



Border ‘proximity’ seals Ft. Bliss in immigration role

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso County is playing a major role in the U.S. government’s latest immigration control policies that are unfolding on Fort Bliss Army Base land.

The local military base has been chosen as a site to detain and house thousands of migrants, and construction of the facilities on the base is underway. Plans are to build a campus that can hold more than 5,000 migrants, according to Army officials.

Fort Bliss is also being developed as a hub for military aircrafts that are being used for deportation flights that are taking migrants to countries including Guatemala, Ecuador, and Honduras, among other destinations.

In addition, Fort Bliss is currently serving as the center where active duty troops, who have been deployed to the border, receive training before moving out to support Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operations. More than 10,000 service members are working on this mission and have received authorization to conduct mobile patrols, according to official reports.

While on border patrol, these troops cannot detain migrants or conduct law enforcement activities. Their job is to drive their vehicles along the border and alert CBP agents to specific activity locations. They can also transport federal border agents in military vehicles, such as the Stryker armored vehicles that arrived from Fort Carson, Colorado.



– Photos courtesy Department of Defense

ON THE PROWL – Stryker vehicles, like the one in photo above, were recently deployed for border surveillance duty in the desert terrain that surrounds the Sunland Park and Santa Teresa, New Mexico communities. Border Patrol spokesman Claudio Herrera-Baeza said these vehicles have incredible detection technology that the Border Patrol is incorporating into its mission of safeguarding the southern border.

Previously military personnel could only use stationary detection and monitoring equipment in support of Border Patrol agents.

“Regarding ICE building a facility on Fort Bliss land... the Secretary of Defense has authorized the US Army to assume control and management of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement contracts supporting the facility construction, maintenance and upkeep of the planned CBP El Paso Central Processing Center at Fort Bliss,” Department of Defense officials stated.

acting ICE director Todd Lyons over plans to expand ICE detention centers and about the deplorable conditions of the current detention facilities.

“The increase in cost to taxpayers obviously hasn’t translated into an increase in humane conditions, but I bet it has meant an increase in profit for these private companies,” Escobar stated during the hearing. “How many total beds does the reconciliation package create?” she asked the ICE director, referring to

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Nursing tradition: A father and son’s shared calling

By Beau Bagley
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Melendez family knows all too well how the El Paso Community College (EPCC) Nursing program can change lives. Sergio Melendez Sr. graduated from the EPCC Nursing’s Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to Registered Nurse (RN) Program in 1996, and now his son, Sergio Melendez Jr., will followed in his fathers’ footsteps, graduating on May 16, 2025 with an Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) degree from EPCC following the programs’ 50th Pinning ceremony on May 15.

Both father and son felt nursing was their destiny. After a slight flirtation with music, the 2014 graduate of Americas High School selfless calling came and Sergio knew exactly where to start, with some help from his father. “I did guide him a little in the beginning,” Sergio Sr. said. “But he chose to follow this path and I’m glad he did.” Sergio Jr. added “I felt it was a calling of mine, not necessarily a passion.”

Sergio Sr. has had a long career in health care, and is the current Division Vice President at DaVita, a leading healthcare provider, where he covers hospital services in Texas, New Mexico, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Georgia. With that experience, he knows exactly where to



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON – Sergio Melendez Sr. and Sergio Melendez Jr., standing in one of the El Paso Community College (EPCC) high-tech learning labs, both graduated from EPCC with degrees in nursing.

We need cheap stuff, and lots of it

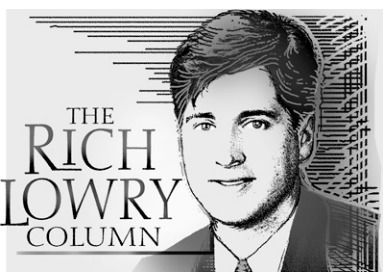
President Trump downplayed potentially empty store shelves at his recent cabinet meeting. He said of goods from China that might go missing, “Much of it we don’t need.”



Then he elaborated the point: “Well, maybe the children will have two dolls instead of 30 dolls, you know? And maybe the two dolls will cost a couple of bucks more than they would normally.”

