



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

DECIDING THE INS AND THE OUTS – Election Day voting is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd. El Paso County registered voters may cast their ballots at any of the county’s polling places. For polling locations, visit El Paso County’s election department website.

El Paso County voters go to the polls on May 3rd

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – There are currently 510,335 registered voters in El Paso County, according to the county’s election department. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of them will determine the outcome of the upcoming election as prior numbers indicate low turn outs typically at the polls in local Spring contests.

Nonetheless, early voting was held through April 29, and now Election Day voting is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd, which is also the last day a ballot by mail may be received. On Election Day Saturday, registered voters may cast their ballots at any of the

county’s polling sites. For polling locations, visit El Paso County’s election department website.

In El Paso County’s outlying communities, the May election has Socorro, Anthony, and San Elizario Independent School Districts holding board of trustees elections. El Paso Community College is also holding board elections. Trustee elections are held in May or November, depending on the organization. The Clint, Canutillo and Fabens school districts held their most recent board elections in November.

School trustees serve four-year terms, are unpaid and are nonpartisan. Candidates must be United States citizens 18 years or older, have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the district for six months and be registered to vote there.

In Socorro ISD, neighborhoods labeled Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 have attracted a variety of candidates. District 2 candidates are Ryan Reid Woodcraft and Shawn Ollis. District 3 candidates are Jose Alonzo Jr., Pablo Caldera Jr., Charles W. Smith, and Joshua Carter Guerra.

District 4 candidates are Raul Villalobos, Caryn Gonzalez, and Incumbent Paul Guerra. District 5 candidates are Cindy Hernandez, Gary Gandara, and Manny Rodriguez. (Visit the SISD maps and boundaries webpage to see which district you reside in.)

San Elizario ISD has three seats on the ballot. Applicants for ballot placement are for Place 1,

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Foodies delight: EPCC Culinary Arts holds symposium

By Beau Bagley
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC) Culinary Arts and Related Sciences Department hosted the 2025 Culinary Arts Symposium and Boot Camp today, Friday, April 25, 2025, at the EPCC Administrative Services Center Culinary Arts Department.

The Symposium is designed for future culinarians and hospitality students, and offered hands-on workshops, industry insights, and a pathway to higher education. The Symposium and Boot Camp featured 177 Socorro ISD, EPISD, Mission Early College High School, San Elizario ISD, and Carrasco Job Crops culinary students.

“Our goal is to inspire and ignite passion in young talent by providing an engaging and innovative experience,” EPCC Chef Jesus Lugo said. “We’re excited because this is the largest Symposium we have ever held, it’s my baby, so it’s nice to see



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

DON'T BE SQUEAMISH – Culinary students made Chocolate Chicatanas, a dessert that incorporates Mexican ants into the recipe.

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Trump’s non-emergency tariffs

The Trump administration is using Humpty Dumpty rules to justify its new tariffs. The anthropomorphic egg famously said in the Lewis Carroll novel “Through the Looking-Glass,” “When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean – neither more nor less.” For the Trump team, that word is “emergency.”

President Trump has imposed sweeping global tariffs based on his purported authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977 (IEEPA). The president has declared the trade deficit an emergency, which supposedly unlocks his power to impose tariffs that would otherwise have to pass Congress.

Act led to ceaseless states of emergency. But according to the Congressional Research Service, as of January 2024, presidents had declared 69 national emergencies under IEEPA, with 39 of them ongoing.



“Pernicious economic policies and practices of our trading partners,” says a White House fact sheet, “undermine our ability to produce essential goods for the public and the military, threatening national security.” This is an abuse of language and logic in the service of bad policy that hardly interacts with the alleged threat to national security. In a typical congressional botch-job, the IEEPA was meant to be a limitation on presidential emergency powers after the 1917 Trading with the Enemy

As a House committee noted around the time of the IEEPA’s passage, “emergencies are by their nature rare and brief, and are not to be equated with normal ongoing problems.” Prior declarations of emergency have tended to involve specific countries, events or groups – the Iran hostage crisis, the civil war in Yugoslavia – that have resulted in very specific sanctions. As the IEEPA itself says, the law should be used “to deal with any unusual and extraordinary threat.” The U.S. trade deficit is neither. We’ve been running a deficit since the 1970s. This is the very definition of a chronic issue, the causes of are not amenable to a bumper-sticker solution. Trump’s tariffs are obviously a product of his utterly sincere belief that tariffs are beneficial. This is a long-term priority for the president, not the result of his hand getting forced by exigent circumstances. The policy doesn’t even match up with the legal

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Food for thought By Dr. Glenn Mollette

