



## Texas Western Hall to replace UTEP's old liberal arts building



— Photo By Alfredo Vasquez

**HARD HAT ZONE** – The University of Texas at El Paso campus, which has been transformed in recent years with several new buildings and new landscaping, is getting another huge addition. Texas Western Hall, above, is being built on Hawthorne Street. It is expected to be completed in two years and will replace the old liberal arts building.

*New facility expected to be completed in 2026*

**By Alfredo Vasquez**  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – The University of Texas at El Paso's (UTEP) latest building project is the Texas Western Hall, a new \$110 million facility that will provide students an environment conducive to learning.

"Texas Western Hall will replace one of the oldest facilities on campus and provide a modern learning space for students," said UTEP President Heather Wilson.

The new learning complex, which will encompass approximately 125,000 gross square feet, will include a five-story east wing and three-story west wing that are connected by a three-story collaboration space. The building is located on Hawthorne Street directly southeast of UTEP's current Liberal Arts Building, which will be demolished when the new project is completed, university officials related.

"The new facility will provide a 21st century learning environment, equipped with instructional classrooms, computer rooms, collaboration spaces and offices. Classroom sizes will vary to accommodate various teaching methodologies and each space will be enhanced with flexible technology and furniture," the school president stated. She added that the exterior of the building will reflect the treasured Bhutanesque architectural style that is distinct on the UTEP campus, and sustainable landscaping will incorporate native Chihuahuan Desert plants.

UTEP officials explained that Texas Western Hall was named in recognition of the university's history and its expansion beyond mining education and degree programs. Founded as the School of Mines and Metallurgy in 1913, the institution was renamed Texas Western College in 1948 to broaden the identity of the university

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*"UT El Paso continues to drive El Paso and the Paso del Norte region forward with increased enrollment and expanding contributions in critical industries that are relevant to this unique city, region and its people. We are grateful to the UT System Board of Regents and Texas lawmakers for funding this new, state-of-the-art learning facility which will support collaborative learning opportunities for generations to come."*

— James B. Milliken, University of Texas System Chancellor

## Canutillo bonds bringing connectivity, safety to Reyes ES

**By Gustavo Reveles**  
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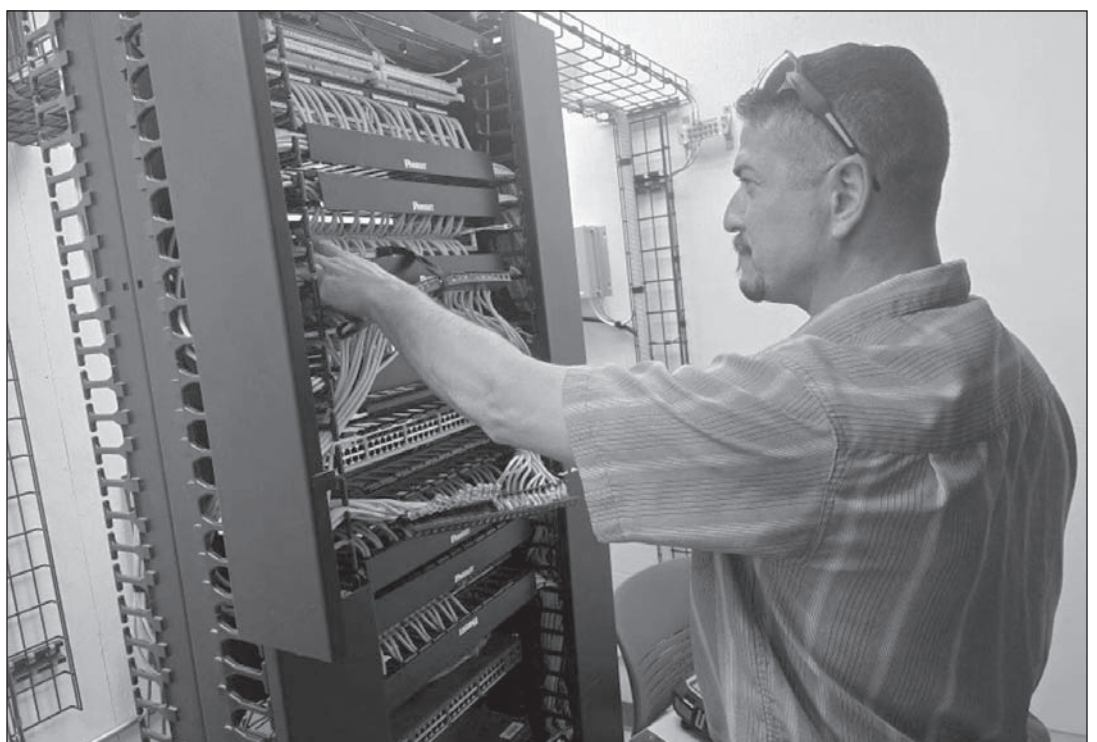
CANUTILLO – Earlier this month crews completed a much-needed connectivity and safety and security upgrade at Reyes Elementary School that is part of the improvement projects of Canutillo Bond 2024.

