Canutillo ISD governance program

The Canutillo Independent School District School Board is one of only eight in the state to be selected by the Texas Education Agency to participate in the Lone Star Governance Exemplar Cohort – an intensive program aimed at helping school districts improve student outcomes. “The leadership at these eight school districts are already demonstrating effective governance practices where the success of every student is the focus,” said Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. “As part of the inaugural LSG Exemplar Cohort, the school board members and superintendents in these districts seek to take their efforts to the next level, which can lead better student outcomes in their communities.” LSG Exemplar Cohort members will be sharing best practices from their experiences to help strengthen leadership in districts statewide. “Through this governance process the board and administration will continue to grow together to better understand how to best serve our students and sustain our A-rated district,” said Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz.

Trees and bushes

The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by offering 10 colorful trees and bushes when you join the organization in October. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation’s Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees. “Members will especially enjoy these trees during the autumn months because they’ll add abundant, vibrant color to any yard or landscape for years to come,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions will be enclosed with each shipment of trees. To receive your free trees, send a $10 membership contribution with your tree selection to Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 2018, or join online at arborday.org/october.

GET IN THE HOLE – To encourage men and women golfers – age 55 years and older – to join them, Ascarate Senior Golf Association (ASGA) offers two tournaments each month. A director and two committee members are assigned to help run each tournament. Frank Amador, above, puts for a birdie during the a ASGA tournament.

EL PASO COUNTY – The recently manicured golf course radiated in the morning dew, with its sprawling green grass fairgrounds glistening under the desert sun and its huge billowing oak, pine, and ash trees dotting the landscape. The Ascarate Municipal Golf Course was perfect for an early morning golf tournament.

And so, about 36 players gathered at El Paso County’s South-Central golf course to compete for bragging rights and monetary prizes. The special aspect of this tournament was that all the golfers were over 55 years of age; for, they were participating in the annual Ascarate Senior Golf Association (ASGA) golf tournament. Among the tournament players was 73-year-old Manuel Rodriguez. “I’ve been playing for two years. I was invited to play a round of golf with the association members. I liked it, so I have been coming ever since,” he stated. Chuy Gonzalez, 68, said that he has been playing golf for five years. He related that he’s gotten to know the members and considers them friends. “I also do it for the exercise,” he added.

Jesus Martinez, 70, has been playing golf for thirty years and for about ten years with ASGA members. “I come to play every week because it is a great way to exercise and make new friends,” he said.

San Eli HS seniors register to vote

BRAND NEW VOTERS – With the midterm elections approaching, the time to register to vote has arrived. Brenda Negrete, a representative from the El Paso County Elections Department, stopped by San Elizario High School (SEHS) to assist students ages 18 and over with the registration process. “Students need to know about the importance of becoming registered voters and making their voices heard,” Negrete said. Negrete gave a brief presentation to a handful of students about the current voting practices in El Paso County. She answered questions from students and presented a few specifics on the voting process. “As a citizen of this country, I cannot stress the importance of registering to vote,” said Obad Hernandez (front row, right), Government and Economics teacher at SEHS. “Your vote is your voice in the political process. Politics nowadays is very polarized and it can be scary for high school students, but knowing that you are registered to vote puts you in the right direction into getting your voice heard no matter which politician you favor.” The 2018 U.S. elections will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6th and students who registered to vote will receive their Voter Registration Card a few days before. Coach Ray Aguilar (front row, left) joined the group to show support for the new voters.

When any issue becomes a political football there are always lots of fumbles.

– Quips & Quotes
As the story unfolds...

**To Kill a Mockingbird**

It's time for *To Kill a Mockingbird* to give up its treasured place in American culture.

The 1960 novel by Harper Lee was published to instant acclaim. Sales of 30 million copies and 650 translations in 87 languages have made it an American classic. The Academy Awards for best picture, best director, best supporting actor and adapted screenplay were awarded to the movie version starring Gregory Peck and published in 1962.

But now there is change, for the book is 58 years old and has fallen into the public domain.

