



NEWSBRIEFS

New SPED Director

The Fabens Independent School District Board of Trustees appointed Diane Flores as the new director of Special Education. Flores has 28 years of experience in special education. She was the Autism Spectrum Disorder Specialist in her most recent appointment with Socorro ISD. “It is an honor to begin serving the Wildcat community as your Special Education Director. I believe that when opportunities are without limits, all learners will achieve greatness. My plan is to build on Fabens’ cultivation of a growth mindset and support the wildcat community with positivity, enthusiasm, and innovation. As we embark in this new journey, I look forward in working together in assuring that student success is our priority. Together, we will achieve Wildcat greatness!” said Flores.

— Sofia Maciel

Helping hand

The Canutillo Independent School District, in partnership with Superior HealthPlan, is lending a helping hand by providing the community access to free hygiene essentials through the Superior Care Closet (SCC). The program kicked off on July 25 in the Lone Star Building A, Champion Recreation Room, 7000 Fifth St. SCC will be available the second Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon and the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. while supplies last. There will be a limit of five items per family and identification will be required to access the building. SCC is the result of a \$5,000 grant by Superior HealthPlan and will provide the Canutillo community with a variety of household cleaning items such as laundry detergent, dish soap along with personal care and toiletry products. “... we will be able to offer families in our community with hygiene basics that are becoming more and more costly,” said Coordinated School Health Facilitator Nancy Torres. “We have been regularly holding hygiene drives along with the Canutillo High School National Technical Honor Society because we really see the need for this type of support in our community and we are happy to be able to expand upon our efforts.”

— Gustavo Reveles

Listen carefully to some talkers and you will know that practice does not always make perfect.
— Quips & Quotes



— Photos courtesy San Elizario ISD

A LASTING MEMORIAM – Alarcon Park in San Elizario was renamed Fernie Madrid Eagle Park on May 31, 2023 to honor Fernie Madrid’s longtime service to San Elizario ISD and the community. Madrid attended the dedication but died this past Sunday, July 23. The paper was sent to press before the family could release any information or plans for his funeral.

Park renamed to honor Madrid

*Fernie Madrid dies at age 55;
eight weeks after park dedication*

By Jeannie Meza-Chavez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) renamed the Alarcon Park to the Fernie Madrid Eagle Park in honor of Fernie Madrid, a former SEISD trustee. Madrid was committed to serving the San Elizario students and community through board service for thirty years. He started on the board at age 24. He served from 1992 to March 2023. He stepped down for health reasons.

Madrid recalls the park’s rich history in the sixties and seventies when a baseball semi-pro league played and held baseball summer camps at the park that now carries his

name. The park was also home to the district’s six-man football team. “That field also housed all leagues for little league, which I played in; later in life, I coached for little league teams,” Madrid said. He remembered a Sonny Ozuna concert on the field during one of the Catholic Church’s kermesse, a church bazaar. “So, believe me, I’m very honored having my name on a wonderful park,” he said.

Madrid graduated from San Elizario High School (SEIS) in 1986 and has three adult children – April R. Madrid,



Fernie Madrid died on Sunday, July 23, 2023. He was born on June 29, 1968.

Derek A. Madrid and Gilbert Madrid – all SEHS alumni. He credits his cousin Hilario Almanzar, Jr. for inspiring and helping him to run for the board. Almanzar sat on the SEISD Board for three years. Madrid recalls that former trustee Ramon Holguin, a twenty-five year trustee, was also influential in helping him decide to run for the board. One of the first things Madrid encountered when he began his service was that the football team program was on shaky ground, and his voice proved instrumental in retaining the football

See MADRID, Page 4

Brashear named principal for Fabens ES

By Sofia Maciel
Special to the Courier

FABENS – The Fabens Independent School District has named Veronica Brashear as the new Fabens Elementary School principal for the 2023-24 school year.

Brashear was most recently appointed as assistant principal at the Alfonso Borrego Sr. Elementary in San Elizario. She holds 25 years of experience in education. She was a teacher for 16 years and has been an administrator for nine years. She is also an ethics trainer.

“I am honored and excited to serve as the

new principal of Fabens Elementary, a school with a long-standing history of excellence. I look forward to working with the wonderful students, faculty, staff, and parents of Fabens ISD. I believe respect, safety, and academic rigor are necessary for continuing our school’s commitment to excellence. It will be my mission to put into action my many years of experience to ensure we meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. I will strive to look for ways to bring even more success to our elementary school and district. I believe that working together towards a common goal is key. Let’s make student success our common goal,” said Brashear.



— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD
Veronica Brashear

There should be no ‘woke’ in baseball

It’s not unusual for prayer to play a role in sports. “Spahn, Sain, and pray for rain!” was the famous refrain of Boston Braves fans in 1948, when they wanted their exceptional pitchers Warren Spahn and Johnny Sain to start as many games as possible. A couple of years ago, the team chaplain of the Loyola Chicago men’s basketball team, Sister Jean, prayed before a game against Illinois in the NCAA Tournament, “As we play the Fighting Illini, we ask for special help to overcome this team and get a great win.” (Final score: Loyola Chicago 71, Illinois 58).

In the long history of sports, though, it seems unlikely that anyone has ever felt compelled to pray over the spiritual hurt caused by a team – until now. Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez dedicated

a service to praying for “healing due to the harm caused by” the Los Angeles Dodgers. And he’s not referring to the team’s disappointing exit from the playoffs last year at the hands of the San Diego Padres or its relatively soft 38-30 start this year. No, rather its “decision to honor a group that intentionally denigrates and profanes the Christian faith.”

He’s speaking of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a group of drag queens who dress up as Roman Catholic nuns and mock their faith. In the most embarrassing to-and-fro since Yankee owner George Steinbrenner fired and rehired manager Billy Martin multiple times, the Dodgers announced that they’d honor the “Sisters” on the team’s “LGBTQ+ Pride Night,” then backed

off when people of faith were offended, then decided to honor them after all in response to LGBTQ backlash to the backlash. This shameful cowardice comes courtesy of one of baseball’s most storied franchises, one that used to hold “Nun’s Day” at the stadium. It’s a symptom of the sheer unavoidability of “woke” cultural politics that they’ve come to baseball, once the most mainstream and arguably still the most traditional of major sports league. The Toronto Blue Jays just cut one of their relief

See LOWRY, Page 7



Food for thought

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Will China buy your land?

