



– Photo by Rick Shrum

COMPLETE PACKAGE – Verdancia represents Hunt Communities’ effort to develop neighborhoods that feature carefully designed elements such as scenic parks, multi-use trails, and abundant outdoor amenities to encourage healthy, active lifestyles. Mixed zoning allows for apartments and commercial property within the development.

Work starts on new Horizon City housing development

Verdancia aims to become a hallmark of residential, commercial, and community design

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY – With the 4,763-acre Mission Ridge master-planned 10,000 homes neighborhood nearly completed in El Paso County’s easternmost region, Hunt Communities is already embarking on its next venture just west of Horizon City.

The next housing project “represents the natural extension of development from Mission Ridge, as it is the next vacant land along Eastlake Boulevard. Having nearly completed Mission Ridge, it is the right time for us to focus on this additional property,” Justin Chapman, Hunt Communities president, said in recent public statement.

Hunt Communities is the residential development division of Hunt Companies, a large national real estate development and management group based in El Paso and headed by El Paso businessman Woody Hunt.

Hunt Communities officials, who besides Mission Ridge also developed the thriving Cimarron housing community in far West El Paso, are considered leaders in innovative neighborhood development. To herald its latest master-planned community-named Verdancia, Hunt officials recently held a groundbreaking event.

Plans are to build the Verdancia community on 770 acres in the outskirts of Horizon City. According to Hunt officials, the development will include approximately 2,400 single-family home lots

along with dedicated space for up to 400 apartment units. Additionally, 101 acres will be allocated for commercial use to ensure a mix of housing and business opportunities.

Also planned are two state-of-the-art amenity centers, that will feature pools, gyms, tennis courts, and pickleball courts. Additionally, two school sites have been designated within the new neighborhood, one on 22 acres and other on a 19-acre parcel of land. And the Verdancia community will include four to five public parks with open green spaces and walking trails, according to Hunt officials.

Because of its continued population growth and development, Horizon City is the ideal location for Verdancia, Hunt officials acknowledged. They highlighted the fact that the area now has

modern healthcare access with the Hospitals of Providence’s newly opened campus nearby; two school districts (Socorro and Clint) that offer quality instruction at Horizon Heights Elementary, Desert Hills Elementary, Ricardo Estrada Junior High, and Horizon High School;

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– Photo courtesy Hunt Communities

BIRD’S EYE VIEW – Verdancia aims to serve as a model for cohesive urban planning, where residential, commercial, and social infrastructure affably coexist.

The money saved this year on education will be spent later on jails and reformatories.

– Quips & Quotes

Guess what... we're already rich

Judging by the results, the United States should be the last country that wants to reorder the world economy.

We've thrived in recent decades, while other advanced democracies have fallen behind.

If we've gotten "ripped off," as President Trump and supporters of the trade war like to say, the supposed thieves have gained little and the purported victim has continued to march ahead. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't seek to change unfair trade practices and seek more independence from Chinese supply chains. Yet, it's foolish to disrupt willy-nilly a system that has ourselves at the apex, and getting stronger rather than weaker.

We've been outpacing the rest of the advanced world since the early 1990s. As The Economist

magazine noted in a cover story last year, "In 1990 America accounted for about two-fifths of the overall GDP of the G7 group of advanced countries; today it is up to about half." We roughly doubled the gap in our per-person output over Europe and Japan across those decades.

Since 2020, we grew three times as fast as the G7. Overall, whereas we were 21% of global GDP in 2012, now we are 26% – right about where we were in 1980.

Our labor productivity has skyrocketed compared to other developed economies, and we spend more on R&D as a percentage of GDP than any other country except South Korea and Israel.

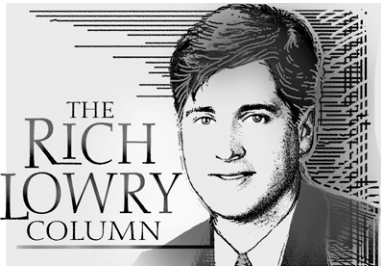
Countries that had allegedly figured out a powerful mercantilist alternative to our free market

have stagnated. Germany was once hailed as a model of industrial policy; its GDP hasn't grown since 2019, and manufacturing has declined for years.

Japan was once the object of fear and envy for its industrial policy; it's been a low-growth economy for more than three decades now.

Canada, too, was considered an alternative model, but its national income per capita was 80% of ours not too long ago and is now about 70%.