The work done established wireless connectivity to nearly 50 instructional spaces at Reyes that previously had issues connecting to the internet.

*\$370,000 of upgrades to Reyes ES classrooms, offices, the cafeteria and portables were paid from the Canutillo Bond 2024 of \$8.5 million.*

These "dead zones" not only prevented students and teachers from accessing important digital instructional content, but they also posed a safety and security concern because neither digital devices nor cellular telephones had reliable connectivity in case of an emergency.

"We are thankful to the voters of the District for allowing for important projects like these to become a reality through the Canutillo Bond," said Reyes Principal Dr. Jessica Melendez-Carrillo. "This project will allow



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

See REYES ES, Page 3 WIRES AND MORE WIRES – IT specialist Tommie Matton configures a server at Reyes ES.



# Trump shows demography isn't destiny



It turns out that everyone underestimated how a proposal for mass deportations could bring Americans together. Donald Trump assembled the biggest, most diverse GOP coalition in decades while running further to the right on immigration, crime and culture than perhaps any major-party presidential candidate in U.S. history.

Trump inveighed against unchecked illegal immigration in harsh and lurid terms – and picked up Hispanic voters. Trump pledged to reverse “a brutal plague of bloodshed, crime, chaos, misery and death in our land” – and won more young voters.

Trump famously dethroned the Republican establishment in 2016, and now has crushed its theory of how to forge a GOP future in an increasingly diverse country. Trump may win the most electoral votes of a Republican since George

H.W. Bush in 1988. In the 1980s, America was roughly 80% white, and Hispanics and Asians were less than 7% and 2% of the population respectively. Now, Hispanics and Asians are 19.5% and 6.4%, while whites have declined to 75% of the population.

We’ve long been told these changes are a herald of doom for the Republican Party, and the GOP can only survive by softening its edges. This was the admonition of the famous “autopsy” commissioned by the Republican National Committee after Mitt Romney’s loss to Barack Obama in 2012. According to the report, the divisive policies and tone of Romney’s GOP – yes, the resolutely polite, earnest and scrupulous Mitt Romney – were sentencing the party to demographic extinction.

To win Hispanics, the autopsy insisted, Republicans “must embrace and champion comprehensive

immigration reform,” the establishment’s favorite euphemism for a mass amnesty.

“It does not matter,” it maintained, “what we say about education, jobs or the economy; if Hispanics think we do not want them here, they will close their ears to our policies.”

And the party’s tone had to change. The autopsy intoned that “we must emphasize during candidate trainings, retreats, etc., the importance of a welcoming, inclusive message.”

The same applied to young voters: “The RNC must more effectively highlight our young leaders and fundamentally change the tone we use to talk about

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## View from here By Dr. Glenn Mollette

# Lessons from November 5th

What did we learn from the majority of America’s voters on November fifth?

We learned that the majority of America’s voters want border security. Americans are tired of millions of undocumented people from any place in the world flooding into America. We want them to come legally. The reports of gangs growing in our cities, apartment buildings taken over, murders, and rampant stabbings have been an emotional weight from which Americans want relief.

Americans are tired of spending more money at the grocery store and coming home with fewer products. Every week brings price increases and Americans pay checks are not keeping up. Employers have been suffering to keep

employees who are desperate for higher wages. Employers can no longer get by with \$10 or \$12 an hour as the new expected minimum wage has become at least \$15. To keep a good employee though will take \$20 an hour if you want them to stay. This has put a strain on small businesses in America who are struggling to produce enough income to pay workers and keep the lights on. The cost of goods must decrease and wages have to stabilize.

Americans want lower interest rates. A six percent house loan is still making in tough on America’s home buyers. A 30-year mortgage on a \$450,000 house is \$2158.38 if you have \$90,000 to put down. A six year car payment on a \$45,000 car is \$596.62

if you put \$9000 down. Most Americans need a house and car. So you see the reason why people are desperate to make more money. Add on to this a \$1200 a month grocery bill for a family of four.

Americans have grown weary hearing about male athletes in women’s sports. We are also tired of hearing about men in women’s bathrooms.

Americans also displayed their disdain for legacy media. I personally thought it would be tough for Trump to overcome all the major networks. I didn’t see how anyone could beat NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN and MSNBC, the New York Times, The Washington Post and almost every other major media entity in the nation, but he did. He beat them good. One network supported Trump throughout the entire election and it was Fox News. On election night they had the highest ratings of all the networks. The majority of America’s voters no longer

believe much of what they hear on America’s major media networks, which is sad since we all pay so much in subscriptions to access these stations. Trump spent three hours with Joe Rogan on a podcast that reached millions of Rogan’s viewers. Harris didn’t have time for Rogan. Look for many more podcasters to grow in influence in the days ahead.