The tragic death of Virginia Giuffre

Virginia Giuffre recently committed suicide. She was 41 years old and had three children. She had accused Jeffrey Epstein and Prince Andrew of sexual abuse when she was underage. She died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound last week at her home in Australia. Giuffre had struggled with intense emotional pain due to decades of trauma from alleged childhood sexual abuse by Epstein and others. Legal battles and public scrutiny surrounded her cases against them. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression tormented her. Giuffre was born August 9, 1983 in Sacramento, California. She moved to Florida with her family at age 4. She reportedly met Ghislaine Maxwell in Florida

in 2000 at the age of 17. Maxwell introduced her to Epstein and the alleged abuse began soon after. In 2002 she married Robert Giuffre and had three children. She became a vocal advocate for sex trafficking survivors. She sued Epstein in 2009 but settled out of court. She sued Ghislaine Maxwell in 2015 and won. She sued Prince Andrew in 2021 and settled out of court. Her legal victories seemingly would have brought some relief to Giuffre but apparently not enough. Throughout her later life she struggled with shame and guilt. These were feelings that Epstein and others implanted. PTSD nightmares persisted as she relived the abuse daily. She dealt with the fear of not being believed although the courts validated her claims. She suffered with the loss of her teenage years and innocence. She had irreversible grief. Daily, she had the pressure of being a public voice and the weight of representing survivors. Giuffre’s story is a sad one and highlights sex trafficking’s lasting trauma beyond physical abuse. She had courage to speak out. Too often silence feels safer. Her story calls attention to survivors needing compassion and affirmation. Her life and legacy remind us to listen, support and act against exploitation. If you know of someone needing help, the National

Trafficking Hotline is 1 888 373 7888. Don’t let something bad end your life. It’s not easy overcoming evil things that happen to us but with God’s help and caring people you can. If you are depressed and thinking about taking your own life, please call the suicide prevention number at 1 800 273 TALK or 8255. (Information gathered from CNN, NBC, New York Times)