Rather than overtaking the U.S. in GDP, meanwhile, China has ceded ground in recent years, and its output



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View from here By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Americans can live without China's production lines

Manufacturing must come home

What does China export to the United States? Items include electronics, machinery, furniture, bedding, clothing, footwear, toys, cars, motorcycles, medical equipment, needles and catheters. There is of course more.

These and other products are a big part of the over \$48.83 billion in exports China sent to the US in December, 2024 alone. For the entire year it was over \$600 billion.

To break it down, we imported \$34.2B (billion) in computers. \$23.2B in phones \$4.3B in televisions. Semiconductors \$3.4B. Industrial machines \$8.5B. Printing machinery \$1.3B. Textile machines \$1.2B. Vaccines \$1.1B. Insulin \$134 million. Furniture \$15.5B.

Footwear \$5.6B. These numbers are based on 2022 trade deals, so the dollar amount is always changing but it gives us an idea of how dependent we have become on China. This of course is not comprehensive as there are various other medicines and items that China exports to us. For example, Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, Amoxicillin, Keflex, blood pressure meds, Hydrochlorothiazide, Metformin, Vitamin C, Aspirin, insulin tablets and more come from China.

Does this scare you? It may because we import so much from China. However, it should make us all mad. How did we get ourselves into this mess? American companies took our jobs to cheap labor places like China

where these products are made by people working for slave wages. These products were made cheaply and then sold back to us. The American people were robbed of jobs and opportunities to provide for our children because a lot of our jobs were outsourced somewhere else.

These companies have gotten by with it for over 30 years while our people in America had to go to work for McDonalds, Walmart, Starbucks and pray to God every day that they might make \$12 or \$13 an hour. We allowed our automobile industry to suffer, we buried our energy industry and became dependent on China, Vietnam, Japan and other countries.

Thus, Walmart became American's store because we can go to Walmart and buy for cheap. Walmart and Dollar General are about the

only stores most Americans can afford. They are no longer the choice just because they are cheaper. They are all most Americans can afford. Hold on, because of the tariffs Walmart will become more expensive.

Can anybody answer the question why we allowed this slow growing but almost fatal economic cancer to invade our mindset and our country? We did not protect ourselves. We looked out for the world and let our own country suffer. Now we are having to undergo a serious time of economic surgery and treatment.

It's way, way, past time to bring the manufacturing back to America. It will not happen overnight. In the meantime, keep in mind that numerous other countries make medicine. India exports over \$9B a year. Ireland over \$8B. Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Canada, the UK, Israel

and Singapore export billions of dollars of medicine every year. There are other places besides China to buy our medicine.

The same goes for electronics, toys, furniture and shoes. For example, toys. Yes, China exports 85% of our toys, but other countries make toys such as good old Vietnam. They exported \$3.4B last year while Indonesia and Thailand both exported over \$4B in toys. There are other places for us to buy toys.

We can find a way to live without China. It's way past time.

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55 That lady

56 Walgreens alternative

57 On mom's side

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1 TiVo, for example

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4 Baseball's Tommie

5 Office leader?

6 Element

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8 London's Big _

9 Butler's love

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11 Plane assignments

17 Chirps

19 Perfect

21 Science room

22 Brit. record label

24 1501, in Roman numerals

26 Available for work

28 Japanese seaport

30 Snip

32 "Open sesame" speaker

33 Sinbad's bird

34 Pigs' digs

36 Praline nuts

38 Greek cheeses

39 Coniferous tree

40 Emulate Douglass

42 Obliterate

45 Serb or Croat

46 Heaps

48 "Shark Tank" network

50 Emeritus, briefly

51 Hot temper

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Nuñez named Fabens ISD Director of Finance

By Sofia Maciel
Special to the Courier



– Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

FABENS – The Fabens Independent School District Board of Trustees has appointed Lily Nuñez as the new Director of Finance. The new hire was approved during the March 26 regular meeting.

Nuñez brings a wealth of expertise in the field of finance. Before joining Fabens ISD, she served as Business Accounting Manager at Region 19. She comes to Fabens with over 15 years of experience.

“I am delighted to join the Fabens family. This community is very welcoming, and I look forward to doing great things together,” said Nuñez.

“We are excited to welcome Ms. Nuñez to FISD! Her strong work ethic and financial expertise will be a great asset as we continue our efforts to operate more efficiently and support the success of our students and staff,” said Superintendent Dr. Rogelio Segovia.

