

NEWSBRIEFS

Patriotism

With Americans celebrating the Fourth of July, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2019's Most Patriotic States in America* as well as accompanying videos. To determine where Americans have the most red, white and blue pride, WalletHub compared the 50 states across 13 key indicators of patriotism. The data set ranges from average number of military enlistees to share of adults who voted in the 2016 presidential election to AmeriCorps volunteers per capita. Texas ranked 46th in the report. Other stats:

- Red states are more patriotic, with an average ranking of 23.67, compared with 28.25 for blue states (1, best; 50, worst).
- Alaska has the most veterans per 1,000 civilian adults, 127, which is 2.4 times more than in New York, the state with the fewest at 54.
- Maine has the highest share of adults who voted in the 2016 presidential election, 72.68 percent, which is 1.5 times higher than in Hawaii, the state with the lowest at 47.27 percent.
- Utah has the highest volunteer rate, 51 percent, which is 2.2 times higher than in Florida, the state with the lowest at 22.8 percent.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/most-patriotic-states/13680/> for the full report.

— Diana Polk

Teen drivers

With teens obtaining driver's licenses during the summer more than any other season and an average of six teens dying every day from motor vehicle injuries, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2019's Best & Worst States for Teen Drivers* as well as accompanying videos. In order to determine the safest and least costly driving environments for U.S. teenagers, WalletHub compared the 50 states based on 23 key metrics. The data set ranges from number of teen driver fatalities to average cost of car repairs to presence of impaired-driving laws. Texas rated 5th in the report, ranking:

- 26th – Teen Driver Fatalities per Teen Population;
- 22nd – Teen DUIs per Teen

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Time spent on improving ourselves cuts down on time we might waste disapproving of others.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

TAKING A STAND – From left presidential candidate Julian Castro with Texas state representatives Mary Gonzalez, Cesar Blanco, and Joe Moody stand before local and nation media microphones to answer questions about their reasons for visiting the Clint Customs & Border Patrol station last Saturday.

Children's detention draws national spotlight to Clint border patrol station

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CLINT – Presidential candidate Julian Castro, and Texas state representatives Joe Moody, Cesar Blanco and Mary Gonzalez, along with Episcopalian Bishop Michael Hunn, walked casually to the entry door of the U.S. Customs & Border Patrol station in Clint, Texas Saturday morning to ask permission to visit with the children currently being detained there by the Trump administration.

The politicians were there to see

firsthand the conditions that over 100 children, some younger than five years old, are being subjected to as they await their fate after seeking asylum in the United States. The children, mostly from Central American countries, have been held at the border station for weeks.

Prior to Castro and his entourage's arrival, CBPOfficialscouldbeseenmulling around at the front door of the complex; but, when they saw the unexpected visitors approaching, the officials vanished inside. Shortly afterwards, someone from within told the uninvited guests that they were not allowed to come in.

Bishop Hunn, who represents an Episcopalian congregation that spans from all of New Mexico to Far West Texas, said that he was there to support the government agency and the migrant children with resources including diapers, toiletries, clothes, food, toys, and other supplies that government representatives had been claiming were in short supply.

"My church has been partnering with border patrol agents for months by providing resources to the migrants who have been coming to them for asylum and protection. We had a good, legal working relationship," Bishop Hunn stated. "But, for the past two weeks we have been frustrated because the agency has stopped talking to us. I have been calling, waiting for some kind of response to no avail. All we are trying to do is help these children; whatever they need we have it," he said.

Hunne said that he understands why border patrol officials say that they are not allowed to accept donations directly; they have to be careful as to what comes into their stations. However, the tragedy is that the current government policy is "treating all migrants as criminals. It is using a prison system approach to a humanitarian problem," he asserted.

To make matters worse, the asylum refugees who have been processed are being forced by the U.S. government to wait for their hearings in Ciudad Juarez. Before, they were being allowed to stay in the local area shelters, like the Annunciation House and its affiliates, located throughout the borderland. "Now,

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Annual Socorro ISD School Uniform Swap set for July 13

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Lions Club, in partnership with the Socorro Independent School District, will host its annual School Uniform Swap from 8 a.m. to noon July 13. The location is Col. John O. Ensor Middle School at 13600 Ryderwood Ave. in Horizon City.

In preparation of the annual event, parents can now drop off washed uniform pieces that are no longer needed or being used, and receive a credit voucher to use for their child's uniforms the day of the event. Uniforms can be turned in now at any designated drop-

off locations, including National Self Storage, 10560 North Loop; WestStar Bank, 12101 Montwood; Liberty Tax, 700 N. Zaragoza Ste. AB; Farmers Insurance Agency, 14200 Ashford Ste. A-1; Xtreme Core Fitness, 125 N. Kenazo Ste. I; Progressive, 11930 Vista del Sol Ste. A; Rocky Mountain Radar, 6469 Doniphan; and Extasy Tinting, 11436 Rojas Ste. B2.

All swap uniform elements will be free. Parents can receive gently-used polo shirts, T-shirts, pants, shorts, capris, skirts and skorts of all sizes. School supplies and backpack donations also will be accepted.

