



Vasquez named to Socorro ISD superintendent post

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – With the start of the new school year, Socorro Independent School District (SISD) Board of Trustees chose James Vasquez to be the district’s next permanent superintendent. Vasquez says he is ready to assume the office. He became interim superintendent during a difficult period for SISD and has carefully guided the district for the past fifteen months. SISD’s difficulties began when Texas changed school property tax rules in 2019. The change affected many Texas school districts negatively. The only thing that is keeping Vasquez from the permanent position now is a state law that requires any prospective superintendent to successfully complete a superintendent preparation program and pass its exam. A program that Vasquez said he is in the process of finalizing. To fast track the process, however, SISD school board unanimously voted to ask the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to waive that requirement and allow Vasquez to serve as superintendent before completing the course and taking the exam. Vasquez acknowledged that he is appreciative of the board’s vote of confidence.

“To be named superintendent in the district where I started teaching 30 years ago, and where I’ve spent over 20 years of my career is unbelievable,” Vasquez declared. “I have deep roots in this district and in this community. I’ve lived within the district boundaries since 1998, my wife, Laura, was a teacher in Socorro for many years, and my son, Luke, graduated from Americas High School.” Vasquez said that with new trustees in place and the full board operating as a true team over the last two months, he can tell that SISD’s future is bright under their leadership. “We are in a much better position than we were a year ago. Last school year, we were facing a \$42 million budget deficit. I’m proud to say that we presented the board with a balanced budget this year, which they adopted last month. It was not an easy process to get here. We had to make some difficult decisions, it took lots



– Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

READY TO SERVE – Socorro ISD Interim Superintendent James Vasquez, above, stated that he is truly humbled by the trust placed in him by the School Board to lead the district.

of sacrifice, but we did it. We couldn’t have done it without our Finance, Human Resources, and campus administrative teams,” he stated.

“There’s new energy in the district now and you can feel it. People are genuinely excited to start the new school year. We’re starting a new chapter in our district’s history, so it’s a great time to be in Socorro ISD.”

– James Vasquez, Socorro ISD Interim Superintendent

“What I’m most proud of is that despite the challenges we faced, our STAAR scores increased from the year before. Based on preliminary results, we are projected to have more A-rated campuses, fewer C-rated campuses, and do not anticipate any

D or F schools. In fact, we lead the region in third through eighth grade reading, eighth grade Social Studies, US History, and English II,” the interim superintendent related.

Vasquez stated that for the upcoming school year a big push in the district will be to test eighth graders in high school Algebra where students have an over 90 percent passing rate. “For the third year in a row, the top five middle schools in the region on the Algebra I exam are from Socorro ISD,” he pointed out.

Going forward, the interim superintendent said that the district’s top priorities are to stabilize its financial position and build on its fund balance. “Over the past six years, due to rising inflation and

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EPCC hosts school supply event

10th Annual School Store provides 1200 backpacks, supplies for students

By Beau Bagley
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC), in partnership with the El Paso Community Foundation, proudly hosted its 10th Annual School Store Backpack Giveaway on July 26 at the Valle Verde Campus, delivering 1,200 backpacks filled with school supplies to students across El Paso city and county school districts. This year’s event brought together 32 EPCC departments and several community partners to support kindergarten through sixth grade

students with essential academic tools as they prepare for the new school year. In 2024, the School Store served 650 children – this year’s event nearly doubled that impact. “This year is bigger and better,” Associate Professor of Music Dr. Yasmin Flores, who organized the event alongside Dean Brian Kirby, said. “We have so many volunteers from our EPCC community helping children collect goods for the academic school year. Kids are playing games and enjoying food – it’s an absolute blast and super cool!” The School Store was founded by



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

LOADING UP – Parents and their children that visited the EPCC Valle Verde Campus Annual School Store on July 26 received free backpacks and school supplies.

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AnthonyIndependentSchoolDistrict PUBLIC NOTICE

The Anthony Independent School District Special Education Department will be destroying confidential student information on special education students who have graduated, moved or were dismissed prior to 2019. Parents of these students may come to the Special Education Department located at 840 Sixth St. in Anthony, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to claim their child’s file. The remaining files will be destroyed as per state directives 30 days from the date of this notice. If you have an questions, please call 886-6500.