Nuñez’s first day with Fabens ISD was April 22, 2025.

Lily Nuñez

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higher education opportunities at El Paso Community College’s Mission Campus; new retail store and restaurant expansions; and proximity to the Texas-Mexico ports of entry economy.

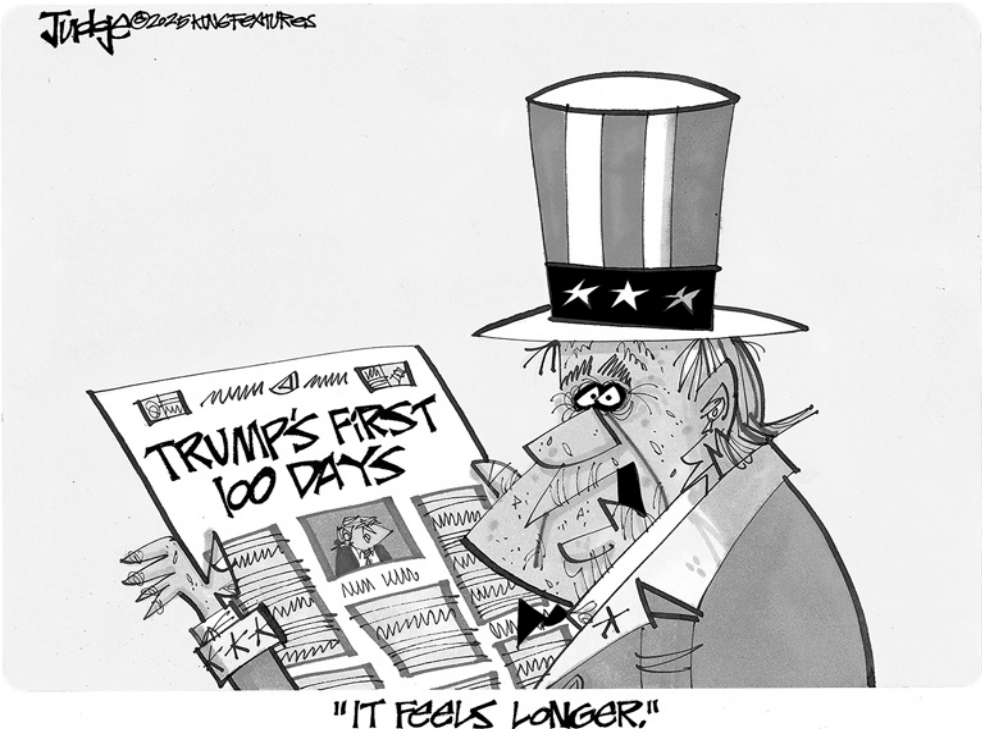
“Verdancia is more than a housing development; it’s a vibrant, master-planned community created to foster connection, convenience, and comfort,” commented Chapman. “Our goal is to provide residents with a modern, balanced life where green

spaces meet stylish homes, and families thrive alongside robust commercial and educational options,” he asserted.

The first homes are expected to be available in mid-2026, according to the company’s announcement. Homebuilders have yet to be announced for the development, but homes are expected to sell for around \$290,000 to more than \$500,000. Construction of the entire community is projected to take five to seven years to complete, according to company officials.

Visit the company’s website, at LiveAtVerdancia.com, for more information about the new housing development.

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Luna, Prieto, signed their way into the community

By Beau Bagley
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Jose Prieto and Raul Luna were born in Juarez, Mexico. Prieto and Luna both were relocated to the United States by their families as young teens. Prieto and Luna both attended and graduated from Austin High School’s Deaf Education Program in the mid to late 1970’s. Best of all, Prieto and Luna both work together in the El Paso Community College (EPCC) Sign Language Department.

Luna is profoundly deaf, having no hearing ability in either ear. He utilizes American Sign Language (ASL) and knows Lengua de Senenas Mexicanas (LSM) as well. Luna was a community Deaf interpreter for years and assisted interpreters with any deaf using gestures or home signs.

