



NEWSBRIEFS

Texas business climate

With the stock market booming, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2019's *Best & Worst States to Start a Business* as well as accompanying videos. To determine the most fertile grounds for planting and growing new ventures, WalletHub compared the 50 U.S. states across 26 key indicators of startup success. The data set ranges from financing accessibility to availability of human capital to office-space affordability. Texas was rated 1st in this report, ranking:

- 4th – Avg. Growth in Number of Small Businesses;
- 30th – Labor Costs;
- 4th – Avg. Length of Work Week (in Hours);
- 20th – Cost of Living; and
- 13th – Industry Variety.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-to-start-a-business/36934/> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

Energy costs

With unprofitable coal and nuclear plants continuing to shut down amidst current administration support, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2019's *Most & Least Energy-Expensive States* as well as accompanying videos. For a better understanding of Americans' energy costs relative to their location and consumption habits, WalletHub compared the average monthly energy bills in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia using a special formula that accounts for the following residential energy types: electricity, natural gas, motor fuel and home heating oil. Texas was 32nd overall in energy consumption and costs in the report, ranking (1-least expensive; 51- most expensive):

- 32nd – Avg. Monthly Energy Bill: \$295
- 38th – Price of Electricity
- 8th – Electricity Consumption per Consumer
- 12th – Price of Natural Gas
- 40th – Natural-Gas Consumption per Consumer
- 43rd – Price of Motor Fuel
- 16th – Motor-Fuel Consumption per Driver

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It's ironic, but a very tough thing to do is to gracefully accept a sincere compliment.

– Quips & Quotes

Troncoso takes helm in Anthony ISD

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY – Oscar A. Troncoso, an El Pasoan who has spent the past eleven years of his educational career at Anthony Independent School District (AISD) in the Town of Anthony, Texas was unanimously approved recently by the board of trustees to be its new superintendent.

Before being named the district's top official, he served as AISD's secondary schools' principal and was assistant superintendent to Dr. Steven Saldivar, who announced his retirement at the end of the school year.

In an effort to find ways to better serve the needs of our students and community, Troncoso stated that he has a variety of plans for the Upper Valley school district that borders New Mexico. "While our team at Anthony ISD has made great strides in the past few years, there are always new challenges in our quest for continuous improvement as an organization and in our desire to improve the lives of our students through an education of the highest quality," he asserted.

"At the elementary school (which ended the school year with 425 students) our early childhood grade levels will be one of our areas of focus," the new superintendent said. "The plan is to provide additional instructional support to that foundational level that is so critical. We have hired a dynamic and experienced instructional coach to work specifically with elementary teachers in order to help them deliver well-planned lessons and highly-effective strategies that will promote academic growth," he stated.

"To support the elementary school's initiative, I really want to reach out to our community through various media,



– Photo courtesy Region 19

Oscar A. Troncoso took over the Anthony ISD superintendent position June 4. He will be responsible for the educational needs of approximately 845 students and an annual budget of \$9.4 million.

including home visits, encourage our parents to read to their children on a daily basis, and promote literacy at home. We have untapped community and cultural wealth in Anthony that needs to be aligned with the same goals of our school district," Troncoso noted.

Another plan is to invest in a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum for all three schools, according to Troncoso. "When schools take the time to develop character and develop social emotional skills, grades will rise and bad behavior will decrease. We want all of our kids to feel safe and supported so that they will

not only do better in their classes, but to make school a place in which they want to be," he said.

The SEL program "will be especially important at our middle school where these years are critical to their emotional development," Troncoso pointed out. "We plan to carve out a class period in which one day per week our students will participate in an SEL curriculum that will help them develop both their academic and social skills. We want them to not only be better in their subject areas but also be better as caring and compassionate human beings."

The SEL initiative will go hand-in-hand with another program that the new superintendent plans to bring to AISD. He stated that he wants to introduce the AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) program to the middle school (with an enrollment of 190 students) and high school (with an enrollment of 230 students) this coming school year and then to the elementary school campus the following year.

AVID is a college readiness program designed to help students develop such skills as critical thinking, teamwork, as well as organization, reading and writing skills, according to Troncoso. "This is all to help them succeed when they leave Anthony and attend college. I have felt that our teachers do a great job of preparing our students with the academic skills to succeed in college, but some kids struggle when they leave because they lack some social skills or, perhaps, they do not advocate for themselves," he expressed.

"AVID will hopefully address this missing piece. It'll take a few years to fully integrate this approach, but I'm excited because it promotes a student-centered approach, and it promotes equity - that is, we are committed to giving students the tools that they need to be successful beyond high school," Troncoso affirmed.

Additionally, the new top instructional leader declared that school safety will also be a priority. "We plan to have our own security guards, as opposed to contracting out. Under our supervision, we will be able to maximize their potential," he said. "We also have School Resource Officers that will continue to work in our schools."

Moreover, Troncoso said that a new intercom system will be added to facilitate communication within schools and district offices. "We've added additional cameras in key areas where we had blind spots. We are adding a program called School Check-In, which is a software system that will allow us to check-in and track visitors, as well as having attendance features that will help with tardiness," he indicated.