AVISO

El Departamento de Educacion Especial del Distrito Escolar de Anthony va a destruir los archivos confidenciales de estudiantes que estaban un programa de educación especial que han graduado, se han movido, o fueron despedidos en el año escolar de 2019 o antes. Los padres de estos estudiantes pueden venir a la oficina del Departamento de Educacion Especial a 840 Sixth St. en Anthony, de lunes al viernes de 7:00-3:30 de la tarde a recoger los archivos de sus hijos. Los archivos que no sean recogidos van a ser destruidos como manda el estado en 30 días después de este aviso. Si tienen preguntas, llamen al teléfono 886-6500.

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Anthony Independent School District Public Notice Of Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of the Anthony Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Anthony Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Oscar Troncoso, Superintendent, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6500.

Notificacion Publica

Es la norma de conducta del Distrito escolar de Anthony prohibir la discriminación en base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad ó deshabilidad en la admisión ó el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios ó empleo.

El distrito escolar de Anthony esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificadas por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendado, el Título IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, como enmendado, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975 como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilidades.

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuniquese con el Oscar Troncoso, Superintendente, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas, 79821, (915) 886-6500.

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The joy of banana ball

Major League Baseball is currently debating various rules changes to improve the game, when what it really needs is more players wearing capes and doing backflips.

That, at least, is the lesson of Savannah Bananas, the barnstorming team that has come up with a madcap version of baseball that is widely popular and selling out stadiums around the country.

The Bananas, or the Nanners, as devotees call them, sold out Clemson University’s Memorial Stadium back in April, with 81,000 in attendance. Tickets for a couple of games at Yankee Stadium in September are selling on secondary sites at rates significantly higher than any Yankees game.

Who’s Yankee ace Max Fried compared to Dakota Stilts, the Bananas pitcher who bestrides the mound standing at 10 feet and 9 inches on, yes, stilts? The Bananas and their handful of spin-off clubs have made the American pastime even more American.

Banana Ball, currently on what it calls a “world tour,” is the baseball equivalent of the carnival coming to town. It taps into the barnstorming baseball tradition that goes back to the 19th century, into the antic spirit of minor-league baseball with its corny entertainment

between innings, and into the showmanship of the Harlem Globetrotters. Twerking and behind-the-back catches are all encouraged.

The Savannah Bananas were originally part of the Coastal Plain League, a summer league for college ballplayers. When the team’s exhibition games with modified rules proved more popular than their staid standard fare, they went all exhibition.

We associate baseball with lazy summer afternoons, but there’s nothing lazy about Banana Ball.

It takes everything dull or overly subtle about baseball and smashes it underfoot while dancing to a pop song.

At the end of the day, does anyone besides the true connoisseur enjoy seeing a batter try to bunt? In Banana Ball, bunting is strictly prohibited and any attempt will get the offending batter ejected from the game.

Then, there are walks. Who walks in a real sport? What is this, golf? In Banana Ball,

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insufficient funding from the state, we were forced to use our cash reserves to continue funding our schools and support our students adequately,” Vasquez explained. “This has nearly depleted our fund balance, which is essentially the district’s savings account. While we’re excited about balancing the budget, much work remains to fully stabilize

our financial position,” he clarified.

“I want parents of our students to know that Socorro is still a great school district. Like most districts in the region and across the state we are facing financial challenges, but it doesn’t affect the quality of education that we provide. It doesn’t affect the heart and compassion that our educators have for their students,” Vasquez stated. As evidence, he cited the increase in state assessment scores and in graduation rate,

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Public Notice Anthony Independent School District

Special Needs Programs at Anthony ISD for the 2025-2026 School Year

Anthony Independent School District provides access to identification of children with suspected disabilities who reside within the district, beginning on the third birthday through the child’s twenty-first birthday. The student may be eligible for services, at no cost, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Services are available to all eligible children who are identified with a disability who may be experiencing difficulties in one or more of the following areas: Physical Disability, Dear or Hard of Hearing, Visual Impairment, Deaf-Blind, Intellectual Disability, Emotional Disability, Learning Disability, Speech and/or Language Impairment, Autism, Other Health Impairment.

If you would like more information, or know of a child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Sandy Honts, Special Education Director, at (915) 886-6509.

Noticia Pública

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

El distrito escolar independiente de Anthony prove acceso a la identificación de niños can incapacidades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta 21 años de edad. El estudiante puede seré legible para servicios, sin costo alguno bajo de Individuales con Incapacidades (IDEA).

Estos servicios son disponibles para todos los niños identificados con una incapacidad y que estén experimentando dificultades en una o más de las siguientes áreas: Incapacidad física, sordo o duro de oído, impedimento visual, incapacidad intelectual o emocional, incapacidad para aprender, impedimento de hable o lenguaje, autismo o cualquier otro impedimento de salud.

