



NEWSBRIEFS

Falsa alarma

It was a quiet Sunday morning when the phones began to ring at the police station in the town of Molina de Segura, Spain. “A lion is on the loose,” the callers reported, asking for assistance. The “policia” responded with great success. They apprehended the creature in a flash. But, it was not a lion. Alas, it was a rather large pooch whose owner had given it a haircut to mimic the mane and tail of a lion.

– John Grimaldi

Undress for success?

The coronavirus pandemic is forcing many of us to work from home using such 21st century technologies as video conferencing. It turns out that quite a few make sure their video cameras are turned off during these online meetings. Why? A survey shows that 12% of those polled admitted it is because they don’t want to get dressed up for those sessions. Some say they take the calls in their pajamas and even in the nude. The survey was conducted by Mentimeter, a company that offers platforms for interactive presentations.

– John Grimaldi

The call of the wild

Local wildlife appears hell-bent on taking over the streets of even the biggest cities on earth during the coronavirus lockdown. Even the once-crowded streets of New York, New Orleans and other megacities in the U.S. and around the world are being overrun by rats. In San Francisco, the coyotes are also taking advantage of the quietude resulting from the new practice of “sheltering in place” as a result of the pandemic. And, the police had their hands full recently when a herd of mountain invaded a seaside town in the north of Wales. Kangaroos have been spotted brazenly hopping through empty city streets in Australia. And, residents in Essex, England looked out of their windows recently to see herds of deer lounging carefree on their lawns.

– John Grimaldi

Put your clothes on

And then there was the case of the man who decided that as long as he was confined to his home during the coronavirus crisis, he needn’t get dressed – even when he went out to check his mailbox. The Taneytown, MD Police Department discreetly posted a “reminder” for the unnamed offender on its Facebook page. It reads: “Please remember to put pants on before leaving the house to check your mailbox. You know who you are. This is your final warning,”

– John Grimaldi

In many ways the past 200 years of our history have changed this country from independence to government dependence.

– Quips & Quotes

Socorro ISD names top two 2020 teachers

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Socorro Independent School District celebrated its first-ever Teacher of the Year virtual announcement on May 8 to name the top two district winners. The online event showcased all 48 campus Teachers of the Year and Elite 8 finalists and culminated with the announcement of the top two district winners – the 2020 Elementary and Secondary SISD Teachers of the Year.

The 2020 SISD Elementary Teacher of the Year is Pedro Gurrola from Vista del Sol Elementary School. He is a fifth-grade teacher and has been an educator for 23 years. Gurrola teaches his students to never give up and to always believe in themselves. He expressed gratitude to his colleagues in his speech after he was named the winner.

“One of the highest compliments anyone can receive is when you are recognized by your peers. I would not be the educator that I am today had it not been for the good fortune throughout



Pedro Gurrola



Crystal Avila

– Photos courtesy Socorro ISD

my career to have crossed paths with so many positive and amazing administrators, educators, custodians and cafeteria

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Census Bureau resumes field operations in select locations

Households can still respond

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – With the U.S. Census Bureau announcing recently that households now have until October 31 to respond to the 2020 Census questionnaire because of the Coronavirus-19 pandemic, bureau officials are using every opportunity that comes along to cajole householders to respond to the 2020 Census.

The most recent chance came during National Nurses Week (May 6-12). Bureau officials used the observance to acknowledge the heroic contributions that nurses are willingly making as first responders, especially during this nation’s current, pervasive pandemic episode.

“Completing the census questionnaire is a way for households to be counted and to say ‘Thank You’ to our nation’s nurses who are among America’s first responders,” stated Oscar Arriaga, media specialist for this region’s Census Bureau operations. “The householders’ responses help communities assess the need for hospitals, fire stations, and other vital first responder resources,” he noted.

According to Arriaga, the Census Bureau – in coordination with federal, state and local health officials – is getting ready to implement a phased re-start of some of the 2020 census field operations in select geographic areas.

As head-counting efforts get underway again, Arriaga reiterated that the health and

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BY THE NUMBERS – The U.S. Census Bureau requests that all residents complete the 2020 Census to assist first responders. The chart, right, depicts El Paso County and surrounding cities’ response rate as of May 5th. Householders may complete the questionnaire online at 2020census.gov, by phone at (844) 330-2020, or by mail.