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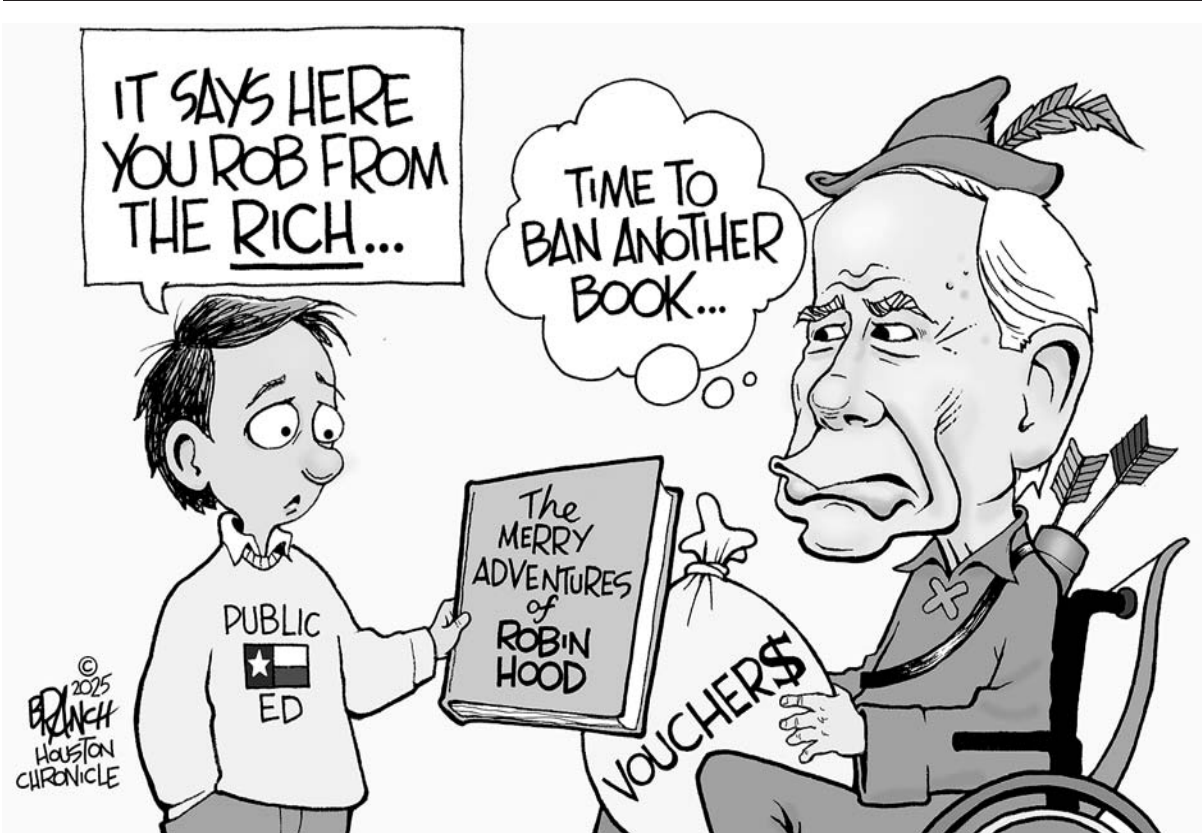
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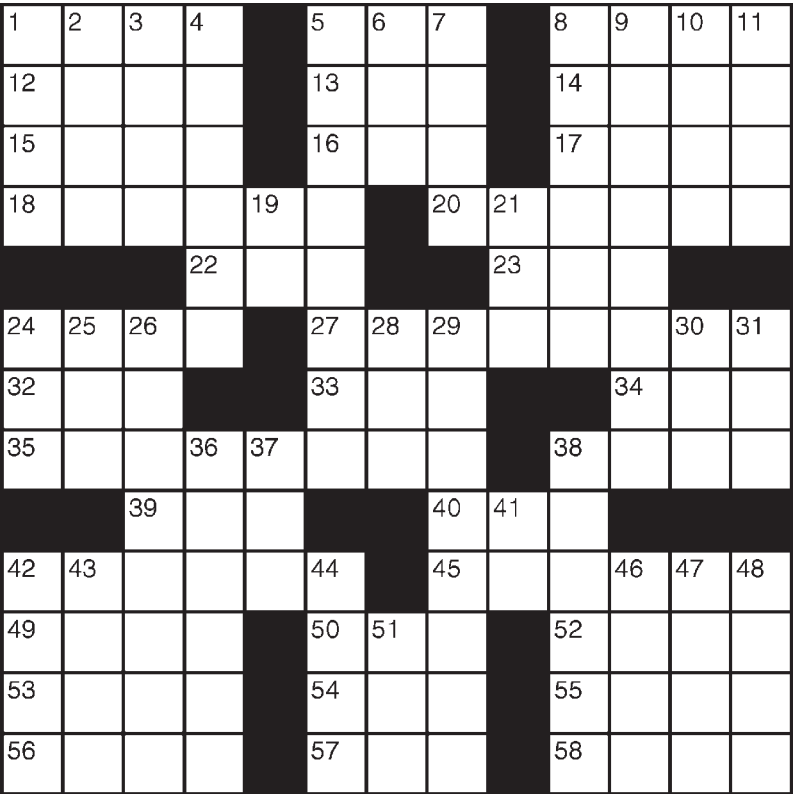
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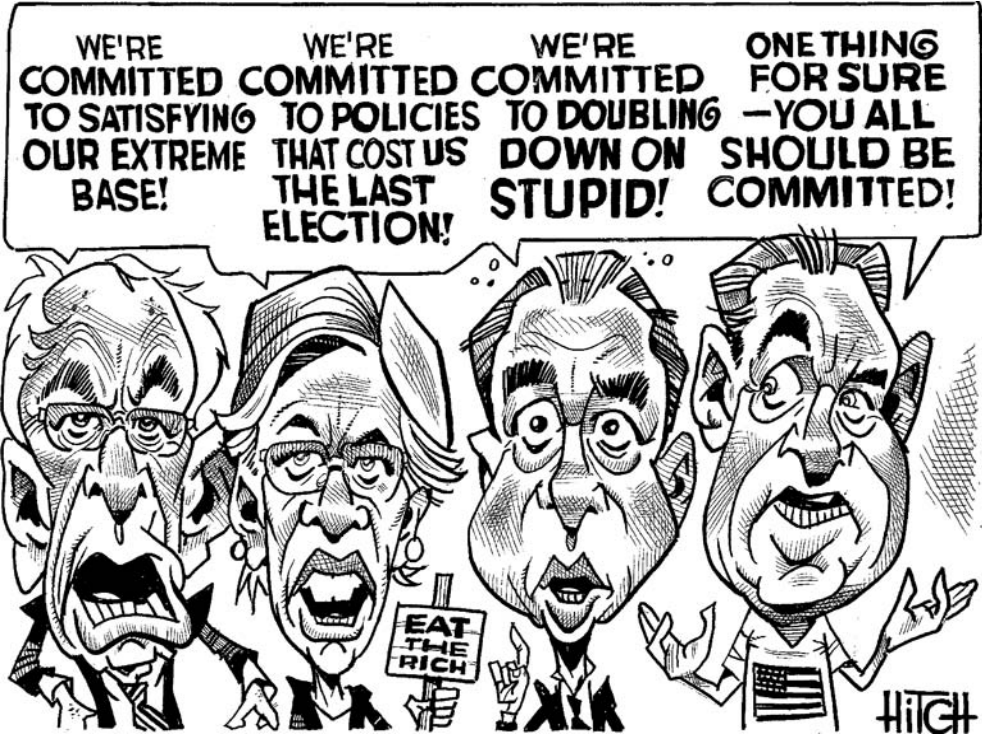
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Culinary

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that it’s growing.”

The guest speaker was Jenny Solo of ToDo El Paso, who spoke to the students on the power of social media in the food industry.

