



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

ON THE BENCH – U.S. Senior Judge David Briones, an El Pasoan, is one of the longest-serving federal judges in the Western District of Texas as well as one of the most highly respected jurists in the U.S. He was appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1994.

Judge Briones rules U.S. government must provide due process to migrants

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – An El Paso federal court judge recently ruled that although the United States government has the duty to enforce border security and combat gangs, it still needs to do so according to laws passed by U.S. Congress.

U.S. Senior Judge David Briones stated that the Trump administration cannot use the Alien Enemies

What is the Alien Enemies Act

The Alien Enemies Act is an 18th-century law that grants U.S. presidents sweeping power to detain and expel any noncitizen deemed dangerous to the peace and safety of the United States. The act grants the president specific powers with respect to the regulation, detention, and removal of alien enemies during wartime.

Act to remove suspected Tren de Aragua gang members in the Western District of Texas until due process is served. His decision also prevents the

government from moving migrants in similar cases from the Western District to another federal court district to bypass his ruling.

Briones’ recent ruling states that the use of the Alien Enemies Act through an executive order, that claimed the U.S. was under attack by South American and Central American gangs, failed to provide due process for those the government sought to expel. He stipulated that neither Trump nor any sitting U.S. president had the power to define or declare what a foreign invasion is and that the Trump administration must follow all immigration laws.

“Let there be no doubt – every person, on United States soil, regardless of their legal status, is entitled

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Hinojosa recognized by NJCAA

By Keri Moe, Ed.D
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) has awarded its first ever honorees for the Coaches Legacy Awards. The award recognizes the all-time winningest coaches in NJCAA history. Felix Hinojosa, El Paso Community College (EPCC) Half Marathon, Cross Country Coach, Kinesiology Professor and Athletic Director was named for his leadership and national championship wins as coach of Women’s Half Marathon.

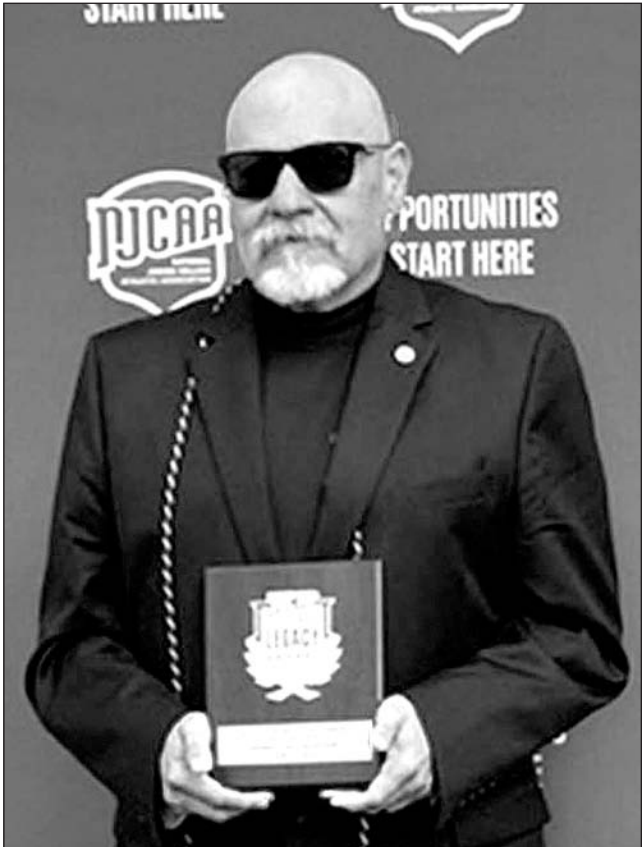
“This is an outstanding and well-deserved recognition of Mr. Hinojosa’s commitment, work and dedication,” Dr. William Serrata, EPCC President said. “Not only has he transformed athletics and focused on student athletes at EPCC throughout his exemplary career, including leading his teams to win multiple championships while having incredible student success rates, he is also a positive role model who has made an important

impact on our college and community.”