The first day of school in SISD is July 29.

View from here

By Marilyn M. Singleton, M.D., J.D.

The morality of life and death and doctors

June was a month of reflection on life, death, our values, and the greater good. We commemorated the 75th anniversary of the 1944 Normandy invasion (D-Day), which began the liberation of France from German occupation and turned the tide of World War II. In what must have been a decision fraught with soul searching, generals sent young soldiers into what could be certain death on the shores of Normandy. Their bravery was an act of unquestionable honor.

Contrast that with a law school ethics class scenario. The leader of an invading horde tells the mayor of your town that if he lets him kill a child, he will spare the lives of the town’s residents. Does the mayor sacrifice one innocent child for the good of many? On a practical level, anyone who would wantonly kill a child is not to be trusted. Morally, is the life of an innocent child reduced to a numbers game? What justifications can the mayor offer to convince the townsfolk to act like mindless, soulless, cowardly creatures and decide not to fight for the sanctity of life?

Life is precious and fleeting. Once gone, you can’t get it back. June’s news presented two

ends of the spectrum: physician assisted suicide and abortion.

Years ago, people found Dr. Jack Kervorkian’s “death machine” ghoulish. He likely was well-meaning but was misguided. Now physician assisted suicide is culturally acceptable and legal in several states. New Jersey is the latest state to jump on the physician-assisted suicide bandwagon that includes Colorado, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, and Montana. Maine’s bill has made it to the governor’s desk.

Physician-assisted suicide (aka: aid in dying or death with dignity) now has an oft-used abbreviation (PAS) to mask a deed that runs counter to the command in the Oath of Hippocrates not to harm our patients. Some reasonably argue that it is harmful to refuse to follow a patient’s request to be irreversibly put out of her misery. But when does relieving pain—whether physical or emotional—transition into hastening death?

Some of these suicide laws have a requirement for counseling, but this can be merely one visit with a psychiatrist or psychologist. Moreover, the death may not be so dignified. A study in the New England Journal of Medicine of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide in the Netherlands found complications in 7 percent of assisted suicide patients, including failure to remain unconscious, extreme gasping for air, vomiting, and muscle spasms. Physicians had to complete the procedure.

Did the cultural acceptance of physician-assisted suicide lead an Ohio critical care physician to take it upon himself to end some of his patients’ lives? His defense to the indictment on 25 counts of murder is that he was providing “comfort care” with massive amounts (up 10 to 40 times the therapeutic dose) of fentanyl. Merely because the patients were receiving palliative care did not mean they consented to lethal overdoses. Keep this in mind as we are steered toward hospice in our later years.

Simultaneously, several states passed or introduced laws prohibiting abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected. Rep. Ilhan Omar decried the “horrificing” opposition to abortion as religious fundamentalists imposing their will on lawmakers. There are pro-life atheists who view abortion as an issue of respecting humanity. I am absolutely flummoxed by how the same ultrasound and anatomy can be described as a vibrating clump of cells or a baby on its way into the arms of a loving parent depending on the mindset of the mother.

Additionally, to “promote the dignity of human life from conception to natural death”, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will stop

funding research with fetal tissue from elective abortions. Private research is unaffected. Some researchers objected, arguing that fetal tissue has aided in the advancement of medical science. Nazi experiments during World War II likewise provided novel medical information. Their experimental bone grafting, use of sulfa drugs, limb transplantation, and artificial insemination are now standard medical procedures. And the United States cannot justify its Tuskegee experiment in which black men were not given treatment for syphilis so doctors could see the natural progression of the disease. This experiment ended not during the 1940s in the wake of Nazi atrocities or penicillin being accepted as the treatment of choice for syphilis in 1945, but in 1972.

Does the end justify the means, if eventually the means will lead you down the road to perdition? I prefer to practice medicine in the mode of Dr. Mildred Jefferson, the first black woman accepted to Harvard Medical School: “*I became a physician in order to help save lives. ... I am not willing to stand aside and allow the concept of expendable human lives to turn this great land of ours into just another exclusive reservation where only the perfect, the privileged, and the planned have the right to live.*”

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– Diana Polk

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Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice - Child Find

The Tornillo Independent School District has a duty to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities ages 3-21 who reside within the district, including those attending private schools. This process is called Child Find, and all eligible students may receive services, at no cost, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Information: Georgina Miramontes at 915-765-3040 or Anna Brew at 915-765-3041. Address: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

Noticia Pública Identificación De Niños (Child Find)

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo tiene que identificar, localizar y evaluar todos los niños con discapacidades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años de edad, incluso niños que asisten escuelas privadas. Este proceso se llama Identificación de Niños (Child Find), y todos los estudiantes elegibles pueden recibir servicios sin costo, a través de La Ley para la Educación de Individuos con Discapacidades (IDEA). Información: Georgina Miramontes a 915-765-3040 o Anna Brew a 915-765-3026. Dirección: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

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The madcap caution of Donald Trump

The worry was that the Trump administration was ginning up fake intelligence about Iran blowing up oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz to justify a war against Iran. Then the next week President Donald Trump said the Iranian attacks weren't a big deal.