Troncoso acknowledged that it is of utmost importance for him that all

Canutillo ISD increases pay for 2018-2019 school year

By Liza Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Canutillo Independent School District employees will receive pay raises next school year. The Board of Trustees approved a five percent increase for teachers, nurses, and librarians, while all other employees will receive a four percent raise.

"These raises are part of Canutillo ISD's commitment to reward our educators who do so much every day to support the academic success of our students," said Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz. "Our teachers and staff are true professionals and well-deserving of these pay increases."

The District has been in a sound financial position to continually increase compensation at least 2 percent in each of the last three years.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide these salary increases for our teachers and staff," said Board President Sergio Coronado. "The Board values the contribution of all employees and recognizes the need to attract and retain the best teachers and employees."

Part of the funding for the pay raises is the result of House Bill 3, which included requirements for increased compensation for staff. In the budget approved Tuesday, trustees allocated more than \$1.3 million for salary increases, beyond what was mandated by the state.

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View from here

By John Grimaldi

Alzheimer’s disease: More needs to be done

June was Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month but, says senior advocate Dan Weber, “it’s not enough to be aware that it is a devastating, deadly infirmity. It is imperative that we raise our voices in support of decisive action to offer real support for its nearly six million victims and their caregivers.”

In a statement backing legislative efforts focused on Alzheimer’s, the president of the two-million-member Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) urges Congress to put political differences aside and get cracking on new legislation that could make a difference.

“It was heartening to see the House, the Senate and President Trump on the same page when the BOLD (Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure) legislation was enacted on New Year’s Day. The BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Act provides \$100 million dollars to fund new and potentially more effective ways to treat the disease and provide aid for besieged caregivers. But it is clearly not enough when we are at war with a disease that is spreading at such

a dangerously fast pace.”

Two additional Alzheimer’s bills have been introduced in Congress. The Younger-Onset Alzheimer’s Disease Act expands the availability of resources to younger seniors suffering from Alzheimer’s and other dementias, resources that are currently available only to patients over 60 years of age. The Improving HOPE for Alzheimer’s Act would expand comprehensive Alzheimer’s disease care planning services for patients.

“Both merit attention by lawmakers in a timely fashion.”

Weber says that more needs to be done to stop what is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and which targets the nation’s fastest growing population – senior citizens. He cites Alzheimer’s Association statistics showing that the overwhelming majority of victims are seniors. Nearly one-million older Americans between 65 and 74, 2.5 million between 75 and 84 years of age and 2.1 million over 85 have the disease. “Your parents, grandparents and even you are at risk considering the fact that 10,000 Americans

turn 65 each and every day, a growth rate that will continue for ten or more years, according to the Census Bureau.

And, adds Weber, if that is not enough for lawmakers to get together and provide support and solutions, consideration needs to be given to the financial impact the disease is having on the economy. According to the Alzheimer’s Association, it’s the most expensive illness plaguing America today. It is costing more than cancer and heart disease.

The Association estimates that Medicare and Medicaid will spend \$195 billion on Alzheimer’s in 2019 and that by 2050 the disease will cost these two agencies \$770 billion. To learn more and join the fight to end Alzheimer’s, visit alz.org/advocacy.

The Association of Mature American Citizens (<http://www.amac.us>) is a senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today.

Hodgson, Santelanes on NJCAA All American list



– Photos courtesy El Paso Community College

Two El Paso Community College (EPCC) student-athletes have been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) First Team All American list. Donald Hodgson, left, and Brittany Santellanes had 4.0 grade point averages during the 2018-19 academic school year. The Academic All American list includes a total of seven EPCC athletes. “EPCC is an academic institution first and foremost,” said Felix Hinojosa, EPCC Athletic Director. “Being awarded academic honors validates what we do as a college.” The NJCAA has recognized the team and individual student athletes with the highest grade-point averages since 1993. The student must have 24 credit hours or more with a GPA of 3.60 or higher. Nominations are submitted by each athlete’s respective institution. The other five EPCC Academic All Americans are Alyssa Martinez, Softball, 3.84, Second Team; Ivan Duarte-Trejo Baseball, 3.78, Third Team; Genevieve Centeno Softball, 3.77, Third Team; Samantha Corral, Softball, 3.70, Third Team; and Carlos Quintana, Baseball, 3.60, Third Team.

– Ismael De La Rosa

Motorists must slow down or move over around emergency vehicles

By Tela Mange
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) is reminding all Texans to remember to slow down or move over if you see

emergency vehicles – police, fire, EMS, highway response trucks and tow trucks – with their lights activated on the roadside. Texas traffic laws require drivers to leave the lane closest to the vehicles stopped on the road (if the road has more than one lane traveling in the same direction)

OR slow down at least 20 miles per hour below the speed limit. “Firstresponders,includingtow truck operators, are vulnerable when they’re stopped on the side of the road helping someone. Tow truck operators are often the first people on the scene of a wreck, and they work hard to get traffic cleared up quickly. Please help make sure that all of us get to our destinations and back home again safely this weekend,” said Brian E. Francis,

TDLR executive director. Driver safety is important to TDLR because we regulate the Driver Education and Safety program, which oversees Texas driver education, parent-taught driver education and the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program. We also license tow truck companies and drivers, who you may need to call on if you experience trouble on the road. Several Texas tow truck operators and emergency workers

have been either injured or killed this year while stopped to help motorists who have broken down on the side of the road.