At that moment, Trump surely made history. He must be the first president in history to say that his policies will deprive American children of toys. The American Girl Disney Princess Cinderella Doll may be collateral damage in a trade war that is supposed to reduce our strategic dependence on China. What Trump was ultimately dismissing is abundance, which is one of the marvels of our system. Fewer choices at a greater cost – whether of dolls or other goods

– simply means a lower standard of living. The Human Progress project at the Cato Institute calculated the “time price” of various goods, or how long someone had to work to buy them, from 2000 to 2024. The time price of toys dropped by more than 88% over the period. In other words, the work that it took to afford to buy one toy a quarter century ago would buy almost nine toys today. This is important, not because we want children to have nine times as many toys as they did in 2000, but the reduced time devoted to buying a toy can be used to buy something else (clothes, sports equipment, art supplies), or work less. This same dynamic holds across the board. Mark Perry of the American Enterprise Institute looked at the time price of 11 basic household goods from the 1950s to 2013. “The typical factory worker in 1959,” he writes, “would have had to work from Jan. 1 until the middle of June



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View from here By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Biden’s cancer: Don’t settle for a White House doctor

The recent announcement about former President Joe Biden having terminal prostate cancer is mind-blowing. It was announced that the cancer is in his bones, so yes, it’s terminal. He might live a couple of years depending on how far it has progressed. This week, I have been wondering if the cancer is already in his brain and if it has been there for a while. How long will it be before we know the truth? Will we ever know the complete truth? Biden having stage four prostate cancer is just crazy. We recently heard on national news that it has been 14 years since Biden had his last PSA

test, which is typically done every year on any man who has a physical. If the doctor doesn’t order a PSA test on any man over 50 then he should have his medical license revoked. We are talking about the President of the United States who supposedly has access to the finest medical care in the world. In reality he must have had an idiot looking out for him. Or, did Joe know he had cancer early in his term as President and everyone agreed to keep it quiet? Biden’s condition grew worse throughout his Presidency. He wasn’t great when he was doing all his campaigning from

the basement. In his last two years, he became increasingly difficult to understand and he couldn’t answer questions on the spot. He had to be given questions in advance. We saw it all play out on national television. Let’s please pray for Biden. He is a very sick man. Shame on the White House medical team for not taking care of the President. Shame on Jill Biden. Why would a wife allow her husband to try to keep doing what he was not able to do. Shame on Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi, Bernie Sanders and every Democrat who tried to fool the American public. They did not fool anyone. Prostate cancer can be treated and cured if caught early. A PSA test each year will identify a rising PSA number. Typically, any number over

four will warrant a prostate biopsy. Biopsies are not fun but they are much better than terminal cancer. A biopsy will determine if there is any malignancy in the prostate. If a malignancy is found early on then there will be choices to make. There are various treatments such as radiation seed implants, cyber knife, proton therapy, radiation therapy, freezing the cancer or surgery to remove the prostate. However, if you wait and delay treatment then the cancer will eventually escape the prostate and end up in your bones and other parts of your body. Then, it is just a matter of time before you die. An oncologist may do hormone injections and radiation to buy you some time. That’s what “managing” the cancer is, buying you a little time, very

little time. Again, pray for Joe Biden. Also, men, get your PSA test every year. Even if you are over 75, insist on it. A dear friend of mine, died from prostate cancer at age 80. He was diagnosed at age 77. His doctor was passive and kept saying, “We’ll watch it.” They watched it for sure. They watched it kill my friend. If they had done PSA tests earlier, they could have caught it and treated the cancer. If your doctor says, “We don’t do tests like that after 70 or 75, then find a different doctor. What’s the point of going to the doctor at age 70 or 80 if their attitude is “You’re too old to treat. We will just let you die.” Be proactive. Don’t settle for a doctor like the White House doctor who allowed the President to become terminal.

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Medina earns state ‘mathlete’ title

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CANUTILLO – Canutillo High School student Matthew Medina has earned several impressive titles this year: valedictorian, MIT-bound scholar, record-setting scholarship recipient – and now, State Champion. This May the graduating senior claimed first place in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) 5A Calculator Applications Individual State Championship, outscoring dozens of the top math students from across Texas. “Matthew has had an outstanding year, both academically and in competition,” said CHS Principal Candice Marrufo. “It’s incredibly fitting that, after a phenomenal four-year career representing Canutillo in math competitions, he finishes his time as an Eagle with a state championship.” Medina is the only El Paso student to earn

an academic UIL state title this year. He is also believed to be just the fourth El Pasoan in more than three decades to win a UIL state championship in a mathematics-related event. Last week, Canutillo High School announced Medina as the valedictorian for the Class of 2025, based on his top-ranked GPA. He will graduate on May 30 at the Don Haskins Center. Medina plans to attend the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He earned over \$1.5 million in scholarships.



– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

Matthew Medina

Border

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the current administration’s deportation initiative.

Lyon responded that they are looking to add 100,000 beds, but he said that the agency currently does not have the money. He said that Congress has approved funding for 41,500 detention beds, although ICE currently is detaining 52,000 persons.