A few people own a lot of Crown Estate owns 6.6 billion our planet. acres of land worldwide. King Charles III or the This includes Great Britain,

Northern Ireland, Canada (90%), Australia (23%) and a few other spots here and there. They also own the Falkland Islands. With 6.6 billion acres, King Charles III or the Crown Estate, is far and away the world’s largest landowner, with the closest runner-up (King Salman, Saudi Arabia) who holds control over a mere 547 million acres and a net worth of over \$18 billion. Coming in number three on the list is Pope Francis.110 acres owned by The Holy See constitute Vatican City. Also, roughly 17 million more acreage of various lands are owned by the Catholic Church throughout the globe, including the hundreds of

Vatican embassies that are legally titled to The Holy See as an independent nation. Ted Turner ranks high in major world landowners with over 2 million acres of land owned in Georgia, Montana and Argentina (Businessinsider.com). Jeff Bezos owns about 400,000 acres with much of that being in Texas (Payback.fm). Bill Gates owns about 242,000 acres of farmland according to celebrity.net. According to the US Department of Agriculture, USDA,thereareapproximately 911 million acres of farmland in the United States. There has been concern about China’s growing land purchases in the United States. Chinese purchases of U.S agricultural land has sparked concern in Congress among a

bipartisan group of lawmakers – but 18 other countries own more American agricultural acres than China. Here are some of the American landowners according Forbes.com:

- Canada, 12,845,000 acres;
- Netherlands, 4,875,000 acres;
- Italy, 2,703,000 acres;
- United Kingdom, 2,538,000 acres;
- Germany, 2,269,000 acres;
- Portugal, 1,483,000 acres;
- France, 1,316,000 acres;
- Denmark, 856,000 acres;
- Luxembourg, 802,000 acres; and
- Ireland, 760,000 acres.

China ranks number 18 and owns roughly 384,000 acres of U.S. agricultural land, according to a 2021 report from the Department of Agriculture. Of that, 195,000 acres – worth almost \$2 billion when purchased – are owned by 85 Chinese investors, which could be individuals, companies or the government. The other 189,000 acres were worth \$235 million when purchased and are owned by 62 U.S. corporations with Chinese shareholders. Chinese agricultural land ownership only increased about 550 acres from 2015 to 2019. Then, their ownership jumped 30% from 2019 (Forbes.com).

Chinese food manufacturer Fufeng Group bought 300 acres of land near Grand Forks, North Dakota, to set up a milling plant. The project is located about 20 minutes from the Grand Forks Air Force Base, raising national security concerns (CNBC.COM).

Then known as Shuanghui Group, WH Group purchased Smithfield Foods in 2013 for \$4.72 billion. It was the largest Chinese acquisition of an American company at that time.

Bourbon lovers might be surprised to learn that a large number of Kentucky favorites

Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice 2023-2024 NSLP Policy Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The Tornillo Independent School District announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Tornillo ISD Food Service Manager
Norma Aguirre
9200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853
Email: aguirren@tisd.us

Noticia Pública

Poliza de Comidas Escolares de NSLP del Año 2023-2024

Disposición de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (CEP)

El Distrito Escolar de Tornillo anunció el día de hoy que continuará su política de operar la Disposición de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (CEP) bajo el Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares y el Programa de Desayunos Escolares para el año escolar 2023-2024. Las escuelas que califican para operar la Disposición de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (CEP) sirven desayuno y almuerzo a todos los niños sin cargo y eliminan la recolección de solicitudes de comidas para obtener comidas para estudiantes gratuitas, a precio reducido y pagadas. Este nuevo enfoque reduce las cargas tanto para las familias como para los administradores escolares y ayuda a garantizar que los estudiantes reciban comidas nutritivas.

Para obtener información adicional, por favor comuníquese con la siguiente persona:

Tornillo ISD Food Service Manager
Norma Aguirre
19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX 79853
Email: aguirren@tisd.us



PUBLISHED:
Published each Thursday (minimum 50 issues) by Homesteader News, Inc. Office open Monday through Thursday.

COPYRIGHT:
Entire contents © 2023 Homesteader News, Inc. Individual authors retain all rights. Pictures, drawings and written material appearing in the West Texas County Courier may not be used or reproduced without written permission of Homesteader News, Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
Letters must not be more than 250 words in length. They should be dated, must be signed and have an address and daytime phone number. Only the name and city will be printed with the letter. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right to edit or reject letters to the editor or other submitted material it considers inappropriate.

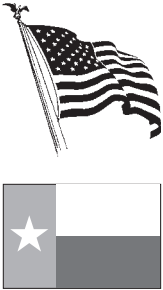
AD DEADLINE:
Friday 4 p.m. for the next Thursday.

CLASSIFIED RATES
\$15 for 25 words, \$20 for 40 words. Ad must be in writing and pre-paid. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

DISPLAY RATES:
Open rate — \$40 per column inch. Call for more information or to set an appointment. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS:
Minimum 50 issues for \$50. Delivery via 1st class mail.

MAIL:
15344 Werling Ct.
Horizon City, TX 79928



Phone: 852-3235
E-mail: wtxcc@wtxcc.com
Website: wtxcc.com
Publisher
Rick Shrum
Contributors
Alfredo Vasquez
Steve Escajeda



Speed is top contributor for crashes in Texas

TxDOT partnering with law enforcement to urge drivers to slow down

By Jeff Salzgeber
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN — Drivers continue to choose to go too fast on Texas roads, making speed the number one contributing factor in traffic crashes. That’s why TxDOT is partnering with law enforcement on the “Be Safe. Drive Smart.” campaign to urge motorists to slow down.