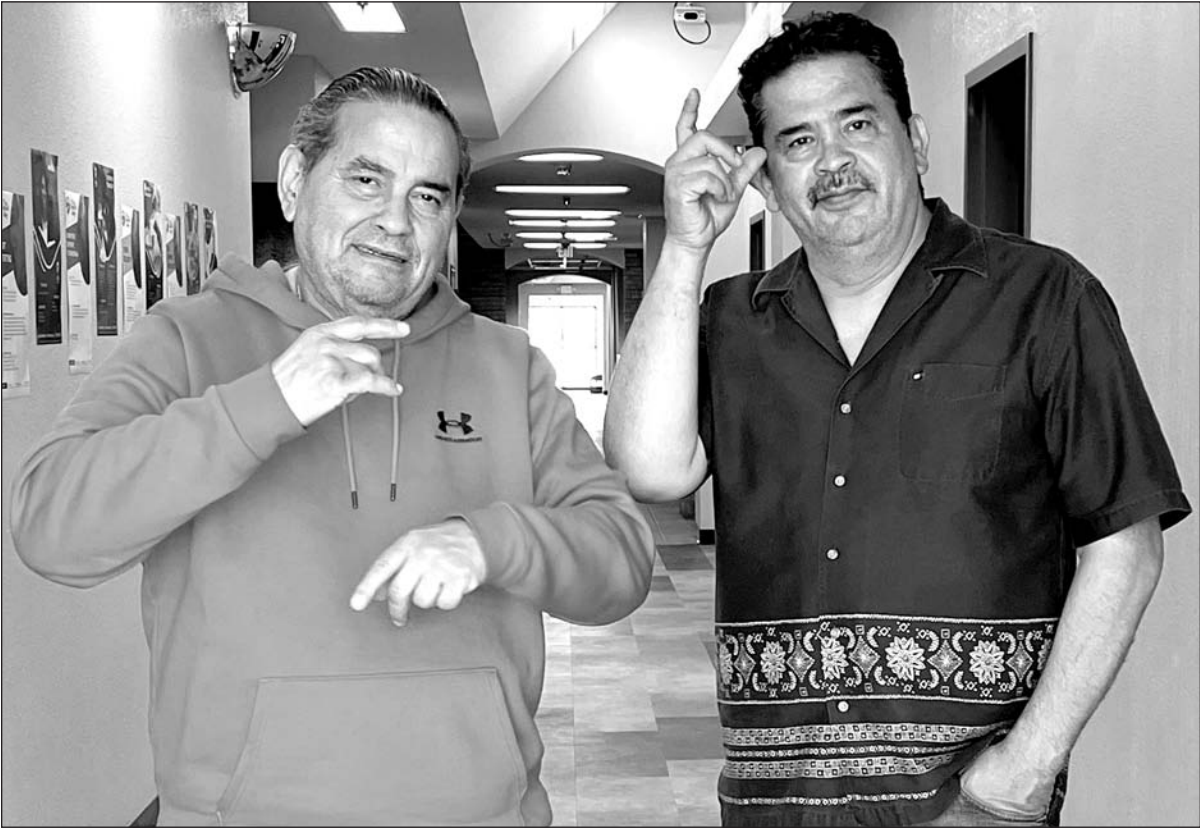
Now, Luna is the new coordinator of the EPCC ASL and Interpreter Preparation program at the Valle Verde campus, a significant

milestone because he is the first profoundly deaf person to take the position. “I am excited to be the coordinator and thankful for the support I receive from EPCC and the department,” Luna said.

A tenured faculty member who started as a lab assistant and has worked at EPCC for 26 years, Luna quickly became an instructor under the guidance of retired faculty member Mary Mooney.

Prieto has been at EPCC for nearly 20 years. He is a EPCC Sign Language lab aid, serves as a tutor for the Sign Language Department at Valle Verde, is hard-of-hearing and switches between English and Spanish often while signing to students and his coworkers. Prieto has worked for the United States Postal Service for over 45 years.

For the last 16 years, Prieto has hosted the Deaf Picnic, an all-day event each spring at Memorial Park. The event allows students learning sign language at EPCC to interact with seasoned interpreters and Deaf Community members.



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

SIGNERS – Jose Prieto, left, and Raul Luna.

“The annual picnic is a chance to unite students, Deaf, and interpreters,” Prieto said. “It is also an event that allows families of students to actively see what is being learned and why it is important.”

Both Luna and Prieto work together at EPCC and incorporate their long friendship antics into the daily work life. This teamwork shows students what Deaf culture norms. In 2010, the EPCC Tejano Tribune did an article on Deaf Awareness Week and featured both in the article, and they have also received EPCC employee semester awards.

