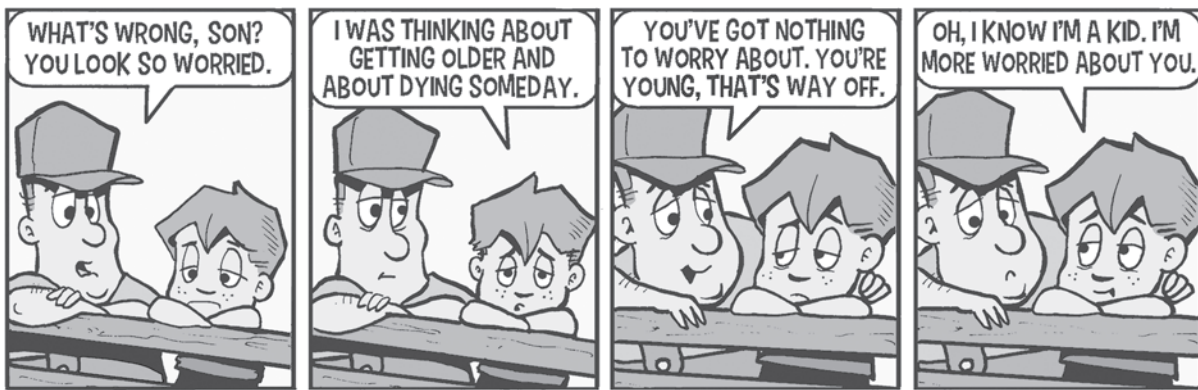
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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



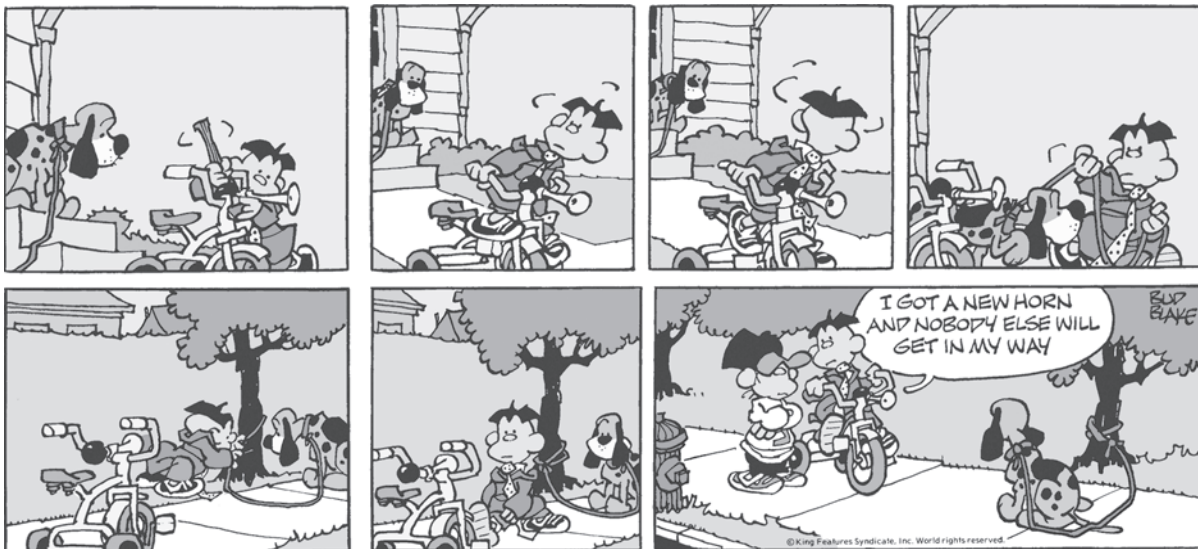
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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Lowry

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is as fulfilling as employment. Depending on the year and the survey you prefer to cite, between 53% and 79% of mothers had this view." Yes, some mothers find employment outside the home more fulfilling, but many stay-at-home mothers "see the work they are doing as valuable, important and satisfying."

It should be OK for someone to occasionally give voice to their perspective. No one walked out when Butker delivered these lines; in fact, he got applause. And he wasn't being callous — he broke down when talking about his own wife embracing "her vocation as a wife and as a mother."

He had advice for the men in his audience, too, telling them to be "unapologetic in your masculinity," and to "never settle for what is easy." What's the counter to Butker's advice? That men should be defensive about their masculinity and always take the easy way out? That they should spend more time smoking pot and playing video games?