Hinojosa was recognized on Tuesday, June 17 at a special NJCAA luncheon that honored and celebrated the all-time winningest coaches in NJCAA history in Charlotte, NC.

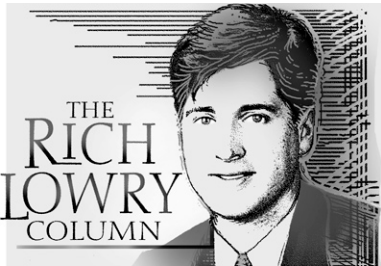
“Being able to recognize our coaches, past and present, is a wonderful thing for the NJCAA, our member institutions, the coaches, and their families,” said Dr. Christopher Parker, NJCAA President and CEO.

To be considered as an NJCAA Legacy Award Honoree a Half Marathon coach must have won three or more national championships. Hinojosa has led the women’s Half Marathon team to six national championships, including consecutive wins in 2014 and 2015. Other milestones include two men’s Half Marathon national championships with a women’s Cross Country national championship plus numerous regional titles. More than 20 All-American Runners, several athletes ranked as National Champions as well as Region V and Western Junior College



— Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

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Jesica Arellano

Arellano named interim Canutillo superintendent

By Gustavo Reveles
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Jesica Arellano was named interim superintendent for Canutillo Independent School District on Tuesday, June 18 by the Board of Trustees.

Arellano, the District’s current executive director of curriculum and instruction, will lead the District while

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 - 20 "Shoo!"
 - 22 Hot tub
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 - 27 Curved molding
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- 32 2002 Aerosmith single
 - 35 Lamb alias
 - 36 Salt formula
 - 37 "Mayday!"
 - 38 "Ain't _ Sweet" (classic song)
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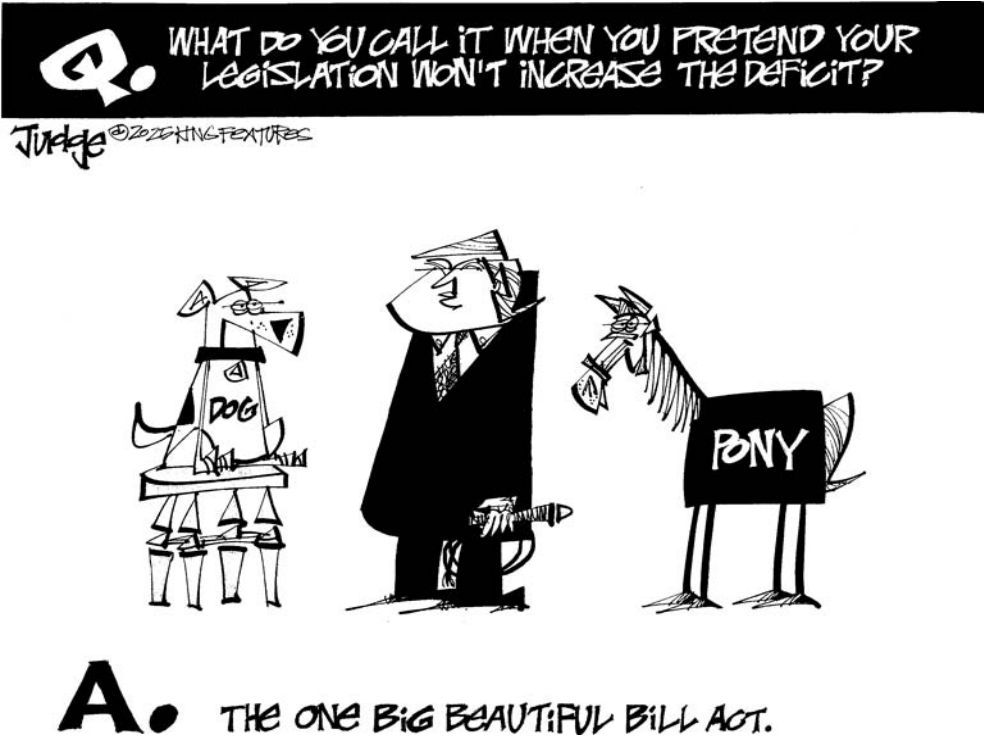
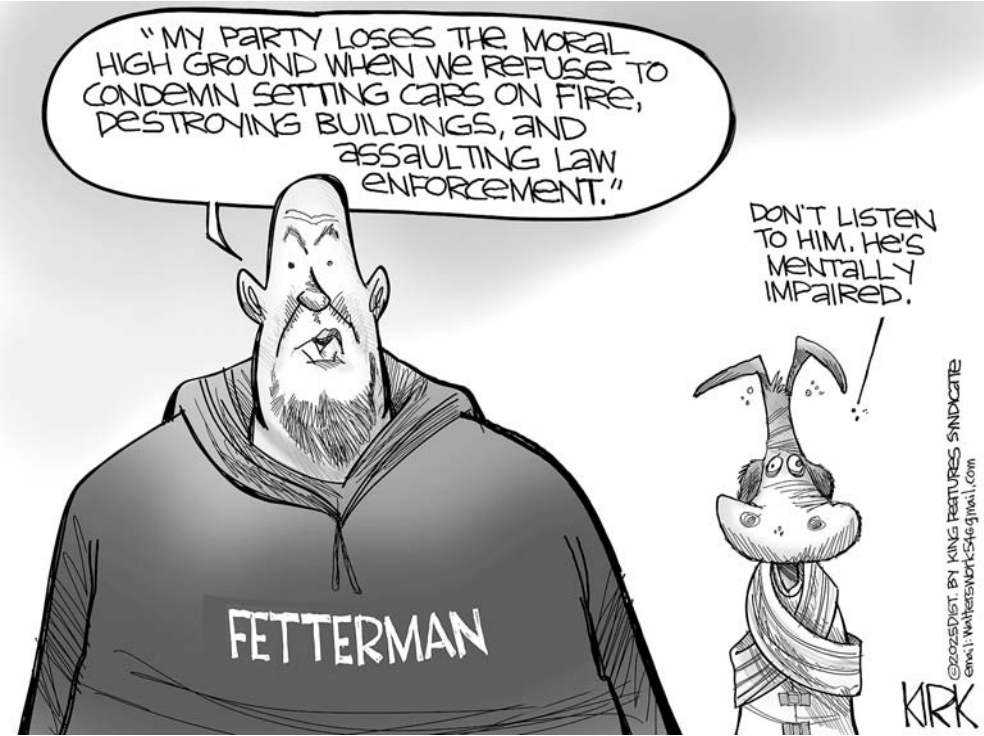
Tornillo Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