Other safety tips for driving:

- Slow down and pay attention to what you’re doing. If you get tired, pull over in a safe spot and walk around to re-energize.
- Designate a sober driver. Don’t ever drink and drive.
- Stay off the mobile phone – this includes texting. Designate a “co-pilot” to be in charge of the phone while you’re driving so you can concentrate on the task at hand.
- Stay weather-aware. We’re not expecting bad weather, but this is Texas and you never know. If it’s rainy, slow down!
- Leave plenty of time to get to your destination. Roadways are likely to be crowded. Drive friendly – the Texas way!

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Trump should chill about the stock market

Donald Trump may watch the stock market more closely than any day trader.

For a president who underlined the increasing importance of working-class whites to the GOP coalition and who trampled so much bipartisan economic orthodoxy during the campaign, to be so overtly obsessed with the stock market is a strange disconnect.

In fact, no president in memory has so publicly staked himself to the market. Trump has, in contrast, paid relatively little public attention to wage growth, which is the measure that more closely tracks with his particular political project (especially considering that his election prospects may again depend on Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin).

The market clearly acts for Trump like poll numbers or TV ratings – immediate, easily digestible feedback on his perceived worth, or that of his economic stewardship. This isn’t how he should view it, and it was shortsighted to be so boastful about the good times.

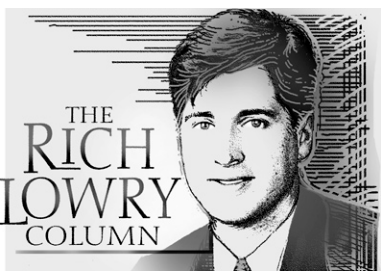
The stock market goes up and down. Trump didn’t have sole responsibility for the run-up in the market after his election (although taking the regulatory boot off the economy helped) and doesn’t deserve the blame for the downward trend now (although the contention with China and general sense of chaos don’t help).

Trump has lashed out at Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell for being too tight on interest rates, and he might be right. But the president should be less beholden to the gyrations of the market.

Wages would be a worthy new object of his attention, and it’d be better if wages didn’t often take a back seat to the stock market and GDP growth. When Trump hears complaints from employers that they are having trouble hiring, his answer should be: “Good. Pay your workers more.”

On the other hand, the political downside of focusing on wages is twofold: Like the stock market, it is a metric that the president doesn’t have direct control over, and unlike the stock market, it hasn’t mostly enjoyed strong upward momentum over the past couple of decades.

Oren Cass of the Manhattan Institute and author of the thought-provoking new book “The Once and Future Worker” argues that the point of comparison shouldn’t be whether wages are better than they were in post-crisis 2010, but



how they are doing compared with business-cycle peaks in 2007, 2000 and 1989. Here they are lagging.

Wages are ultimately related to productivity growth, which has been growing more slowly than in the golden age of the American economy in the mid-20th century.

Robert Atkinson of the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation argues forcefully that policymakers should make fostering productivity growth their foremost goal.

For his part, Cass suggests a worker-friendly, longer-term agenda of reforming education to put more emphasis on the interests of students who won’t go on to get a four-year college degree; changing our immigration system to keep the lower end of the labor market as tight as possible; and exploring innovative models of unionization to give workers

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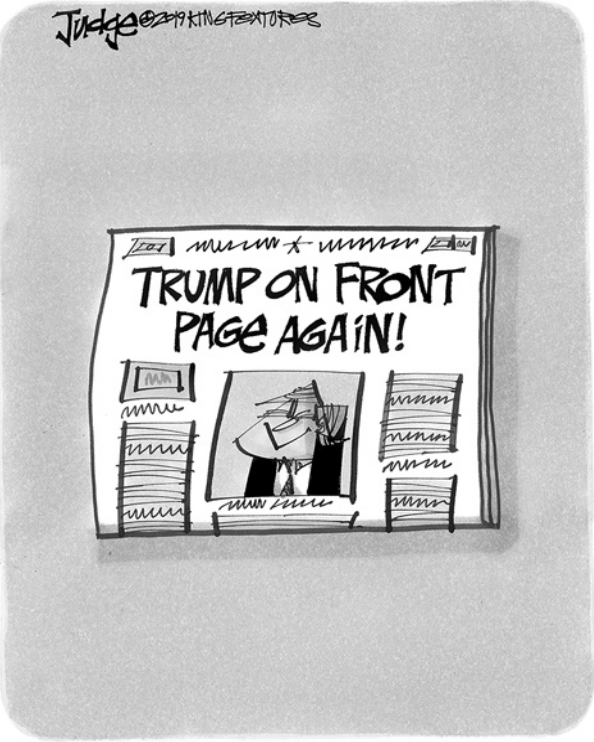
Public Notice San Elizario Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the District’s Section 504 Coordinator, Amanda G. Sanchez-Muñoz, at 872-3926, or mail at P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, Texas 79849.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados Bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario, Amanda G. Sanchez-Muñoz, al numero 872-3926, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, Texas 79849.