The students participated in live demonstrations in classrooms, kitchens, gardens, and the commissary, with breakout sessions with industry experts and career counseling, attended seminars on culinary aquaponics, kitchen basics, pastry, advanced pastry, garden, commissary, and edible insect cuisine. The Symposium also provided networking opportunities with professionals and peers.

“We just finished with flambé, and that was really fun, I liked that one.” Jaelyn Weston, a senior at Coronado High School, said. “I am most interested in pastry and baking, that’s really fun for me.”

“I am interested in learning more about bakery as well,” Priscilla Esparza, a senior at Socorro High School and a Socorro Early College High School graduate in Nursing, said. “I am planning to go in to Nursing but I want to



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

ON FIRE – Culinary students practice their flambé skills in a session at the Thirteen09 Restaurant.

major in multiple degrees, and I really like baking, it’s very interesting and I am also passionate about cooking.”

The Symposium was free and invitation only to juniors and seniors currently enrolled in a culinary/hospitality program.

Some of the featured workshops were certainly interesting for students, and included:

- Edible Insect Cuisine – Step into the future of food!

Discover how chefs around the world are using protein-packed insects to create delicious, sustainable, and gourmet dishes that challenge traditional perceptions.

- Culinary Fermentation Techniques – Unlock the secrets of umami! Learn the ancient art of fermentation to craft bold flavors in kimchi, miso, kombucha, and beyond, while enhancing food preservation and gut health.
- FOH Tableside Service – Service is an art! Perfect your front-of-house skills by mastering the elegance of tableside service, including flambéing, carving, and cocktail presentations that add a touch of theater to dining experiences.

Visit <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/CulinaryArts> for more information on the EPCC Culinary Arts Department.

Voters

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Lorenzo Luevano is running unopposed. For Place 2, Axel Lopez and Asael Cardona are the candidates. And for Place 3, the candidates are Michael Martinez and Alexis Ann Tellez.

Anthony ISD was able to cancel its school board election after the incumbent candidates were certified as unopposed and thereby elected. AISD’s at large candidates include Angel Cuellar, Anabel Vela, Maria Garcia, and Sylvia Chavez.

El Paso Community College Board of Trustees has two seats up for election this May, District 4 and District 6. District 4 candidates are Eduardo A. Flores, Luther Marcena, and Incumbent Jesus Mendez. District 6 candidates are Eddie Mena and Diana Yadira Mooy.

Also holding elections this May are the townships of Anthony, San Elizario, Vinton, and Horizon City.

Town of Anthony voters will choose a new mayor from the list of four candidates including Rick Villarreal, Anthony Turner, Martin Lerma, and Benjamin Romero.

The Town of San Elizario has two candidates vying for the Alderman Place 2 seat- David S. Cantu and Tony Grijalva.

The Village of Vinton has placed Proposition A on the ballot, which is asking its residents to consider reducing the tax rate

for the current year from \$0.801437 per \$100 valuation to \$0.688226 per \$100 valuation.

Also, Horizon City is asking voters to choose among candidates running for three alderman seats. Alderman Place No. 1 candidates are Guillermo (Willie) Ortega and Charlie Ortega. Alderman Place No. 4 candidates are Robert Avila and Sandra Sierra. Alderman Place No. 6 candidates are Adrian Rivera and Matthew Gardea.

In addition, Horizon City officials have Proposition A on the May ballot. Voters will decide whether or not to support the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the Town of Horizon City at the rate of one fourth (1/4) of one percent, which would continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

Lastly, Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District is holding a bond election for its voters to consider whether or not to approve Proposition A, which calls for the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5 million for waterworks systems and for the levying of a tax in payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds.

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CryptoQuip Answer

What should you say when a young child fails at fastening his shoelaces?
“Tie, tie again.”





Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On April 28, 1953, inventor Howard Ross received a patent for his “double coat,” which contained an outer layer extendable to cover two people. It was designed to protect sports fans in athletic stadiums during rain.
- On April 29, 1945, Adolf Hitler, concerned that the cyanide capsules given to him and wife Eva Braun might be ineffective, tested one on his German shepherd, Blondi. The dog died and Braun took her dose the next day, while Hitler reportedly shot himself. The German public remained unaware of the couple’s relationship until after their deaths.
- On April 30, 2019, Emperor Akihito of Japan stepped down from the throne at the age of 85, becoming the first Japanese monarch to abdicate in more than two centuries, after having announced his desire to do so because of poor health a few years earlier.
- On May 1, 1955, golfer Babe Didrikson Zaharias won the Peach Blossom LPGA Tournament in Spartanburg, S.C., the 41st and final LPGA title of her career, even as she was battling the colon cancer that would end her life the following year.
- On May 2, 1963, more than a thousand Black schoolchildren marched through Birmingham, Alabama, in a protest against segregation that became known as the Children’s Crusade and Children’s March. Nearly 800 of them were arrested, including a 6-year-old girl, primarily for parading without a permit.
- On May 3, 1986, Willie Shoemaker, at age 54, beat 18:1 odds to become the oldest jockey to win the Kentucky Derby. After retiring in 1990, he returned to the track as a trainer for another seven years. Shoemaker also authored three best-selling murder mysteries featuring jockey-turned-sleuth Coley Killebrew.
- On May 4, 2002, an Executive Airline Services twin-engine plane crashed and exploded in a densely populated section of the Nigerian town of Kano, after shearing off the roofs of dozens of homes and two mosques, killing 149 people and destroying almost three full blocks of buildings. An investigation ruled the cause of the crash to be pilot error.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Every unborn baby grows a mustache in the womb, which then spreads to cover the entire body. The baby then consumes this fine hair, called lanugo, and excretes it after birth with its first bowel movement, which is a substance called meconium.
- In 2013, “Star Wars” was dubbed in Navajo, making it the first major motion picture to be dubbed in a Native American language.
- Researchers at Oregon State University patented a strain of seaweed that’s not only rich in protein, but tastes remarkably like bacon when cooked.
- The term “pipe dream” is a reference to the crazy dreams people have while smoking opium.
- James Cameron came close to casting O.J. Simpson as the Terminator, but ultimately decided the athlete was “too pleasant” to portray the character.
- In the early 1990s, cyclists who doped at the Tour De France used so much erythropoietin that they had to exercise throughout the night to avoid having heart attacks in their sleep.
- Pringles once tried to evade a hefty tax payment by claiming their product wasn’t potato chips.
- Do bears appreciate beauty like us humans? Some wildlife experts think so, as there have been many sightings of the animals sitting at scenic points and staring out at vistas of mountains, rivers, etc. They appear to have no other purpose there than enjoying the view!
- Humans are more likely to die at around 11 a.m. than any other time of day.
- Who needs Harry Potter? Not the city of Christchurch in New Zealand. Until 2021, the city paid Ian Brackenbury Channell \$16,000 a year to act as a state-appointed wizard. His duties? To perform “acts of wizardry and other wizard-like services” for two decades.
- Your brain sees the world upside down. When the rods and cones of your retina send an image to the brain – say, you’re looking at a tree – the image that gets transmitted to the brain is upside down. The brain automatically rotates the image in its visual cortex.
- In the first few centuries of the Christian Era, controversy over whether or not Jesus was divine at birth created political and social unrest that frequently resulted in full-scale warfare.
- Some DVD copies of “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” include a subtitle track called “Subtitles for People Who Don’t Like the Film,” comprised of lines from Shakespeare’s “Henry IV Part 2” that vaguely match what the actors are saying.
- Death rates in boxing exploded after the introduction of the boxing glove. Almost nobody ever died bare knuckle boxing because head punches often resulted in broken hands, so nobody used them.
- A typical piano has about 12,000 parts, 10,000 of which are moving.
- The shooting of JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was the first known human killing seen on live television.
- Nylon replaced silk as the most common dental floss material following silk’s increased price during the second World War.
- Studies show that 88% of women wear shoes that are too small for their feet.
- After Korean soccer player Ahn Jung-hwan scored the goal that eliminated Italy from the 2002 World Cup, the Italian club where he played canceled his contract for “ruining Italian soccer.”

Thought for the Day: “Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”
– George Bernard Shaw

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Cowboys go through another ho-hum draft for 2025

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The 2025 NFL draft was held last weekend and in this part of the country, everyone is interested in what the Dallas Cowboys did.

Although even Cowboys fans had to be amazed at how far former Colorado quarterback Shedeur Sanders fell in this year’s draft.

A couple of months ago, there was talk of Sanders, possibly going number one in the draft. The fact that he fell all the way down to the fifth round, shocked just about everyone.

There’s been a lot of speculation on why he fell so far, but the thought is that maybe he is too cocky, too selfish, not a hard worker and a possible threat to the morale of any team.

Is any of that true? Who knows. But all those NFL teams skipped him for a reason.

He was finally taken in round-five by the Cleveland Browns, who now have a quarterback room made up of Sanders, Deshaun Watson, Joe Flacco, Dillon Gabriel and Kenny Pickett.

There is no doubt that the main story coming out of the draft was the Sanders’ freefall. But make no mistake that the son of the great Deion Sanders is going to do everything he can to prove his critics wrong.

Now enough of all that Shedeur Sanders talk. Let’s get down to the real important story – America’s Team, the Dallas Cowboys.

Just like last season, when Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said they were all

in, in free agency, the team made it clear to expect some big trades and fireworks in the draft.

And just like last year, Cowboys’ ownership fumbled the ball.

Leading up to the draft, the experts were saying that the Cowboys would score big with either a big time running back, or a top wide receiver.

They did neither. The Cowboys went for an offensive lineman. That is always a smart way to go. Let’s hope that Tyler Booker, from Alabama, is one of those linemen who rule over the next decade.