Si usted desea más información o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Anthony que no está recibiendo servicios educativos, favor de comunicarse con: Sandy Honts, Directora de Educación Especial, (915) 886-6509.

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Patricia Islas, Shanan Valles, Naomi Weissman, Irene G. Perez, and the EPCC Service-Learning Program at the Rio Grande Campus. The initiative continues to thrive under the guidance of dedicated faculty and staff, with support from student and community volunteers.

Backpacks were thoughtfully curated based on age group – larger styles for older students and printed designs for younger children. Each backpack included two spiral notebooks, two composition books, two pronged folders, four pencils, two blue pens, two black pens, a ruler, scissors, a pencil bag, and both colored markers and colored pencils. Any remaining backpacks will be donated to county schools in need.

Local favorites also participated in the festivities, including Whataburger, McDonald’s (featuring a special visit from Grimace), Peter Piper Pizza, and Tejano Jack. The El Paso Fire Department brought a fire truck and ambulance for a hands-on educational experience. EPCC cheerleaders were also on hand to add school spirit to the celebration.

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ACROSS

1 Verily

4 Swiss artist Paul

8 Harvest

12 Outback bird

13 Teeny bit

14 Ticklish Muppet

15 Spelling test study guide

17 Old stringed instrument

18 Eternities

19 "Old MacDonald" refrain

20 Rescues

22 Ocular woe

24 Med. plan options
- 25 Preface

29 Paris pal

30 Surrenders

31 Guided

32 Puns and such

34 Verdi opera

35 Feedbag filler

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37 Treaties

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3 French farewell

4 Pottery ovens

5 Clark's love

6 UFO crew

7 Have brunch

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9 "Night" author

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10 Mine, in Marseille

11 Casual shirt

16 Accomplishes

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20 "Candida" playwright

21 Bullets

22 Fizzy drinks

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37 Quick kiss

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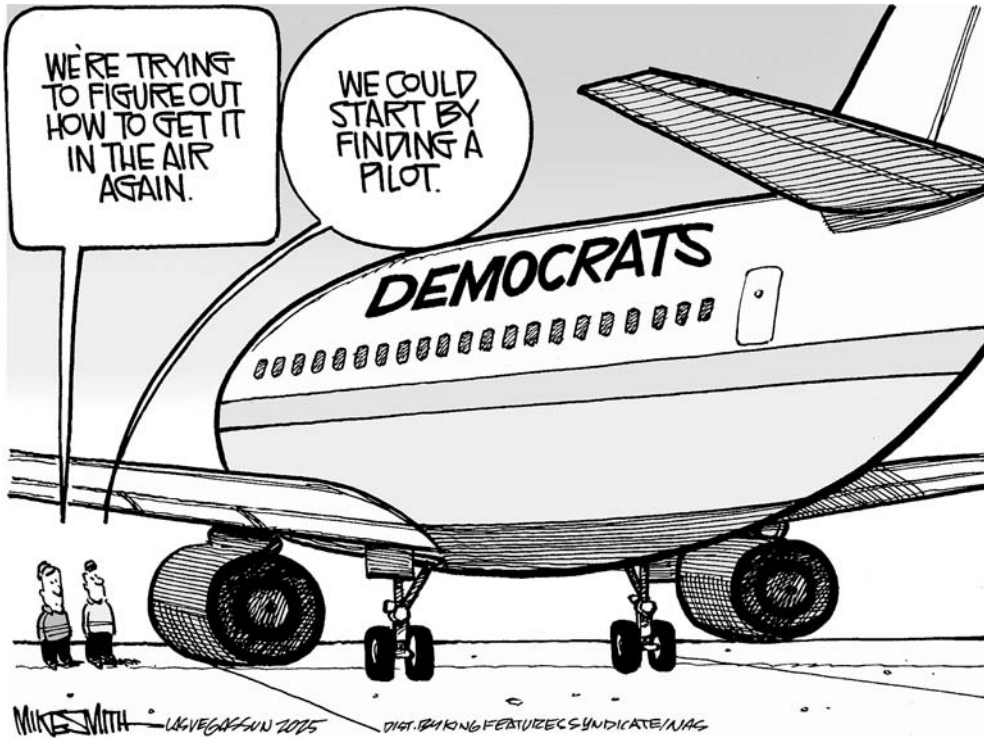


CryptoQuip Answer

What do you think certain mouselike mammals use when they paint their claws red?
Shrew polish.

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which is over 92 percent.