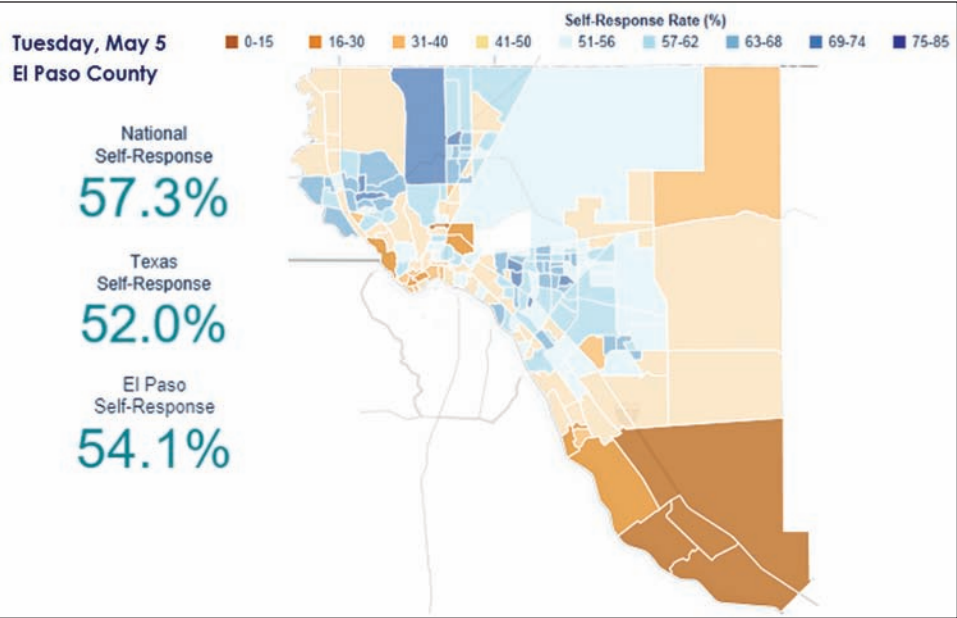
Mendez, Alvarez are top teachers in Tornillo ISD



– Photos courtesy Tornillo ISD

Stephanie Mendez has been named as the Elementary Teacher of the Year in Tonillo ISD while Angel Alvarez was named the Secondary Teacher of the Year. Mendez teaches at Tornillo Elementary school and Alvarez at Tornillo High School.

– Joanna Hernandez



– Chart courtesy of U. S. Census Bureau

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San Elizario Independent School District
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting to Review
Federally Funded Programs

The San Elizario Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following SEISD Programs funded by Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Migrant Program
- Title I, Part C - Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century
- Title II, Part A – Improving Teacher and Principals Quality
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title IV, Part A – Subpart 1
- Special Education Grant (IDEA B – Formula and IDEA B Preschool)

The meeting will be held:
Thursday, May 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Public review of the Federal Application for Educational funding for San Elizario ISD will be in the Central Administration Building at 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., San Elizario, Texas.

SEISD does not discriminate against any individual with regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status. 42 U.S.C. 2000e-2(a); 20U.S.C. 1681: Labor Code 21-051.

San Elizario Independent School District
AVISO PÚBLICO

La Junta Pública para Revisar los Programas
de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

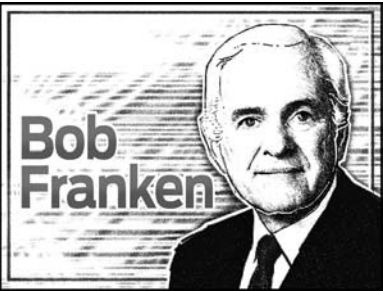
- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa para Estudiantes Migrantes
- Título I, Parte C – Perkins V: Fortalecimiento de la carrera y la educación técnica para el siglo XXI
- Título II, Parte A – Mejorando la Calidad de Maestros y Directores
- Título III, Parte A – Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segundo idioma
- Título IV Parte A – Parte 1
- Beca de educación especial (IDEA B-formula y IDEA B preescolar)

La junta se llevará acabo:
Jueves, 21 de Mayo, 2020, 9:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m.

La Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para el Distrito de San Elizario se llevará a cabo en el Salón de Juntas directivas, localizado en 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Tejas.

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“My liberty ends where yours begins.” There’s some dispute over who first said a variation of this, but do you really care? The point should be as obvious as, say, “Don’t ingest household disinfectants.”

The liberty-ends insight has been out of sight to the small crowds of Trump followers who have gathered to loudly demand

The quitters

that their freedom, uh, trumps the safety of everybody else. They say they should be allowed to ignore the COVID restrictions that have hobbled this country as we are trying to stave off this deadly invader. The problem with their thinking, or lack thereof, is that their freedom impinges on mine and that of everyone else who makes a priority of surviving.

Which includes most of our countrymen and -women. And certainly country kids.

The vast majority of Americans worry that we will lower our defenses far too low and allow

the invisible killer organism to come roaring back just as it appears to have started its temporary demise. But the half vast minority has successfully intimidated many governors into beginning an abandonment of protective tactics that were admittedly draconian but all that really stood between relative safety and disaster.