Escobar condemned the detention facilities and questioned Lyons about the conditions in the ICE facilities and the number of immigrants who have died while detained. Lyon said that there have been nine deaths in ICE facilities, and promised to update the committee with the available information about the reported deaths.

During the hearing, Lyons noted that ICE officers had arrested 88,000 individuals this year, and that two-thirds of them were arrested since January. He stressed that the administration focuses only on the “worst of the worst.”

Escobar challenged Lyon’s statement, pointing out that many of those who have been arrested have no criminal record, are students with green cards, and that they are “being snatched off the streets by

masked men and disappeared into detention facilities.”

Escobar continued, “What we’ve seen under the Trump administration should send chills down the spine of every American. The fact is that this administration is not focusing on the worst of the worst, as it claims... the focus has largely been on immigrants who are here both legally and those who are here illegally but pose absolutely no threat to the public.”

Meanwhile, Army engineers have begun removing shrubs and leveling sand on a desolate 60-acre stretch of Fort Bliss land where Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth approved the building of a migrant detention facility.

A Defense Department spokesperson related that Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials will establish and operate temporary soft-sided holding facilities at Fort Bliss while the Army manages the contracts for the future Customs and Border Protection El Paso Central Processing Center.

The anticipated detention compound will be located near Montana Avenue and George Dieter Drive, adjacent to the nearby Department of Homeland Security complex. Officials stated that the new

site will be developed to house up to 8,000 individuals.

Army Secretary Dan Driscoll said during a recent visit to Fort Bliss that he signed off on the project because of the post’s proximity to the U.S. border with Mexico. The West Texas base consists of 1,700 square miles that stretch into southern New Mexico.

Meanwhile, Fort Bliss is also playing a big part in the Army’s recent troop deployment to the southwest border. Elements of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division from Fort Carson, Colorado, were deployed recently to the borderland and are being housed in Fort Bliss barracks.

The Colorado combat team, vehicles, and equipment are being used to monitor the border for people attempting to cross between legal ports of entry. Upon encounters, because soldiers are not authorized to conduct law enforcement activities, they report the information to CBP agents.

Escobar stresses that her big concern is the increased use of military service members for immigration enforcement pulls these soldiers away from their real training duties and essential mission which is to be prepared to fight and win wars.

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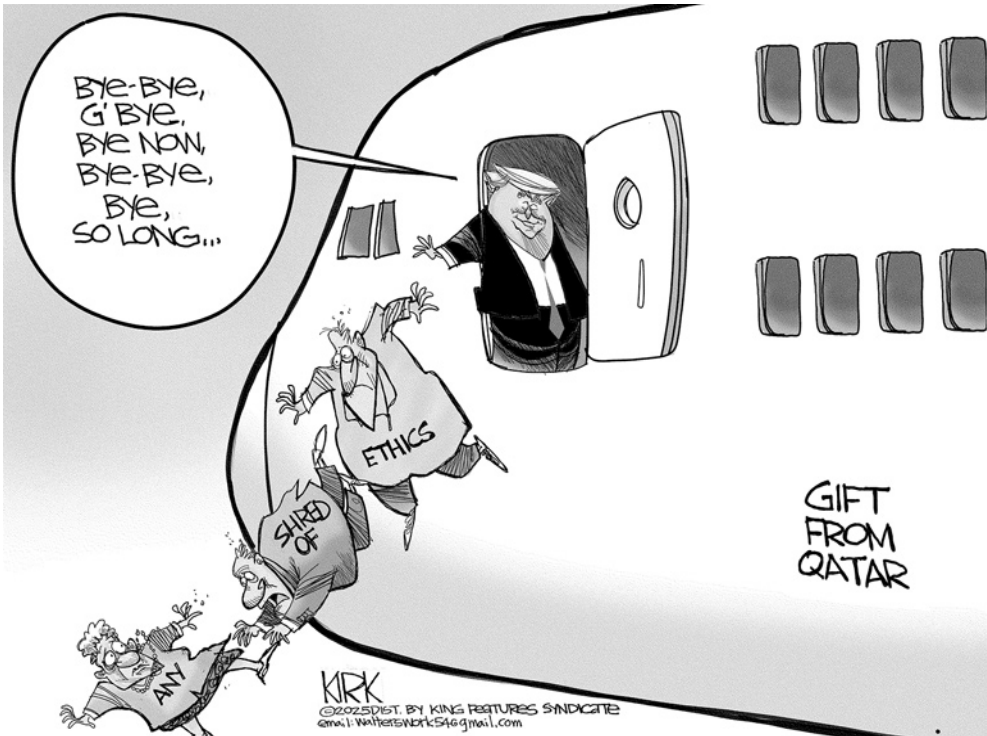
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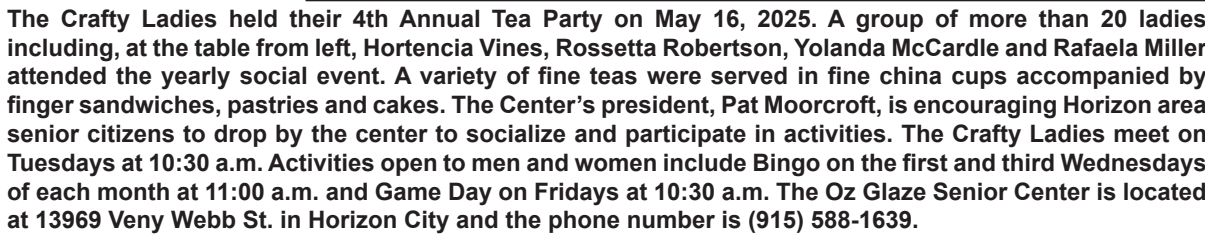
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Pat Moorcroft