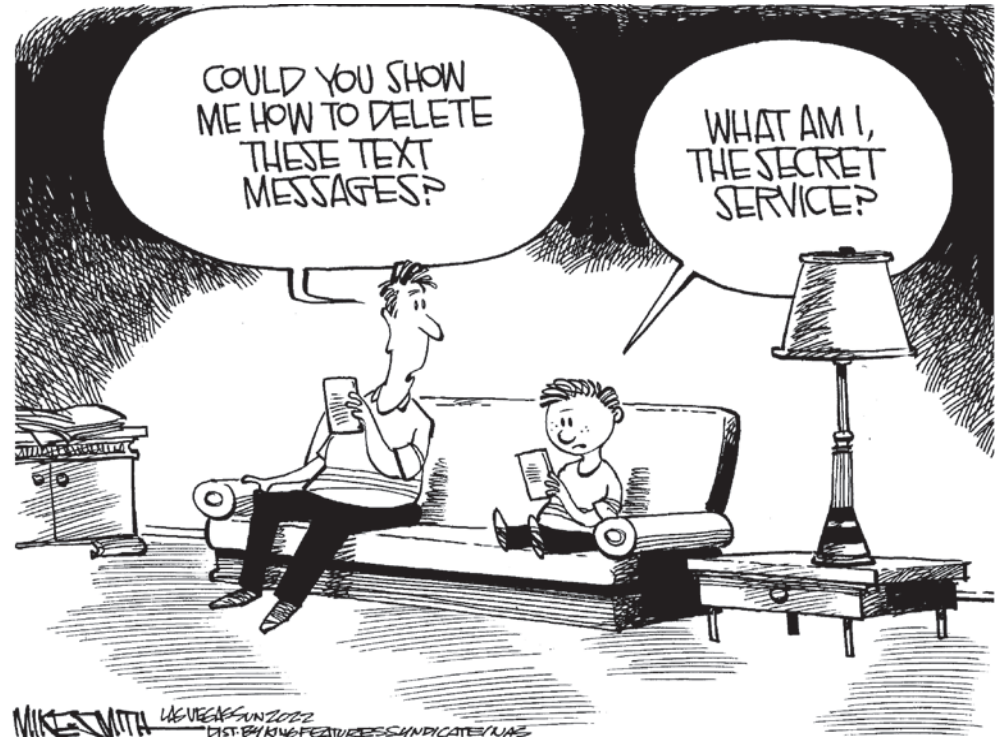
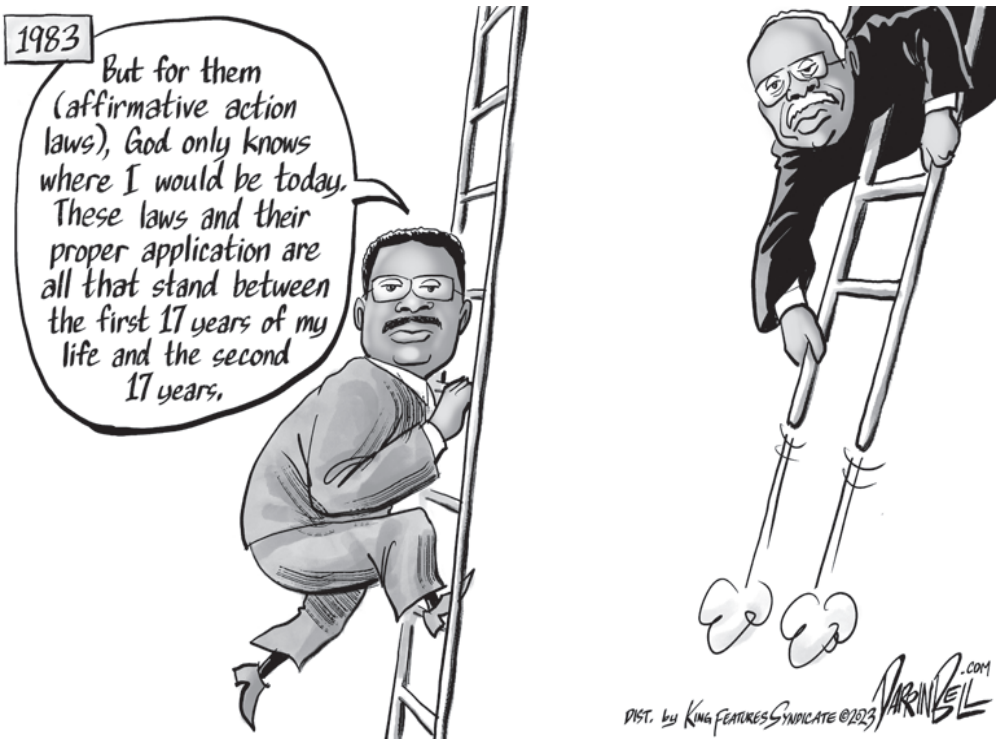
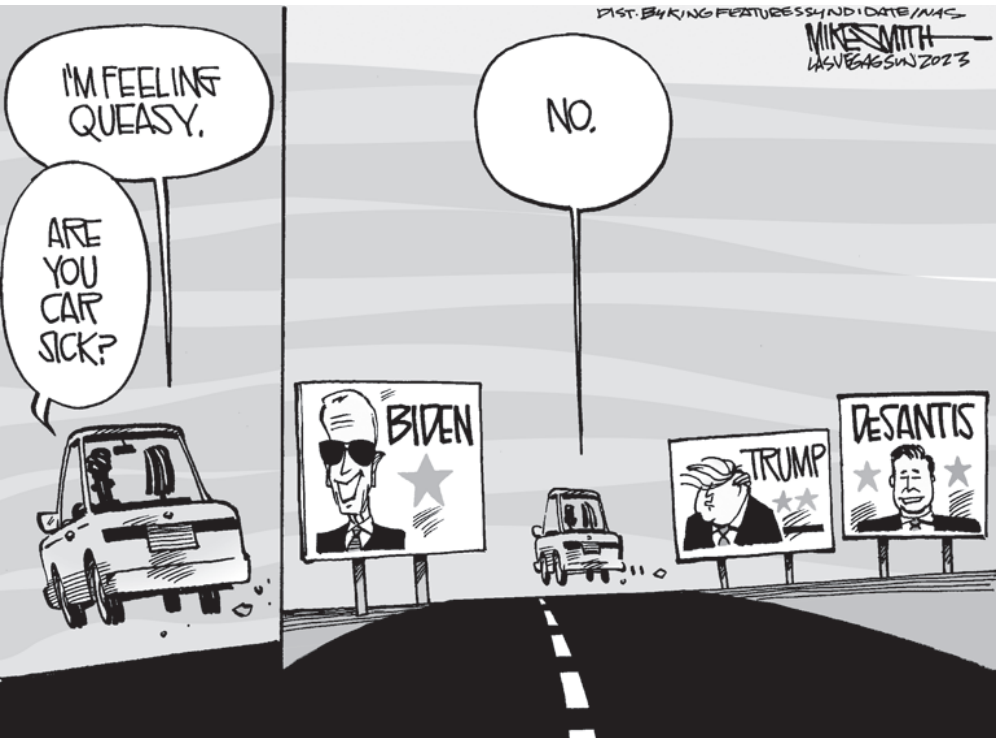
Last year, a third of the people killed on the road were in a crash that involved speed. This translates

to 1,469 lives that were lost on Texas roads in speed-related crashes.

“Getting to your destination two or three minutes faster just isn’t worth the risk of a crash and causing harm to yourself or others,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “Motorists who observe the speed limit and match their driving to road and weather conditions can help prevent crashes.”