The episode is another indication of the underlying modesty – not a very Trumpian word – of the administration.

Subtract Trump's taste for nonstop controversy and rhetorical brinkmanship, and you're left with an incrementalist center-right government that has pursued an expansionary fiscal policy and avoided foreign war, for a period of peace and prosperity that – in any other universe – would be at the core of a stay-the-course re-election message.

For a while, the Obama doctrine was, "Don't do stupid stuff." The Trump team has built out the doctrine to "Privately consider and sometimes openly threaten stupid stuff, but at the end of the day, don't do it (usually)."

The Mexico tariff threat was typical. If Trump had gone through with the steadily escalating tariffs, it would have been a blow to our own economy and that of an ally. Instead, he got what might prove to be meaningful concessions from Mexico.

The thing about a Trump threat

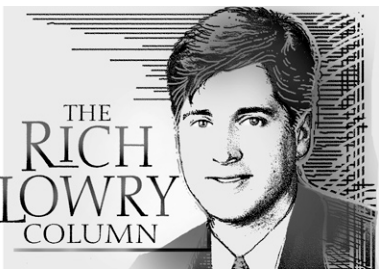
is that he always controls whether he's going to go through with it or not. He's going to pull out of the North American Free Trade Agreement, actually no, he's not. He's going to impose auto tariffs on Canada, well, not really. What he's going to do is sign a new trade deal with Mexico and Canada that's a somewhat altered version of NAFTA and urge Congress to pass it.

Allies might be understandably appalled (or at times alarmed) by his habit of berating them and squeezing them for concessions, but the alliance system, a product of deeper forces than the persona of any one president, remains intact.

In the Middle East, Trump accelerated an anti-ISIS campaign that he inherited, announced a withdrawal from Syria that he didn't fully follow through on and kept troops in Afghanistan. Steady as she goes.

Pulling out of the Iran nuclear accord is a big deal and, given that it's not entirely clear how the administration imagines resolving the crisis, genuinely a shot in the dark (although Trump says he wants to talk).

Another gamble is the trade war with China, a truly significant departure from the old bipartisan consensus, yet even here, Trump presumably has the off-ramp of



a fig-leaf deal should he decide that he wants to take it.

At home, in terms of the economy, everything (except for the tariffs) has been geared to preserving and boosting the recovery, from the tax cuts, to the deregulation, to the lack of interest in cutting spending, to Trump's jawboning of the Federal Reserve to keep rates low.

Given the choice, you'd prefer that people believed that your administration was cautious and incremental, while it undertook far-reaching changes, rather than believe it's on the verge of careening out of control, while pursuing a fairly reasonable path.

For now, he can plausibly make a re-election pitch that, despite what you might have gathered, he's been a steward of a country enjoying markedly good times.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2019 by King Features Synd., Inc.