The Tornillo Independent School District Special Education Department will be destroying confidential student information on special education students who have graduated, moved or were dismissed in 2015. Parents of these students may come to the Special Education Department located at 19200 Cobb Avenue in Tornillo on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to claim their child’s file. The remaining files will be destroyed as per state directives 30 days from the date of this notice. If you have any questions, please call Marisela Ramos, Special Education Coordinator at (915) 765-3040 or Anna Brew at (915) 765-3041.

AVISO

El Departamento de Educación Especial del Distrito Escolar de Tornillo va a destruir los archivos confidenciales de estudiantes que estaban en el programa de educación especial que han graduado, se han movido, o fueron despedidos en el año escolar de 2015. Los padres de estos estudiantes pueden venir a la oficina del Departamento de Educacion Especial del Distrito Escolar de Tornillo en 19200 Cobb Avenue, de lunes a viernes de 8:00-5:00 de la tarde a recoger los archivos de sus hijos. Los archivos que no sean recogidos van a ser destruidos como manda el estado en 30 días después de este aviso. Si tienen preguntas, llamen al teléfono Marisela Ramos, Coordinador de Educación Especial al (915) 765-3040 o Anna Brew a (915) 765-3041.

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Migrants

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to due process of law under the Constitution in deportation proceedings,” Briones wrote. The judge’s order now requires that the government provide at least 30 days’ notice of removal for someone targeted under the Alien Enemies Act.

The ruling stems from a case where government officials were trying to deport a 33-year-old Venezuelan woman, who is only identified as M.A.P.S. in court documents, over allegations she was a Tren de Aragua member.