“We provide our students with far more opportunities than you find at charter or private schools. In addition, we were just designated as a National STEM Certified school district, one of only three school districts in the nation to receive this distinction,” Vasquez noted.

“In June, over 3,600 students graduated from our high schools. Of those, nearly 450 also earned their associate’s degree from El Paso Community College, and 2,600 earned industry certifications before graduation. We also offer 43 different industry certifications at our high schools for our students to choose from,” Vasquez asserted. “In addition, we have six different elementary academies- two STEAM academies, two Fine Arts academies, an environmental academy, and a whole child academy,” he added.

For the new school year, Vasquez said that SISD received an additional \$26 million through the passage of House Bill 2 (HB 2). “Most of those funds, however, are targeted for specific purposes, such as teacher salaries, safety, and Special Education. Of the \$26 million, only \$8 million of that was for discretionary spending. That is what we used to close the deficit and present a balanced budget,” he reported.

“I want to express my sincere gratitude to our faculty and staff for sticking with us, weathering the storm, and helping us be in a better position than we were a year ago. We couldn’t have gotten to where we are now without their commitment, dedication, and sacrifice,” Vasquez commented.

Until the school board receives a response from TEA regarding its superintendent waiver request, which is expected to take a few weeks, Vasquez will continue to lead the district as the interim superintendent.

Anthony Independent School District

Division of Career and Technical Education

PublicNotificationofNondiscriminationinCareerandTechnicalEducation*Programs

- 1) The Anthony Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Information Technology Support and Services; and Business Management. Admission to these programs is based on interest and aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space availability.
- 2) It is the policy of Anthony Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its employment, 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) Anthony 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 career and technology programs.
- 4) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Fernando Garnica, at 840 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, or call (915) 886-6501.

*These programs are called “Career and Technical Education” in Texas, but the applicable civil rights laws use the term “vocational.”

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony

Sección de Carreras y Educación Técnica

Notificación Publica de no Discriminación en Programas Vocacionales*

- 1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony ofrece programas vocacionales en profesiones de soporte y servicios informáticos; y gestión de negocios. Para admisión a éstos programas se basa en edad apropiada, aptitud y habilidad.
- 2) Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, ó impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, de empleo, ó actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.
- 3) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas de carrera y educación técnica.
- 4) Para más información sobre sus derechos ó procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Fernando Garnica, a 840 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, ó llame al (915) 886-6501.

*En Texas los programas se llaman “carreras y educación técnica,” pero las leyes de derechos civiles utilizan el término “vocacional.”

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Strange
BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne


- The word “cereal” comes from “Ceres,” the Roman goddess of harvest and agriculture.
- A UC Berkeley study found that people who drove luxury cars, in particular BMWs and Mercedes, were much more likely to cut off other drivers at intersections than folks driving non-luxury cars.
- Popes can’t be organ donors, since their bodies belong to the Vatican when they die.
- Ranch dressing, America’s best-selling salad dressing since 1992, was created by an Alaskan plumber in the 1950s.
- It would take 19 minutes to fall to the center of the earth.
- Kim Kardashian has a “glam clause” in her will stipulating that if she’s ever in a position where she can’t get herself ready, is unable to communicate or is unconscious, someone will ensure that her hair, makeup and nails are still perfect.
- Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise.
- Bamboo is the fastest-growing woody plant in the world, with an ability to sprout up to 35 inches in a single day.
- A dog that is a cross between a Chihuahua and a miniature dachshund is known as a chiweenie.

Thought for the Day: “One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present.”
— Golda Meir

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Moments
in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On July 28, 1996, two men happened upon a skull in a Washington state park, which was part of a skeleton eventually discovered to be more than 9,000 years old. The remains, christened Kennewick Man, were reinterred 21 years later in a Native American ceremony.
- On July 29, 1862, Confederate spy Maria Isabella “Belle” Boyd was arrested by Union troops and held at the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D.C. It was the first of three arrests for the intrepid teenager, who was 17 when she shot and killed a Union soldier for insulting her mother and threatening to search their house. Four years later, she turned her experiences into a book and acting career.
- On July 30, 2004, the cult-classic “Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle,” starring John Cho and Kal Penn as two burger-craving stoners, debuted. Reportedly, the White Castle chain noted a 30% rise in sales the following week.
- On July 31, 1556, Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order of Roman Catholic missionaries and educators formally known as The Society of Jesus, died in Rome. He was canonized as a Catholic saint in 1622.
- On Aug. 1, 1944, Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl hiding in a secret annex in Nazi-occupied Holland whose diary would come to serve as a powerful symbol of the Holocaust, penned her final entry three days before she, her family and four others were arrested and transported to concentration camps.
- On Aug. 2, 1939, Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt with the suggestion that uranium could be used in the creation of “extremely powerful bombs of a new type.” Years later, however, he would describe the missive as the “one great mistake” of his life.
- On Aug. 3, 1936, track-and-field star Jesse Owens earned the first of four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics, the most of any American at the Games. Sadly, back in the States, only white Olympians were invited to the White House.