Several polls show that by margins of 2 to 1, citizens prefer continuing the pain and disorientation of what amounts to house arrest to rushing into the good old days of unregulated commerce – the “good old days” defined as two months ago. Those who are agitating to abandon the tough but effective slog are caving when the going gets tough. In other words, they are quitters.

Nevertheless, many of the politicians have succumbed to this pressure to jump into the abyss and simply hope the fall is broken by some miracle. They are quitters too. That would include a certain president of the United States.

As for his vice president – you know, his vapid apologist who leads the famous task force assembled to combat the microscopic attacker – when he isn’t explaining away the boss’ latest ignorant absurdity, he sometimes just ignores his own task force’s guidance. So there he was at the famous Mayo Clinic, traipsing around the premises. He was easy to spot. He was the guy without a face mask on.

Back to the quitter governors in those states that are reopening. They’re not only endangering their own citizens by letting down their guard, they’re endangering all of us, even those of us where the governors are maintaining the brutal restrictions on workplace and school. Unfortunately, COVID doesn’t recognize borders. So weak governors from states that do away with some of the restrictions become weak links in our national chain. Even those within the boundaries of the sensible states are jeopardizing those of us who are hunkered down when they succumb to “quarantine fatigue” and decide to relax their social distancing. They don’t have that right to subsequently pass on whatever they’ve caught to me and mine.

That certainly includes the pious groups that have decided they have divine rights to worship as they wish. No, they don’t. Contagion has no religion. Then they have the gall to insist when authorities intervene that they are being singled out, scapegoated. Disgraceful. It’s worth stating again: The freedom to worship, like any other freedom, ends where I begin. Anything else is a destructive abuse of our liberty.

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Clint Independent School District
Public Notice

Child Find – All children with disabilities residing in the State, who are in need of special education and related services, including children with disabilities attending private schools, must be identified, located, and evaluated. This process, called Child Find is the responsibility of Clint Independent School District where your child’s private or home school is located. For additional information, please contact the Special Education Dept. at josephine.angersteinguzman@clint.net.

Noticia Pública

En Busca de Niño – Cada niño con deshabilidades que vive en el Estado, que necesita servicios de educación especial, incluso niños con deshabilidades que asisten escuelas privadas, tienen que ser identificados, establecidos y evaluados. En Busca del Niño es la responsabilidad de el distrito escolar de Clint donde la escuela particular de su niño esta ubicada. Para información adicional, favor de comunicarse con el departamento de educación especial al josephine.angersteinguzman@clint.net.

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The science cop-out

If you thought the coronavirus presented difficult policy questions, don't worry – we have science.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom tweeted the other day, “The West Coast is – and will continue to be – guided by SCIENCE.”

Joe Biden has urged President Trump, “Follow the science, listen to the experts, do what they tell you.”

Neil DeGrasse Tyson calls the crisis “a giant experiment in whether the world will listen to scientists, now and going forward.”

The invocation of science as the ultimate authority capable of settling questions of how we should govern ourselves is a persistent feature of modern Western life going back several centuries, and has always been a mistake. It is especially so in this crisis, when so much is still

unknown about the coronavirus and immensely complicated and consequential public policy questions are in play.

Modern science is obviously one of the wonders of our age. We owe it an unimaginable debt – for technological advancements in medicine, transportation, industry, communication, computing and more. All honor to Newton, Turing, Curie and Einstein.

The world was slow to react to the coronavirus, and yet the genetic code of the virus was publicly posted by China on Jan. 20, and South Korea had deployed a test kit by early February. It's possible we'll have a vaccine by the end of the year.

Science has a limited competency, though. Once you are outside a lab setting and dealing with matters of public policy, questions of values and how to strike a balance between competing priorities come into play, and they simply can't be settled by people in white lab coats.

Science can make the atom bomb; it doesn't tell us whether

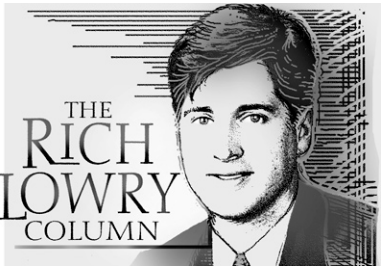
we should drop it. Science can tell us how to get to the moon; it doesn't tell us whether we should go. Science can build nuclear reactors; it doesn't tell us whether we should deploy them.

If we are going to unquestioningly accept expert opinion, we'd better prepare for whiplash. At first, the elite consensus was that wearing masks was unnecessary. Now, we are told it's an essential piece of getting out of this mess.