We learned that women did go to polls to vote and many of them voted for Trump.

Kamala Harris had over one billion dollars to spend on her election. The networks were flooded with political ads and it still wasn’t enough. Sadly, it’s reported that her campaign is 20 million dollars in debt with no way in sight to cover outstanding costs. The big parties and celebrity gatherings were massively expensive. No cost was curbed. One billion dollars was spent without concern or limitation. Can you imagine how she would have handled the nation’s finances and run our country?

We also learned that national celebrities don’t impress America’s voters all that much. They will pay thousands to hear Taylor Swift sing but her support of Kamala Harris was overall ignored. Although, many of Swift’s followers aren’t old enough to vote. Oprah Winfrey, Beyonce, George Clooney, Bruce Springsteen, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Julia Roberts, etc. etc. are all-star entertainers but the average person in America just wasn’t swayed by them when it came time to vote.

The election is over. Let’s pray that Congress will work together to end the wars in the world, lower inflation, make medical care available for all people on all levels of their need. Let’s pray for a safe and peaceful America where people are entering our country legally and safely and for four years of prosperity and peace.

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**UP IN THE AIR** – IT specialist Chayce Harthorn does a contortionist's move to install a wireless high-speed internet connection node at Reyes Elementary School under the Canutillo Bond 2024 umbrella.

### Reyes ES

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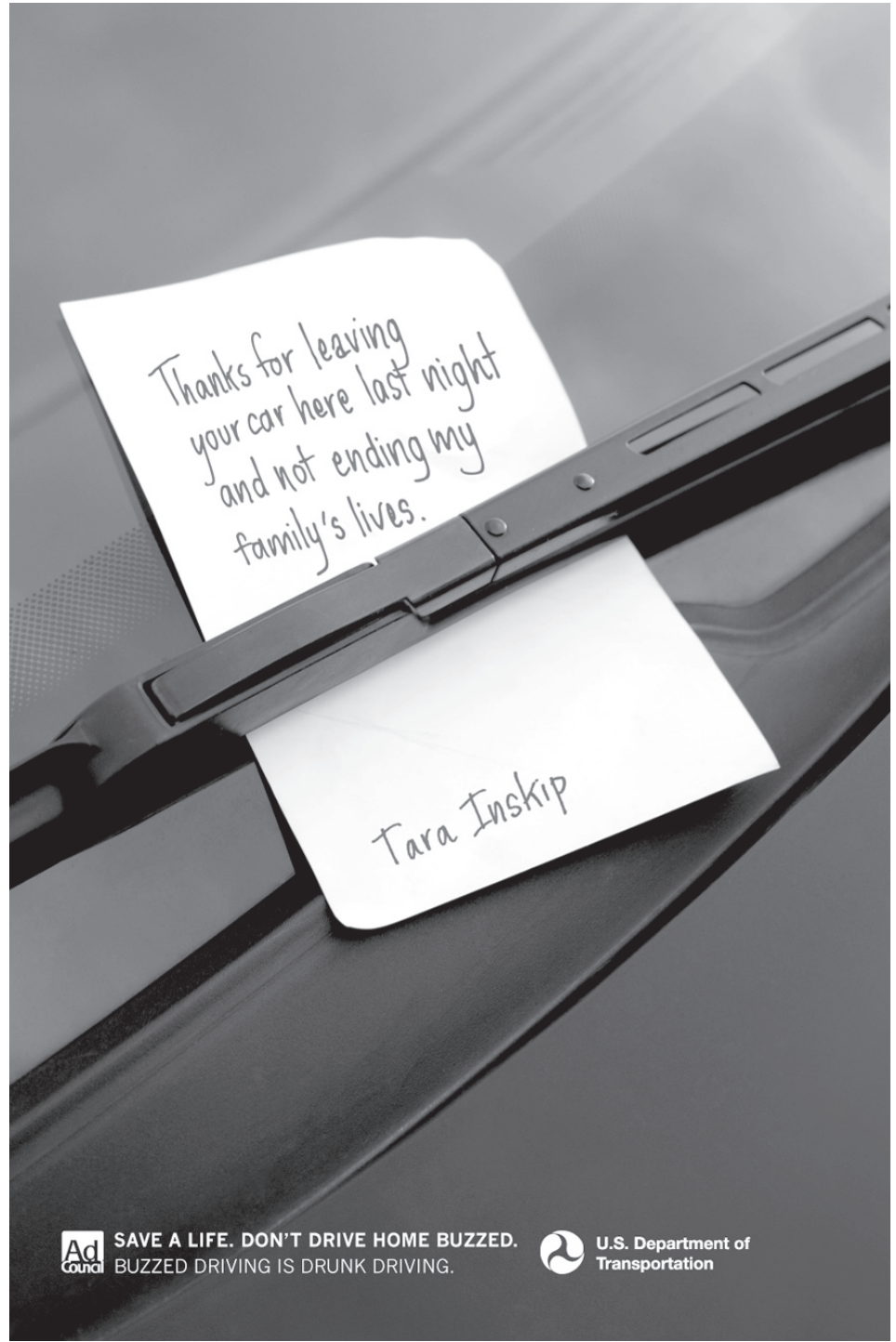
our students to connect their devices and use modern learning techniques. But it'll also afford our teachers and parents a sense of security knowing that emergency services are now fully accessible via telephone and internet."