Sergio Sr. remembers EPCC well, attending classes in the basement of Rio Grande's Building A, and marvels now at the state-of-the-art facilities, knowing his son is getting

Sergio Jr. added, "I'm hoping he is as proud as can be for following in his footsteps. More so, for following a calling to help and serve others. He has always been the person to put others before himself, and because of that, I'm proud to be his son."

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- On June 1, 1494, Friar John Cor distilled Scotland's first whisky at Lindores Abbey, under a commission from King James IV to turn eight bolls of malt into "aqua vitae," or "water of life."

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

CLINT ISD WILL SERVE UP GOOD NUTRITION FOR LOCAL CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

CLINT ISD PROVEERA UNA BUENA NUTRICIÓN PARA NIÑOS LOCALES ESTE VERANO

Bringing healthy summer meals to the Clint, Horizon, and Montana Vista areas ensures kids have a healthy summer break and return to school ready to learn.

Llevar comidas de verano saludables a las áreas de Clint, Horizon y Montana Vista asegura que los niños tengan unas vacaciones de verano saludables y regresen a la escuela listos para aprender.

This summer, the Clint Independent School District will connect children 18 and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no-cost summer meals. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). For the children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out during the summer months.

Este verano, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint conectará a los niños de 18 años o menos y a los estudiantes matriculados con discapacidades hasta los 21 años con comidas de verano saludables y sin costo. El Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de Verano (SFSP) es un programa de nutrición del Departamento de Agricultura de los EE. UU. Administrado en el estado de Lone Star por el Departamento de Agricultura de Texas (TDA). Para los niños que dependen de las comidas escolares durante el año académico, estas comidas ofrecen una fuente de buena nutrición cuando no hay clases durante los meses de verano.

The Clint, Horizon, and Montana Vista area children need good nutrition year-round, so they can learn, grow and succeed in life,” said Carlos Villalobos, CNP Director. “With nearly 2 million food-insecure children living in Texas, these healthy meals are vital to nourishing young Texans during the summer vacation.”

Los niños del área de Clint, Horizon y Montana Vista necesitan una buena nutrición durante todo el año, para que puedan aprender, crecer y tener éxito en la vida ”, dijo Carlos Villalobos, Director de CNP. “Con casi 2 millones de niños con inseguridad alimentaria viviendo en Texas, estas comidas saludables son vitales para nutrir a los jóvenes tejanos durante las vacaciones de verano”.

CLINT AREA

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Clint High School

13890 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

June 2 to June 19, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 19, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Comida: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Clint Early College Academy

13100 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

May 27 to May 30, 2025 – Tuesday to Friday

June 2 to June 26, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mayo 27 a Mayo 30, 2025 – Martes a Viernes

Junio 2 a Junio 26, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Comida: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Clint Junior High School

12625 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Comida: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

William Surratt Elementary School

12675 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Comida: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HORIZON AREA

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Horizon High School

14651 Horizon Blvd., El Paso TX 79928

June 2 to June 19, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 19, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Comida: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Horizon Middle School

400 North Kenazo Drive, El Paso, TX 79928

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Comida: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ricardo Estrada Middle School

851 South Darrington Rd., El Paso, TX 79928

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Comida: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Desert Hills Elementary School

300 N. Kenazo Drive, El Paso, TX 79928

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Comida: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Frank Macias Elementary