We worried about running out of ventilators, but in recent weeks some doctors have been wondering whether they have been overused.

Then, there are the big questions. Science can't tell us how we should think about the trade-off between economic misery caused by shutdowns and the public health risks of reopenings. It can't determine the balance between shutting down a hospital's elective surgeries so it can prepare for a COVID-19 surge, and tanking its business.

The people in our political

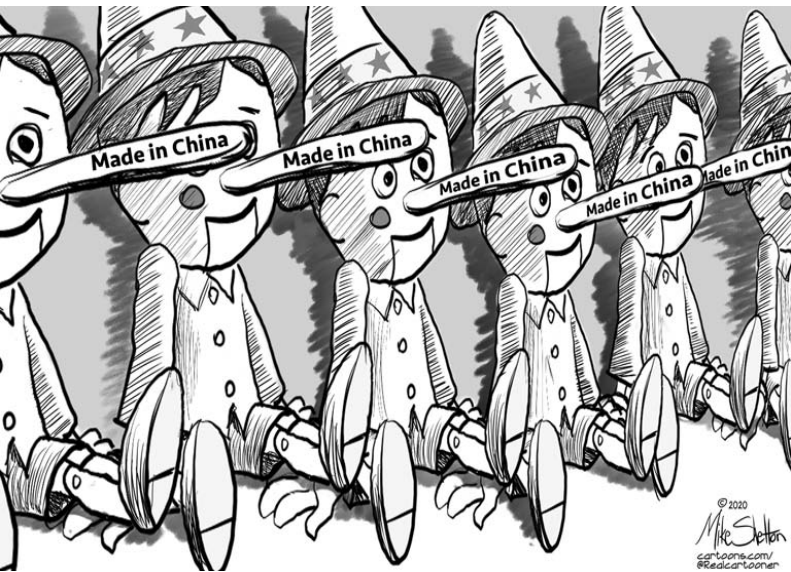
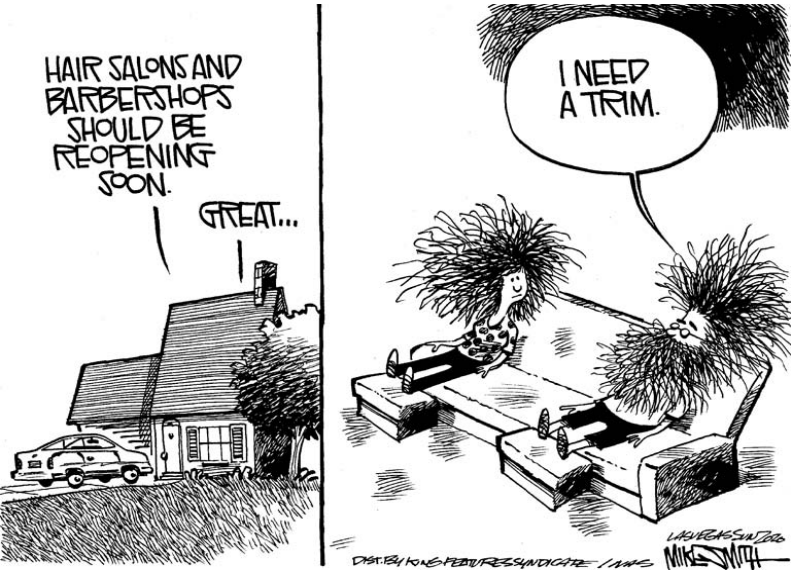


debate who most volubly insist that they are simply following “the science” tend also to be most resistant to nuance and prone to unscientific fervency. They are using “science” as a bludgeon and conversation stopper.

Obviously, science already has made an enormous contribution to our fight against the coronavirus, and may – through therapies or a vaccine – go a long way to solving this crisis. But life is not an equation, and neither is politics or policy.

We as a free people will have to decide the important questions raised by this crisis, not the doctors on TV or the researchers in the labs.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.



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- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training & Recruiting
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- IDEA Part B – Formula
- IDEA Part B – Preschool
- Career & Technical Education – Basic Grant

The meeting will be held via video conference Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM, Link: <https://bit.ly/2Lb5DJA>, Meeting ID: 782 7111 7048, Password: 058216, and Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., Link: <https://bit.ly/3fzEbDg>, Meeting ID: 779 0744 2228, Password: 057678.