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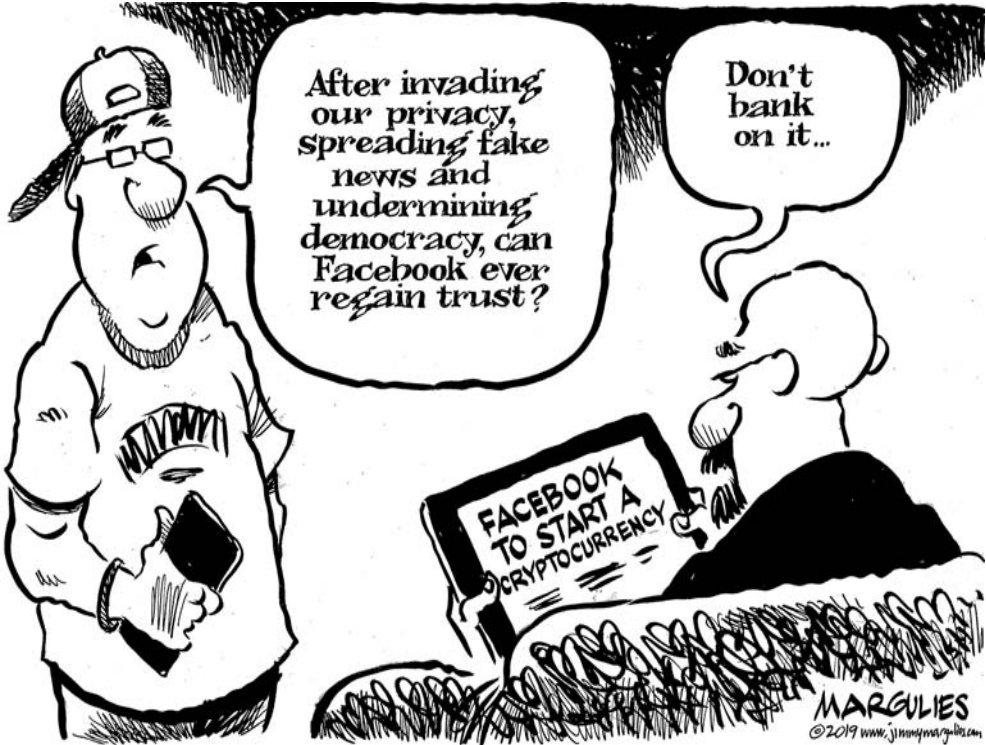
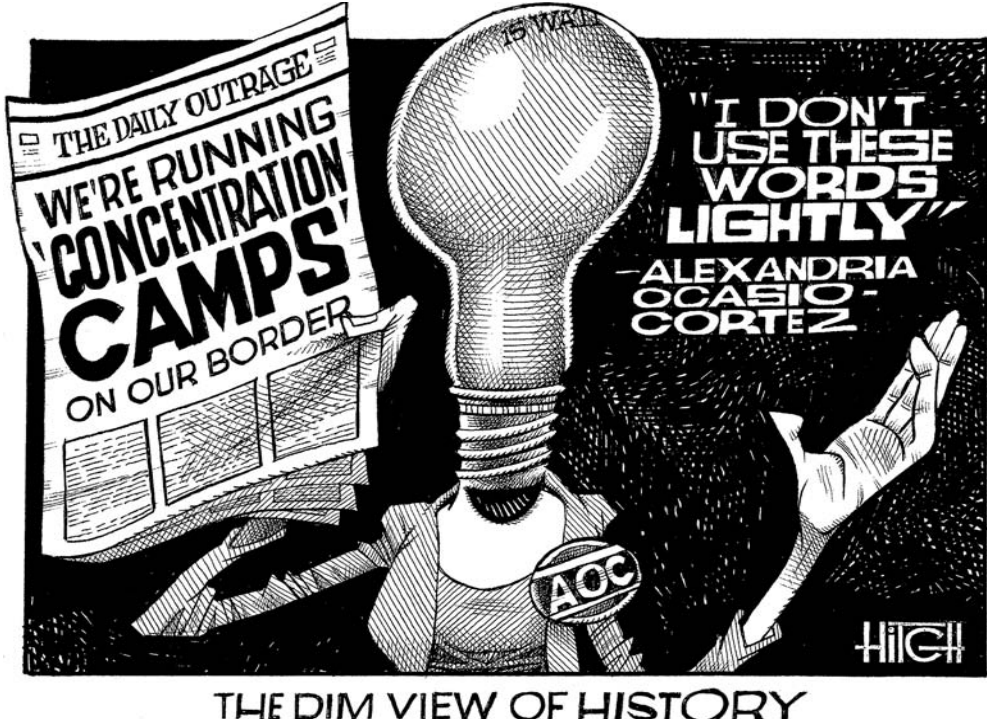
Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact Georgina Miramontes at 915-765-3040 or Anna Brew at 915-765-3041. Address: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados Bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Georgina Miramontes a 915-765-3040 o Anna Brew a 915-765-3026. Dirección: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

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Tornillo Independent School District

SECTION 504 SERVICES

The Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational services/ options to identified students with disabilities who reside within the district.

- ◆ Child find activities to notify students with disabilities and their parents of their rights and the district’s obligation to provide a free, appropriate public education.
- ◆ Referrals to Sections 504 when it is believed the students have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and the students are in need of educational accommodations.
- ◆ Procedural safeguards under Section 504.
- ◆ Evaluations of students to determine eligibility for the Section 504 program.
- ◆ Placement into the Section 504 program, which means the student may receive:
 - ✓ individually planned modifications in the regular classroom,
 - ✓ health services from the school nurse,
 - ✓ accommodations regarding access to any part of the campus, or
 - ✓ assistance in reading for students with dyslexia in a reading program which meets the state’s standards for a dyslexia reading program.
- ◆ Special education services are available to Section 504 students, if the students qualify for one of the specific disabilities under special education.
- ◆ Nondiscrimination protections of 504.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact Georgina Miramontes at 915-765-3040 or Anna Brew at 915-765-3041. Address: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

SERVICIOS DE LA SECCION 504

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes servicios/ opciones educacionales a los estudiantes con discapacidades identificados que residen dentro del distrito.

- ◆ Actividades para encontrar a niños para notificar a los estudiantes con discapacidades y a sus padres de sus derechos y de las obligaciones del distrito a proporcionar una educación publica que sea gratuita y apropiada.
- ◆ Referimientos a la Sección 504 cuando se cree que el estudiante tiene una discapacidad mental o fisica que limita substancialmente una o mas actividades vitales importantes y los estudiantes necesitan modificaciones en su educación.
- ◆ Derechos legales garantizados bajo Sección 504.
- ◆ Evaluaciones de estudiantes para determinar si califican para el programa de la Sección 504.
- ◆ Colocación dentro del programa de la Sección 504, lo que significa que el estudiante puede recibir:
 - ✓ modificaciones en el salon de educación regular planeadas individualmente,
 - ✓ servicios de salud por la enfermera de la escuela,
 - ✓ cambios que garanticen el acceso a cualquier parte de la escuela,
 - ✓ ayuda en lectura para estudiantes con dislexia en un programa de lectura que cumpla con los requisitos que pide el estado a un programa de lectura de dislexia.
- ◆ Se ofrecen servicios de educación especial a los estudiantes Sección 504, si los estudiantes califican para una de las discapacidades especificas bajo educación especial.
- ◆ Protecciones de no discriminación de 504.