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San Elizario Independent District SPECIAL EDUCATION/CHILD FIND

The San Elizario Independent School District provides services for children who are eligible for special education. Eligible special education students will be afforded a free, appropriate public education beginning on their third birthday and continuing through their 21st year. Children who are identified as auditorially impaired, visually impaired or deaf-blind may be served from birth through 21 years of age. The San Elizario Independent School District provides special education and related services to students residing within the District boundaries. A student with a disability must meet eligibility guidelines in one or more areas including physical disability, intellectual disability, emotional disturbance, learning disability, autism, speech impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual or auditory impairment. This impairment must significantly affect the student’s ability to progress adequately without support services.

If a child is experiencing learning difficulties, the parent may contact the person listed below to learn about the district’s overall general education referral or screening system for support services. This system links students to a variety of support options including referral for special education evaluation. Students having difficulty in the regular classroom should be considered for tutorial, compensatory, and other support services that are available to all students. At any time, a parent is entitled to request an evaluation for special education services. Within a reasonable amount of time, the district must decide if the evaluation is needed. If the evaluation is needed, the parent will be notified and asked to provide consent for the evaluation. The district must complete the evaluation and the report within 45 school days of the date the district received the written consent. The district must give a copy of the report to the parent. If the District determines that the evaluation is not needed, the district will provide the parent with a written notice that explains why the child will not be evaluated. This written notice will include a statement that informs the parent of their rights if they disagree with the district. Additionally, the notice must inform the parent how to obtain a copy of the Notice of Procedural Safeguards-Rights of Parents of Students with Disabilities.

For more information, contact the Director of Special Education, Amanda G. Sanchez-Munoz, (915) 872-3926 at 13680 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX 79849. Mailing address: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

Educación Especial / Programa De Identificación De Niños (Child Find)

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario provee servicios a los niños que califican para recibir educación especial. Los estudiantes que califiquen recibirán una educación pública gratuita y adecuada comenzando con su tercer cumpleaños hasta el fin de su vigésimo-primer año (21). Los niños que son identificados con problemas auditivos, visuales, sordos o ciegos pueden ser atendidos desde su nacimiento hasta los veintiún años de edad. El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario provee servicios de educación especial y otros servicios relacionados a los estudiantes que vivan dentro de los límites del distrito. Un estudiante con una discapacidad debe cumplir con las guías que reúnen los requisitos en una o más áreas incluyendo: discapacidades físicas, discapacidad intelectual, alteraciones emocionales, discapacidad de aprendizaje, autismo, discapacidad del habla, daño cerebral por trauma, o discapacidad visual o auditiva. Esta discapacidad debe afectar significativamente la habilidad del estudiante para progresar adecuadamente sin asistencia.

Si un alumno está teniendo dificultades en su aprendizaje, los padres pueden contactar a la persona encargada (ver información al final) para que les informe acerca del programa general de derivación (referral) del distrito o sistema de detección para servicios de asistencia. Este sistema enlaza a los estudiantes con una gran variedad de opciones de apoyo que incluyen la derivación para que se le practique una evaluación de educación especial. Los estudiantes que estén teniendo dificultades en un aula regular deber ser considerados para recibir tutoría, planes de compensación educativa y otros servicios de apoyo que estén disponibles para todos los estudiantes. Los padres tienen derecho, en cualquier momento, de pedir una evaluación para recibir servicios de educación especial. El distrito debe decidir, dentro de un plazo razonable, si dicha evaluación es necesaria. En caso afirmativo, el padre será notificado y se le pedirá permiso para realizar la evaluación. El distrito debe llevar a cabo la evaluación y el reporte sobre los resultados dentro de 45 días escuela a partir de la fecha en que el distrito recibió el permiso del padre por escrito. El distrito debe proporcionar una copia del reporte al padre. Si el distrito determina que la evaluación no es necesaria, debe proporcionar por escrito una notificación que explique el por qué. Esta notificación por escrito debe incluir una declaración que informe al padre sobre sus derechos si es que no está de acuerdo con la decisión del distrito. Además, la notificación debe informar al padre cómo obtener una copia del Aviso sobre Garantías Procesales-Derechos de los Padres de Alumnos con Discapacidades.

Para mayores informes, favor de contactar el departamento de Educación Especial, Amanda G. Sanchez-Munoz, (915) 872-3926 at 13680 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX 79849. Mailing address: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.



By Samantha Weaver

• It was famed Irish author George Bernard Shaw who made the following sage observation: “A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.”

• Although we tend to think of the bikini as a modern fashion innovation, two-piece bathing suits can be seen in murals in the ancient city of Pompeii.

• If you’re a fan of the “Star Trek” franchise, you might want to plan a trip to the capital of Sweden. It was in Stockholm last year that the world’s first Klingon tourist center opened.

• There seems to be quite a rivalry between the towns of Rosehill, North Carolina, and Wilmington, Delaware. Both locales claim to be the home of the world’s largest frying pan, with a diameter of 10 feet. This begs some questions, of course: How many eggs are being fried at once to require such a large piece of cookware? And what sort of stove is required to heat such a mammoth pan?

• If you’re like most Americans, you’ve stolen from your employer – though probably not much. It seems that 58% of your fellow citizens admit to taking office supplies for personal use.

• The London-based 40FT Brewery has an unusual beer on its list of offerings: Odius Ale. Its claim to fame? It’s brewed using yeast collected from writer Roald Dahl’s chair.