TxDOT’s speeding awareness campaign coincides with Operation

See SPEED, Page 5



San Elizario Independent School District Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Programs

- 1) The San Elizario Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Audio Video Production, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Plumbing and Pipefitting, Business Administration, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Graphic Design and Illustration, Law Enforcement, Robotics, Engineering, Biomedical Technology, Health Science, Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and El Paso Community College-Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, and Patient Care Technician Programs. Admission to these programs is based on course pre-requisites and grade level classifications. For program information call Sandra Sanchez at (915) 872-3900, extension 3844.
- 2) It is the policy of the San Elizario Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3) It is the policy of the San Elizario Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) The San Elizario Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all education and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Superintendent Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en los Programas de Carrera y Técnica

- 1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario ofrece programas de Carrera y Educación Técnica en Producción de Video Audio, Tecnología Automotriz, Tecnología de la Construcción, Fontanería y Plomería, Administración de Empresas, Cosmetología, Artes Culinarias, Diseño Gráfico y Ilustración, Aplicación de la Ley, Robótica, Ingeniería, Tecnología Biomédica, Auxiliarde Enfermería, Ingeniería de Tecnología Científica y Matemáticas (STEM), y Colegio Comunitario de El Paso – Programas de Técnico en Emergencias Medicas, Certificación de Asistente en Enfermeria y Técnico de Atencion a Pacientes. Admisión a estos programas se basa en prerrequisitos del curso y clasificación del nivel del grado. Para más información sobre el programa, por favor comuníquense con Sandra Sanchez al (915) 872-3900, extensión 3844.
- 2) Es la póliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o discapacidad en estos programas vocacionales, servicios, o actividades requeridos por el Título IV del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendada Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.
- 3) Es la póliza del distrito de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad, o la edad en sus metodos de empleo exidido por el Titulo VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, enmendada por las Enmienda Educativas de 1972, del Acta de la Discriminación por Edad de 1975, como enmendada, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.
- 4) El distrito escolar de San Elizario tomará pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.
- 5) Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el Superintendente Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

Anthony Independent School District 2023-2024 Meal Policy

The Anthony Independent School District announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Anthony Independent School District
Attention: Tisha Villalva, Director, Child Nutrition Program
840 Sixth St., Anthony, TX 79821
Phone: (915) 886-6542; Email: tvillalva@anthonyisd.net

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

Anthony Independent School District is an equal opportunity provider.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony Regla de Alimentos Año 2023-2024

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony y las escuelas Anthony High School, Anthony Middle School y Anthony Elementary han anunciado hoy que continuará con su póliza de administrar el Community Eligibility Program (CEP) bajo los programas de National School Lunch Program y School Breakfast Program en el año escolar 2023-2024. Las escuelas que califican para operar CEP ofrecen desayuno y comida a todos los niños sin costo alguno y elimina la colección de solicitudes para comida gratis, precio reducido, y pagado. Este nuevo enfoque reduce la carga para las familias y los administradores escolares y asegura que los estudiantes reciban comidas nutritivas.

Para información adicional por favor comunicarse a:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony
con: Tisha Villalva, Director, Child Nutrition Program
840 Sixth St., Anthony, TX 79821
Phone: (915) 886-6542; Email: tvillalva@anthonyisd.net

De acuerdo con la ley federal de derechos civiles y el Departamento de Agricultura (USDA) reglamentos de derechos civiles y políticas, el USDA, sus agencias, oficinas y empleados, y las instituciones que participan en o administran los programas del USDA de Estados Unidos tienen prohibido discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad, edad o represalia o venganza para la actividad antes de los derechos civiles en cualquier programa o actividad llevada a cabo o financiada por el USDA. Las personas con discapacidad que requieran medios alternativos de comunicación para la información del programa (por ejemplo, Braille, letra grande, cinta de audio, lenguaje de signos americano, etc.), deben ponerse en contacto con la Agencia (estatal o local) donde solicitaron beneficios. Las personas sordas o con problemas de audición o discapacidades del habla pueden comunicarse con el USDA a través del Servicio de Retransmisión Federal al (800) 877-8339. Además, la información del programa puede estar disponible en otros idiomas además del Inglés.

Para presentar una queja de discriminación en el programa, completar el Formulario de Queja USDA Programa de discriminación, (AD-3027) se encuentra en línea en: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, y en cualquier oficina del USDA, o escribir una carta dirigida a proporcionar USDA y en la carta toda la información solicitada en el formulario. Para solicitar una copia del formulario de queja, llame al (866) 632-9992. Enviar el formulario completado o una carta al USDA por: (1) mail: Departamento de Agricultura, Oficina del Secretario Adjunto de Derechos Civiles, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 EE.UU.; (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; o (3) e-mail: program.intake@usda.gov.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony es un proveedor de igualdad de oportunidades.

WTCC: 07-27-23

6	+	8	÷	2	7
×		-		×	
1	×	7	-	4	3
÷		×		-	
3	+	5	÷	4	2
2		5		4	

B	O	T	H				
O		A			M		
D	A	B			A		
I		L	E	V	I	T	Y
N		E		E		E	
A	G	O		S	A	D	
		V	A	M	P		
		A			E		
A	L	D	E	R			

V	I	A	G	R	A	B	S	S	E	C	T	M	A	M	B	O	S		
A	R	K	R	E	N	E	E	T	I	G	O	R	A	R	A	R	A	T	
R	A	I	S	I	N	G	A	R	I	Z	O	N	A	I	G	N	I	T	E
Y	E	N	T	L	C	A	F	E	M	E	T	E	T	H	E				
		A	L	L	A	H	E	U	R	O	P	E	A	N	W	A	S	P	
D	O	D	G	E	I	N	T	R	E	P	I	D	K	I	T	E			
I	N	R	E	S	T	O	O	L	P	E	W	I	T	E	M	S			
R	E	A	R	M	Y	O	Y	O	H	A	A	N	C	A	T				
T	A	G	A	M	S	F	A	L	S	E	A	L	B	A	C	O	R	E	
		O	H	W	E	L	L	D	A	N	T	E	S	A	L	I	T		
J	O	U	R	N	A	L	C	O	N	S	T	I	T	U	T	I	O	N	
O	O	N	A	A	M	A	L	I	E	F	A	R	I	N	G				
C	H	I	C	A	G	O	M	I	D	W	A	Y	P	D	F	I	M	A	
T	A	N	L	E	N	A	S	U	E	R	F	A	C	E	S				
A	N	G	E	L	S	E	E	B	A	A	E	D	M	A	N	I			
		R	O	S	S	P	A	P	E	R	N	A	U	T	I	L	I	S	
H	E	A	R	T	M	O	N	I	T	O	R	A	R	D	E	N			
A	L	L	M	I	L	O	T	G	I	F	N	O	D	A	L				
G	L	A	R	E	D	F	R	E	E	N	T	E	R	P	R	I	S	E	
A	I	R	I	N	G	E	A	R	N	D	E	L	H	I	E	K	E		
R	E	M	O	T	E	E	T	A	T	O	R	I	O	N	U	S	S		

Madrid

From Page 1

program for students.