The \$370,000 upgrades were done in classrooms, offices, the cafeteria and portables. The investment is part of the \$8.5 million in bond funds designated for safety and security issues.

United Data Technologies Inc. oversaw the project. All Canutillo Bond projects are managed by PROCEDEO Group.

Voters in May approved Canutillo Bond 2024, the largest bond referendum in District history, to right-place campuses, address growth, improve infrastructure, replace roofs, upgrade HVAC systems and make safety upgrades at every school.

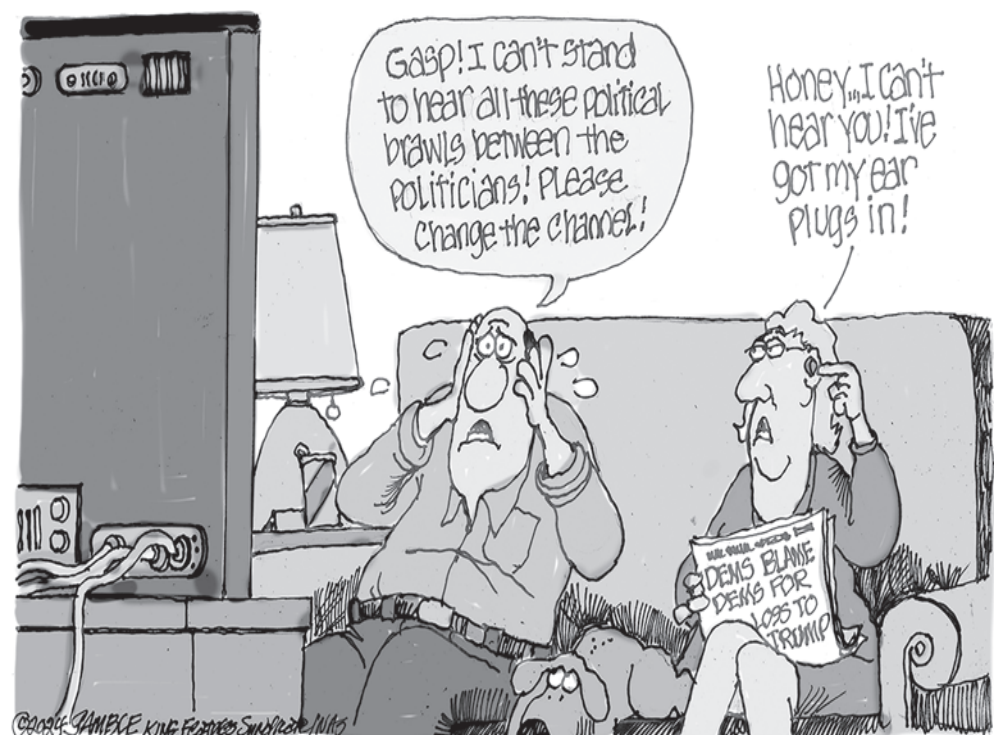
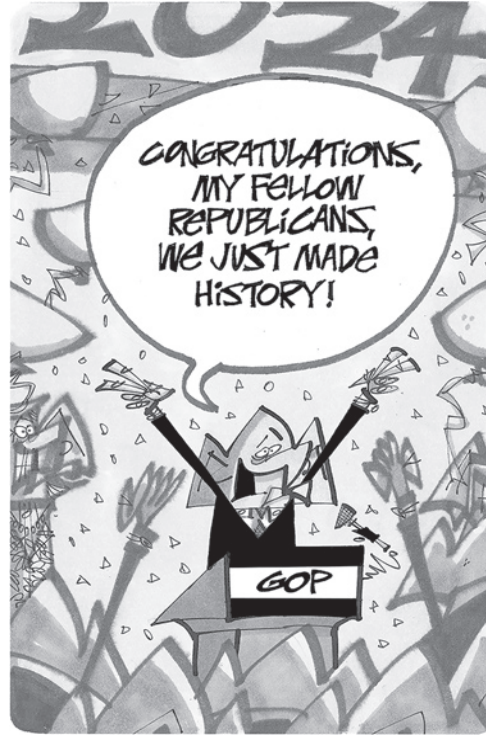
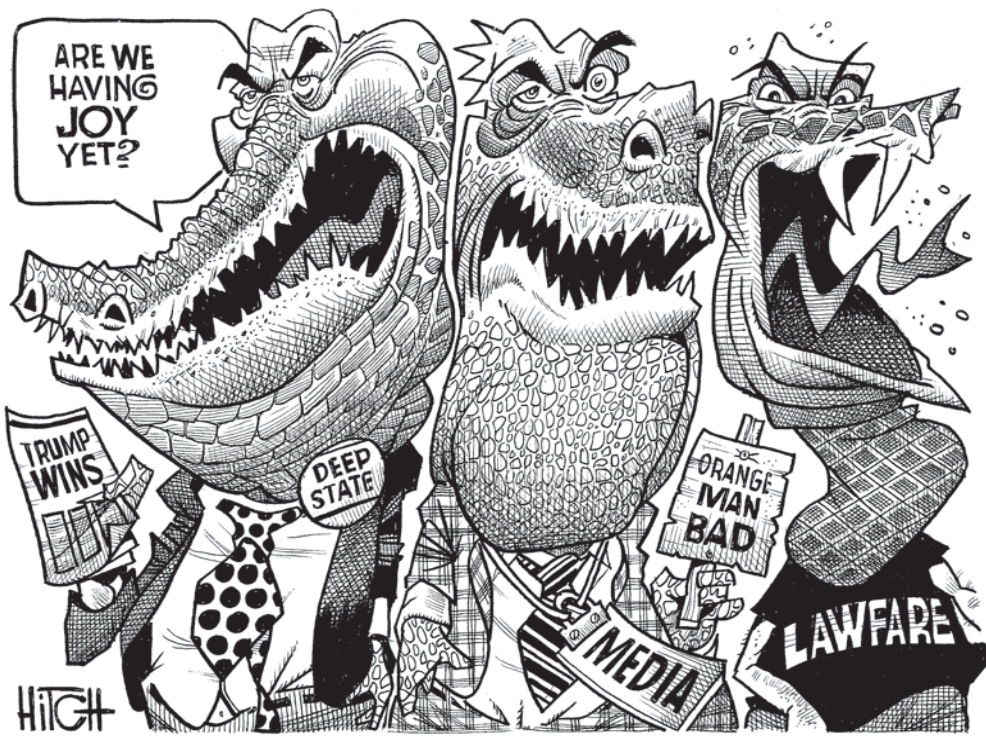
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# Trout vacates Canutillo ISD board seat