Visit www.epcc.edu/Academics/SignLanguage for more information on the EPCC Sign Language Department.

Food for thought By Clay Robinson

Texas teachers’ pay lags behind the nation by thousands of dollars

The average teacher salary in Texas is now more than \$10,000 less than the national average, while per-pupil funding in the state’s public schools has slipped so far behind the national effort that only three other states now spend less than Texas to educate a child. These findings are from the National Education Association’s latest annual survey of state financial commitments to public education.

Using data from the Texas Education Agency, NEA estimated that during the current 2024-25 school year, the average teacher in Texas is earning \$63,749, compared to a national average of \$74,177. That’s a gap of \$10,428, as Texas teachers continue to lose ground. Last year, their average pay was \$9,567 less, on average, than their peers across the country. Adjusted for inflation, Texas teacher salaries are worth 8.12 percent less than they were in 2016.

Also using state financial data, NEA estimated that Texas’ per-pupil spending based on average daily attendance (ADA) for the current school year is \$13,189, which is \$5,664 less than the national average of \$18,853, ranking Texas 47th among the states. Only Utah, Oklahoma and Idaho spend less per student.

“Gov. Greg Abbott and his legislative allies have been undermining Texas’ public education system and jeopardizing the futures of millions of Texas children as well as the state’s future economy,” Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) President Ovidia Molina said. “So far during this year’s legislative session, they have found time to divert \$1 billion from the

state budget to private schools with a voucher program that will drain even more resources from our students.”

“Now, it is time for state leaders to do the job the state constitution requires and substantially increase funding for public schools and educators – and at a higher level than either the House or the Senate is offering so far,” she added.

Texas’ inadequate teacher salaries fall hardest on the most experienced teachers, those at the top of their school districts’ pay scales. Pay levels for these teachers are much worse comparatively than they are for younger teachers, a related NEA report shows. School districts representing more than 95 percent of teachers nationwide and in Texas participated in this study.

Based on data from the 2023-24 school year, this report showed the average salary for first-year teachers in Texas was \$48,526, which was \$2,000 more than the national average of \$46,526 and ranked Texas 18th nationally. The average top salary for Texas’ most experienced teachers was \$67,762. This was \$16,510 less than the national average of \$84,272, ranking Texas 42nd among the

47 states that reported a top salary.

“This inadequate pay structure is a major cause of Texas’ teacher shortage,” Molina said. “Many promising teachers spend only a few years in the classroom before moving on to better-paying jobs, as the gap between their teacher pay and higher pay in other professions begins to widen.”

In another report based on the 2023-24 school year, NEA found that full-time K-12 school support employees – including teacher aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, school secretaries and clerks – averaged \$31,812 in pay,

ranking Texas 31st nationally and putting the state \$3,142 behind the national average of \$34,954.

“These support workers are critical to school safety and success, and many hardly make livable wages,” Molina said. “TSTA is seeking substantial pay raises for them, as well as for teachers.”

The Texas State Teachers Association is an affiliate of the National Education Association.

(Clay Robison works for the Texas State Teachers Association.)

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Moments in time

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• On May 5, 1945, Elsie Mitchell and five neighborhood children were killed while attempting to drag a Japanese balloon out of the woods. The balloon was armed and exploded soon after they began tinkering with it. They were the only known American civilians to be killed in the continental United States during World War II.

- On May 6, 2013, Michelle Knight,Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus were rescued from a Cleveland, Ohio, house where they'd been held captive for years by their abductor, Ariel Castro. Also rescued from the house was Berry's 6-year-old daughter, who was fathered by Castro.
- On May 7, 1824, Ludwig van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony premiered in Vienna even as the composer was suffering from severe hearing loss. The performance earned him five standing ovations and

- also caused a stir with its use of voices during "Ode to Joy" in its final movement.
- On May 8, 1886, the first-ever serving of Coca-Cola, created by Dr. John Pemberton, advertised as a health tonic and originally including coca leaf extract, made its debut at Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia. While it originally sold at the rate of about nine glasses per day, by its 50th anniversary it had become an American icon.
 - On May 9, 1671, Thomas "Colonel" Blood, disguised

- as a priest, was captured while attempting to steal the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London. Remarkably, King Charles II was impressed enough by Blood's nerve that he restored the would-be thief's Irish estates and even made him a member of the royal court, with an annual pension.
- On May 10, 1970, Boston Bruins star Bobby Orr slipped the winning goal past St. Louis Blues goaltender Glenn Hall during Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final, then leaped into the air before landing flat and