American Civil Liberties Union attorneys filed the lawsuit on the woman’s behalf in the Western District of Texas. The lawsuit sought for a federal judge to issue a permanent injunction that prevents the woman from being deported without due process.

With his ruling, Briones granted the permanent injunction that allows the woman to continue going through the immigration legal system as she seeks asylum. Federal

court documents stated that the woman was seeking asylum in the U.S. because she “fled Venezuela after repeated harassment, assault, and intimidation on the basis of political persecution”. According to the official document, she came to the U.S. using the CBP One appointment app in April 2023 and was granted temporary protected status while living legally in the U.S.

Nonetheless, ICE officers arrested the woman on April 9, 2025, in Ohio “despite her active TPS (temporary protected status) which shields her from detention,” according to the ruling. The officers told the woman they believed she was a Tren de Aragua gang member because of her tattoos. But she denied any

affiliation or membership with the gang and refused to sign documents regarding the Alien Enemies Act and Tren de Aragua. She is currently being held in a federal detention center, according to court documents.

Meanwhile, Judge Briones’ order prohibits the use of the Alien Enemies Act to remove M.A.P.S. or any other alleged member of the

Under the Alien Enemies Act, however, a president cannot unilaterally define what constitutes an invasion, summarily declare that a foreign nation or government has threatened or perpetrated an invasion or predatory incursion of the United States, identify alien enemies subject to detention or removal, and summarily remove them.

– U.S. Senior Judge David Briones

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Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

Special Needs Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2025-2026 School Year

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

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

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

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

Noticia Pública

Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales en Tornillo ISD para el Año 2025-2026

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

Estos servicios son disponibles para todos los niños identificados con una incapacidad y que esten experimentando dificultades en una o mas de las siguientes areas: incapacidad fisica, incapacidad intelectual o emocional, descapacidad de aprendizaje, autism, descapacidad del habla, daño cerebral por trauma, descapacidad visual o auditive o cualquier otra descapacidad de salud.

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

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By Lucie Winborne

• The longest road in the United Arab Emirates is the Sheikh Zayed Road. It stretches more than 300 miles, from Abu Dhabi through Dubai, and is home to Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world.

• Americans spend more than a year of their lives flipping channels.

• Jazz musician Louis Armstrong wore a Star of David necklace even though he wasn’t Jewish. Armstrong grew up in severe poverty but found a loving second home with the Jewish Karnofsky family, who employed him in the family business. In their honor, he decided to wear a Star of David for the rest of his life.

• From 1869 until her death in 1906, Susan B. Anthony petitioned Congress annually for a women’s suffrage amendment.

• Students, take note: Studies have found that comfortable clothing can have a strong effect on academic performance, with a correlation between formal/uncomfortable clothing worn during exams and lower than expected grades.

• The wood frog can hold its urine for up to eight months.

• Piet Mondrian’s abstract masterpiece “New York City I” hung upside down in a museum for 77 years before experts finally noticed the error. However, they opted to keep it in that position for fear of damaging the piece.

• The TV series “30 Rock” was known for its fast-paced writing. In 2014, one reporter calculated that there was an average of 7.44 jokes per minute.

• In 1998, a Georgia student was suspended for wearing a Pepsi shirt to “Coke in Education Day.”

• Tobacco use kills more people than the total number killed by AIDS, alcohol, motor vehicles, homicide, illegal drugs and suicide combined.

Thought for the Day: “Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.”

– William Arthur Ward

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Moments
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THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On June 23, 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes patented the QWERTY typewriter, the first version of which he constructed using an old table, a circular piece of glass, a telegraph key and piano wire.

• On June 24, 2021, 98 people died when a 12-story, beachfront condominium collapsed in Surfside, Florida, near Miami. Engineers believed the cause of the disaster was a structural column or concrete slab giving way, and workers eventually cleared more than 18 million pounds of concrete and rubble from the site.