• There was a time when cartoon character Fred Flintstone appeared in ads for Winston cigarettes.

• I don’t know who studies such things, but those who do say that over the course of a lifetime, you’ll probably spend about three years in the restroom.

Thought for the Day: “Eminent posts make great men greater, and little men less.”
– Jean de La Bruyere

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On July 8, 1951, Paris, the capital city of France, celebrates turning 2,000 years old. However, the City of Lights was most likely founded around 250 B.C., when a Gallic tribe known as the Parisii settled an island (Ile de la Cite) in the Seine River, which runs through present-day Paris.
- On July 9, 1962, Bob Dylan records “Blowin’ in the Wind,” although it wouldn’t be released for another year. The most well-known version was done by Peter, Paul and Mary, which became a hit.
- On July 10, 1985, in Auckland harbor in New Zealand, Greenpeace’s Rainbow Warrior sinks after French agents in diving gear plant a bomb on the ship’s hull. Although French authorities denied responsibility, a British newspaper later uncovered evidence of French President Francois Mitterrand’s authorization of the bombing plan.
- On July 11, 1656, Ann Austin and Mary Fisher, two Englishwomen, become the first Quakers to immigrate to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Their liberal teachings enraged the Puritan colonial government and they were arrested and jailed. After five years in prison, they were deported.
- On July 12, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signs into law a measure calling for the awarding of a U.S. Army Medal of Honor. The previous December, Lincoln had approved a provision creating a U.S. Navy Medal of Valor. To date more than 3,400 men and one woman have received the Medal of Honor.
- On July 13, 1990, the romantic-thriller “Ghost” opens in theaters. The film, about a woman who communicates with her murdered husband through a sassy psychic, was a box-office hit and received multiple Academy Award nominations.
- On July 14, 1099, during the First Crusade, Christian knights from Europe capture Jerusalem after seven weeks of siege and begin massacring the city’s Muslim and Jewish population.

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– Diana Polk

Recreation

With July being National Parks and Recreation Month and America’s largest cities investing over \$8 billion on parks this past year, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2019’s Best & Worst Cities for Recreation* as well as accompanying videos. To highlight the benefits of recreational activities for consumers and economies across the country, WalletHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities across 48 key indicators of recreation-friendliness. For each city, we examined the accessibility of entertainment and recreational facilities, the quality of parks and the weather. El Paso ranked 21st in the report. Other stats:

- San Francisco, CA has the highest share of the population with walkable park access, 100 percent, which is 3.8 times higher than in Gilbert, AZ, the city with the lowest at 26 percent.
- New York, NY has the most playgrounds per square root of the population, 0.6607, which is 18.9 times more than in Hialeah, FL, the city with the fewest at 0.0349.
- San Francisco, CA has the highest spending on parks per capita, \$279, which is 11.6 times higher than in Stockton, CA, the city with the lowest at \$24.
- San Francisco, CA has the most bike rental facilities per square root of the population, 0.0667, which is 47.6 times more than in Fresno, CA, the city with the fewest at 0.0014.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-cities-for-recreation/5144/> for

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more leverage.

Maybe these particular initiatives aren’t to the liking of the White House, but a working-class Republican should have an agenda very specifically tailored to the interests of workers. Alternately bragging and complaining about the stock market isn’t a substitute.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2019 by King Features Synd., Inc.

the full report.

– Diana Polk

Big, not biggest

Harper Buckley who was born on March 15, 2019 in Elmira, NY weighing 15 pounds, 15 ounces

at birth may hold the record for heaviest neonate ever born in New York State, according to her doctors. But the folks who chronicle world records at Guinness would consider her a lightweight. The world record

holder was a boy who weighed in at a whopping 22 pounds when he was born at home in Saville, OH to 7 ft 11 in tall Anna Bates and her husband, Martin, who was just 7 ft 9 in tall.

– John Grimaldi

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

1) The San Elizario Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Audio Video Production, Automotive Technology, Biomedical Technology, Building Trades and Construction Technology, Business Administration and Finance, Child Development, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Graphic Design and Illustration, Information Technology and Networking, Law Enforcement and Criminal Procedures, Robotics, Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and Western Tech Programs: Diesel Mechanic Technology, Medical Clinical Assistant, and Refrigeration-HVAC Technology. Admission to these programs is based on course pre-requisites and grade level classifications. For program information call Michael Rodriguez at (915) 872-3939, extension 3844.

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

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

4) The San Elizario Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all education and vocational programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Superintendent Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

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

1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario ofrece programas de Carrera y Educación Técnica en Producción de Audio y Video, Tecnología Automotriz, Tecnología Biomédica, Oficios de la Construcción y Tecnología de la Construcción, Administración de Empresas y Finanzas, Desarrollo Infantil, Cosmetología, Artes Culinarias, Ingeniería, Diseño Gráfico e Ilustración, Tecnología de la Información y Redes, Aplicación de la ley y los procedimientos penales, Robótica, Ingeniería Tecnológica de la Ciencia y las Matemáticas (STEM), y Programas De Western Tech: Tecnología Mecánica Diesel, Asistente Clínico Médico y Tecnología de Refrigeración-HVAC . Admisión a estos programas se basa en prerrequisitos del curso y clasificación del nivel del grado. Para más información sobre el programa, por favor comuníquense con Michael Rodriguez al (915) 872-3939, extensión 3844.