- sliding into the embrace of his teammates – a moment immortalized by photographer Ray Lussier, whose image remains one of the most famous sports photographs in history.
- On May 11, 1987, Klaus Barbie, former Nazi Gestapo chief of German-occupied Lyon, France, went on trial in Lyon and was charged with 177 crimes against humanity. Convicted two months later, he died of cancer in a prison hospital in 1991.
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By Lucie Winborne

- Over the course of her 63-year reign, Britain's Queen Victoria survived no fewer than eight assassination attempts.
- Like humans, male kangaroos flex their biceps to impress females.
- The word "sock" comes from the Latin word "soccus" – a loose-fitting slipper worn by Roman comic actors.
- In Europe, nickel is banned in all alloys for widespread allergy reasons.
- Studies have suggested that gifted people often have bad handwriting because their brains work faster than their hands.
- The New York Times predicted that humans wouldn't be able to fly for at least a million years... in 1903, the same year as the Wright brothers' first manned flight.
- As part of David Hasselhoff's divorce settlement, he kept possession of the nickname "Hoff" and the catchphrase "Don't Hassle the Hoff."
- The fuller your refrigerator, the more energy-efficient it is.
- Nobel Prize winner Niels Bohr was given a perpetual supply of beer piped into his house.
- Between 1848 and 1850, the population of San Francisco grew from 900 to 35,000 people thanks to the Gold Rush.
- During his World War II service, LBJ was due to fly in the observation seat of the B-26 bomber Wabash Cannonball. However, he was replaced when he had to go to the toilet before takeoff. The Wabash Cannonball was shot down during that flight over New Guinea with no survivors.

- A Chinese millionaire sold canned air to people on the streets to raise awareness of air pollution and then donated the money to charity.
- Newborn babies can only see in black and white for a few months.
- Seventy percent of the dirt on your clothes is invisible.
- In "The Empire Strikes Back," an extra can be seen running with what appears to be an ice cream maker. The character became legendary among fans, and was eventually given a name (Willow Hood) and a backstory.
- Alexandre Dumas used a particular shade of blue paper on which to write his fiction. For poetry, he used yellow paper, and his articles were penned on pink paper. Once, he ran out of blue paper and had to use a cream-colored pad instead, which he believed had a negative impact on that work of fiction.

- Some scientists believe that dogs can tell when you're coming home by how much of your scent is left in the house.
- The first American alarm clock was invented in Concord, New Hampshire, in 1787 by Levi Hutchins. It was never patented and rang only at one time, 4 a.m., to rouse him for work.

- Raspberries are a member of the rose family.
- The pressure in a champagne bottle is three times higher than that of a car tire.

- When in danger, a hairy frog will break its own bones in order to create claws that it pushes through its skin to scratch a predator.
- Thought for the Day: "The service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

– Muhammad Ali

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Clint Independent School District NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Applying for Federal Grant Funding Opportunities

The Clint Independent School District is providing public notice with the intent to apply for grant funding under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and other federal funding opportunities through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs / Parent and Family Engagement Evaluation
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition (ELA) and Immigrant
- Title IV, Part A – Subpart 1 Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Nita M. Lowey – 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program
- Perkins V – Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century
- Special Education – (IDEA B Formula and IDEA B Preschool)

The public meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 8:30 AM in the Central Administration Office/Board Room located at 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, TX., 79928.

It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. (<https://www.clintweb.net/domain/64>)

Clint Independent School District AVISO DE JUNTA PÚBLICA

Solicitud sobre los programas de fondos federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint está proporcionando un aviso público con la intención de solicitar oportunidades para fondos federales bajo la Ley Cada Estudiante Triunfa (ESSA) y otras oportunidades de fondos federales a través de la Agencia de Educación de Texas (TEA) para el año escolar 2025-2026.

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos / Evaluación de participación de padres y familias
- Título I, Parte C – Educación de niños migrantes
- Título II, Parte A – Apoyando la instrucción eficaz
- Título III, Parte A – Adquisición del idioma inglés (ELA) y Inmigrante
- Título IV Parte A – Sub-parte 1 Apoyo estudiantil y enriquecimiento académico
- Nita M. Lowey – Programa de centros comunitarios de aprendizaje para el siglo XXI
- Perkins V – Fortalecimiento de carreras y educación técnicas para el siglo XXI
- Beca de educación especial (IDEA B formula y IDEA B preescolar)

La reunión pública está programada para el jueves, 22 de mayo del 2025 a las 8:30 de la mañana en la Oficina de administración central/Sala de juntas ubicada en el 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, TX., 79928.