Si usted desea mas informacion o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el Distrito Escolar de Tornillo y que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con Georgina Miramontes a 915-765-3040 o Anna Brew a 915-765-3026. Dirección: P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853.

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Public Notice

Public hearings will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, July 15, 2019 during the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas.

The purpose of the public hearings is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following item:

A proposed Ordinance amending the Village of Vinton Unified Development Code (UDC) (Ordinance No. 2017-12-5-2) to permit

manufactured home land use by Special Use Permit in residential zoning districts R-1 and R-2.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Administrator at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915) 886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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By Samantha Weaver

• It was American pastor, politician and activist Andrew Young who made the following sage observation: “Nothing is illegal if a hundred businessmen decide to do it.”

• If you’re like the average bearded man, your facial hair grows at a rate of about 6 inches every year.

• You might be surprised to learn that the highest reward ever offered for the capture of Henry McCarty – the infamous outlaw better known as Billy the Kid – was \$500.

• In a recent survey of people who admitted to drinking beer, wine and spirits, more than 40 percent of respondents said that drinking spirits made them feel sexy, and more than half said that it made them feel confident and energetic. About one-third, though, said that spirits increased their aggression.

• The first telephone book ever issued was published by the New Haven District Telephone Company and was distributed in New Haven, Connecticut, in February 1878. It contained a grand total of 50 names.

• You may know that on Oct. 4, 1957, the Soviet Union earned the distinction of putting the first human-made object into space with the launch of the satellite Sputnik 1. You may not know, though, that in Russian, the word “sputnik” means “fellow traveler.”

• The outermost layer of the skin on your face is made up almost entirely of dead skin cells.


• In the Scandinavian country of Norway you can find 1,800 lakes that contain no fish whatsoever.

Thought for the Day: “Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.”
– Doug Larson

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Moments in time

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• On July 1, 1951, Cleveland Indians ace Bob Feller pitches the third no-hit game of his career to lead the Indians over the Detroit Tigers 2-1, making him the first modern pitcher ever to throw three no-hitters.

• On July 2, 1900, in the sky over Germany's Lake Constance, Count Ferdinand Graf von Zeppelin successfully demonstrates the world's first rigid airship. The 420-foot, cigar-shaped craft was lifted by hydrogen gas and powered by a 16-horsepower engine.

• On July 3, 1985, the blockbuster action-comedy "Back to the Future" – in which John DeLorean's iconic concept car is transformed into a time-travel device – is released in theaters. The DeLorean featured gull-wing doors and a brushed stainless-steel body.

• On July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the second and third presidents of the United States, respectively, die. Both men had been central in the drafting of the historic document.

• On July 5, 1996, Dolly the sheep – the first mammal to have been successfully cloned from an adult cell – is born at the Roslin Institute in Scotland. Over the course of her short six-year life, Dolly gave birth to four lambs.

• On July 6, 1976, in Annapolis, Maryland, the United States Naval Academy admits women for the first time with the induction of 81 female midshipmen. In May 1980, Elizabeth Anne Rowe became the first woman member of the class to graduate.

• On July 7, 1912, Jim Thorpe wins the pentathlon at the fifth modern Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden. He would later medal in the decathlon. In 1913, though, he was stripped of his Olympic medals because he had played minor league baseball. The medals were restored posthumously in 1982, 30 years after his death.

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Children

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we are trying to find ways to help them in Juarez,” the bishop said.

The individuals inside the Clint facility are children, and “these children have needs, we are just trying to provide them with what they need,” reiterated the bishop, whose church is part of the world-wide Anglican communion, the third largest church group in the world. As a matter of fact, he related that the church’s Presiding Bishop Michael Curry officiated the British Prince Harry and Duchess Megan’s marriage ceremony in London recently.

“So, we are doing what Jesus Christ taught us to do, ‘Love Thy Neighbor’. We are bringing love to these children,” Hunn exclaimed.

As for the politicians’ response to their being refused entry into the detention center, they took to the local and national media microphones that were set-up in front of the border patrol complex.

Castro, a former mayor of San Antonio and now a Democratic presidential hopeful, said that what is happening along the U.S.-Mexico border is a symptom of the Trump administration’s efforts to “criminalize desperation”. Since 1929, immigration issues were viewed as civil matters. Now, every immigrant is considered a criminal, even children and toddlers, he stated. “We need an independent immigration system to speed up the asylum-seeking process; we don’t need to incarcerate children,” he said.

State representative Gonzalez, whose district encompasses El Paso County’s lower valley and who grew up in Clint, said that it is time for greater transparency and more accountability from this present administration.

Jose Gallo, a resident from the neighboring town of Fabens, was at the Clint border patrol station that sunny Saturday morning too. He said that he was there because he wanted to show his support for the children being held right down the highway from his home. “We are all human beings. It is amazing to see this happening so close to home,” he stated.