14400 Golden Eagle Dr., El Paso, TX 79928

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Comida: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Carroll T. Welch Elementary School

14510 McMahon Ave., El Paso, TX 79928

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Comida: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Mountain View High School

14964 Greg Dr., El Paso, TX 79938

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Comida: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

East Montana Middle School

3490 Ascension Rd., El Paso, TX 799384250

June 2 to June 19, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 19, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Comida: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Red Sands Elementary School

4250 O’Shea Rd., El Paso, TX 79938

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Comida: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Montana Vista Elementary School

3550 Mark Jason Dr., El Paso, TX 79938

June 2 to June 12, 2025 – Monday to Thursday

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junio 2 a Junio 12, 2025 – Lunes a Jueves

Almuerzo: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Comida: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Note:

All Clint ISD campuses and offices will be closed June 30 to July 4, 2025.

Nota:

Todos las escuelas y oficinas de Clint ISD estarán cerrados del 30 de Junio al 4 de Julio de 2025.

For more information about Clint ISD summer meals, please call (915) 926-4980.

Para obtener más información sobre las comidas de verano de Clint ISD, llame al (915) 926-4980.

Clint Independent School District is one of the nonprofit organizations partnering with TDA to serve meals across Texas. Families are encouraged to use these three tools to find a meal site anywhere in the state:

• Call 2-1-1 to speak to a live operator

• Visit www.SummerFood.org for an interactive site locator map

• Text FOODTX or COMIDA to 877-877

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NFL schedule offers some good, bad and expensive

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

In case you didn't see it, the National Football League released its 2025 schedule last week, which gets underway on Thursday, Sept. 4 when the Dallas Cowboys open the season at the defending Super Bowl champion, and hated rival, Philadelphia Eagles.

Because it's the Super Bowl champs, because it's America's Team, because these two teams hate each other, it's a great way for the NFL to open the year.

But there are other intriguing games on the schedule, let's take a look at some of them.

The NFL doesn't waste any time. In week two, last year's Super Bowl teams meet again when the Eagles fly to Kansas City to take on Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs on Sunday, Sept. 14.

The week four, Sept.28 meeting between Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens at the Chiefs and Patrick Mahomes will be a great one. Two of the most exciting quarterbacks in the league should put on a show.

The Monday Night game on Oct. 13 between the Chicago Bears and the Washington Commanders will pit the two young rival quarterbacks Caleb Williams (Chicago) and Jayden Daniels (DC) in what should be another shootout.

The week eight Oct. 23 game, which features the Minnesota Vikings and the L.A. Chargers could be fun, especially if young quarterback J.J. McCarthy is starting for the Vikings against his

former college coach, Jim Harbaugh, who coaches the Chargers.

In a week nine game that will almost certainly be a preview to another playoff matchup, the Chiefs are at the Buffalo Bills on Nov. 2. Mahomes and the Bills' Josh Allen will go at it again it what will be another spectacular rematch.

In week 11, the Sunday night Nov. 11 matchup could be for the lead in the NFC, when the Detroit Lions travel to Philly to take on the Eagles.

The Dec. 7 week 14 game between the Cincinnati Bengals and the Buffalo Bills will feature one of the best quarterback matchups of the season when Joe Burrow and Josh Allen go at it.

One of the biggest late season games is the Week 16, Dec. 20 matchup of the Eagles at the Commanders. Philadelphia and Washington should battle it out for the NFC East, and this could be the game that decides it all.

Those are some games to look

forward to, along with many others. But the news is not all good.

There are some negative things on the schedule as well.

I've never heard a single fan say, "hey, I really love getting up at 6:30 on a Sunday morning to catch those international games."

There are way too many games played in countries that really don't care about American football. Mainly because they already have a sport they love – soccer.

It used to be that the NFL would have one, maybe two games outside the U.S., this year there will be seven.

The first one is in week one, on a Friday, a day after the Cowboys-Eagles game. This one will feature the Chiefs and the L.A. Chargers in Brazil. But you have to have YouTube TV to watch it.

And speaking of YouTube TV, another negative on the schedule is that the NFL is offering way too many games exclusively on different

streamed sites.

Starting in week two, every Thursday night game of the season will be shown on Prime. We told you about Friday's Chiefs-Chargers on YouTube TV. On Monday, Oct. 20, the Seahawks-Texans game can be seen only on ESPN+. On Black Friday, Nov. 28, the Eagles-Bears game is on Prime. On Christmas Day, the Commanders-Cowboys and the Vikings-Lions doubleheader can only be seen on Netflix. But don't worry, there is a third Christmas Day game between the Chiefs and the Broncos – but wait – that can only be seen on Prime. And finally, one of the Dec. 27 playoff games will only be available on Peacock.