Over the last couple of years, the Cowboys lost two Hall of Fame offensive linemen – Tyron Smith and Zack Martin. They have to be replaced in order for Dak Prescott to be able to hand it off or throw it to anyone.

The Cowboys did end up picking up a couple of running backs and did not draft a single receiver. And

of course, we’ll never know whether the guys they did pick will pan out or not. The running backs were not big names so we’ll just have to wait and see.

But the idea was for the Cowboys to pick up a top wide receiver to start opposite Cee Dee Lamb. Right now, defenses can double team Lamb without any big threat on the other side of the field.

Dallas might try to fix that with a trade or by getting a free agent pass catcher. Again, we’ll just have to wait and see.

Sometimes it’s a guy you’ve never heard of in the third, fourth or fifth rounds, who end up being stars in the league.

The Cowboys finished with a very disappointing 7-10 record last year, after three straight 12-5 seasons. Last year’s drop was due to a ton of injuries and the ownership failing to replace the talented players who left the team through free agency.

So, naturally, the head coach Mike McCarthy was fired.

Dallas will look different again next year after losing DeMarcus Lawrence, Rico Dowdle, Jourdan Lewis and the retiring Martin.

As things look right now, Dallas has no firepower on offense and its defense is very fragile.

Now add the fact that they replaced McCarthy with Brian Schottenheimer, a guy who has never been a head coach before, and you can see why things don’t look very promising in 2025.

As a Cowboys fan myself, I don’t understand why Jerry Jones keeps promising the fans that the organization is going to be very aggressive in bringing in the talent needed to make them Super Bowl contenders again.

Dallas has been losing a lot of key players and doing very little to replace them.

And that’s why the Cowboys will be lucky to win more than seven games, again, in 2025.

Senior moment

By Matilda Charles

A new internet scam

I’d thought I could identify an internet scam when it showed up, but there’s a new one out now. It’s slick and potentially dangerous if you fall for it.

It’s called the CAPTCHA scam. CAPTCHA stands for “completely automated public turing test to tell computers and humans apart.” They are those annoying interruptions when you’re trying to access a webpage. You typically have to click a box to prove you’re not a robot. Then you have to type in the skewed letters on the screen and click all the parts of the streetlight, or car or bus or whatever the image is. All this before it allows you to go to the page you’re trying to see.

The newest scam is that these CAPTCHAs are spreading malware in your computer with every step.

This is a sneaky scam because we’ve been lulled into complacency about those CAPTCHA verification tests, and we might tend to just click on it to get through it.

Things are different now. If you come across a CAPTCHA, check the address of the webpage by looking for “https” to be sure that little “s” is present.

Here’s how the scams work:

You might be instructed to download a file or to press certain keys.

Or, after completing the first step, you might end up on a fake webpage that looks a lot like the one you were trying to get to.

Once you get through the steps, malware is installed on your computer without you knowing, and its job is to hunt for personal information on your machine.

If you suddenly get a CAPTCHA popping up when you don’t expect it, back out of the page. Don’t go there.

Even if you’re sure you’re safe, don’t download anything that a CAPTCHA steers you to.

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31 Actor Chaney	89 Withholding of no relevant facts	5 Listens carefully	51 Respite	99 Like "three men" of kids' verse
32 Country west of Uru.	92 "Bam!"	6 "Law & Order: SVU" actor	52 Root canal performer, informally	100 Convent woman
33 _ Lanka	93 Pitcher _ Nomo	7 Guitar's kin	53 Either of Frosty's eyes	105 Work group
36 Triscuit or Ritz tidbit	94 Subj. for U.S. immigrants	8 High-pitched	54 Hauling truck	106 Part of ACLU
43 Faint streak	95 "Back _!" ("Ditto!")	9 Sickly yellow	58 Hollow between hills	107 French river
47 Clean air gp.	96 Larger version of a dictionary, say	10 "This is bad!"	61 Plod heavily	108 Ceased
48 Comet's path	101 Article in Essen	11 Part of ROM	64 Abbr. in many urban addresses	109 Implore
49 "Us" director Jordan	102 Bill for services: Abbr.	12 "Layla" singer Clapton	67 Not aweather	110 Make null
50 Gamut	103 Scientist _ Ho Lee	13 Single-person show	68 Actor Foxx	111 Actress Skye
54 Remitted	104 Triceps, e.g.	14 Freaking out	69 Race created by H.G. Wells	112 _ Scott case
55 Wiped away	109 What you are giving when you contemplate this puzzle's theme?	15 "Norma Rae" director Martin	70 Storeroom	113 Poi source
56 _-cone	115 Like some canvassing	16 Bristol brew	71 Taco topping	114 Slender
57 Carell of "Date Night"	118 Orem native	17 Part of rpm	72 Offered for breeding, as a horse	115 Pa
59 Clearasil or Stridex target	119 Eager	18 Mag VIPs	73 Niles' wife on	116 Keats poem
		26 Hamilton's duel rival		117 Stumblebum
		28 "Holiday" actor Ayres		
		29 Like a stove		

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Super Crossword

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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



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Lowry

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pretext. If national security were really the justification, we wouldn't be tariffing allies who will – if we don't fundamentally alienate them – provide supplies and manufacturing capacity to us in a true crisis.