"As men," he continued, "we set the tone of

the culture, and when that is absent, disorder, dysfunction and chaos set in. This absence of men in the home is what plays a large role in the violence we see all around the nation." What Butker said is strongly supported by the research, as fatherlessness is associated with child poverty and reduced educational attainment, increased idleness and more jail time among young men.

An offended columnist at *The Kansas City Star* hammered Butker, saying the kicker insisted on "belittling the human value of others." But the kicker spoke of the importance of speaking and acting "in charity," and the columnist admitted that when he has discussed these matters with Butker in the past, "he's been remarkably respectful when I've expressed a contrasting view."

That sounds like someone who isn't a hater, but who has deeply grounded views and who believes — for good reason — that if he doesn't speak the truth, few others in his position will.

The verdict regarding Butker's address should be — good from 55 yards.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Immunotherapy for allergies is still a work in progress

DEAR DR. ROACH: Why can't people see an allergist and get desensitized to a peanut allergy? As a child, I was allergic to dust, pet hair, milk and other things, but I received treatments. I am not bothered by any of these now. It would seem prudent to desensitize people who have allergies that are life-threatening, like peanut allergies. — S.S.



Allergy immunotherapy continues to be a commonly used and valid treatment for many allergies, including environmental allergies, insect venom allergies and, more recently, food allergies. The treatment can be used for peanut allergies, but it is certainly not perfect. So, it isn't used very often.

The goal of immunotherapy is to get a person to tolerate the allergen that they have an allergic response to. This involves giving very tiny amounts of the allergen below the level that would trigger an allergic response. Over time and under extremely close observation, the amount of the allergen is increased. For allergens like pollen, they are typically given by injection under the skin (or by drops under the tongue), but for food allergens, they are given orally.

For peanut allergies in particular, reactions are common during oral immunotherapy. For about 1 dose per 1,000 under supervision in an allergist's office, emergency treatment with epinephrine was required. Even during maintenance therapy at home, a reaction occurred 3.5% of the time, requiring treatment with 0.7% of all doses.

Although oral immunotherapy is effective at getting people to tolerate peanuts, the effectiveness is not long-lived, with only 13% of people still being able to tolerate a peanut challenge three years after discontinuing maintenance therapy. (Thirty-seven percent of people who continued maintenance therapy were able to tolerate the peanut challenge.)

Until there are significant improvements in outcomes, I am unlikely to recommend oral immunotherapy for people with peanut allergies, unless they are unable to effectively avoid exposure to peanuts and they continue to have repeated reactions. Whether they're on immunotherapy or not, patients are still advised to continue careful avoidance and have emergency treatment immediately available.

A new treatment for food allergies was just approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Omalizumab works by blocking the immunoglobulin IgE, which is critically important in allergic diseases. The study showed that 47% to 80% of subjects who were treated with omalizumab for four months (given by injection every two to four weeks) were able to tolerate a standard dose of the foods that they were allergic to (peanuts, plus at least two other foods).

However, it appears that the benefit of the treatment does not persist after the treatment is discontinued, and it is intended for use in conjunction with food allergen avoidance to protect against accidental exposures.

In the future, combining this new medication with oral immunotherapy could be superior to using either alone, and it can help prevent serious or fatal allergic reactions from inadvertently being exposed to peanuts. Further studies are addressing this issue.

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. ©2024 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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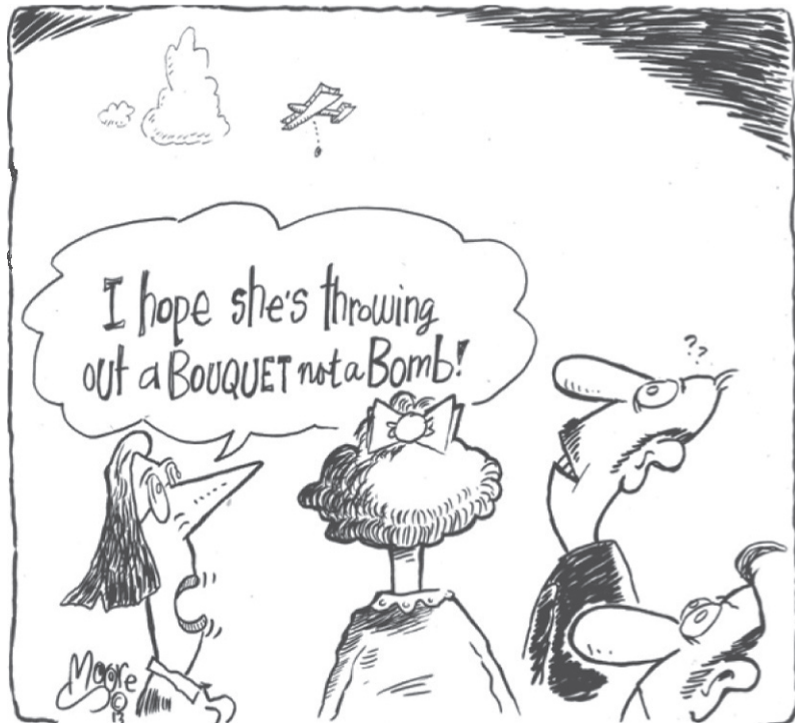
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Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
 May 31, 1919: R.W. Meade and Marjorie Dumont married above Houston in a Handley-Paige bomber, the first known airborne wedding ceremony.