*Name remained on ballot after decision*

**By Gustavo Reveles**  
*Special to the Courier*

CANUTILLO – Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) Trustee-Elect Blanca Trout will not serve the term to which she was elected to concentrate on pressing family matters, she said in a letter to the community on Tuesday.

Trout – who resigned from the CISD Board in October and indicated at that time that she was suspending her campaign – was one of four people elected to serve four-year terms on the CISD Board of Trustees during this month’s election. Because her campaign suspension was done after the printing of election documents, her name still appeared on the ballot.

“I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust you showed in me during the recent Nov. 5 election,” Trout wrote in her letter. “However, follow during that meeting.

it is with a heavy heart that I must respectfully decline this opportunity to take office.”

She added, “As I shared in my letter to the community in October, personal matters have led me to refocus my attention and priorities. After much thought, I’ve come to the difficult decision to fully concentrate on my family at this time.”



Blanca Trout

Trout’s decision not to serve will create a vacancy on the Board. As per state law, sitting trustees have the option to either call for a special election to fill the unexpired term, or appoint someone to serve until the next school board election. If the Board opts for an appointment, the selected person would serve until 2026. At that time, an election would be held to serve the remaining 2 years of the unexpired term.

The District will swear incoming trustees Lilly Maldonado, Carolina Ortega and Armando Rodriguez during a Board meeting on Nov. 19. Trustees will discuss the vacancy on the Board and next steps to follow during that meeting.



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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

sailor will die.

- Researchers at the University of Arizona discovered that the ability to see the color red comes from a gene attached to the X chromosome. Since women have two of those chromosomes, they perceive the red-orange spectrum better than men.

- Bubble gum was originally pink because that was the only food dye available in the factory where it was made.

- The term “sabotage” originated from French textile workers throwing their wooden clogs, known as “sabots,” into machinery to protest industrialization and automation in the 19th century.

- Japanese scientists successfully created an MRI machine that can record dreams and reconstruct them for you to watch while you’re awake.

- A piano’s frame is made of iron.

- Sponges hold more cold water than hot.

- Only four words in the English language end in “dous.”