Individuals that require technical assistance should contact the Canutillo ISD Public Information Office at (915) 877-7482.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Aviso al Público

Junta Pública para Informar sobre los Programas proveídos con Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo llevara a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas con Fondos Federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejora de Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa de Migrante
- Título II, Parte A – Entrenamiento y Reclutamiento de Maestros y Directores
- Título III, Parte A – Adquisición del Idioma Ingles
- Título IV, Parte A – Estudiante y Enriquecimiento Académico
- IDEA Parte B – Formula
- IDEA Parte B – Pre-Escolar
- Educación de Carreras en Tecnología – Apoyo Financiero Básico

La reunión se llevará a cabo por videoconferencia el martes 19 de mayo de 2020 a las 5:30 p.m., enlace: <https://bit.ly/2Lb5DJA>, ID de la reunión: 782 7111 7048, contraseña: 058216 y jueves 21 de mayo de 2020 a las 9:00 a.m., Enlace: <https://bit.ly/3fzEbDg>, ID de la reunión: 779 0744 2228, Contraseña: 057678.

Las personas que requieren asistencia técnica deben comunicarse con la Oficina de Información Pública de Canutillo ISD al (915) 877-7482.

View from here

By Elizabeth Lee Vliet, M.D.

A tale of two drugs: Money vs. medical wisdom

At the Presidential Briefing on Apr 30, Dr. Anthony Fauci announced early results, prior to peer-review, of one clinical trial using remdesivir, an intravenous (IV) experimental antiviral medicine in patients hospitalized with COVID-19. At the “warp speed” currently in vogue for the Fauci-led push to a new vaccine, the very next day the FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for remdesivir to be used in seriously ill hospitalized patients. To announce the emergency approval, President Trump met with the CEO of the drug’s manufacturer, Gilead Sciences, in the Oval Office. Such rapid authorization is quite unusual with the FDA. Unlike the experimental

remdesivir with *no prior FDA approval*, hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) required two months from reports of successful use in China and South Korea to get the Mar 28 FDA EUA for use in hospitalized COVID-19 patients. HCQ was approved in 1955 for malaria, and later for lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. Over the last 65 years, hundreds of millions of prescriptions have been written for HCQ worldwide.

The EUA for HCQ did not, however, expand its availability but imposed restrictions to prevent non-hospitalized patients from accessing the government’s stockpile of the drug. Democrat Governors Cuomo (NY), Sisolak (NV), and Whitmer (MI), then imposed restrictive orders on outpatient use, and all but four states have followed their lead.

In decades of widespread use, HCQ has an impressive safety record. Irregular heart rhythm or damage to the retina occur rarely, usually with high doses used long term. FDA shows only 62 cardiac deaths attributed to HCQ out of more than 50 million prescriptions, or 0.000124 percent (1.2 out of each 1 million Rx). Rheumatology guidelines for lupus and rheumatoid arthritis do not even require baseline electrocardiograms before prescribing HCQ, since the risk is minimal.

Approximately \$70 million in U.S. taxpayer funding began Gilead’s partnership with the U.S. Army, Centers for Disease

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By Lucie Winborne

• The first real shampoo dates back to the 1500s. In India, “sapindus,” aka soapberries or soapnuts, were boiled with dried Indian gooseberry and other herbs. The extract created a lather and resulted in soft, shiny hair.

• A single human hair can hold up to 100 grams in weight, while an entire head of hair could bear up to 12 tons - the equivalent of two African elephants.

• On April 1, 1974, black smoke was seen rising from Mount Edgecumbe, a volcano in Alaska. When a Coast Guard pilot came closer to investigate, he found 70 tires burning and the words “APRIL FOOL” spray painted into the snow.

• U.S. park ranger Roy C. Sullivan had the flabbergasting distinction of being struck by lightning the most times and surviving: seven times between 1942 and 1977.

• Speaking of distinctions, Buzz Aldrin holds the curious title of being the first man to urinate on the moon, shortly after stepping onto its surface.

• At the end of the 19th century, American con artist, gangster and crime boss Jefferson Randolph Smith earned the nickname “Soapy” for his scheme of wrapping soap bars in notes of varying denominations and covering them with plain paper, then pretending to mix them in with bars devoid of money and selling the latter at an inflated price while maintaining the pretense that some of the packages contained cash.

• Ben & Jerry learned how to make ice cream by taking a \$5 correspondence course (which they split between them) offered by Penn State.

Thought for the Day: “Sometimes you put walls up not to keep people out, but to see who cares enough to break them down.”
- Anonymous

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On May 11, 1987, Klaus Barbie, the former Nazi Gestapo chief of German-occupied Lyon, France, during World War II, goes on trial, charged with 177 crimes against humanity. Barbie sent 7,500 French Jews and French Resistance partisans to concentration camps and executed some 4,000 others.

• On May 12, 1925, a Philadelphia radio station broadcasts the first all-star radio program featuring film actors and actresses. Sound films had not yet debuted, and it marked the first time that most listeners had heard the voices of film stars like Lillian Gish and Marion Davies.