What is going on here? I thought the NFL put its fans first. Well, at least the fans are second. The almighty dollar is still first by a mile.

And in the end, because we all love football so much, we'll pay up. After all, it's NFL football.

Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Senior discounts are even more important now

The price increases we might see because of the expected tariffs make this a good time to get used to hunting for senior discounts on all the goods and services we need and want.

As usual, the definition of “senior” varies from store to store and restaurant to restaurant. One might stick to the age 65, when we used to start collecting Social Security, and others might look at age 50, when AARP starts identifying us as potential subscribers – or anywhere in between.

Despite the occasional confusion about age, there are discounts to be had.

Shop your local stores first. They're more likely to offer senior discounts because they want your business, and your repeat business.

Check Goodwill and The Salvation Army stores for discount days.

Ask your local grocery stores about senior discount days. You might need a loyalty card, but even those can often get you rewards cash.

Don't forget pharmacies, eyeglass stores, gyms, clothing

stores, travel agencies, movie theaters, insurance agents, auto repair locations – anywhere you spend money. They're not likely to offer you any discount unless you ask for it. But they do want your business, and it's to their benefit to give you a discount.

Scroll through the discount area of the AARP website and see if a membership makes sense for you. (I get \$20 off an annual Walmart+ plan, which pays for my AARP membership.)

Search for discounts online by looking for “senior discounts 2025” and your area. Then call in advance to verify that a certain discount is available.

Don't be shy about asking. In fact, before you go to any restaurant or store, make it a rule to call and inquire, and to verify the age they consider senior. After all, it's your money, and every dollar discounted is a dollar you get to keep.

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Super Crossword

ROUGH JOURNEY AHEAD ACROSS

1 Neighbor of Croatia
7 Pakistan's largest city
14 Rajiv or Indira
20 For only the price of production
21 Rarely used golf club
22 Aleve rival
23 Spectators' loud cheers
25 Sizable sofas
26 Angled
27 Southeast Kansas city
28 River islet
30 Beginner's painting class
31 Sousaphone, e.g.
33 Loaf flavored with a certain fragrant herb
39 Incorporates gradually
43 Hitter Griffey
44 Having a basic knowledge of arithmetic
45 "The Wild Wild West" actor
47 Sao _ (largest of the Cape Verdes)
48 Actress Jessica
49 _ parmigiana
50 Hi-_ image
51 Golfer's peg
54 Vote in favor
55 Clarinetist Shaw

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1 Fishhook part
2 Siouan tribe member
3 Read hastily
4 The Rhine flows into it
5 Thermal or lateral lead-in
6 Initially
7 Germany's Helmut
8 Lend _ (pay attention)
9 _ center (community facility)
10 Make public
11 _Magnon
12 " _ I supposed to know?"
13 Darjeeling or pekoe
14 Gallivant
15 Darth Vader, in boyhood
16 CNN political commentator Ana
17 U.S. capital's vicinity
18 Allude to
19 Not al fresco
24 Drink mixer

Fact

29 Atop, to poets
34 Gumbo vegetable
35 Fasten shut
36 Terminus
37 Vocalist Sumac
38 Ask earnestly
39 Ask earnestly
40 Golf target
41 "SOS" band
42 Tyro
46 Born, on a society page
50 Lively frolic
51 Sousaphone, e.g.
52 Oklahoma city
53 Self-help writer
LeShan
55 Go off script
56 Old Valerie Harper role
57 "Mazel _!"
58 Ill-mannered
59 Up until now
60 "I Am Woman" singer Helen
61 Mined metals
62 Supermodel Wek
63 Minstrel poet
64 Social insect
66 Some antique autos
67 In time past
68 Gather in
69 Depend on
70 Mo. in spring
71 Exist
75 Unlace, e.g.
76 Having vulgar interests
77 To and _