Jesus Martinez, the Support Services Director said, “Mr. Madrid’s service was strongly studentandemployee-oriented. His discussions during Board meetings highlighted this often. Throughout my years working with the district and living in San Elizario, I have noticed how his time contributing to the board has impacted, enriched, and improved the learning environment and the district’s facilities.” Madrid says he has seen the SEISD undergo many.

During his tenure, he was a part of many district milestones, such as the hiring of four superintendents, beginning with Dr. Beatriz Reyna Curry (1993-1996), Dr. Mike Quatrini (1997-2011), Mrs. Sylvia Hopp (2012-2017), and Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez (2017 to present). Madrid service on the board included sixteen years as secretary and one year as vice president. He said, “I’m still in awe, humbled, and proud to have served.”

He was part of numerous transformational projects in SEISD. Presently, the SEISD has six schools. Madrid was already when Sambrano Elementary School opened in 1994. Othersignificantbuilding projects included in Madrid’s tenure were the foundation of administrative buildings that support students. They include the Excell Academy, built in 1997; the Administrative Offices, built in 2002; and the Support Services Operations Center, built in 2017.

SEISD Chief Financial Officer Norberto Rivas, said, “Mr. Madrid was an advocate for all students; every time a proposed project for the high school came up, he would tell administration not to forget about the middle school.” He was also a proponent of doing things right the first time; whether it was picking the right amount for a bond proposition,adoptingabudget, or determining the scope of a construction project, he advocated for well-thought-out plans.”

Third-grade students from Alarcon Elementary School participated in the celebration. Fernie Madrid Eagle Park will undergo several planned improvements including a new playground, park name signage, benches for the canopy area, a dedication monument, concrete pads for bleachers, a basketball court renovation, an outdoor fitness area, banners for door light fixtures, and a new backstop fence. “Never in my mind did



By Lucie Winborne

• Because snow is composed of ice, it can be classified as a mineral.

• In 2018, the U.S. Navy equipped its submarines with Xbox360 controllers, as the control sticks for periscopes are not only expensive but challenging to master. But the change wasn’t just designed to save cash: Since many periscope operators have used Xbox controllers, the skill was easily transferred.

• Movie trailers were originally shown after the movie, hence their name.

• A lion’s roar can be as loud as 114 decibels, which is roughly 25 times louder than a gas-powered lawnmower, due to the shape of its vocal cords. The roar can also be heard up to 5 miles away.

• Because there is no true black color, all “black” pigments and dyes really only look black. They’re made up of a combination of other pigments in specific combinations to reflect the least amount of light possible.

• Starfish digest food outside their bodies.

• Before designer Louis Vuitton’s death, he and his son Georges developed a revolutionary new lock system to better protect their customers’ luggage. Several years later, after patenting the system, Georges publicly challenged illusionist and escape artist Harry Houdini to break out of a Vuitton trunk. While Houdini declined, it served as a positive ad for the new feature.

• William Hung, famous for his rendition of “She Bangs” on “American Idol,” is a 73rd-generation descendant of Confucius.

• The Vatican had music that was forbidden to be copied and was only played twice per year. It remained secret for nearly 150 years until a 14-year-old Mozart heard it and transcribed it from memory.

• The moon is not round, but shaped like an egg.


• Though most think it’s Italian, pepperoni is an American invention.

Thought for the Day: “Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.”

– Anne Lamott

(c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

See MADRID, Page 5



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On July 24, 1959, the popularly termed “kitchen debates” took place between U.S. Vice President Richard Nixon and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in Moscow, where Nixon was visiting a house built as part of an exhibit in the American National Exhibition.
- On July 25, 1976, Viking 1, the first space probe to successfully land on Mars, took the famous photo of the Cydonia region that included a 1.2-mile mesa with the striking appearance of a humanoid face. The image has since been accepted by scientists as an optical illusion.
- On July 26, 1863, Confederate cavalry leader John Hunt Morgan, along with 360 of his men, were captured at Salineville, Ohio, during a raid on the North. Starting in the previous July, Morgan made four major raids on Northern or Northern-held territory in a year, which, though of limited strategic importance, bolstered Southern morale while capturing badly needed supplies.
- On July 27, 1981, 6-year-old Adam John Walsh was abducted from a mall in Hollywood, Florida, after following an older boy outside, and later found murdered. In the aftermath of the still-unsolved crime, his father, John Walsh, became a leading victims’ rights activist and host of the long-running television show “America’s Most Wanted.”
- On July 28, 1945, in a freak accident caused by heavy fog, a U.S. military plane crashed into New York City’s Empire State Building, killing 14 people, including the two pilots and a single passenger, and resulting in \$1 million in damages.
- On July 29, 2012, rap singer Snoop Dogg (real name Calvin Broadus) was banned from Norway for two years after being caught attempting to bring a small amount of marijuana into the country in his luggage, as well as more cash than legally allowed, the previous month.
- On July 30, 1733, the first Masonic Grand Lodge in the future United States, now known as St. John’s Lodge, was constructed in Massachusetts. It claims to be the third-oldest such lodge in existence, though this has been disputed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

(c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Madrid

From Page 4

I think I would be honored in the way you all have done,” Madrid said.

In summing up his board service, Madrid said, “All kids were my kids; I offered my voice for them.” He continues, “People say all board members come in with an agenda, well my agenda was kids; making decisions to help kids was the overall picture for me.”

Speed

From Page 3

Slowdown, a statewide, high-visibility speed enforcement period. From July 14 through July 30, Texas law enforcement agencies are stepping up efforts to get drivers to slow down or pay up.

Smart, safe driving means more than following the speed limit. TxDOT has these safety tips for motorists:

- Match your speed to road conditions if there’s bad weather or you’re driving through a work zone.
- Slow down and allow for more distance to stop when traffic is heavy or roads are slick.
- Watch for road signs alerting you of reduced speed limits ahead.

This month TxDOT is delivering the campaign’s safe speed messages on TV, radio, billboards, gas pumps, theater screens and social media. Community events featuring an interactive exhibit of safety quizzes and video displays will be held at Buc-ee’s locations along major travel corridors. TxDOT’s HERO trucks, which assist motorists in need and clear minor crashes, will also display campaign signage to encourage drivers to slow down.

“Be Safe. Drive Smart.” is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer’s Crash Report (CR-3). This information was received and processed by the department as of April 19, 2023.

Send Your Newsbrief To:

wtxcc@wtxcc.com

Land

From Page 2

are owned by Japanese companies. Way back in 2014 Japan-based Suntory bought Jim Beam at a 25 percent premium over market value for \$16 billion. That means the world’s best-selling bourbon, Jim Beam, is actually owned by a Japanese company. Suntory also owns Maker’s Mark, Knob Creek and Basil Hayden (NBCnews.com).