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: Y equals T

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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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New rules may apply after a dishonorable discharge

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Not all of us left the service unscathed and with an honorable discharge (and all the benefits that would give us) clutched in our fist. Some of us, for one reason or another, did not make it out with an honorable or general discharge, or we even had a bad conduct discharge and/or a court martial. We left lots of benefits on the table when that happened.

That's changing, at least a little bit.

There are now finalized rules about discharge determinations that expand health care and benefits for some of those who did not get an honorable discharge. They're calling it a "compelling circumstances exception."

There are certain circumstances where prior actions can now be reviewed. They'll take

into consideration a list of things, such as length of prior service, mental health at the time, any sexual harassment or assault, physical problems, anything caused by combat duty and other reasons and circumstances for the actions that caused the discharge you were given.

You have to apply to see what their determination is. You might find that they conclude, once they know all the facts, that the discharge is under conditions other than dishonorable.

If you want to apply, see: www.va.gov/discharge-upgrade-instructions/.

Additionally, see the detailed factsheet at benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/docs/COD_Factsheet.pdf.

You can apply online, over the phone or by mail, or you can even show up at a VA medical facility and ask for care. Any of those will get the ball rolling. You'll be sent a letter asking for details. Give them. It's your chance to provide evidence or make a statement about

what was going on that led to the less than honorable discharge. You can mail your reply or deliver it to a VA office, and you can also ask for a hearing to present your evidence at a VA regional office.

The new rule will take effect June 25, 2024.

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• "Keep frosting looking glossy... with your hair dryer. Before guests come over, give the whole cake a once over holding the hair dryer about 7-10 inches away from the frosting and set on high. It will soften the frosting, giving the cake a just-made look." – R.L. in California

• Clean out hard-water stains and mineral deposits on your showerhead with this trick: Fill a zip-lock baggie halfway with warm vinegar. Immerse your showerhead in the baggie and secure it to the pipe with a rubber band. Let it hang for an hour or so, then release the bag and scrub the showerhead with a soft toothbrush.

• "There are so many different ways to pay bills these days that it can be hard to keep track of bills that need to be mailed. Here's a great way to keep track of when to pay a bill so that it always gets there on time: I used to write the due dates of my bills on my calendar. Now I write the pay by date for each bill on the calendar. For bills that go in the mail, I write a date that's a week ahead of when it is due. For bills that are paid online, I write a date three days ahead of the due date, and for automatic payments, I deduct the money from the paycheck BEFORE the draft is made. Now I never miss a due date." – T.F. in Indiana

• Change your air filter to save money. Be sure to change it once a month to keep your air conditioner working at its most efficient.

• You might not have a blackboard in your home, but keep a clean blackboard eraser around to get streaks off of freshly cleaned windows. It works really well in the car, too!

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. ©2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

GO FIGURE!

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.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

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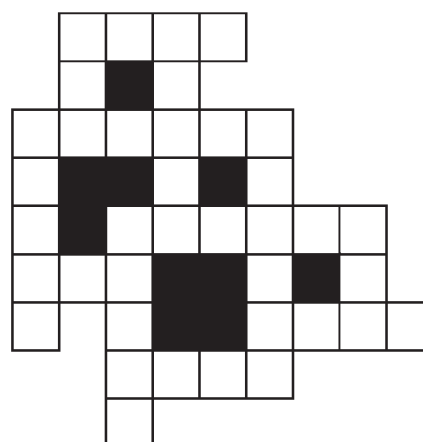
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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- ETSR
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- ♥ EAY
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- ♥ GENHI
- MHI
- ♥ GETHHI
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- KAYN



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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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