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Lowry

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per person isn’t even a third of ours.

According to The Economist, “Average wages in America’s poorest state, Mississippi, are higher than the averages in Britain, Canada and Germany.”

Hasn’t our manufacturing sector been devastated? As The Financial Times notes, our manufacturing output has actually increased since 1990. We are employing fewer people and making different, higher-end goods than we did before – more tech and aerospace, less shoes and textiles.

The paper notes that the U.S. is the best in the world in terms of manufacturing output per worker. As we have lost jobs in manufacturing (5 million since 1990), we’ve picked them up in services (nearly 12 million) and in transportation and logistics (more than 3 million).

The aim of the Trump tariffs is to increase employment in one sector of the economy at the expense of the rest of the economy, which is inherently a bad deal. The sweep of the tariffs means that they are poorly designed

to achieve even this particular goal, since the price of steel, aluminum and other inputs that manufacturers use will go up. One estimate is that Trump’s first-term steel and aluminum tariffs resulted in roughly 75,000 fewer manufacturing jobs for this very reason.

The normal impulse is to want to change the rules in the middle of the game when you are losing, not when you are winning.

Economic shock therapy is what failing countries attempt, whether Russia under Boris Yeltsin, former Eastern Bloc countries, or Bolivia in the 1980s. Here, Trump is using a defibrillator on a patient who not only passed its stress test with flying colors, but is beating everyone else in the 100-yard dash.

Trump has talked about accepting “a little disturbance” with his new tariff regime. The danger is that we will simply have less economic growth than we would have had otherwise since the president isn’t rescuing an economic basket case, but re-engineering what’s been a winning formula.

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

Illness most likely caused by bad tilapia storage

DEAR DR. ROACH: I ate some tilapia last night, and within an hour, I had nausea and a headache, then vomiting a few hours later, and now diarrhea. What do you think is going on? -- V.P.



I would be interested if you felt any sensation of warmth on your face or neck or any flushing, as your symptoms are highly suggestive of a foodborne illness called scombroid poisoning. It most commonly happens after eating tuna, mackerel or bonito but can come on after eating other fish as well, including tilapia. The fact that it began so soon after eating a compatible fish is suggestive of the diagnosis.

Scombroid is the most common foodborne illness from seafood. Scombroid happens if the fish is not stored at a cold-enough temperature (at any time) after being caught. This is why you should refrigerate cans of tuna after opening them.

In addition to the flushing sensation, headaches, nausea, and vomiting, people with a scombroid toxicity can get rashes on their face, neck and upper chest. Sometimes they get burning or itching around their mouth.

If the symptoms aren’t gone before the condition is suspected, then an antihistamine tablet, such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl), can help relieve symptoms. If there are stomach or intestinal troubles, a different type of antihistamine, such as famotidine (Pepcid), can have an added benefit.

If the vomiting and diarrhea are severe, intravenous fluids may be necessary, although my experience is that most cases are milder than this.

Physicians who make the presumptive diagnosis of scombroid poisoning should contact their local public health authorities to identify where the contamination occurred and help prevent other cases. Scombroid poisoning is vastly underreported.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was recently in the hospital for a hip fracture and was discharged with oxycodone. I’ve been taking it for about two weeks after stopping morphine in the hospital (the dosage being 2.5 mg twice daily), but I am worried about withdrawal. I know two people who got very ill after suddenly stopping pain medication. -- J.S.B.

Withdrawal from opiates happens when people who are physiologically dependent on opioids suddenly stop taking them. A person can become physiologically dependent in as little as three weeks, or even shorter if they had been taking opioids in the past. Opioid withdrawal is very unpleasant, with abdominal symptoms (nausea, cramps, diarrhea, vomiting, etc.) and agitation being the most common symptoms.

The main way of avoiding withdrawal is to avoid staying on opioids too long. Changing from a long-acting opiate like oxycodone to a shorter-acting one may help. Using non-opioid pain relievers to minimize the need for opioids can also help. I have sometimes tapered down the dose slowly to try to prevent withdrawal; however, the dose you are on is already quite low, so the likelihood of withdrawal is small.