If you have American land or business to sell, no worries, someone from China or another foreign country just might be interested.

Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of “Uncommon Sense” and 12 other books. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states. Learn more at www.glennmollette.com or www.facebook.com/glennmollette.

Public Notice

Canutillo Independent School District

Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Agriculture Science; Business Management and Administration; Culinary Arts; Marketing and Sales; Exploring Careers; Education and Training; Career Preparation; Health Science; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; Cyber Security; Computer Science; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); Biomedical Science Human Services and Robotics. Admission to these programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and Career and Technical Education programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Martha Carrasco, (915) 877-7423, mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Elvia Moreno, (915) 877-7449, eqmoreno@canutillo-isd.org, at 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

Aviso al Público

Notificación de No Discriminación en los Programas Educativos de Carreras Técnicas y Vocacional

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo ofrece programas de Educación en Carreras Técnicas y Vocacionales en las siguientes ramas: artes culinarias; mercadotecnia y ventas; ciencias en tecnología agrónoma, administración y gestión empresarial; exploración de profesiones; education y entrenamiento; ciencias de salud; estudios en leyes, seguridad publica y correccionales; seguridad cibernética; ciencias de la computación; ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM, por sus siglas en inglés); ciencia biomédica; y servicios humanos y robótica.

Es la politica del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo el no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, género, discapacidad o edad en los programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y Educativos de Carrera y Técnicas y Vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Martha Carrasco, al P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7423, correo electrónico: mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org, o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Elvia Moreno, teléfono (915) 877-7449, correo electrónico: eqmoreno@canutillo-isd.org, al 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

WTCC: 07-27-23

The 2023 National Football League season is officially here

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Believe it or not, our long national nightmare of being without NFL football is finally over.

It was last February when we saw Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs edge out the Philadelphia Eagles 38-35 in a spectacular Super Bowl.

Although that was just over five months ago, for rabid football fans it seems more like five years.

Even though we’re in the middle of extremely hot summer weather, every NFL team has reported for training camp to get ready for the 2023 season.

I know this may be hard to believe, but the first game of the season is just days away.

The Hall of Fame game takes place this Thursday, August 3 in Canton, Ohio when the New York Jets take on the Cleveland Browns.

For me and millions like me, this is the most promising sports time of the year - the start of football season. Whether it’s high school, college or the pros, the start of football means every team has a chance, every team is still in the running, every team is undefeated, and every fan knows their team is the best.

That is until that annoying thing called “reality” eventually sets in.

And like every season, this year’s version of the NFL will looks a little different than last year.

There are player, coaches, and even rules changes that will play a role in the fate of a few teams. Let’s take a look at some of the major ones.

The most anticipated player move of course is Aaron Rodgers going to the Jets. The Jets looked like they were only a quarterback away from becoming an elite team a year ago, now they have a chance to prove it.

Some of the other player moves include DeAndre Hopkins going to the Tennessee Titans, Derek Carr now with the New Orleans Saints, Jimmy Garoppolo with the Las Vegas Raiders, Baker Mayfield with the Tampa Bay Bucs, Brandin Cooks with the Dallas Cowboys, Odell Beckham Jr. with the Baltimore Ravens, Darren Waller with the New York Giants, Dalton Schultz with the Houston Texans and then there are quarterbacks like Jordan Love with the Green Bay Packers and Desmond Ridder with the Atlanta Falcons, who will get their chance to show if they

really are NFL material.

On the coaching side, it’ll be interesting to see how far new head coach Sean Payton can take the Denver Broncos and whether the loss of former offensive coordinator Kellen Moore will hurt the Cowboys’ offense.

Of course it wouldn’t be a new NFL season without a little tweaking of the rules. Here are two that I believe fall into the “really?” category.

One of them allows for the player receiving a kickoff to call for a fair catch anywhere on the field and get the ball at the 25-yard line. It used to be that if a player fielded the kickoff on his own five yard line, he had to return it as far as he could, which is pretty exciting. Now, a player can stand at the five-yard line, signal for a fair catch, and the team gets the ball at the 25.

That’s about as exciting as it was when we used to watch baseball pitchers throw four balls to a batter for

an intentional walk.

The other rule change is confusing. We all can understand making it a foul for a player to use his helmet to hammer into the head of another player. But that’s not enough for the NFL. Now a player will be flagged if he leads with his helmet to any part of his opponent’s body. So if a player hits another player in the hip or leg or shoulder with his head... penalty.

The way the NFL is going, the refs won’t be the only ones on the field with flags, the players will be wearing them on their hips.

But until then, we’ll continue getting ready for another NFL season.

Will it be the Chiefs hoisting the Lombardi trophy again, or will it be the Buffalo Bills, the Cincinnati Bengals, Philadelphia Eagles or even the Jets or the Cowboys?

Could it even be a couple of up-and-comers like the Jacksonville Jaguars or the Detroit Lions?

Stay tuned.

Senior momentBy Matilda Charles

Staycation ideas for seniors

How do we go on vacation when we can’t afford to travel anywhere? How can any days feel like vacation when we do what we usually do, which is stay home?

The answer lies in that made-up word: “staycation.” The idea is to spend time doing something different without leaving your home area.

One of my favorite ways to unwind and decompress is to unplug the phone and read. I can get 10 free Kindle Unlimited books at a time, more than enough to keep me happy during an unplugged week while I pretend I’m on vacation. With a free-delivery Walmart+ membership (\$98 for a year), I can have groceries and snacks delivered to the door.

I’ve already checked the local events calendar, marking off several of interest. That doesn’t mean I’ll go to all of them, but the options are there: a sandwich, no-salt chips and a drink in a chilled to-go-bag and a few relaxing hours at a free local outdoor concert.

One of the events I’m looking forward to is an evening community sing where likely hundreds of people (mostly

seniors, I imagine) will get together outdoors to sing the oldies.

On another day I’ll spend some hours at the Louvre in Paris. I won’t actually be there, but close enough with their free virtual tour (www.louvre.fr/en/online-tours). Do an online search for “museums with virtual tours,” and you’ll find several dozen choices. Zoos, national parks and aquariums have done the same thing.

The opportunities for staycation are many. Want to learn to paint or draw? Order supplies and spend some days hooked up to online art tutorials. Want to write a book? You can get a lot done in an unplugged week. Want to bake a pie? Spend an afternoon first at a pick-your-own fruit farm.

A big rule of staycation: Housework and cleaning are not allowed.