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Public Notice
Anthony Independent School District
SECTION 504 SERVICES

The Anthony Independent School District provides the following educational services/options to identified disabled students who reside within the district.

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

If you would like more information or know of a child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Sandy Honts, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6500.

SERVICIOS DE LA SECCION 504

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

- ◆ *Actividades para encontrar a ninos para notificar a los estudiantes con discapacidades y a sus padres de sus derechos y de las obligaciones del distrito a proporcionar una educación publica que sea gratuita y apropiada.*
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 - ✓ *adaptaciones en el salon de educación regular planeadas individualmente,*
 - ✓ *servicios de transporte para la escuela y para atras,*
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 - ✓ *cambios que garanticen el acceso a cualquier parte de la escuela,*
 - ✓ *ayuda en lectura para estudiantes con dislexia en un programa de lectura.*
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Si usted desea más información ó sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el Distrito Escolar de Anthony que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Sandy Honts, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6500.

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Anthony Independent School District
2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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 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

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony
Regla de Alimentos Año 2025-2026

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 2025-2026. 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 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:

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Some NFL money isn’t going where it’s supposed to

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

All the NFL teams have reported to training camp, the exhibition games are starting and fans all over the country are digging through their closets for their team’s jerseys. So, you would think that everything surrounding the NFL would be good, well yes, and no. The good news is that players and coaches are busy doing everything they need to do on the field. It’s off the field where the league is having some issues.

And as always, it comes down to the all-mighty dollar. The NFL Players Association (NFLPA) is a union that was established to give the players a voice in labor negotiations. It was intended to give the players some representation on money matters, rule changes, scheduling, practices, medical issues, benefits, and many other things pertaining to their contracts, and the game itself.

In other words, to make sure they weren’t taken advantage of by the team owners.

But the recent news is that the NFLPA has been taken advantage of, but not by the owners.

It seems that the union has been swindled by some of its own union leaders.

There is a federal investigation going on right now into the finances of the NFLPA, which includes some potential criminal actions – including the misuse of funds and using the money for themselves.

According to documents which have been discovered, the NFLPA is “now on notice of financial actions that may be criminal” and cites “immediate threats requiring prompt actions.”

Just as President Trump and Elon Musk’s DOGE committee has found huge amounts of money being

wasted or stolen by people within the government, it’s been discovered that members of the NFLPA are allegedly doing the same thing.

NFLPA executive director Lloyd Howell Jr. suddenly resigned last week after these allegations came out.

It seems that Howell hasn’t exactly made the players’ issues his priority. Well, at least not as much as he’s made himself his priority.

Some of the allegations against Howell, who was with the NFLPA for two years, include unfair business practices and a lack of reporting or following where the union money has gone.

There are even allegations that Howell used some of that good old union money to make trips to strip clubs.

If that’s not bad enough, the FBI has been investigating the financial dealings of OneTeam Partners, which is an organization that helps players get as much money as they can through increasing their brand by putting their names on apparel, getting them product endorsements;

anything they can do to grow the marketing of an athlete.

In other words, there’s a lot of money that goes through this organization, which partners not only with the NFLPA, but also the Major League Baseball and Major League Soccer player associations.

The specific charges against OneTeam Partners have not been made public yet, but an investigation is going on.

The document we mentioned earlier does not specify which individuals may be under criminal investigation, but we do know that the NFLPA director of strategy J.C. Tretter, also resigned recently.

So, while there’s not a lot of talk about this right now, don’t be surprised if it explodes sometime after the NFL season starts.

Super Bowl tickets misappropriated

This financial mess, however, does involve some players.

The NFL tells its players from the very beginning, don’t do drugs, don’t

carry guns, don’t drink and drive, don’t gamble and don’t beat up on people, among other things.

Another thing they tell players is don’t sell the Super Bowl tickets we let you buy for profit. Every player in the NFL is allowed to buy two tickets to the Super Bowl at face value.

Of course, you know that a player or two is going to break that rule – right?