All sorts of foodstuffs, from fruits and vegetables to chocolate and coffee, are getting tariffed, and they have nothing to do with national security. Our ability to make precision missiles doesn't depend on the price or availability of Australian beef and Guatemalan bananas.

In some cases, the tariffs aren't even in response to a trade deficit. We are imposing a 10% tariff on countries with which we have a surplus.

More particularly, how can our trading relationship with our friend Israel be in a state of crisis, when the Jewish state reduced its tariffs on all U.S. goods to zero? We imposed a 17% tariff on Israel, anyway.

Likewise, Vietnam, an anti-China bulwark, slashed its tariffs on a variety of U.S. goods,

and we still hit it with one of the highest rates announced, 46%.

Trump's insistence that a non-emergency that requires congressional legislation is instead an emergency that allows him to act unilaterally may pass muster with the courts; they are loath to second guess such presidential determinations. Yet, the declaration is still a very bad idea.

The free hand that Trump has arrogated to himself could undermine his own policy – businesses may believe that the new tariff regime can be changed just as easily as it's been imposed. A congressional enactment would be more stable.

And, a future progressive president will surely pick up where Trump left off. What's to stop President Ocasio-Cortez from declaring a climate emergency?

In sum, it's best, especially when making consequential determinations, to adhere to the true meaning of words, even the much-abused "emergency."

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. ©2025 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Patients should be their own best advocate

DEAR DR. ROACH: About 12 years ago, I had a scan done to look for the cause of a problem that I was having for many months: pain in my abdomen and vomiting. (It turned out to be Barrett's esophagus, which was found with a scope.) Fortunately for me, I read the report from the scan. The report said there was a spot on my kidney that ought to be checked in a year. I was very busy at the time, and my doctor retired, so I had to find another one. Five years went by, and one day during a routine visit with my doctor, I remembered the report and asked my new doctor for another scan. She said she couldn't order a scan without a reason. I then told her about the report from five years ago, but she did a cursory look at my papers and said she could not find it. I asked her to keep looking. She looked again, found it, then ordered a scan. This move saved my life. The scan showed something larger than before. I went to Johns Hopkins Hospital and met a very good doctor who told me there was an 80% chance that I had cancer, and we should forgo a biopsy and remove it. He did this, and the cancer was fully contained. I didn't have to do chemotherapy. It has now been five years with yearly scans and no problems in my kidney. Please encourage people to read their reports. – F.B.



Although doctors should read these carefully and act on them appropriately, important findings can be overlooked sometimes. You are absolutely right that you are your own best health advocate, and you did the right thing by bringing the finding up to your new doctor.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 79-year-old woman who received the original Zostavax vaccine around 2010. Then, when the newer, improved Shingrix vaccine became available, I was given the two-shot series in 2019. Feeling quite confident that I was well-protected, I was shocked when I was diagnosed with a very painful case of shingles in September 2021, followed by post-herpetic neuralgia that lasted for six months. I have heard that shingles can recur, sometimes more than once. My question is, should I get Zostavax again in the hope that it will maybe protect me this time around? – B.K.

You did everything right to prevent shingles but still got the infection and its complication, which doesn't seem fair. Fortunately, this is a rare situation. Recurrent shingles happens more commonly in people with immune deficiency, women, and older adults. Anyone at risk for HIV should consider getting an HIV test if they get shingles or recurrent shingles.

The live Zostavax vaccine is no longer available in the United States, even though it is available in many other countries. Still, I don't recommend it as the protection from the vaccine is not long-lived.

There are no strong data in getting another dose (or more) of the Shingrix vaccine in your situation, but you could discuss it with your doctor. Another option is having an available supply of antiviral medicine such as valacyclovir (Valtrex) to use as soon as another recurrence happens.