Imminently

78 "Dies _" (hymn)
80 Comic Foxx
83 Salty Greek cheese
84 Neighbor of Yemen
85 Boils a little
86 Wild West sheriff's badge
87 Med. plan
88 Comic actor
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89 Minister's study: Abbr.
90 "Love Story" novelist Segal
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93 Speechifies
94 Buff up
95 Chat with
99 Steal
100 John of lawn tractors
105 Fruit drinks
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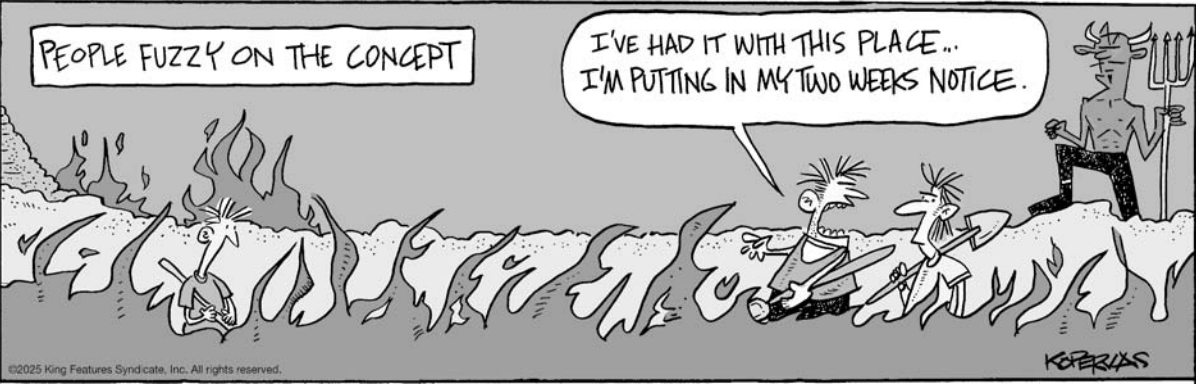
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Comix

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

to earn enough (pre-tax) income to purchase those 11 appliances, a worker in 1973 would have had to work from the first of the year until the second week of April, and today's factory worker would only have to work until the end of January to earn income for those 11 appliances."

This is the process of a society getting richer. Trump spoke of what we really "need." At the end of the day, we don't need anything except food and shelter. That doesn't mean we should be content to settle for less rather than more.

The United States, for instance, has a higher standard of living than Greece. According to CIA figures, the U.S. had a \$74,000 per capita GDP in 2023, and Greece had a \$36,900 per capita GDP. That doesn't mean that people are dying in the streets in Greece —they just have less and lower-quality stuff. Until now, everyone would have agreed that that is a bad thing, and we should avoid taking any steps back down the ladder of prosperity.

The vast array of choices we have as consumers

is one of the adornments of modern life. No one walks into a grocery store and looks at the bins in the produce section, sees Red Delicious, Granny Smith, Gala, Honeycrisp, Fuji and Golden Delicious apples, and thinks, "Oh no, there are too many varieties to choose from."

Or, consider dolls. Among the major brands, there are Barbie, American Girl, LOL Surprise!, Bratz, Cabbage Patch Kids and Rainbow High, all with a dizzying variety of dolls at all sorts of prices.

We don't need a central authority telling us which dolls are more necessary than others — the market does that.

All of this is off-brand for a President Trump associated with business success and consumerist excess. It's more natural for him to be boosterish — We are going to have fabulous dolls at better prices! — than to talk people into accepting scarcity.

The sooner he can get out of the position of explaining away what might be imminent shortages and higher prices, the better.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Olive oil has health benefits over other oils

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 76-year-old male in good health. I go to the gym three days a week, eat well, and fast one day a week. I have been reading about taking a tablespoon of olive oil at night as a remedy for all kinds of things such as digestion issues and arthritis. I tried it, and I swear that the first day after ingesting it, I felt less pain in the arthritis in my hands and feet. Is there any evidence that this practice is helpful? Also, does it matter what kind or brand of olive oil one uses? I bought special olive oil that is polyphenol-rich; it is lighter and more tasty than the extra-virgin oil I normally buy at the food market. What's your take on this? — L.A.



Although I don't think olive oil is a cure for all ailments, there are certainly health benefits when using olive oil compared to most oils. The flavor and amount of polyphenol (an anti-inflammatory compound found in olive oil) will vary from one brand to another. These anti-inflammatory compounds can help symptoms of arthritis in some people.

Personally, I recommend extra-virgin olive oil (made from the initial squeezing of olives without chemical and heat treatment), which has the highest amount of the nutrients you want. But my advice is to choose based on the flavor you like and how much you want to spend rather than the polyphenol content. And of course, too much of anything, including olive oil, isn't good for you, but a tablespoon is fine.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I came down with a headache, but nothing showed up after a year of tests, including a CT scan, MRIs, and a spinal tap. Then I was told that I had a nummular headache, which I understand is rare. I have a sore spot in the back of my head and a feeling in my head that I just can't explain. I don't know how I made it through a year until I got on meds. I am now taking 25 mg of lamotrigine a day. I'm at the point where I'll have a couple good days, then it comes back. Can this be cured? Is the medication that I'm taking OK, or is there something better? — K.S.