Also, at the Clint border



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

COMPASSION – Episcopal Bishop Michael Hunn, above, whose congregation is spread throughout New Mexico and West Texas and includes 57 churches, stood behind the scene as politicians addressed the media. He said he was there to bring love to all the children currently housed in the Clint border patrol station.

station that morning was Patsy Gomez, of El Paso, who said that she was there to show support for Castro and to thank him for being there to bring attention to this unfortunate situation.

Saturday’s failed visit was just the beginning of a string of protests that have been scheduled to be held in front of the Clint border patrol station in the coming days. The following Monday, a large contingent of advocates for the children including several national political figures, was expected to gather at the Clint facility.

Additionally, the call was sent out for a rally at the complex on Thursday, July 4 and a nationwide day of protest for Friday, July 12.

An advocate for the detained children, who traveled from Arizona to be in Clint that Saturday morning, said that what the Trump administration is doing to these migrant children is outrageous. “We, as moral Americans, must show the government that we are watching and that we will not let this continue,” she said.

Meanwhile, Bishop Hunn recommended that concerned individuals who would like to help, should contact the non-profit organizations and the churches, that have been assisting the asylum seekers, to offer donations and volunteer work. Also, they should be calling their local, state, and national government representatives to voice their concerns.

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Independence Day could take on a new meaning for military athletes

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It’s another Fourth of July weekend, where we celebrate all the freedoms we so fortunately share here in these United States of America.

Sure, we may consume a little too many hot dogs, drink a little too much cold beer and maybe say “yes” to one more slice of apple pie; but it’s because of these the freedoms, that everybody wants to come here.

We have the right and the resources to be the best we can.

And defending our freedom at every turn is the U.S. military. They guarantee the rest of us the opportunity to strive for as much, or as little, success as we’re willing to work for.

And it appears as though our government is going to return the favor to them.

In case you didn’t know, athletes who attend our military academies (Army, Navy, Air Force) have always had to commit to serving in the military for a couple years, even if they happen to be drafted by a professional franchise.

And athletes like Roger Staubach and David Robinson famously put in their years with the military before going on to championship seasons in the NFL and NBA.

It’s always been something that’s been accepted and just, “the way it is.”

Of course, Staubach and Robinson lost a few prime years of major income, but they honored their commitment as honorable men do.

Well, it appears as if things are going to change.

President Donald Trump recently signed a presidential memorandum ordering the Pentagon to develop a new policy to allow athletes attending the nation’s military academies to play professional sports immediately after graduating.

The memo states that, student-athletes graduating from the academies and Reserve Officers’ Training Corps should be able to defer their military service obligations due to the “short window of time” they have to “take advantage of their athletic talents during which playing professional sports is realistically possible.”

Back in 2017 memo, then Defense Secretary James Mattis, said that the service academies “exist to develop

future officers,” and that graduates would serve as “full-fledged military officers carrying out the normal work and career expectations” of someone who received an education at the taxpayers’ expense.

He has a point, but let’s be honest, how many athletes at these service academies have a chance to play at the next level? Less than one percent?

I think the taxpayers will understand.

It was during last season’s presenting the Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy to the Army football team that Trump said he was considering the change to eliminate the active duty requirement while.

Robinson would have spent five years in the military before being eligible to join the NBA, but he was able to cut it down two years before beginning his Hall of Fame career.

After winning the Heisman Trophy in 1963, Staubach served a stint in Vietnam before joining the Dallas Cowboys in 1969 and leading them to two Super Bowl victories.

There are more players who had to serve in the military right out of the academy. But these are by far, the most famous.

This seems to be one of those decisions where either option is okay. Allowing the very few players to go pro and take advantage of their moneymaking gifts makes sense.

It also makes sense for athletes that good don’t have to commit to a service academy. They can play elsewhere if they want to go pro right away. There is something to be said about sacrificing for a cause.

And there are those athletes who join the service academies never dreaming they’d ever advance enough to be wanted by any pro franchise. It happens on rare occasions. If they don’t take advantage of their opportunity immediately, they may be forgotten by the time they’ve served their commitment.

Will changing this rule hurt our military at all? Of course it won’t.

Will changing this rule help a few athletes achieve their dreams and change their lives? Yes.

Will keeping the rule in place change things drastically for the service academies and hurt them in the recruiting process? No way.

In other words, playing defense, whether for a team or your country, is an honor.

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Rodriguez is new AD, coach for Eastlake HS

GO FALCONS – Ruben Rodriguez has been named the athletic coordinator/varsity football coach at Eastlake High School. Rodriguez was previously the assistant football coach/offensive coordinator and assistant baseball coach/infield and hitting coach. He helped lead the football team to three district championships (5A) and five bi-district championships (5A). He also was instrumental in the baseball team’s success with seven district championships (5A) and seven bi-district championships. He was also recognized as a State of Texas High School Assistant Football Coach of the Week last football season. Rodriguez has a bachelor’s degree in interdisciplinary studies with a specialization in special education from the University of Texas at El Paso and a master’s degree in educational administration from Grand Canyon University.