(c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	
19				20						21						22					
23				24						25						26					
27								28						29	30					31	
				32		33	34			35		36	37					38			
39	40	41							42						43						
44					45						46		47			48		49	50	51	
52				53				54			55			56	57	58			59		
60					61	62	63		64			65	66					67			
				68	69				70			71						72			
										73								74	75		
77						78									79						
80					81							82	83		84				85	86	87
88					89						90				91			92	93		
94					95				96	97	98		99			100	101		102		
					103		104	105		106		107						108			
109	110	111							112						113						
114					115						116		117				118		119	120	121
122					123				124	125	126					127	128				
129									130					131						132	
133									134					135						136	

NINE FLEET ACROSS	61 Pro_ (some tourneys)	capitalism	18 Expensive	74 Roman
1 By means of	64 Sport fish also known as "little tuna"	129 Showing on TV	24 Veteran	75 Suffix with planet
4 Seizes suddenly	68 "Them's the breaks!"	130 Work to make	25 Casual statement of sympathy	76 Petty quarrel
9 Niche religion	71 Title word before "Inferno" or "Peak"	131 Second-largest city of India	30 Comic shriek	77 Eight: Prefix
13 Cousins of rumbas	72 Came to rest	132 _ out a win (just prevail)	33 Fleur-de_ (iris)	81 Doled-out share
19 Noah's craft	73 Atlanta daily since 2001	133 Distant	34 Kitchen pest	82 French inn
20 Zellweger of "Bee Movie"	77 "Game of Thrones" actress Chaplin	134 Californie, par exemple	36 Fabric flaw	83 2021 is one
21 Assistant of Frankenstein	78 Charlotte _ (Virgin Islands capital)	135 Stellar hunter	37 Bardic verse	86 Diner list
22 Mount where the 19-Across landed	79 Turning out	136 Abbr. that can precede nine key words in this puzzle	38 Rainy	87 Sale rack caveat
23 1987 comedy starring Nicolas Cage	80 Windy City airport		39 Juicy gossip	91 Pursued speedily
26 Set fire to	84 Adobe Acrobat file	DOWN	40 Draft-eligible	93 Key related to C major
27 Streisand musical film	85 _ believer!"	1 Fluctuate	41 Coercing	95 Bungle
28 Diner relative	88 Almond-hued	2 "Dies _ " (Mass hymn)	42 Edifice topper	97 Lead-in to center or dermis
29 Portion (out)	89 Actress Olin	3 Similar	47 "Let's suppose..."	98 Do lunch
31 Part of "GWTW"	90 Plaintiff	4 Car radiator covering	49 Like the study of habitats	100 Gift for music
32 Mosque God	92 Turns toward	5 Toon pal of Stimpy	50 County in the Bay Area	101 Clunker
35 Black-and-yellow stinging insect	94 Darling child	6 "The Ice Storm" director Lee	51 "Undo" mark	104 Wee bit
39 1993-2004 Chrysler sedan	96 Perceive	7 Plastic pair or shovel, say	53 Bryn _	105 Note above fa
43 Thing to fly in the wind	99 Imitated a sheep	8 Toxin fighters	55 Info that's not up to date	107 Very strong
44 Pertaining to	102 _pedi	9 Form a rough judgment of	57 Pub spigot	108 One of a bowler's targets
45 Seat in a bar	103 "It's My Turn" singer Diana	10 Vanity	58 Preposterous	109 "Horrible" cartoon
46 Seat in a church	106 Small, floating cephalopod	11 With 15-Down, flimflamming guy	62 Domestic household	110 Actress Kemper
48 Things	109 Device used in cardiology	12 "Lady and the _ "	63 Hit hard, as the brakes	111 Fire alert
52 Give new weapons to	113 Actress Eve	13 Rum cocktail	65 Airline to Copenhagen	112 Credit card lure
54 Fluctuate wildly	114 Everything	14 Evita's land	66 Apnea-treating doc	117 _Chinese
56 Cole _ (shoe brand)	115 Venus de _	15 See 11-Down	67 Abel's brother	119 God, to Gigi
59 Curious pet	116 9-to-5er's shout	16 Big name in faucet filters	69 Blacklisting org. of the 1940s-'50s	120 Inquires
60 Gift label	118 Of a junction point	17 Solemn vows	70 Petting zoo animals	121 Some blue jeans
	122 Grieved angrily		73 2008-12 Mets pitcher Santana	123 Brazilian city, in brief
	124 Principle of			125 Hamelin pest
				126 Slice of time
				127 Yale attendee
				128 Pi-sigma link

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

From Page 2

pitchers, Anthony Bass, for not getting with the LGBTQ program. He thus became the first player in major league history to be DFA’ed for associating himself with traditional Biblical morality.

On May 29, a day that will live in Blue Jays infamy, right up there with the collapse in the 1985 ALCS, Bass shared a video from Bible-themed Instagram page supporting the boycotts of Bud Light and Target. In response to the resulting furor, he apologized and promised to do better, but that wasn’t close to being enough.

The last straw came when he tried to explain himself again about two weeks into the controversy. He said, “I stand by my personal beliefs,” adding – very naively, as it turns out – “and everyone is entitled to their personal beliefs, right?”

The demand of Bass wasn’t that he say bland and nice things but that he repudiate part of his belief system as a Christian.

Fans were booing him, and sports journalists

were out for blood. The Athletic huffed, “It was clear that Bass still did not grasp how harmful his actions and words were.”

Preposterously, as part of his forced rehabilitation, Bass was scheduled to catch the ceremonial first pitch to open up the team’s Pride Weekend, which included a drag queen performing the national anthem.

Instead, he got fired. No one can accuse the Blue Jays of not fully embracing the spirit of pride ideology, including the illiberalism.

Back in the early 1950s, before the Dodgers had moved from Brooklyn, the team’s churchgoing first baseman Gil Hodges entered into a terrible slump. Instead of turning on him, the fans encouraged him. Father Redmond of St. Francis Church famously said one day: “It’s too hot for a sermon today. Go home, keep the commandments, and say a prayer for Gil Hodges.”

Hodges eventually found his groove, making for a nice piece of Dodgers lore. These days, he’d presumably have to watch what he said.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2023 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Hemorrhoid surgery not as bad as reputation

DEAR DR. ROACH: My 30-year-old, and otherwise healthy, grandson has been suffering from, and treating, hemorrhoids for two years. He is anemic due to his loss of blood. He’s had several bandings; they couldn’t complete the last one because he was in too much pain. They said they couldn’t anesthetize the area because his lack of feeling would prevent them from knowing if they were near a nerve. So, now they say he should have surgery, although it is said to be quite painful and difficult. Do you agree that they can’t anesthetize the area for banding, and is the surgery as horrible to deal with as they say? Under what conditions would you say it is advisable to have the surgery? – A.P.



Most people with a banding procedure do not need anesthesia, and nerve blocks are not used in hemorrhoidal banding because a feeling of pain is a useful indication that the band is not in the best position. When home treatments and office procedures (like banding, scleral therapy or infrared coagulation) are ineffective or can’t be used, it is time to consider surgical treatment.