A nummular headache (the name comes from the Latin word for coin as the sore spot is often the size and shape of a coin) is very uncommon, and I've never treated a case. I would defer treatment to a neurologist with expertise in headaches.

Gabapentin is a common treatment, but lamotrigine is also used. The best treatment is the one that works best for you. Although sometimes the condition will simply go away, it often doesn't, requiring chronic medication to keep symptoms under control.

I will note that you are on a tiny dose of lamotrigine. It needs to be started at a small dose, but when used for seizures, the usual dose is 400-600 mg per day (which takes several weeks to reach, titrating slowly). If it's working for you but not well enough, you might do better with a higher dose.

If a higher dose doesn't work, there are other medications to try such as antidepressants like amitriptyline and other seizure medications like carbamazepine. One other option to ask your neurologist about is botulinum toxin (Botox), which relieves pain by more than half in about two-thirds of patients.

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 26, 1900: Famous Frontier Battalion of the Texas Rangers is dissolved.

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: F equals B

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UYOCXBY BTOQTOLAXTS
KTBLAYG XS FXOWXSIJLW'U
UALAY: WTFXKY LKLFLWL.

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Our prisons must be full



by Freddy Groves

Are we short on prison space in this country? We must be. It's the only logical explanation for so many criminals being given probation instead of prison time.

For example, there were the scammers who sold misbranded N95 masks during the pandemic and price gouged hospitals. The masks were promised to be approved by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) when they were not and were accompanied by test-result literature that was actually for a different mask. Hospitals paid \$2.6 million for the masks that had much lower filtration efficiency.

So what was the punishment? One year of probation and a fine of only \$9,500.

Then there was the real estate agent property manager who didn't tell

anybody about the lead-based paint in the housing where veterans lived with their families. Any structure built before 1978 likely has lead-based paint, a serious health hazard. The agent knew this and still signed rental agreements without notifying residents about the paint. A baby living there was found to have high blood lead levels because of the lead in the paint.

The agent's scammer pals, a hazardous material mitigation service, were hired to go in and clean up the lead paint. They didn't and were eventually nailed with one count of the False Claims Act. And after putting lives in danger, what was the punishment for the real estate agent and the scammer pals? Probation and fines.

Then there was the guy who schemed to grab Covid funding to the tune of nearly a half million dollars. Punishment: a fine and – you guessed it – probation.

And what of the guy who groped a student nurse at a VA hospital, a case of

abusive sexual contact? The guidelines indicate he could have gotten up to two years in prison. Yet he gets a free pass. Once again: probation.

I can only conclude that our prisons are full. There's no other explanation for only giving probation to these criminals.

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• “Do you love burgers? Here's a great thing our family does that saves money and is very handy: When ground beef goes on sale, we buy a large quantity and premake many burger patties, seasoned and shaped just as we like them. Then we separate them with butcher's paper cut into squares. We put them in stacks, into empty bread bags to store in the freezer. When we are getting ready to cook out, the patties don't have to be all the way defrosted; just put on the grill and cooked up!” – A.J. in Florida

• “It's easy to make custom art for your walls. If you find an image that you like, or have a great digital photo, simply take it to a copy shop and have it printed in a large format. Then you can frame it and hang it on your wall. Now I can enjoy all my grandbabies' pictures.” – A.F. in Mississippi

• “When shopping for printers these days, make sure you take a peek at the cost of replacement ink cartridges. Some are more expensive than others, and your use could make a printer that looks like a great deal a not-so-great deal. Be sure to do your homework!” – W.L. in Washington

• It's worth a reminder now that picnic and barbecue season is in full force: The best tablecloths, especially on a windy day, are fitted single sheets. Simply fit the sheet over a standard picnic table and it's in place and ready. The elastic at the corners keeps it from flying away. You can look at thrift and discount stores for fun patterns or just plain colors!

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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.

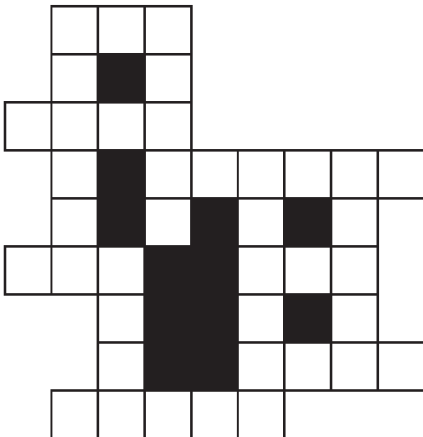
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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