Well, actually over 100 players, including some coaches and team officials, are being fined by the NFL for doing exactly that.

As if they aren’t making enough money already, these individuals sold their tickets above market value cost just to make some more money.

Just so you know, ticket prices for last year’s Kansas City Chiefs-Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl ranged from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for the cheap seats. Lower-level seats went for over \$60,000.

The sellers who were caught must pay one-and-a-half times the price they sold them for and will not receive tickets to the next two Super Bowls.

Senior moment

By Matilda Charles

The latest recalls

With the increasing number of food recalls lately, it’s very tempting to buy a few rural acres and grow our own food, isn’t it? A dozen chickens, a milk cow, a veggie garden... what else would we need? Unfortunately for the majority of us, that’s not a possibility.

However, we can keep up with the increasing numbers of food recalls and stay safe. Here are a few of the new ones: We have undeclared pecans in mocha truffles, milk in mousse desserts, listeria in cheddar curls, illness-producing microbes in cough syrup for little kids, salmonella in cucumbers, peanuts in vitamin B12 gummies. And that’s only in the past two weeks.

In the previous two weeks we find salmonella in organic eggs, listeria in mushrooms, listeria in peeled shrimp, undeclared sesame in crackers and more.

But food isn’t the only thing on the recent recall lists.

Going to www.recalls.gov is eye-opening because

they document recalls for several categories, including cosmetics, medicine, boats, vehicles and consumer products such as electronics, appliances, clothing, sports gear and much more. There’s the gas heater that is a gas/ fire hazard, the pool drain cover that can cause serious injury, the 2,000-watt power station that can cause shock and the party supply toys for little kids that can cause serious injury if a child swallows the battery.

If you want to check recalls for your vehicles or the tires, you’ll need the VIN (look in the corner of the windshield). At www.recalls.gov/nhtsa.html you can sign up for email notifications. (Note: One manufacturer recently had to recall nearly a half million vehicles because bearing failure can cause the engine to fail while it’s being driven.)

You can sign up for a variety of email alerts at www.recalls.gov, www.foodsafety.gov and www.fda.gov.

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Super Crossword

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- AMERICAN CINEMA
- ACROSS
- 1 Gender-inclusive pronoun phrase
- 8 Recording on a cassette
- 14 Drab military wear
- 20 Jostled, in a way
- 21 Fill with love
- 22 Wear away
- 23 1987 Nicolas Cage crime comedy
- 25 Evening party
- 26 Second-string sports squad
- 27 Screw up
- 28 Revered Fr. woman
- 30 Singer Anita
- 31 "Absolutely!"
- 32 1991 Denzel Washington drama
- 39 Certain Slav
- 40 Novelist Gay
- 41 "Help!," asea
- 42 1999 Russell Crowe comedy-drama
- 47 Tango move
- 49 Actor Linden
- 52 Wear away
- 53 Cribbage pins
- 54 Voluntarily
- 56 Messy sort
- 57 Executive nix
- 59 1961 Elvis Presley romantic comedy
- 61 Take an ax to
- 62 Amigo
- 63 Got close to
- 66 Ronstadt of song
- 67 1978 Maggie Smith comedy
- 71 Pretend to be
- 74 Pontificated
- 75 "... Miniver"
- 76 37-Down container
- 79 1984 Harry Dean Stanton road movie
- 82 Maple fluids
- 84 Jesting Jay
- 85 Tablelands, French-style
- 86 Org. looking for aliens
- 88 Deserve
- 89 Ecol. or biol.
- 90 Film bomb
- 91 2004 Olsen twins teen comedy
- 95 "General" on a Chinese menu
- 97 Even (with)
- 99 Fleming and McKellen
- 100 1991 River Phoenix drama
- 105 Morning times, in brief
- 108 _ avis
- 109 Dusting cloth
- 110 Talking-_ (lectures)
- 111 Smack the baseball hard
- 113 Flaxen-haired woman
- 115 Fictitious college whose name would be fitting for this puzzle
- 121 Apple media player
- 122 Quiz show fodder
- 123 Designed to fit most people
- 124 Argon and radon
- 125 Shiny fabrics
- 126 Ingredient in emollients
- DOWN
- 1 Well-seasoned, in a way
- 2 Fill with joy
- 3 Some theater awards
- 4 Parks who stayed put
- 5 Pool contest
- 6 Pullet, e.g.
- 7 Slips past carefully
- 8 Naturalist Irwin
- 9 DiFranco of song
- 10 La _, Bolivia
- 11 "I believe," to a texter
- 12 Prefix with profit
- 13 Holds firmly
- 14 DJ Casey
- 15 "Watchmen" network
- 16 Melodious
- 17 Reality TV family name
- 18 Paragon
- 19 "Adios!"
- 24 Skill, to Cato
- 29 Many a '60s T-shirt
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- 43 Harvard rival
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- 50 Caustic liquid
- 51 Sister of Luke
- 54 Amigos
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- 58 Director Roth
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- 69 Sports arbiter
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- 72 Class taken after trig
- 73 Like turncoats
- 76 Land of Lima
- 77 Tending to the matter
- 78 Lavish love (on)