• On June 25, 1947, Anne Frank’s diary account of her life in hiding during the Holocaust was first published, under the title *Het Achterhuis: Dagboekbrieven 14 Juni 1942 – 1 Augustus 1944*. After reading it her father confessed that the book revealed a side of his daughter he had never known, saying that he “had no idea of the depth of her thoughts and feelings.”

• On June 26, 1974, a pack of Wrigley’s Juicy Fruit chewing gum became the first grocery item scanned with a Universal Product Code, or UPC, at a supermarket in Troy, Ohio.

• On June 27, 1922, the American LIBRARY Association (ALA) awarded the first Newbery Medal, honoring the year’s best children’s book, to “The Story of Mankind” by Hendrik Willem van Loon.

• On June 28, 1904, Helen Keller, who’d been left deaf and blind since an illness at just 19 months old, graduated cum laude from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a bachelor’s degree. Later, she would also become the first woman to be awarded an honorary degree from Harvard University.

• On June 29, 2003, Katharine Hepburn, a four-time Academy Award winner for Best Actress and one of Hollywood’s great screen legends, died of natural causes at the age of 96, at her home in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. In 1999, the American Film Institute had named her the greatest female actress in the history of American cinema, and after her death, the lights on Broadway were dimmed for an hour to mark her passing.

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The judge concluded that immigration laws that have been in place for decades and upheld by numerous judges must be followed by all government leaders. “It is an established principle in our nation that no one is above the law,” he added.

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There is no recession in pro sports – just ask the Lakers

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Back in 1979, Jerry Buss purchased the Los Angeles Lakers for \$67.5 million.

But it wasn’t just the Lakers he bought; this purchase also included the Los Angeles Kings hockey team and the arena for both teams, The Forum.

Not a bad deal at all, those three things for a mere \$67.5 million.

Now-a-days, there are a ton of professional athletes who make more than that by themselves.

A quick list of some of those players include Cristiano Ronaldo (Soccer) \$275 million, Stephen Curry (NBA) \$156 million, Tyson Fury (Boxing) \$146 million, Dak Prescott (NFL) \$137 million, Lionel Messi (Soccer) \$135 million, LeBron James (NBA) \$133.8 million, Juan Soto (MLB) \$114 million, Karim Benzema (Soccer) \$104 million, Shohei Ohtani (MLB) \$102.5 million and Kevin Durant (NBA) \$101.4 million.

There’s no doubt that Jerry Buss did a great job with the Lakers, taking them from Kareem and Magic to Shaq and Kobe. He made the franchise one of the most recognized in the world.

So much so that his remaining family, who took over the team after he died in 2013, just sold the team for a whopping \$10 billion.

Now that’s what I call a healthy return on your investment.

The guy who bought the team, Mark

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Walter, is already the owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The big question is, did he overspend for the Lakers? Are the Lakers even worth that much?

Maybe sometime in the future he’ll buy the entire city of Los Angeles.

Anyway, since we’re talking about professional sports franchises and their worth, it might be a good time to check out the top 10 most valuable franchises in the world.

According to Forbes, the wealthiest team in the universe are the Dallas Cowboys, worth \$10.1 billion. America’s Team may not win championships, but Jerry Jones knows how to turn one buck into two, or five, or a million.

The funny thing about the Lakers is that they aren’t even regarded as the wealthiest NBA team.

Coming in at #2 are the Golden State Warriors at \$8.8 billion. The trio of Steph Curry, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson have really propelled the franchise over the last decade.

Number 3 is a bit of a shock; it’s the Los Angeles Rams at \$7.6 billion. I know the Rams won the Super Bowl a few years ago but still struggle to fill their stadium.

The fourth wealthiest franchise is no surprise at all, it’s the New York Yankees at \$7.55 billion. C’mon, it’s Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, Don Mattingly, Derek Jeter and Aaron Judge. Frankly, I’m surprised they aren’t ranked just behind the Cowboys.

Number five on the list is the New York Knicks at \$7.5 billion. The Knicks haven’t won anything in forever, but they do play in New York, and they do play in Madison Square Garden, so there’s that.

The franchise ranked sixth are the New England Patriots at \$7.4 billion. Of course, they can thank Tom Brady and Bill Belichick for their ranking.