• On May 13, 1956, Gene Autry’s musical variety show, “GeneAutry’sMelodyRanch,” airs its final broadcast after 16 years. The show featured short skits about cowboys and rustlers, along with musical numbers by Autry, “America’s singing cowboy.”

• On May 14, 1904, the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States open in St. Louis. The 1904 Games were initially awarded to Chicago, but were given to St. Louis to be staged in connection with the St. Louis World Exposition. However, the Games were overshadowed by the world fair.

• On May 15, 1942, a bill creates the Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps (WAACs) in the U.S. Army, granting women official military status in a wide variety of roles around the world. The 16,000 women who joined the early WAACs would not receive veterans’ benefits until 1980.

• On May 16, 1975, Japanese mountaineer Junko Tabei becomes the first woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. In 1988, Stacy Allison became the first American woman to successfully climb Everest.

• On May 17, 1792, a group of 24 traders gather in lower Manhattan to work out the regulations of the speculative market. The result was the Buttonwood Agreement, a two-sentence contract that gave birth to the New York Stock Exchange.

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CryptoQuip Answer

A gutsy ghost went into a pub but was told to leave. They didn’t serve spirits there.

Clint Independent School District Public Notice

Destruction of Special Education Records

Attention Parents/Guardians, Former Students, Eligible (Adult) Students: Special Education records collected by the Clint Independent School District (CISD) related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or the provision of Special Education services must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of five years after Special Education services have ended for the student. Special Education services end when the student no longer is eligible for services, graduates, completes his or her educational program at age 22, or moves from the district. Clint ISD intends to destroy Special Education records of those students that ceased receiving services during the school year 2014-2015.

Parents or adult students need to recognize that these records may be needed by the student or the parent for Social Security benefits or other post-school benefits. Records scheduled for destruction may be requested no later than the end of the work day on June 15, 2020 by emailing the CISD Special Education Office at josephine.angersteinguzman@clint.net.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint Notificación Pública

Destrucción de los Expedientes Académicos de Educación Especial

Atención Padres/Tutores, Ex-estudiante, Estudiantes (Adultos) Elegibles: Expedientes académicos de educación especial que han sido recogidos por el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint (CISD) relacionado con la identificación, evaluación, colocación educativa, o la provisión de educación especial en el distrito, deben mantenerse bajo leyes estatales y federales por un periodo de cinco años después de que los servicios de educación especial se han terminado para el estudiante. Servicios de educación especial terminan cuando el estudiante ya no es elegible para los servicios, gradúa, completa su programa educacional a los 22 años, o se mueve del distrito. El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint tiene intención de mandar los expedientes programados para destrucción de el año escolar 2014-2015.

Los padres o estudiantes adultos deben reconocer qué estos registros pueden ser necesarios por el estudiante o el padre para los beneficios de Seguro Social u otros beneficios post-escolares. Los expedientes programados para destrucción se pueden solicitar a más tardar al final del día de trabajo el 15 de junio de 2020 correo electrónico a la oficina de educación especial de CISD al josephine.angersteinguzman@clint.net



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
Don Gregorio Varona, after exploring Tejas concludes it is unsuitable for development in May of 1693.

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: H equals D

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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An exhibit that more particularly identifies the property is available at Anthony Town Hall.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that a public hearing will be held on June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., during the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas, at the Town Council Chambers, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, Texas 79821, to solicit comments on Casas Diamantina, LLC's proposed request for reduced setbacks consisting of a 15 foot street side setback and a 5 foot side setback as part of the construction of a proposed residence at 401 Seventh Street, Anthony, Texas 79821 identified as Parcel No. 245855 and more particularly legally described as Lot 1, Block 5, MELTON ADDITION TO LA TUNA, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in Volume 14, Page 31A, Real Property Records, El Paso

A variance to allow a 15 foot street side setback and a 5 foot side setback is being requested by Casas Diamantina, LLC from the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas for the proposed development.

All persons interested are invited to attend this public hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to:

Town of Anthony, TX
401 Wildcat Dr
PO Box 1269
Anthony, TX 79821
Attention: Ms. Norma Gonzalez, Town Clerk

If you should have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944.

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A week-by-week look at the 2020 NFL schedule

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

We’re still not sure if there will be an NFL season this year, but because things don’t get underway until September, the chances are said to be fairly good.

There’s a definite excitement in the air because the league released its 2020 schedule last week.

It’s always fun to take a sneak peek into the future. Let’s take a week-by-week look at what should be the biggest games on the schedule.

Things start off with a bang on Thursday, September 10, when the Houston Texans visit the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs. That’ll pit electric quarterbacks Deshaun Watson against Patrick Mahomes.