– Christy Flores-Jones



Super Crossword

CATCHING FISH ACROSS

1 Like Rambo

6 Reporters' tablets

14 Gets into some 1940s jazz

20 Sidestep

21 Professors' milieu

22 Quarter-mile, for many tracks

23 Compound of elements #29 and #17

25 Deceived with a fib

26 Lamb raisers

27 Irish Gaelic language

28 Hosp. ward

29 Extend as far as

30 Flamenco dance shout

31 Bedroom furniture with a low seat and a high back

33 Large shrimp

37 Kissing pair

39 "I see what you're up to!"

40 Some NFL blockers

41 Effort toward a law degree, informally

43 Irish whiskey brand

47 Coliseum

48 "First Take" channel

49 Watson of "Colonia"

50 French version of an Oscar

54 Photos

56 Freshening up of a baby

59 _Cola

62 Go well with

64 AL-to-OH dir.

65 Big name in taco kits

66 Bobby of the NHL

67 Cessna Skyhawk competitor

71 Give relief to

72 Long past

74 Conjuror Geller

75 Pale tan hue

76 Fruit-flavored drinks

77 Spicy dairy product

81 Large asteroid

83 Funnywoman

84 Fields

84 Red-ink entry

85 Grad

87 Colt bearers

91 Joins up

93 Mag for some auto enthusiasts

95 Donkey

98 Crackerjack

99 Quail group

100 Juvenile cow

101 Smaller house in a legislature

106 Pesci of film

107 "Sorry, you missed it"

108 Bar brew

109 Ponied up

111 Lane of song

115 "I found it!"

116 What to go through when following protocol

119 Online newsgroup system

120 Burn balm

121 Gnawed on persistently

122 Dwell

123 Five-star

124 Fish "caught" nine times in this puzzle

DOWN

1 Old war club

2 Assert

3 Make do

4 They're below waists

5 Pindar poem

6 Abalone shell lining

7 Protest singer Phil

8 Bit of lore

9 Tokyo, formerly

10 Dangers

11 Friends, in Italian

12 Prepared fancily

13 RSVP encl.

14 Triple-time

Spanish dances

15 Pioneering '40s computer

16 Tree with prickly burs

17 Out of date

18 Peppermint _ (York product)

19 Wild animal tracks

24 Old object

29 Try again, as a case

30 Celebrity with a book club

31 Use up

32 _ de terre (potato, in Paris)

33 Scrub offerer

34 Road vehicle

35 Simian beast

36 High-IQ crew

37 TV collie

38 AOL or MSN

42 All excited

43 Dixon of astrology

44 Unit of current

45 Earthy colour

46 In tidy order

51 Golfer Sam

52 Texas A&M athlete

53 Interprets

55 Willow used in basketry

57 "He's Got the Whole World _ Hands"

58 _ d'Alene, Idaho

59 Use as one's own

60 " _ ed Euridice" (1762 opera)

61 Burial place

63 Least false

67 Fuss over feathers

68 Pungent green

69 Dwell in

70 Krispy _

73 Andy Taylor's kid

76 Japanese brand of 112-Down

78 Tired saying

79 Biblical book after Daniel

80 Mitigator

82 Intro offerer

86 Adore, on candy hearts

88 NHL official

89 Just-prior time

90 Med. nation

92 Secrete milk

94 1974-78 sitcom

95 Distinctive filmmaker

96 Wife, e.g.

97 Pollen bits

99 Paging device

102 1985 title film role for Kate Nelligan

103 Did a leaf-gathering job

104 "That Girl" star Thomas

105 Short, arcing baseball hit

106 Fierce crusade

109 _-a-porter

110 Lot measure

111 Cost to play

112 Bar brew

113 _ Chyna (model with the makeup line Lashed)

114 Bible bk. after Nehemiah

116 Bit of butter

117 Actress Green

118 Forty winks

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



True Texas by Roger T. Moore
July 2, 1936: Keith Rumbel sends international mail via rockets from McAllen. One hits a bar, one explodes, but a few get to Mexico.

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Summer sun bakes mail-order meds

DEAR DR. ROACH: I get all of my medicine by mail. Since the manufacturers stress keeping the pills at cool room temperatures, I wonder what the excessive heat does to them. The medicine must cook all day in the mailbox – way over 100 degrees here in Florida. I wonder how much the pills or liquids are deteriorating, and how the effectiveness is influenced. – F.N.



You are right to be concerned. All medicines should be stored in a cool and dark place, as direct sunlight and heat can damage their effectiveness. Hormones, such as oral contraceptive pills, thyroid hormone and insulin, are among the most sensitive. Nitroglycerine is as well. Although some are shipped in packaging with cold packs and insulation, that’s not always the case. I recommend using a local pharmacy, but many people have prescription plans that require them to use mail order. If that’s the case for you, try to make sure the medicine will be delivered when you are available to receive it. If you have a temperature-sensitive medicine, such as the ones I mention above (ask your pharmacist about others), ask your mail-order pharmacy to send it in special packaging during warm-weather months.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 68-year-old male. I had triple bypass surgery two years ago. Post-surgery complications included diabetes, pneumonia and renal failure. I spent approximately three months in intensive care. After discharge I started physical therapy, as my arms and hands had atrophied. I am still doing therapy, but continue to have limited use of my arms and hands (I cannot curl my hands without force). Any insight you have as to why I am unable to use my hands would be appreciated. – C.M.