The #7 team is quite surprising. The New York Giants are worth \$7.3 billion. I guess just like the Knicks, they’re located in the Big Apple.

The biggest shock on this list is at #8 with the Los Angeles Lakers. Before last week’s sale, the Lakers were valued at \$7.1 billion. But if you want to sell a car for \$5,000 and someone is willing to pay \$50,000, what would you do?

We’re back to the Big Apple with the #9 New York Jets, valued at \$6.9 billion.

The final franchise in the top ten are the San Francisco 49ers at \$6.8 billion. The 49ers have always been very popular since the days of Joe Montana and should be for years to come.

If Mr. Walter is willing to spend so much money for the Dodgers, the question has to be asked, how much will the Jones family make when they finally sell the Dallas Cowboys?

If the Dodgers are worth \$10 billion, the Cowboys are worth at least \$15 billion.

It wouldn’t just be interesting to see how much the Cowboys can be sold for, but the idea that Jerry Jones will no longer be in charge – is priceless.

Senior moment

By Matilda Charles

Summer heat safety

Before we know it, we’ll need to move into hot weather mode and take steps to stay healthy and safe in the heat.

For me, most important is keeping the house cool, since that’s where I spend most of my time. The air conditioning will be set at 76 to 78 degrees, depending on the humidity.

Very soon I’ll need to put up the insulated sun-blocking blackout drapes on the sunny side of the living room where the afternoon heat can bake the outside wall. Each morning I’ll close those drapes before the sun moves around to that side of the house.

Next on my daily list will be to fill my water bottles – a half-dozen 8-ounce bottles that I can periodically grab during the day. With the little bottles, it’s easy to keep track of how much hydration I’m getting.

But we can’t always stay home. If you have to go out in the heat, wear light, loose clothing and a hat with a wide brim.

Ask your doctor to clarify what your water intake should be during the summer.

Keep an eye on the weather news so you’ll know what to expect.

Ask your town if they’ve set up any cooling centers, or head to the library or mall during the hottest part of the day.

Keep track of how you feel in the summer heat. If you have weakness, nausea, dizziness or headache, it could be heat exhaustion or even lead to heat stroke. Get help – don’t delay.

If you’re afraid to run the air conditioner for fear it will increase your electric bill, see if you can get some financial help from LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) at 866-674-6327. Churches and town halls are other possible sources of assistance.

For more tips on how to stay safe in the summer heat, see www.ready.gov/heat.

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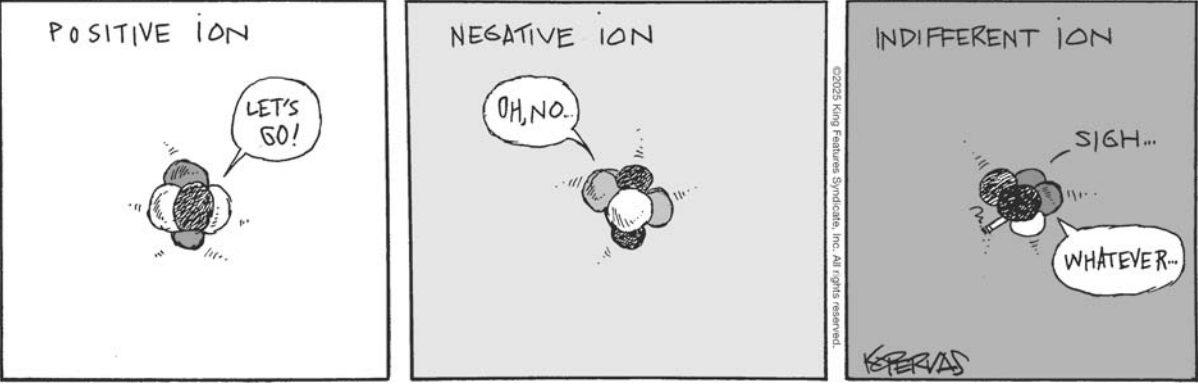
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in more sophisticated accounting roles.