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. ©2025 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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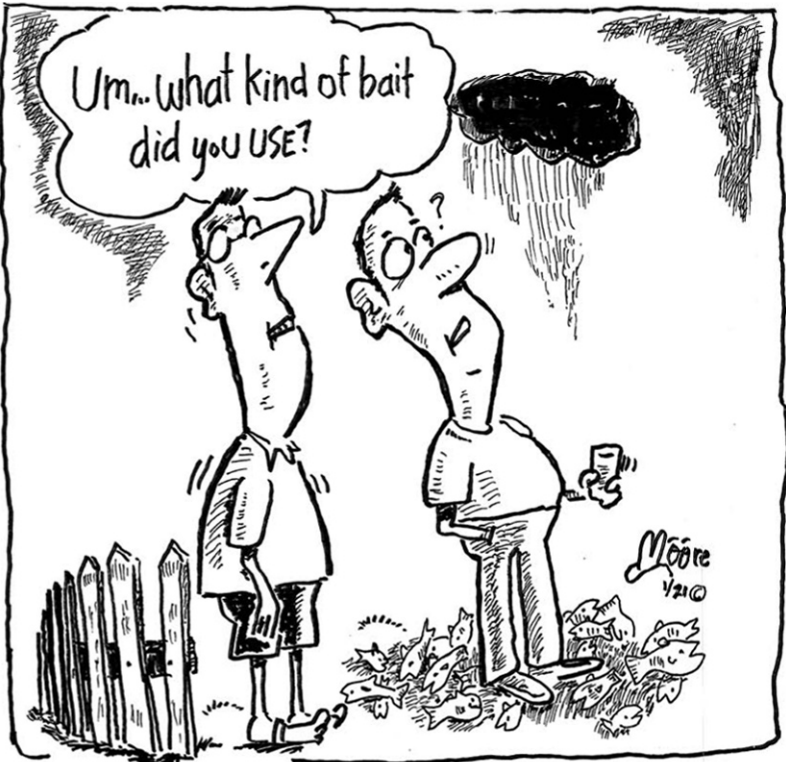
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore
May 1985: A dark cloud deposited 34 fish in a Fort Worth front yard. Flying fish?

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: U equals L

TZFS YZNHUE XNH YFX TZMV
F XNHVR BZGUE CFGUY FS
CFYSMVGVR ZGY YZNMUFBM?
“SGM, SGM FRFGV.”

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Finding other veterans



by Freddy Groves

The Veteran Buddy Link, created by Together We Served, has over 2.4 million veterans listed in its directory. And you’re invited to join them.

The Buddy Link’s purpose is clear right on the front page: “Veterans take care of each other, and no veteran should ever feel alone.” And once you join you’ll be able to hook up with other veterans in your area. To register you only need to add your name, email address and branch of service. Then, if you like, you can add a little info about why you want to connect with other veterans in your area. Once you do that, an email will go out to the veterans around you in the same ZIP code.

Take a look at the site at togetherweserved.com/buddylink.

From the main menu you can find the unit directory (158,000 units included so

far), military photos, places to honor and remember veterans and, best of all, the veteran locator.

If you want to get an idea of the site before you sign up, take a look at the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/togetherweserved) or the Instagram page (www.instagram.com/togetherweserved), which is broken down by branch of service.

From the very beginning (2003), Together We Served’s goal has been to help veterans reconnect with other veterans they’ve served with and to post photos (937,000 so far) and memories for others to see. Especially appreciated is the service recognition plaque that you can create with your badges, insignia and ribbon rack on a printable graphic that you can frame.

We won’t have another official Buddy Check until October, but there’s no need to wait until then to hook up with veterans around you. And if you’ll want to participate in the Buddy Check in October, don’t wait

until the last minute. You’ll need to do a bit of peer-to-peer training (watching a 34-minute video) before then. At that point, your mission will be to reach out to 10 other veterans and be sure they’re doing OK.

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• Yard sale, tag sale, garage sale... whatever you call it, if you do it right, you can walk away with a decluttered home and a nifty bit of cash, too. Here’s my tip: Advertise, advertise, advertise – on local message boards and websites, as well as using signs. The more people you drive to your sale, the more you are likely to sell.

• “When you put jewelry out at a garage sale, you can display it for better results. Use a window screen for paired earrings, or maybe a tie rack for necklaces. I sell a lot of costume stuff in my sales. Kids especially like it.” – R.G. in Mississippi

• One way to organize a tag sale is to group items in bins by price. Or have a dollar table. If you have lots of clothes, you might price it by the piece and have good price breaks for people who buy lots of pieces.

• “Put well-marked sports equipment in a place that can be viewed by passersby. Make attractive displays of toys and tools as well. People are always looking for these.” – M.H. in Alabama

• Not sure how to price your items for resale? The rule for yard sales is as follows: For items that are new, still with tags or in original, unopened packaging, price it as 50% off retail. For items that are in good working condition, with all parts and accessories, mark it 30% of what you paid. Other items should be marked down to 20% of what you paid. Be honest with yourself. If something is just usable, but not really worth a buck, put it in a “free” bin. Your customers will be grateful, and you might make an additional sale.

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. ©2025 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.

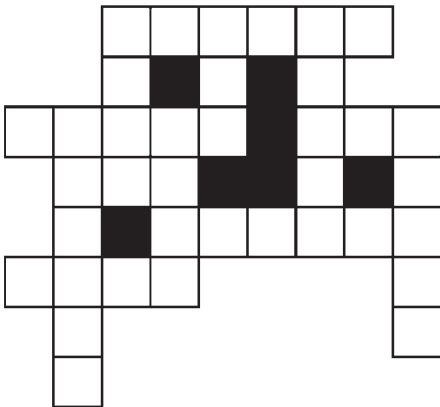
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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