Muscle weakness is common after an ICU stay (it’s seen in more than 25 percent of patients), due to several separate causes. Prolonged immobility can lead to weakness, atrophy and even contractures (involuntary bending at certain joints, such as the elbow and ankle). Both critical illness myopathy (affecting muscles; it’s common in people who received steroids, like prednisone) and critical illness polyneuropathy (affecting nerves; it’s common in people with severe infection,

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like sepsis) can lead to weakness and atrophy.

Medications are sometimes needed to paralyze muscles in surgery or in critical illnesses, and these can have long-lasting side effects, including weakness. Malnutrition is common in ICU patients, not because ICU doctors and nurses don't know to or don't want to feed patients, but because the body may be unable to absorb necessary nutrients. Some or all of these may combine to leave lasting physical effects from a long ICU stay.

Physical and occupational rehabilitation services are the key to the recovery of function. Return of physical strength is slow and may be incomplete, so

it may be necessary to use aids and to learn new ways to perform tasks. It has been my repeated experience that almost everyone can benefit from therapy, and patients who work harder, are more driven and are more optimistic tend to have the best results. Although most benefit is seen in the first year after loss of function, you still may continue to improve with therapy, perhaps utilizing different modalities. Definitely seek an occupational therapist if you haven't already.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2019 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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: R equals W

RKXH LIT RBWUK BH BWKAXWX
RKI'G QXBAAL JH WXQQJPJU
GKBMX, J GTMMIGX LIT
RJWHXGG PJWHXGG.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

Answer Page 4 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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A message from a rescued soldier: Thank you 1st Cav



by Freddy Groves

Were you in Binh Duong, South Vietnam, in May 1969? Were you part of the crew of a 1st Cav airmobile near Lai Khe? Under fire, did you swoop in and pick up two severely injured 1st Infantry soldiers and whisk them to safety? A truck full of soldiers had rolled over a land mine, killing five of them immediately.

Chances are you made so many rescues that you don't remember. And even if you do remember picking up two seriously injured guys outside Lai Khe, things were moving so fast and furious that you didn't catch their names.

But one of them definitely remembers you. And he has a message.

That soldier – his name is Rich Newcombe – thinks

about you every day. Rich made it to the hospital alive, thanks to you, where he spent eight months. Since then he's had a good life, finishing college, working and marrying. On the 50th anniversary of the day you rescued him, he sent a letter to a number of newspapers across the country, hoping you would see it. He says, "I hope that you survived as well and have had the same happiness that you have given me to enjoy all these years." He knows and appreciates the risks you took to go in and get him.

My own father was 1st Cav back in the day, and he wore the yellow insignia on his shoulder with the diagonal black stripe and the horsehead. Knowing what he was like, I wasn't at all surprised when I read that those who rescued Rich (and so many others during the war) were 1st Cavalry, one the Army's most decorated combat divisions.

If you were part of that airmobile crew that rescued

Rich, thank you... and welcome home.

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• "Line a flowerpot with a coffee filter to keep the soil from washing out the drain hole."

– R.L. in Georgia

• To dust baseboards and to help them resist dust in the future, try cleaning them with a dryer sheet. The residue left behind will repel dust better than if you were to use simply a damp cloth. It smells fresh, too.

• Need to cut a lot of cherry tomatoes quickly? Try placing them between two plates and apply light slight pressure the keep tomatoes in place. Slice through the gap between the plates, and enjoy.

• "Fun summer math game: Using a stack of small paper plates, write simple math problems on the plate. Set up a few empty laundry baskets. Have kids solve the math problems, then toss the plates they got correct into the basket. You can make it a competition, assign an answer range to each basket or do whatever makes it fun for the kids!"

– Y. in New Hampshire

• When you replace your toothbrush, the old one can be used for so many small cleaning tasks. Wrap a piece of colorful tape around the handle so you know it's now ONLY a cleaning brush. Then use one to clean under the splash guard of your garbage disposal! Pull the guard out, and give the rim a scrub with the toothbrush dipped in baking soda. Follow up with a vinegar/hot water rinse.

• "I found a bunch of half-used bottles of shampoo under the sink in my kids' bathroom. I bought a clear plastic pump bottle and started combining all the bits. Now we are working our way through all the partials, adding more to the pump bottle as needed. I haven't purchased shampoo in two months!"

– A.E. in Oregon

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★

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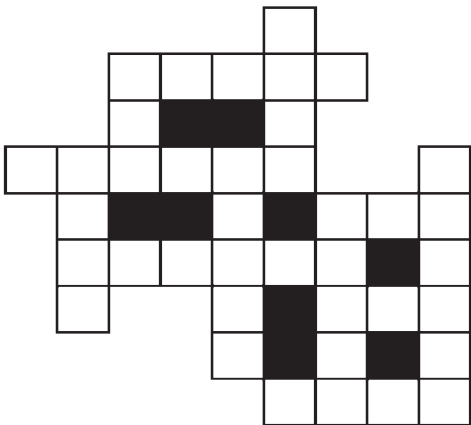
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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