I do want to emphasize that it’s important to get off these drugs. Recent studies have shown that 25% or more of people who start chronically taking opioids after a hip fracture continue to take them for months or years, but opioids are not good long-term pain medications for most people.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. ©2025 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore
May 1693: Don Gregorio Varona, after exporing Tejas, concludes it is unsuitable for development.

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: B equals W

WOF WBM BFPHFDDXTF IPIPDH
PQF XLHFNPQPJDF. X WOXLT
WOFE'QF NQMJPJDE XL P
HPJDF QFDPWXMLHOXN.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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QL means ‘Quality of Life’



by Freddy Groves

Injured or disabled veterans have a friend in QL Plus, or more specifically, the engineering students and their mentors who create the QL Plus projects for veterans.

The purpose of QL Plus is to create the gear and adaptive devices that will make injured veterans more independent and mobile, able to manage their daily lives or participate in sports and hobbies. The students come from 25 colleges and engineering schools across the country, and they work with mentors and experts to create the personalized devices that injured veterans need.

Some of the projects are ingenious – wheelchair tire cleaners for a veteran’s garage, kayak and bike lifts and hiking prosthetics are just a few of the devices created by the students. Then there was the weightlifting hook so a veteran could

complete his workout routine, and the one-handed bobsled for the U.S. Para Bobsled team. One veteran was able to play his guitar again after losing his arm when the QL Plus team created an adaptive guitar pick that attaches to his prosthetic arm. To read about these and more, see the “View Featured Projects” link at the website www.qlplus.org.

And check YouTube for some of the group’s previous projects (www.youtube.com/@qlplusprogram) as well as Instagram (www.instagram.com/ql.plus).

Veterans with a disability (not necessarily service-related) are encouraged to apply to have devices made for them at no cost whatsoever. Each project takes a full year, with design of the device done in the fall semester and the actual building of it in the spring, with completion in May.

If there is a device you need to make your life easier, QL Plus wants to hear from you (www.qlplus.org). Click on “Request A Project.” They’re now taking applications for the

2025-2026 academic year.

If you don’t need a device but you’d like to donate to QL Plus (it’s a nonprofit rated three stars by Charity Navigator), you can mail a check to 1544 Spring Hill Road #9927, McLean, VA 22102.

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by Jo Ann Derson

• Spring planting supplies are on sale now in home-improvement stores, and here is a handy and fun twine keeper that you can make with your kids using two repurposed clay flowerpots with drain holes. Choose a size that can easily fit a ball of twine or thin rope. Set the ball inside and invert one pot on top of the other, threading the line through the drain hole of the top pot. Secure with tape or even hot glue. Pull twine through the hole, and the ball doesn’t get tangled up.

• “If you have a poster that has been rolled up and you want to hang it up, try rolling it the opposite way overnight. When you unroll it, there will be less bumps and the edges won’t curl so bad.” – R.L. in Idaho

• The best way to cool canned and bottled drinks down fast is in a mix of ice and water. The water is a better conductor of the cool. Then make your ice last longer and stay colder by sprinkling a little salt on the ice/water mixture.

• “After too many mornings of rushing to find uniform pieces before a game, we decided to get smart. Now, sports uniforms get hung up with all accessories in the coat closet right after washing. They’re ready as soon as it’s game night – no looking under beds or in the back of overstuffed teenager closets!” – P.P. in Texas

• “To hold all my daughter’s bobby pins, I mounted a plastic cup with double-stick tape right to her vanity mirror. I used to vacuum them up all the time, but now that she has a place to put them, it’s better.” – L.E. in New Hampshire

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GO FIGURE!

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

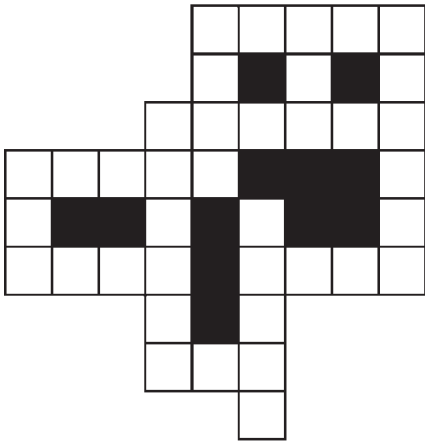
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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