The job market has never been stuck in amber. The MIT economist David Autor co-authored a study that found that the majority of current jobs are in occupational categories that arose since 1940.

It's true that artificial intelligence is projected to affect white-collar jobs – computer programming, consulting, law and the like – more than prior waves of technological change. But these kinds of jobs shouldn't be immune from the effects of automation any more than factory work has been. AI will end up augmenting many jobs – helping workers become more efficient – and there will be a limit to how much it can encroach on human work.

It's hard to imagine, say, Meta ever giving over its legal representation in an antitrust case to artificial intelligence. Lawyers handling such a case will, however, rely on AI for more and more support, diminishing the need for junior lawyers.

This will be a significant disruption for the legal profession, yet legal services will also become cheaper and more widely available, in a benefit to everyone else.

There's no doubt that the changes wrought by technology can be painful, and it's possible that artificial intelligence eventually gets so good at so many tasks that people have no ready recourse to new, better jobs, as has always happened in the past.

The potential upside, though, is vast. After strong productivity growth for about a decade beginning in the mid-1990s, we shifted into a lower gear in the mid-2000s. It will be a boon if artificial intelligence puts us on a better trajectory. An era of high productivity growth will, among other things, make it easier to deal with the budget deficit and the fiscal strain of retiring baby boomers.

Like anything else, AI will have its downsides, but it's not an inherent threat any more than computers or the internet.

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

Sudden, dramatic weight loss concerns woman

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 75-year-old woman with a weight problem. My weight used to fluctuate from 130-160 pounds. Then I started to notice that I was losing weight slowly but surely on my regular diet. My doctor did not have an answer. Soon I got down to 95 pounds. My family urges me to eat more than I feel comfortable with. I weigh 104 pounds today. Do you have any idea what could be causing this dramatic weight loss? I still struggle with keeping my weight up to 105 pounds! My height is 5 feet, 4 inches tall, and I really am quite “bony.” Thank you for any help you can give me. – A.S.



When we see dramatic weight loss like yours (greater than 5% to 10% is generally considered important, and yours is greater than 30%), we think about a few important categories. Of course, some of these aren't appropriate for you, but I want to give you an idea of what goes through a doctor's head when we see a person with this much weight loss:

Unfortunately, cancer tends to leap to our minds, even though it's not the most common cause. A full-body scan isn't usually indicated or helpful. Instead, a careful and focused history and physical exam will often give clues as to whether cancer is likely.

In addition, doctors want to make sure that the person is up-to-date with their age-appropriate screenings, which include breast and colon cancer screenings in a 75-year-old woman. In a person with a history of smoking, I always consider lung cancer and will usually order at least an X-ray.

A condition that is commonly forgotten when thinking about weight loss is the inability to absorb food properly, and celiac disease is the most common disease to cause this. Diarrhea is common but not always present with this condition.

People can lose calories through their kidneys as well, and diabetes is by far the most likely cause of this, although there are rare other causes. Excess urination is universal in uncontrolled diabetes but can be minimized by the patient.

Endocrine disorders, especially hyperthyroidism, often cause weight loss. Mental health issues, especially depression, are very commonly associated with weight loss. Anorexia nervosa is uncommon but not impossible in older adults.

Any serious disease – heart, lung, liver and others – can also cause serious weight loss. Some medications can cause unexpected weight loss as well.

Chronic infections are another important cause of unexplained weight loss. Tuberculosis, HIV and viral hepatitis are the most common, but there are many uncommon and rare infections.

As adults get older, some degree of weight loss is expected, but it is the degree and speed of the weight loss that needs to be considered when deciding whether this is a serious medical issue. Since it sounds like your weight loss has come on quickly, this is more concerning but a bit less so since it seems like it has stabilized. Still, were you my patient, I'd recommend a more thorough evaluation than it sounds like you've had.

I learned a valuable lesson after I made a home visit to give a patient a thorough medical evaluation about her continued weight loss. I found that she had inadequate food at home and was too embarrassed to tell me.

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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Arellano

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trustees conduct a search for a permanent superintendent.