The surgery’s reputation of being “horrific” is undeserved. I have had several patients in the last few years undergo this surgical procedure, and although they have certainly had a few days of pain after the procedure, all have been happy with the outcomes. Surgeons often use long-acting local anesthetics, and the pain is greatly reduced when they are combined with better surgical procedures, compared to older surgical techniques and anesthesia.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My sister’s dog ran through a swampy area while we were on a walk and ended up with a lot of ticks. We picked off about 10 that day. The interesting part was that the dog had just gotten his flea and tick medication. So, aside from the first couple of ticks we picked off, the rest were dead, showing the effectiveness of the medicine! Is there a reason that people, especially those who work or live in areas prone to ticks, cannot be treated in a similar way in order to ward off Lyme and other tick-borne diseases? (I am not suggesting using veterinary medicine on people; I’m just asking why there isn’t a similar medical treatment for people when there’s such an apparently effective preventative for dogs.) – J.D.

I’m, of course, not a veterinarian, but I did look up the toxicity for three of the most frequently prescribed oral flea and tick medicines for dogs. All of them have the potential for toxicity in humans, and none have been studied extensively. I hypothesize that the cost of conducting studies on humans is so great, and the expected demand for such a product is so low that drug companies have not thought it worth the costs to proceed.

In the meantime, there are topical treatments humans can spray on the skin to repel ticks, which – in combination with protective clothing and daily tick checks – is a moderately effective way of preventing tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis and babesiosis. There currently isn’t an available vaccine for Lyme disease, but at least one is undergoing clinical trials at this moment.

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. (c) 2023 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

CryptoQuip Answer

That, cute tiny tyke could barely walk yet, but he was getting around on foot to the best of his stability.

2	9	1	4	6	7	3	8	5
5	3	6	1	2	8	9	4	7
7	8	4	5	9	3	2	6	1
1	6	8	7	3	9	5	2	4
4	5	7	6	1	2	8	9	3
9	2	3	8	5	4	1	7	6
6	7	2	3	8	5	4	1	9
3	1	9	2	4	6	7	5	8
8	4	5	9	7	1	6	3	2



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
July 28, 1933: W.e. Morris becomes the first farmer to get paid for plowing up his crop.

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: K equals S

CZJC HFCD, CAUX CXQD HNFTO
SJGDTX RJTQ XDC, SFC ZD RJK
LDCCAUL JGNFUO NU ENNC CN
CZD SDKC NE ZAK KCJSATACX.

Answer Page 7

©2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	9			6			8	
		6			8			7
7			5			2		
1			7	3				4
	5				2		9	
		3	8			1		
		2			5			9
3			2			7		
	4			7			3	

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 7

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

© 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Sexual assault at VA facilities



by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just launched a special phone number to report sexual assault or harassment at VA facilities.

Veterans, their caregivers, their families and survivors can call a hotline at 800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411), option 9. The hotline is in addition to other resources, such as staff, local law enforcement and the VA police, when an assault occurs.

At the hotline, which is answered 24/7, victims can confidentially report what happened and then get follow-up health care and support.

Ofspecialinteresttomewas the Bystander Intervention Training (www.va.gov/STOP-HARASSMENT/bystander-intervention-techniques.asp). It teaches specific verbal and action skills if you spot a sexual

assault or harassment occurring. These steps are not especially physical, but they are effective at intervening. Click on the one-minute videos with animated cartoons showing just what to do or say in each instance. (I admit, I learned several things about intervention.)

There is Direct action (speaking up), Distract (pretend you know the victim and intervene), Delegate (get someone else involved so you can find help) and Document (write down what happened).

Look at the Bystander Intervention Training for Veterans online course (www.veterantraining.va.gov/bystandertraining)to learn what to do if you see harassment or sexual assault.

Also click on the Gauging Harmful Behavior section and learn what is and isn't considered unwelcome sexual advances, disrespectful, over the line, rude, mild flirting, and what might also escalate from acceptable to sexually violent behavior. Knowing these things can make you more effective when it

comes to intervening in a potential assault.

The hotline number is one to become familiar with and perhaps carry in your wallet. It's the one number you need for all kinds of VA-related things, including the crisis line, homeless veterans help (try to call them before becoming homeless), cemetery and burial information, facility locator, health care, benefits assistance, education info, caregiver support – all things veteran. If you don't know who to call, call the hotline.

(c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.



• When baking, you can slow the rising time of dough by placing it in a cool place to rise. You can even let it rise in the refrigerator! Basically, it's done rising when it's doubled in size, so use that as your guide.

• Place individual fabric softener sheets into sneakers to keep them fresh between wearings. You can use this for other shoes, too. Just be aware that the softener sheet should stay inside the shoe; it could discolor certain fabrics on the outside.

• "It used to be that my kids would do something cute and I'd scramble to dig out the camera, only for the moment to be passed. Now I keep two cameras (digital photos and video camera) charged up and ready to go in a bowl on a high shelf. I grab it and turn it on – that's it." – T.F. in Idaho

• When baking savory bread, try substituting vegetable broth for the water in your recipe. It adds a deeper element of flavor to the bread. Just try to use low-sodium broth so you don't add too much salt to your bread.

• "If you have a little one who is afraid of the bedroom because of 'monsters,' try getting your hands on some 'Monster Away Spray.' I used a can of air freshener that I decorated with paper to make a new label. Fooled the kids and eased their fears quickly." – W.L. in Arkansas

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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

★★★ GO FIGURE!

Answer Page 4

	+		÷		7
×		-		×	
	×		-		3
÷		×		-	
	+		÷		2
2		5		4	

1 2 3 4 4 5 6 7 8

©2023 King Features Syndicate, Inc.



OAG

VILYTE

DAREL

HBTO

NIBGOD

♥ DSA

MVPA

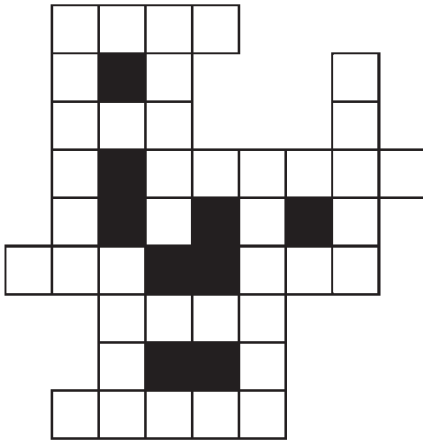
♥ BETAL

♥ ABD

EVRESP

♥ DEMTA

ALOV



Answer Page 4

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.

©2023 King Features Syndicate. All rights reserved.