Money

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Control and Prevention (CDC), and National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop remdesivir. Initially for treating Ebola, it failed to show benefit and was shelved. If remdesivir is used to treat COVID-19, Gilead shareholders, not the taxpayers, will profit.

Early results of the first clinical trial of remdesivir against placebo in coronavirus were announced at the White House Apr 30, and showed modest benefits, according to *The New York Times*. Surviving patients given remdesivir were discharged 4 days sooner than patients given placebo, though no criteria were given for determining improvement. Death rates were not significantly different. About 25 percent of patients receiving remdesivir had potentially severe side effects, including multiple organ dysfunction, septic shock, acute kidney injury, and low blood pressure. Another 23% showed evidence on lab tests of liver damage.

Gilead’s own press release revealed

On the first Sunday of the season, Tom Brady, Rob Gronkowski and the new-look Tampa Bay Bucs travel to New Orleans to take on the Saints and Drew Brees.

The third big opening-week game is on Sunday night, when the Dallas Cowboys travel to Los Angeles for a date with the Rams.

Week two will be highlighted by the Monday night affair, which will be the first home game for the Las Vegas Raiders. The first Allegiant Stadium game will be against the Saints.

The can’t-miss game of week three occurs on Monday night when the Chiefs take on the Baltimore Ravens. Everyone had penciled in Lamar Jackson and the Ravens for last year’s Super Bowl, but Mahomes and the Chiefs had other ideas.

This game in Baltimore could be an early indicator to who the big dog will be

the side effect of acute respiratory failure in 6 percent of patients in the remdesivir 5-day treatment group, and 10.7 percent of patients in the 10-day treatment group, clearly ominous findings with a drug designed to treat respiratory failure caused by COVID-19.

Dr. Steven Nissen, Cleveland Clinic cardiologist who has conducted dozens of clinical trials, explained to *The New York Times*: *“The disclosure of trial results in a political setting, before peer review or publication, is very unusual. Scientists will need to see figures on harms associated with the drug in order to assess its benefits... . This is too important to be handled in such a sloppy fashion.”*

Dr. Michele Barry, a global health expert at Stanford University, expressed concern about Dr. Fauci’s overly enthusiastic praise for remdesivir: *“It is unusual to call a drug the ‘standard of care’ until peer review of data and publication, and before studies have shown benefit in mortality.”*

The leading communicable disease specialist in France, Professor Didier Raoult, asked about another odd aspect

next season.

By the end of week four, we’ll probably know which of these two teams may take a step back. On Sunday night the Philadelphia Eagles travel to San Francisco to meet the 49ers.

The feeling is that these two teams could either drastically improve or tumble next season; this game could be pivotal.

Week five’s Sunday schedule is highlighted by two teams that made drastic leaps last year, and the question is whether they’ll take the next step this year. The Buffalo Bills are at the Tennessee Titans in what should be a classic.

Week six will feature an awesome matchup at quarterback when Aaron Rodgers and the Packers are at Brady and the Bucs.

By week seven, we should know how the New England Patriots are without Brady. They host the 49ers and by then

of the remdesivir trial: *“Could Anthony Fauci explain why the investigators of the NIAID remdesivir trial did change the primary outcome during the course of the project?”* Death as the primary outcome was moved to a secondary outcome, and days to recovery became the primary trial outcome. Changing the primary outcome before trial results are completed is highly unusual and suggests *“p-hacking”* – manipulating the data to get a statistically significant *“p* value.”

In contrast, the multi-country compilation of evidence on HCQ and azithromycin in treatment of COVID-19 (updated Apr 27, 2020) has consistently shown that these older medicines prevent infections, significantly reduce severity of illness, reduce viral load and duration of infectivity, reduce number of hospitalizations, reduce ventilator use, and markedly reduce deaths. The data is far beyond “anecdotal,” as Dr. Fauci dismissively called it.

Money appears to be trumping medical wisdom in the recent enthusiasm for remdesivir based on just one study with

we’ll how good a coach Bill Belichick really is.

Week eight’s Sunday night game will certainly start to form the NFC East as the Cowboys travel to Philly to meet the hated Eagles.

Two big games in week nine. On Thursday the Packers are at the 49ers and then on Sunday, the Steelers are at the Cowboys.

Week 10 features what could be a NFC championship preview. The 49ers are at the Saints in a battle between two of the league’s best defenses.

Last year it was the Titans who knocked the favored Ravens out of the playoffs. On Week 11, Tennessee will see if it can travel to Baltimore and beat them again.