Lee's novel is deep in sympathy with a novel on school campuses, and in the culture more broadly, the process isn't what it used to be, when it was often thought to be a hateful act to insist that allegations of sexual misconduct be proven.

A reference to the story: The setting is Depression-era Alabama. Small-town lawyer Atticus Finch (played by Peck in the movie) is unpopular in town because he has decided to take on the defense of a black man named Tom Robinson who is accused of raping a white woman.

And this is where the story, in contemporary terms, goes off the rails. Atticus Finch didn’t accept an accusation at face value.

He defended an alleged rapist, vigorously and unblinkingly, making use of every opportunity provided to him by the norms of the Anglo-American system of justice. He did it despite considerable social pressure to simply believe the accuser.

In a gripping courtroom scene, Finch cross-examines Mayella Ewell, the 19-year-old daughter of an abusive drunk from a poor family who is Robinson’s accuser. With all the vehemence and emotion she can muster, Ewell insists that Robinson attacked her at her house.

Without mercy, Finch takes apart her account. In contemporary internet argot, he “destroys” her. He brushes right by her tears. He doesn’t care about her feelings, only the facts.

He exposes contradictions in her story and exposes her credibility, especially with the dramatic revelation that Robinson doesn’t have use of his left arm when he stands up at the defense table (he is alleged to have hit her with his left hand).

It is revealed that Ewell is lying. She has made an advance on Robinson and gotten caught by her vengeful, racist father. The charge of rape against Robinson was a cover story, although the couple is not married.

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Sports

Kekele are two of the best at their respective positions. One of the fastest guys in the league, Hill is especially dangerous when returning kicks. On defense, Hill will play cornerback, but the Rams have a pair of tackles in Aaron Jones and Kenyon Nejo who will line up outside to help. The Rams have some backups on defense, but the Rams are looking to round out their roster with a few more players. The Chiefs have some players with experience, but they are looking to bring in more talent for the future.

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Noticia de Elección – Canutillo Independent School District
Aviso de Elección – Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo

A los votantes registrados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo:

La Mesa Directiva del Canutillo Independent School District (Disidente de Educación Canutillo) debería estar dispuesta a otorgarle (a ti) una solicitud para votar por correo para la elección del 2 de noviembre de 2018.

Las solicitudes para boletas se podrán hacer en las oficinas de votación ubicadas en el Edificio Central de Voto, 7311 Los Varas, en el distrito de Doña Ana, o en el distrito de Hidalgo. Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web de la Mesa Directiva del Canutillo Independent School District.

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New steps to an appeal

by Freddy Grooves

The Department of Veterans Affairs reached a big goal two weeks early in September: It delivered 81,000 appeals decisions for fiscal 2018. That’s 28,000 more decisions on services and disability benefits than it cleared last year. The VA already has hired nearly 200 attorneys and plans to hire 30 more as it implements the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017.

There’s a lot to know. If you disagree with your original claim decision, you have three choices, per the Act: A higher-level review, where you jump up to another decision-making body; a supplemental claim, where new evidence is submitted; or an appeal (Notice of Disagreement) to the board. If you appeal directly to the board, there are three directions you can take: direct review docket, new evidence is submitted; in the evidence docket, new evidence is sent. In the hearing docket, new evidence also is introduced.

To check your status, you’ll need to sign in using the DS Logon (ID issued by the DOD), your HealtheVet account or your ID.me account. You can use an AARP account. Think Facebook or Google, or even your HealtheVet account, or create an ID.me account using your ID.me account. You can also Logon (ID issued by the DOD).

Thought for the Day: “I like an escalator because an escalator can never break, it can only become stairs. An escalator can never break, it can only become stairs.”

— Mitch Hedberg

People know Pueblo for its...

Famous Hot Salsa?

In Pueblo, the free government information is also hot! Spicing up your life by dipping into the Consumer Information Center system, pueblo.gov. You can download all the information right away. Sorry, salsa not available through our websites.