- Parts of Australia have been undergoing an intense drought for more than a decade. The water shortage has been

so severe that in 2002, the nation’s environmental minister issued a plea for those in affected areas to shower with a partner in order to conserve the scarce resource.

- All newspapers in the British Library were ironed by hand to ensure a clear image before they were microfilmed.

- The 1967 Outer Space Treaty forbids any nation from trying to own the moon.

- Early cosmetic surgeons used a procedure known as paraffin wax rhinoplasty, in which they would inject hot liquid wax into a patient’s nose and mold it into the desired shape. Not only was this dangerous, but, no surprise, it really didn’t work.

- Canada eats more macaroni and cheese than any other nation in the world.

- During WWI, German measles were called “liberty measles” and dachshunds became “liberty hounds.”

Thought for the Day: “Sometimes people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I’ve traveled a long way and some of the roads weren’t paved.”

– Will Rogers

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## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Nov. 18, 1966, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax retired from baseball at age 30 due to chronic arthritis in his pitching arm and the fear that if he kept on playing he eventually would lose the use of his left hand. “In those days there was no surgery,” he said later. “The wisdom was if you went in there, it would only make things worse and your career would be over anyway.”

- On Nov. 19, 2003, an arrest warrant was issued for singer Michael Jackson on child molestation charges. Though he was acquitted two years later of each criminal count on which he was tried, the “King of Pop’s” reputation still suffered many additional blows.

- On Nov. 20, 1820, the American whaling ship Essex, out of Nantucket, Massachusetts, was attacked by an 80-ton sperm whale 2,000 miles off the coast of South America. The 20 crew members escaped in three open boats, but only eight survived. Herman Melville’s classic novel “Moby-Dick” was partially inspired by the tragedy.

- On Nov. 21, 2019, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was indicted on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust.

- On Nov. 22, 1909, Clara Lemlich addressed a meeting at the Great Hall of New York City’s Cooper Union to consider a general strike in protest against poor working conditions across the garment industry. The ensuing months-long “Uprising of 20,000” eventually earned employees such concessions as a 52-hour workweek, four paid holidays a year and no fees for work-related materials.

- On Nov. 23, 2005, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was elected president of Liberia, becoming the first woman to lead an African nation.

- On Nov. 24, 1928, the Federal Industrial Institution for Women, the first women’s federal prison, opened in Alderson, West Virginia. One judge described it as a “fashionable boarding school,” as the institution’s main purpose was to reform rather than punish the inmates, most of whom were serving time for drug and alcohol charges. Prisoners farmed the land and performed office work in order to learn how to type and file, and also cooked and canned vegetables and fruits.

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**UTEP**

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and unite engineers, teachers, and liberal arts students under the same banner.

Sundt Construction was awarded the building construction contract for Texas Western Hall, and in a recent news report, Joseph Riccillo, vice president and regional director for Sundt's El Paso Building Group, stated, "We are thrilled to continue our partnership with UTEP. As a UTEP alumnus, it's exciting to see the campus grow to reflect the education and research it's already providing to our community."

The new campus addition is made possible by the University of Texas System Board of Regents' \$57.1 million appropriation in permanent university funds that will augment the \$52.4 million grant approved by the state legislature for the building in 2021. "We are particularly grateful to our legislative delegation for making this project a priority and to the regents for matching the legislative funding. We really need this," Wilson acknowledged.

According to school officials, UTEP is America's leading Hispanic-serving university. Eighty-four percent of its 24,000 students are Hispanic, and more than half are the first in their families to go to college. Currently, the university on the U.S.-Mexico border offers 171 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs and is the only open-access, top-tier research university in America.

The new Texas Western Hall is part of more than \$200 million allocated by the Texas Legislature and UT System Board of Regents in the last 10 years for new facilities.

**San Elizario Independent School District  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Data Control Codes	General Fund	ESSER III - School Emerg. Relief	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,386,457	\$ -	\$ 668,804	\$ 4,055,261
5800 State Program Revenues	32,224,161	-	1,525,347	33,749,508
5900 Federal Program Revenues	4,575,515	6,352,717	2,847,645	13,775,877
5020 Total Revenues	40,186,133	6,352,717	5,041,796	51,580,646
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
0011 Instruction	17,634,319	3,516,831	1,553,196	22,704,346
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	170,168	507,855	8,967	686,990
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	338,107	32,827	1,298,701	1,669,635
0021 Instructional Leadership	771,157	101,757	7,044	879,958
0023 School Leadership	1,436,865	913,244	10,975	2,361,084
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,210,631	388,488	173	1,599,292
0032 Social Work Services	61,210	158,239	1,253	220,702
0033 Health Services	370,115	61,059	83,553	514,727
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,844,857	19,087	367	1,864,311
0035 Food Services	3,838,747	27,018	383	3,866,148
0036 Extracurricular Activities	1,258,265	63,850	105,861	1,427,976
0041 General Administration	1,754,284	15,292	-	1,769,576
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	5,906,144	192,085	163,844	6,262,073
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,370,455	68,395	826	1,439,676
0053 Data Processing Services	1,381,690	205,024	-	1,586,714
0061 Community Services	28,348	81,666	120,807	230,821
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	113,896	-	740,000	853,896
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	17,501	-	883,413	900,914
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	1,000	1,000
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
0081 Facilities Aquisition and Construction	2,068,973	-	-	2,068,973
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>				
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	33,673	-	-	33,673
6030 Total Expenditures	41,609,405	6,352,717	4,980,363	52,942,485
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,423,272)	-	61,433	(1,361,839)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	10,523	-	-	10,523
7913 Proceeds of Right-to-Use Lease and SBITA Proceeds	619,042	-	-	619,042
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	629,565	-	-	629,565
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(793,707)	-	61,433	(732,274)
0100 Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	17,601,593	-	1,027,935	18,629,528
3000 Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$ 16,807,886	\$ -	\$ 1,089,368	\$ 17,897,254