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

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after the pitcher issues a base-on-balls, every fielder besides the pitcher and catcher has to touch the ball before the runner can be tagged out. This creates an incentive for runners to actually run out of the batter’s box, and very often they reach second base.

Banana Ball, correctly, views incessant and unnecessary delay as the enemy of fan engagement. Batters can’t step out of the batter’s box. There are no visits to the mound. The game is timed and can’t last more than two hours. (MLB has taken steps in this direction with the wondrously successful innovation of the pitch clock, but can still do more to hustle things along.)

In loud and intense football stadiums, the fans are called “the 12th man.” In Banana Ball, the fans are literally the 10th fielder – if one of them catches a foul ball on the fly, the batter is out.

“Whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America,” the French-American historian Jacques Barzun famously wrote, “had better

learn baseball.”

Intellectuals aren’t going to rhapsodize about Banana Ball, but it says something about America, too. Its popularity shows how much we prize speed, constant entertainment and, oh yeah, viral moments on social media (which Banana Ball provides in abundance). Kids, in particular, love it.

Banana Ball isn’t a sacrilege against the game, any more than wiffle ball or beer-league softball are. It is a popularization of baseball and advertisement for it, demonstrating how a game that is perceived as dull and uneventful can be the occasion for rollicking fun.

We won’t be arguing decades from now about who was the best Banana Ball player of this era. We can enjoy the spectacle all the same.

The supposed inventor of baseball, Abner Doubleday, got much right. So, who can blame him for not realizing how much the game could be enhanced by adding musical numbers and having pitchers throw from trampolines?

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

Taking steps to slow kidney failure

DEAR DR. ROACH: Recently I almost experienced kidney failure from a probable infection. I am a male, age 68. My glomerular filtration rate (GFR) ranges from 44-50, and my weight is 132 pounds. My blood pressure is 110/60 mm Hg, and I enjoy various endurance sports. Besides limiting my protein, salt and saturated fat intake, as well as getting adequate hydration, do you have additional recommendations on how to help my kidneys recover or get the rest they need to slow their progress toward kidney failure? – D.

to
Your
good
health
WITH
Dr. Keith
Roach

You’ve done most of my work for me, but I do want to say that I have seen people overly restrict their protein intake. The expert recommendation is to stay between 0.8-1 gram of protein per kilogram of body mass. So, for you, it would be 48-60 grams or about 2 ounces of protein a day.

You want as much polyunsaturated fat (mostly vegetable and seed oils) and saturated fat (mostly meat and tropical oils like coconut and palm) as possible. Your blood pressure is close to perfect, and a sodium intake of less than 2 grams will help keep it there.

Depending on more exact details of your kidney function (especially whether you are losing protein in your urine), medications such as ACE inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers, and SGLT2 inhibitors may have a role in slowing down your progression – if your nephrologist agrees.

The other issue I caution you on is over-the-counter medicines and their dosing. You should avoid anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen, naproxen, or their prescription counterparts.

Finally, many people who participate in endurance sports do get their volumes depleted during exercise, so you need to be meticulous about replacing fluid, which needs to be the right kind at the right amount.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 94-year-old man. I am on a well-balanced diet and take daily walks. I am on glipizide, atorvastatin, finasteride, terazosin, ergocalciferol and timolol. So far, I have resisted taking Prolia injections. The multiple prescriptions I have are based on lab tests, but could the meds act negatively against each other? – C.H.

I have access to a robust drug-interaction calculator, and when I put all of these in, the only identified interaction was between glipizide and timolol. (Glipizide is used to make the pancreas increase its secretion of insulin and is most often used in people with Type 2 diabetes.)

The interaction the calculator identified is that timolol, a beta blocker, has two negative actions in people with diabetes. It slightly suppresses the amount of insulin your body can make, and more importantly, it can prevent the symptoms that make people realize their blood sugar is going down.