2) Es la póliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o discapacidad en estos programas vocacionales, servicios, o actividades requeridos por el Título IV del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendada Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.

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4) El distrito escolar de San Elizario tomará pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.

5) Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el Superintendente Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

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The NBA goes through an overnight power shift

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Things usually simmer down after the NBA Championship series.

Everyone knows that the Toronto Raptors stunned the Golden State Warriors for the title.

And though the Warriors suffered a little bad luck with injuries, the Raptors earned their first championship in franchise history.

So the NBA will take a little siesta to prepare for next season, right?

So very wrong! Almost immediately after the series, the league has been a buzz. Not with what happened this year, but with what will happen next year.

Like the opening bell on Wall Street – players, agents, general managers, coaches and owners have been falling all over themselves trying to make the perfect deal.

Sports reporters from every media outlet have been crawling over themselves to either predict where the next big star is going or be the first to report on their destination.

There’s no doubt that there’s been more noise surrounding the league since the championship ended, than when it was going on.

And why shouldn’t they? The players that have changed teams are among the most recognized in the league.

Another thing is how their moves will potentially impact the balance of the league next season.

For the first time in quite a while, there is no clear-cut favorite heading into the next NBA season. For a while it’s been Golden State and everybody else.

The fireworks started well before Independence Day, when the Los Angeles Lakers landed former New Orleans superstar Anthony Davis. Davis will now be teamed up with LeBron

James, which makes the Lakers instant title contenders.

Then there was former Warrior Kevin Durant signing with the Brooklyn Nets, to be joined by former Boston Celtic Kyrie Irving and big man DeAndre Jordan.

How about former Charlotte Hornet Kemba Walker joining the Celtics.

Apparently winning a title wasn’t enough to keep former Raptor Kawhi Leonard in Toronto. He will be joined by former OKC Thunder’s Paul George in Los Angeles with the Clippers.

So what does all this mean for next season? Who are the new favorites? Who are the new super teams?

They haven’t made the playoffs in six straight seasons, but provided there are no major injuries, fans in L.A. should have something to cheer about next season.

The Lakers have LeBron, Davis and a reliable Kyle Kuzma, but little else. Without enough money to pay a formidable bench, the Lakers could

struggle more than people think.

There are some who now see the Lakers as the favorites to win the title; especially with the signing of Anthony Davis.

But you have to consider something, in his years with New Orleans, what did Davis do to make them better – nothing. They were never in the championship hunt and hardly ever made the playoffs.

In his seven years in New Orleans, Davis led the Pelicans to the playoffs twice – that’s it.

The Clippers – the other team from L.A. – were 48-34 last season and just added Kawhi and George. Those two rosters should make the Staples Center the place to be next season.

But which team is the better one?

To be honest, even though the MVP voting last season was between Giannis Antetokounmpo and James Harden, I thought the most consistently good player in the league was Paul George.

Teaming him up with Kawhi, along with a roster that made the playoffs, not to mention one of the best coaches in the league in Doc Rivers, the Clippers could be hoisting the trophy next year.

The Nets were a playoff team and just added Durant, Irving and Jordan. True, Durant will probably miss the entire season with his injury, but Brooklyn should be a title contender for years to come.

Next year should be interesting. The Nets may get to the second round of the playoffs, but the real experiment starts in 2021.

What about the Golden State Warriors? They still have Steph Curry and Draymond Green. The injured Klay Thompson should join them about a month before the playoffs start and they acquired star guard D’Angelo Russell.

There’s also Boston and Utah and Portland and Milwaukee and Philadelphia and Denver and Houston and San Antonio.

We also have the added bonus of seeing what Zion Williamson will do for the league.

Troncoso

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parents and community members feel welcomed and valued in the district. “If not for my parents’ interest and support in our academic efforts, my siblings and I would not have been as successful as we have been,” he related. “So, I know, that without the parents, without their direct involvement in the academic success of our students, we cannot succeed,” he said.

“Fortunately, we have a school board that is very committed to moving AISD forward to meet the many challenges of an evolving world. We have teachers, staff, and administrators who work hard and are committed to providing a quality education. We have to and will work together, from the elementary, to the middle and high schools, to central office, to our school board, and to our parents and community. We owe it to

our students to pull together for them,” Troncoso affirmed.

Prior to joining AISD, Troncoso has worked in the Ysleta and Socorro school districts as an English and English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher and as an administrator (assistant principal and principal) in Socorro ISD. He is a graduate of Ysleta High School (YHS).

After YHS, Troncoso earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English-Communications from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio then went on to receive a Master’s degree in Education from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Last December, he completed the doctoral program in Curriculum and Instruction at New Mexico State University (NMSU).

“I am a proud first-generation American, as my parents immigrated from Mexico,” Troncoso stated. He said that one of the highlights in his educational career was receiving a federal

appointment by Secretary of Education (both Rod Paige and Margaret Spellings) to represent secondary principals on the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) which oversees the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which is also known as “The Nation’s Report Card.”

Troncoso has served in the Navy Reserves for 25 years including a mobilization in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn, at Camp Marmal, Afghanistan, from Sept. 16, 2011 to June 25, 2012.