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# Comix

## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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## Lowry

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issues and the way we are communicating with voters.”

Given what we now know, the autopsy could have said, “To thrive in the future, the party needs to find a forceful, charismatic leader in his late 70s who often speaks in vivid, crude terms, and sounds a lot like Pat Buchanan on the issues.”

According to the exit polls, Trump won Latino men and males ages 18-29, while also gaining among Asians and black men, and holding his big edge among whites without college degrees.

Once Trump established working-class credibility on economics, the door was open to gains among Latino and African-American men who are patriotic, culturally conservative and uninterested in being considered members of a victim group. These voters aren't easily offended, so Trump's mode of communication doesn't bother them.

As for young men, many of them are disaffected from a progressive elite that considers them inherently hateful and privileged and favors

policies to disadvantage them.

The Biden-Harris border policies, the progressive tolerance for urban disorder, the push to implement a radical trans agenda and the priorities of woke identity politics struck so many voters as so completely mad that Trump had permission to say or do anything in opposition. It wasn't so much Trump who made the idea of mass deportation mainstream as the Biden-Harris insistence on creating a border crisis and denying that it was happening.

Also, a crucial backdrop for Trump's success was the broader economic discontent, as well as Joe Biden's sheer unpopularity.

All is flux, so perhaps 2024 won't be replicable, but, for now, Trump has shown that demographics isn't destiny. His right-wing populism has made inroads among a broad range of voter groups, while Kamala Harris – an emblem of progressivism's cultural obsessions – picked up among college-educated whites and among seniors.

Who looks like the future now?

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# Anesthesia is not only choice for biopsy pain

*DEAR DR. ROACH: About three months ago, I bled a bit while urinating. This was the first (and only) time in over 30 years that this happened since I went through menopause. An ultrasound was performed, and they found a mildly thickened endometrium (6.1 mm) with scattered cystic change and without focal lesion. My gynecologist is suggesting an endometrial biopsy. I am concerned because I have no symptoms other than kidney stones. I'm due to see a urologist, but even with my kidney stones, I have no symptoms. I am 80 and concerned about anesthesia. Should I go ahead with the biopsy? – L.O.*



A thickened endometrium is concerning for uterine cancer. The most common symptom of uterine cancer is abnormal uterine bleeding. This usually takes the form of red, pink or brown spotting. However, it sounds like you had blood in your urine, which is more concerning for kidney stones than uterine bleeding.

Your ultrasound is abnormal; 5 mm is the maximum thickness for a normal endometrium. Getting a biopsy is clearly the recommended procedure, as it gives guidance on the next steps. Still, your risk of uterine cancer is small. You do not have to proceed with the biopsy if you do not want to.

An endometrial biopsy is an in-office procedure with minimal risk. My textbooks say there is minimal pain, but my patients tell me this isn't always the case. You don't have to receive anesthesia; you can take pain medication (such as naproxen), get a local anesthetic, or do both. I've had several patients who've requested a nerve block and were very happy with their decision.

If the biopsy shows cancer of the endometrium, surgery is the preferred treatment, but radiation is also a possibility for some people.

*DEAR DR. ROACH: I have always been a runner, but foot pain has kept me from running in the past few years. Now I have severe pain, even when walking. An MRI showed nothing wrong. The foot and ankle specialist I saw did X-rays and found a large bone spur. He said that surgery to remove the bone spur could get me to walk and run again. I'm 70 and not anxious to have surgery, and the surgeon says he does many of these surgeries with a good outcome. What do you think? – E.W.*

Insertional Achilles tendinopathy is a cause of foot pain where the Achilles tendon is inserted into the calcaneus, the heel bone. This problem frequently occurs with runners, especially those with tight calf muscles. The damage done to the tendon sometimes causes a reaction in the bone, causing an osteophyte (a bone spur).