Nervousness, tremor, dry mouth, and a fast heart rate are all symptoms that most people with diabetes recognize when they have low blood sugar. This prompts them to check their sugar levels and rush some food in if necessary. Without these early warning signs, a person can get dangerously low blood sugar, causing confusion. However, if you are taking timolol eye drops as I suspect, the danger of these adverse effects is exceedingly small as the amount absorbed in the blood is low, if not zero.

Let me mention that osteoporosis in men is not uncommon when they reach their 90s. I don’t have enough information to say what the best treatment is, but I would carefully consider treatment if your doctor recommends it. Fracturing a bone in the spine can lead to years of back pain, and fracturing a hip is a life-changing event.

If you are concerned about Prolia, ask your doctor why they chose it and perhaps ask them to consider other options.

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.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
July 29, 1947: Enid Justin broke ground for her Nocona Boot facility near Nocona.

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: X equals M

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XJVBLNUEL XRXRNB VBL TILY
DILW ORUYD DILUQ HNRTB QLP?
BIQLT OJNUBI.

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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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Beware the pension poachers



by Freddy Groves

The VA’s Office of Inspector General recently put out a fraud alert about a series of schemes known as “pension poaching.” Veterans, heads up. You have a lot to lose if you fall for one of these scams.

The Department of Veterans Affairs pension is for wartime veterans or their surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children with certain income limits. The benefits are therefore very valuable. And it’s what the scammers want: your money.

Veterans, these scammers can come at you in a number of ways. It might be through a dishonest attorney, a fake financial planner, by phone or email, or at an assisted living facility. In short, they’re everywhere.

Beware anybody who approaches you with any of the following:

If you have direct bank

deposit of your benefit money, they might try to divert that money elsewhere. (The money should always only go to the veteran.)

You might be pushed to hand over personal financial information, like a credit card number.

Scammers might try to guarantee you’ll get a certain benefit. (But no one can make that guarantee; only the VA can decide.)

Scammers might try to con you into lying about your expenses and income when you apply for benefits, effectively hiding your money from the VA. (What they won’t tell you is that the VA does a three-year lookback at your finances. If you’re caught lying, you’ll have to pay back any money the VA gives you.)

Scammers likely charge you an upfront fee or have you sign over a percentage of your benefits to them in exchange for helping you apply for benefits. But the VA never charges you for applying for benefits and even gives you free help if you need it. Start by calling

the VA at 800-827-1000.

To learn about eligibility for the veterans pension, go to www.va.gov/pension/eligibility. For the survivors pension, see www.va.gov/pension/survivors-pension.

Download the Veterans’ Pension pamphlet at <https://tinyurl.com/mtsvrft> for information on how to avoid pension poaching scams.

Beware! Those pension poachers are everywhere!

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by Jo Ann Derson

• Potato salad will have more flavor if you whisk together all the dressing ingredients and add it to the potatoes when they are warm. The potatoes absorb the ingredients better and the flavor will develop even more during refrigeration.

• Dill planted near tomatoes will draw caterpillars away from the fruits. And it’s delicious.

• “I love to grill, and when it’s nice out, we grill every weekend. I always put on extra and use the leftovers through the week. Chicken in salad, a nice flank steak for fajitas, etc. And it means less cooking for me!” – Y.L. in Maryland

• Here’s a great recipe for an icy treat. Freeze orange juice or apple juice in ice trays. Throw a handful in the blender for a fruit slush that can’t be beat on a hot day.

• “Our patio doors were wide open and a lot of smoke was coming off our grill. Short story: It swamped the living room with smoke smell. It was a little overwhelming. After we closed the door, my neighbor doused a kitchen towel with white vinegar, wrung it out and waved it around the room. It cleared out the smoke smell right away, and the vinegar smell went away just as quickly. What a miracle.” – F.F. in South Carolina

• Rubbing alcohol can be used to remove ball point pen from most upholstery.

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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.

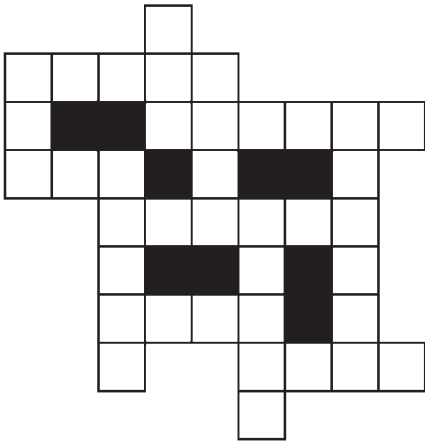
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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