“I will be working hard to encourage parents to read to their kids at home, to check on their homework, to make sure they communicate with their teachers when they have questions or concerns, to attend school functions, and to make school a priority. If we work together and are on the same page, there are no limits to what we can achieve on behalf of the children and students of Anthony ISD,” Troncoso added.

Super Crossword

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1 Followers of Genghis Khan
8 More ill-tempered
16 Big deli cut
20 Level of authority
21 Called again
22 Like many hoops stars
23 Stadium levels reinforced with metal strips?
25 Falco of the screen
26 "I'm thinking..."
27 "_ and the Real Girl" (2007 film)
28 George Eliot's "_ Marnier"
29 NEA part
30 BBQ meat bit
32 Dutch South African who's testifying?
36 Org. on a toothpaste tube
38 Dot-com's address
40 Ranchers' ropes
41 Almost a plaintiff?
47 Salon colorer
48 Low-quality
51 Love affairs
52 "No noise!"
53 Sooner than
55 Cut-rate, in ad speak
57 Out of neutral
58 Pupils with

artificially curled hair?
62 Fleur-de-_
63 _nitrite (vasodilator)
65 Longoria of TV
66 Examine critically
67 Fencing blades
69 Fruity drink
70 Mixed dogs
71 Continually doing well
74 Boxer Laila
75 Poet Ogden
76 Stars' place
79 Small expert tennis server sent from heaven?
82 "Pest" in Beverly Cleary books
85 Like the soil around a big tree
86 Boater's tool
87 Kiss go-with
88 Slate wiper
89 Naval off.
90 Drop anchor
93 Statement when lots of people have gathered somewhere?
96 Petty despot
98 Public radio's Glass
99 SSNs, say
100 Like supplies for farmers that are sent by boat?
104 Filming area
106 "Us" rivals
110 Book before

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3 Scarlett's Butler
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5 German for "everyone"
6 Steals from
7 Curl the lip toward
8 Old PC screen type
9 Spool of film
10 Designed to be appended
11 Drag racer's fuel
12 Old German ruler
13 _ de la Cite
14 Always, in poems
15 Aves.
16 Ale mugs
17 Soup spoon
18 Phony name
19 Sanctify

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34 Direction
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39 German coal region
41 Brad, for one
42 Ritzy hotel chain
43 Clothes, informally
44 "_ Sera, Sera"
45 Annual awards for athletes
46 "Superman" star Christopher
48 Skeletal
49 1998 bug-themed film
50 Two pills, say
54 Vitamin std.
56 Toon units
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61 Take out of the eye of a needle
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76 Just all right
77 Recognized
78 Lawn site
80 Yeshiva topic
81 She sang "Believe"
83 Missile paths
84 Deface
91 Great Plains tribe
92 Surgery ctrs.
94 Having the right job credentials
95 Directory for a web page
96 Outpourings
97 More ritzy
100 Break to bits
101 Request in blackjack
102 More aloof
103 Tom of "The Seven Year Itch"
105 Bar code scanner, for short
106 Popular '50s Ford
107 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"
108 Chopin piece
109 Short notes
112 Sheep calls
114 "_ & Stitch" (Disney film)
115 News, briefly
117 Spa reaction
118 Gp. flagging bags
119 Prefix with light
120 Snaky shape

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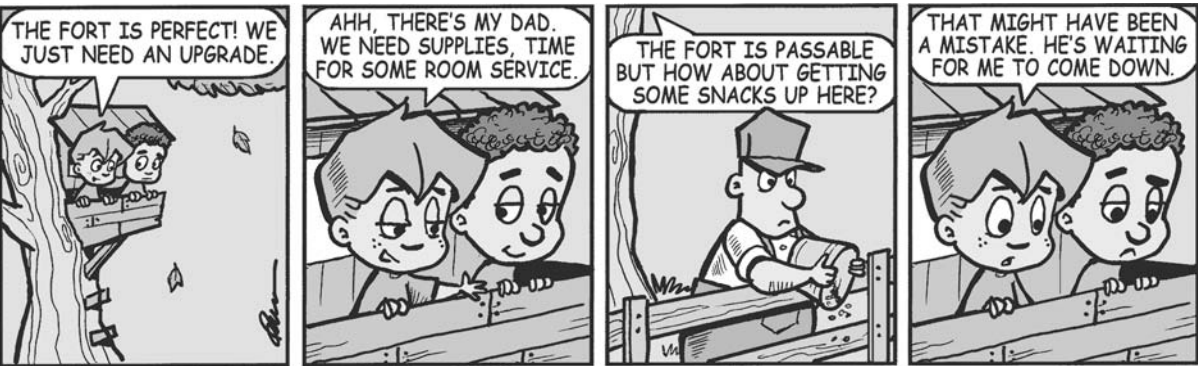
OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
Spaniards tried civilizing the Indians by giving them items like longhanded underwear.

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Don't drink wine for health reasons

DEAR DR. ROACH: As a winemaker, I get my daily (small) dose of resveratrol through red wine. I drink about a half bottle daily. But I also take resveratrol supplements. What is the latest evidence as to the health benefits of this natural polyphenol? Am I ingesting too much? – G.G.