Conservative management includes rest, ice and physical therapy to help with strength and flexibility. Anti-inflammatory medicines may be helpful. Splinting at nighttime, orthotics, or special shoes are also helpful for some people. Prior to considering surgery, experts will consider shockwave treatment, although it's not clear how effective this is.

If surgery is considered, there are several different techniques, and your surgeon will pick what they think is best for you and what they have the most expertise in. Patient satisfaction rates are reported to be between 86%-95% with surgery.

Given the fact that your life has already been affected, and the likelihood that your pain and decreased ability to exercise is likely to worsen, you should seek more aggressive treatment. If physical therapy and other nonoperative treatments have failed, I recommend you strongly consider surgery.

*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.*



Coulda been worse... I almost stole a T-BONE!!



**Moore Texas by Roger MOORE**

Houston, 1984: A thief is sentenced to 35 years in jail for stealing a can of SPAM!

**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: **G** equals **O**

FVQS HGWBC RGW HQBB SVK  
 GUKJVKQC ZGMKR MKKCKC SG  
 ZQTMSQTM Q ZGUTME OSQTJFQR?  
 KOHQBQSTME HGOSO.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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	2			4				5
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4			7	6				3
		5			3	8		

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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**2025 adaptive sports, arts, gearing up**



by Freddy Groves

Over 15,000 veterans will be able to take advantage of the Department of Veterans Affairs' Adaptive Sports Program courtesy of nearly \$16 million in grants that have been handed to 91 organizations across the country. The current program runs until September 2025, and disabled veterans will be able to participate not only in adaptive sports, but in therapeutic arts as well.

The national, regional and community grant recipients host a wide variety of programs, ranging from SCUBA to wheelchair basketball to archery to skiing to equine therapy and so much more.

Check out department.va.gov/veteran-sports for the highlights of some of the sports, clinics and games that will be offered. For even more info, click on the Fact Sheet link. Whether it's Golden Age games (for

those over age 55, May 31 - June 5, 2025) or sports clinics, if you see something you're interested in, don't wait. Contact those who sponsor the events and find out about how to participate.

If you're hesitant to explore the possibilities for next year, keep in mind that in many cases, the clinics and training are ongoing! For competition next year, you need to start now! If you're training and participating at a high level, in some cases there are stipends and monthly training allowances if you qualify.

Take a look at Move United (moveunitedsport.org) and click on Warfighters. Their goal is to provide adaptive sports opportunities to severely wounded warriors. At this point, over 19,000 veterans have participated in the group's 65-year history. Over 70 sports are offered: adaptive badminton, football, fishing, rock climbing and more. Whether the disability is from brain injury, burns, spinal cord or visual impairment, it doesn't matter if the disability was

due to combat. If you have questions, you can give them a call at 301-217-0960.

And then there are the volunteers. You're needed. Apply now. The events and training can't take place without you. Call the organization that you're interested in supporting and get started now.

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- Sometimes dry erase markers and permanent markers look the same in a hurry. Ever grabbed a marker to write a note on a dry erase white board and found that it wouldn't wipe off? To remove permanent marker from a white board, try using a pencil eraser. Rub lightly on the marker areas only, working from the outside in. It should come off.

- Rusty bicycle handles can be unsightly and a pain. Make a paste of salt and lemon juice (three parts salt, one part lemon juice), and use it to rub the rust away with a dry cloth.

- What will you do with all that candy from trick-or-treating? Make your holiday cookie plans now, and you can freeze some for later baking use.

- "If you have magazines or books that you are finished reading, perhaps you'd consider donating them to local seniors centers. You can look in the yellow pages to see if there are any near you. Often, the seniors are grateful to have new reading material." – T.C. in Florida

- Many more of us are using the reusable fabric shopping bags nowadays. A few cities have banned the use of plastic bags for retail shops. These bags are much better for the environment, and can hold a lot more groceries per bag. One thing many people forget to do is wash them. You can take out the plastic insert (if there is one) and toss them in the washing machine. Hang to dry and you're carrying around a much cleaner bag!

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.

**DIFFICULTY: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

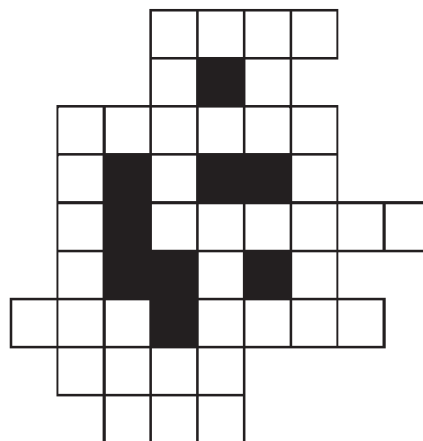
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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