“We had a tremendous pool of candidates, most of whom were Canutillo-grown. While any of them could do a great job of serving the District in this role, we are confident that Dr. Arellano has the skills to continue moving the District in the right direction,” said Board President Armando Rodriguez.

Arellano has a 20-year career in public education, having served as a teacher, instructional coach, campus administrator and central office administrator in both the Canutillo and Fabens school districts. Before beginning her career in education, she worked as an environmental

and manufacturing engineer for different firms in El Paso.

A graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in engineering, Arellano earned her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Texas A&M University.

“I am thrilled to have the chance to help lead this amazing school district, its students and employees through this transition,” Arellano said. “Canutillo ISD educated my children, and I am an employee and taxpayer in this district. This is an opportunity to do something that will impact my entire community.”

Trustees directed the district’s legal counsel and authorized the Rodriguz to work on Arellano’s contract, including her compensation.

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: A equals C

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Getting community care is easier now



by Freddy Groves

Remember when you wanted to go to a civilian doctor but getting VA approval for community care was such a hassle as you waited for it all to be signed off?

The 2019 MISSION Act, letting veterans seek civilian care while the Department of Veterans Affairs paid for it, was well intentioned, but like so many things, the steps were a burden. No more.

As of now, we have the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, and the VA has just crossed that final approval signature off the list of requirements.

There are still rules, yes, but they’re more manageable. To qualify to have the VA pay for your civilian care, one of the

following must be true:

• Your state doesn’t have a full-service VA facility. That means Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

• Distance is a problem. It takes more than 30 minutes to drive to an appointment for primary or mental health care, or 60 minutes for specialty care at the VA.

• Time is a problem. The VA can’t see you within 20 days for appointments for primary or mental health care or noninstitutional extended care, or within 28 days for specialty care.

• The care you need isn’t available at the VA.

• You meet the distance and location provisions outlined in the former Veterans Choice Program. Grandfathered (previously qualified) veterans live 40 miles from care where there was a full-time primary care physician available and are still at the same address.

• It’s in the best interest of the veteran to get that civilian care.

If you want care from a community provider, ask your VA primary care provider for a referral to get things started.

If you ever applied to see a civilian doctor and the VA turned you down, you can appeal that decision with the Clinical Appeals process. Contact the patient advocate at the VA health care facility near you.

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• J.D. of Massachusetts writes: “Mix 1/2 cup vinegar and a chamomile tea bag in a pan of medium hot water. Let cool slightly and soak feet for up to 10 minutes. Follow up with foot powder or deodorant.”

• Cucumber is a speedy diuretic. Try snacking on slices of it for a cool treat. Or deseed slices and slip a few in your glass of cold water.

• If you keep a couple of crackers in your sugar jar, they will keep the sugar from caking.

• “When we go to the doctor with our youngest, we bring a few crayons. She will lie down on the exam table paper, and we draw her outline. Then she can fill in her face and other details. This usually calms her while she is waiting. The doctor even has used the outline to talk about her body to her.” – E.S. in Georgia

• Boost your metabolism by drinking green tea hot or cold. Try it over ice with honey and a sprig of mint.

• “In older houses, you might have a problem with cracking drywall when trying to hang pictures. You can solve this by placing a bit of clear tape over the spot where you are going to drive in a nail. It goes right in. If your are nailing into wood, you can drag your nail through some soap (bar soap is fine) before striking and it does the same thing, keep the wood from splitting.” – P.K. in New Jersey

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GO FIGURE!

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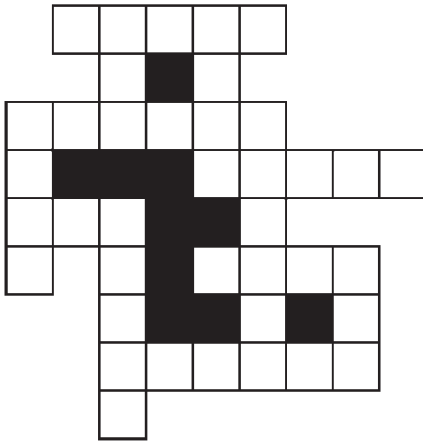
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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