Resveratrol is a substance found in red wine, coming from grape skins. One study in rats showed that it improved lifespan, and many people were interested in it. However, the dose of red wine needed to duplicate the study would be about 1,000 liters daily for a human; worse, a trial of resveratrol (in people with multiple myeloma) showed no benefit, and five of the 24 subjects developed kidney failure (it was not clear whether the myeloma or the resveratrol was responsible for the kidney damage. Also, the dose used was 5 grams, which is 10 to 20 times the size of the usual supplement).

A trial in Alzheimer's disease patients was too short to prove benefit but did seem to show increased brain volume. A 2016 review shows that at high doses, it lowers blood pressure (which often is raised by alcohol) and cholesterol. For that reason, resveratrol still holds promise, but it's too early to recommend as a supplement.

It's not the resveratrol I'm worried about your getting too much of; it's alcohol. A half a bottle of wine (assuming average alcohol content, which varies a little) for an average-size man is two and a half glasses, which contains alcohol that is over the level of most recommendations (one glass for women, two for men, with food).

For some people, wine enhances pleasure in life when taken moderately, and that's the only reason it should be consumed. Alcohol should not be taken for health reasons.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I think I may have herpes, but I'm not sure. What are the symptoms of the virus? When I go to the doctor, what do I say? When I was there last time, I was given a urine test for STDs, which was negative, but now I urinate a lot and have a bump on my penis. – M.G.

When we are discussing herpes as a sexually transmitted disease, we usually refer to herpes simplex virus type 2. Even

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though other herpes viruses can be transmitted sexually, HSV-2 is the most prevalent, with approximately 50 million people in the U.S. infected. HSV-2 usually is asymptomatic, but in both men and women it can be associated with periodic outbreaks of blisters, classically filled with clear fluid and painful.

During this time, the virus can be accurately identified by a laboratory. However, it is often not a classic appearance, and it's wise to consider the diagnosis of HSV for any genital lesion. The quality of the herpes blood test has improved in recent years, and

it is a good way to make the diagnosis in someone who doesn't have a lesion at the time they see the doctor.

Two other STDs – gonorrhea and chlamydia—can be diagnosed using a urine test, but not HSV. When you go to the doctor, ask for a blood test to rule out herpes definitively.

Urinating a lot is not a usual symptom for STDs, but painful or uncomfortable urination is.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2019 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Did you pay fees with your VA home loan?



by Freddy Groves

Did you take out a Department of Veterans Affairs loan to buy a home between 2012 and 2017? Are you on VA disability? Did you pay extra fees on your loan? Pull out your loan documents and take a look. You could be due a refund.

The VA Office of the Inspector General did a review to see if the Veterans Benefits Administration was allowing veterans to be charged loan guaranty fees. OIG dug deep and determined that between 2012 and 2017, the VA collected \$9.78 billion in fees. Of those, 72,900 fee-exempt veterans were hit for \$286 million. Additionally, says the OIG, if the Loan Guaranty Service doesn't get control of the situation,

it could owe another \$164 million over the next five years to 43,400 veterans.

This failure to refund went on even after the loan program learned in 2014 that some veterans were exempt from the fees. In 2016 the Loan Guaranty Service acknowledged that \$150 million needed to be refunded. As of January 2019, nothing has been done.

The individual numbers are brutal. The amounts those 72,900 exempt veterans paid averaged \$4,400 and go as high as \$19,500. Some fees, the excuse was, happened when a veteran was not exempt at the time of the loan but became exempt later. Fair enough. But there were times where lenders claimed that refunds were applied to loan balances – but there was no documentation.

The OIG offered recommendations, but we know how that sometimes goes. The plan for action is to be finished by the end of July.

In short, there is a lot of

fee money out there, and some of it might belong to you. Look at your loan docs. Sometimes the fee is paid up front; sometimes it's rolled into the loan. Read through the OIG report at www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-18-03250-130.pdf.

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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: S equals T

AE ZJI CJ GXHM JU ZJIQ
LQJVAKP SJ MPPL AU SJIHD,
ZJI VACDS KXZ SDXS'K X
GQPXHD JE HJUSXHS.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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: ♦

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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FEAR KNQT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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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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Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

- With summer storm season upon us, I feel like it's a good time for some advice. In addition to having a gallon of water per person per day for at least three days for drinking, cooking and minor sanitation, fill bathtubs or even a lined garbage can with water to be able to manually flush your toilet. If you live on well water, your pump will not work; your water lines may be cut off or compromised. Be prepared.
- JoAnn
- "High winds from storms can find their way through a crack in your home's defenses and put an incredible strain on the house. Keep both interior and exterior doors and your home's windows closed for the duration of any storm. This includes any smaller access windows and garage windows. It helps to keep the pressure compartmentalized. So, don't open your door to see how windy it is, because it might let the storm tear off your roof!"
- V.R. in North Carolina
- "Major storm headed your way? When service goes down, I know I celebrate the moment the lights come back on, but electronics aren't always so joyful. A simple overhead light or table lamp will be able to alert you that the power is back on, but it's unlikely to be fried by surges that sometimes precede a full return of service. Unplug nonessentials to protect them from power surges."
- A.A. in Florida
- "If you own a home in an earthquake-prone area, be sure you know how to turn off gas lines. Find the tool you need to do it, and keep it in a special place, preferably right where you'd use it."
- L.W. in Oregon

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