Week 12 is Thanksgiving weekend. On Thursday, the Washington Redskins travel to Dallas, but the big game is the evening matchup as the Ravens travel to Pittsburgh. On that Sunday, Brady will clash with Mahomes as Kansas City travels to Tampa Bay.

Week 13 opens and closes with big games. On Thursday, the Cowboys travel to Baltimore to meet the high-powered Ravens. Then on Monday night, The Buffalo Bills travel to San Francisco to take on the 49ers.

Going down the stretch, week 14 can be make or break for some teams. The Saints are at the Eagles, which could be crucial for Philly.

Week 15 features two big games for possible playoff positioning. The Chiefs are at the Saints and the 49ers are at the Cowboys.

Week 16 will be huge for local fans as the Philadelphia Eagles travel to Dallas to meet the Cowboys.

Week 17’s final regular-season Sunday may be highlighted by the battle for the NFC West title as the Seattle Seahawks travel to the 49ers.

Of course there are always surprise teams that come out of nowhere like the Ravens and Bills last year.

But before we talk about surprise teams, let’s just hope we have an NFL season.

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Super Crossword

WHOO-HOO! ACROSS

1 Laid fresh concrete on

8 Waste

13 Found

20 Like gushing actors

21 Malia’s sister

22 Kildare locale

23 More with-it red fish?

25 Runs fast

26 1980s NBC sitcom

27 “Teh” for “the,” for one

28 Jazzy singing

29 “Growing Pains” actor Alan

30 Tower for fodder

32 Uncanny

34 24-hr. money sources

36 Japan natives, e.g.

38 “Lookie there, muscle-building stuff!”?

42 Terrestrial chapeau?

44 Dem.’s opponent

45 _-cone (frozen treat)

46 “Just you wait, _ ‘iggins...”

47 Near-failing mark

48 Analyzed

52 Cochlea site

54 “Will _ learn?!”

58 Beer brand

60 Microwave saltines?

66 Orchestra section

67 _ Moines

69 Old Spice alternative

70 Reagan speechwriter Peggy

71 Cyberspace address

72 Pars?

75 Lose power

76 “Later!”

79 Arduous trip

80 Suffix with Japan

81 45 half

83 “My gripe is as follows...”

86 Coup, e.g.

88 Lay new turf on

89 Not well-lit

91 Crab claws

92 Bullfighting cheer

95 Gaudy scarves

98 Be soaked

100 Zool. or ecol.

101 Skeptical egg layer?

105 Disease-free sea predators?

110 Actress Matlin

111 Rat catcher

113 ‘60s conflict site

114 “Star Wars” royal

115 Royal home

117 Gillette shaver brand

119 “_ yellow ribbon

round...”

122 Journalist Nellie

123 Not unusual

124 Things found at discount shoe stores?

127 Italian city

128 Steel, for one

129 Adversaries

130 Agrees (to)

131 “Black Velvet” singer Alannah

132 Orchestra leader

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1 Go over again, as old issues

2 Mrs. Oskar Schindler

3 Easy-to-catch hit

4 Org. for Rafael Nadal

5 _ Cong

6 “_ Time We Say Goodbye”

7 Dictator

8 Air marshal’s org.

9 Copies Dr. Dre

10 U.S. humane org.

11 Put away, as a sword

12 “NewsRadio” co-star Phil

13 Shopping aid

14 Oliver Twist, e.g.

15 Bright red

16 Silverstone or Keys

17 Tall ale mug

18 International compact

19 Cavity filler’s deg.

24 Branching-out points

31 “_- Next Chapter” (Winfrey series)

33 Eat in style

35 Least lenient

37 “_ loves me...”

39 California’s Point _

40 Astra automaker

41 Biblical ark builder

43 - and terminator

48 Waylay

49 “Yes, _!”

50 Peak climber, e.g.

51 Dumbbell

53 Chastised

55 SUV cousins

56 Prefix with warrior

57 “Bringing Up Baby” studio

59 Sang loudly

61 Radius site

62 Part of CRT

63 Alternative to lettuce

64 Oakland footballer

65 Smiles villainously

68 Dinar earner

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73 Once named

74 Lop the crop

77 “_ goin’ down!”

78 Suffix of sugars

81 Pianist’s seat

82 Communal

84 Boxcar rider

85 Bait biter

87 Smack

90 Complain

92 Unit of resistance

93 Frogs and kangaroos

94 Angers a lot

96 Patriarch of Judaism

97 Majestic

99 Juan’s silver

102 Enlighten, in poems

103 Kevin of “Saturday Night Live”

104 Pour gently, as wine

106 “Relapse” rapper

107 Hang a new worm on

108 Word with app or bee

109 Makes the assertion

112 Green shampoo

116 Periods

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125 Procedure: Abbr.

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By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



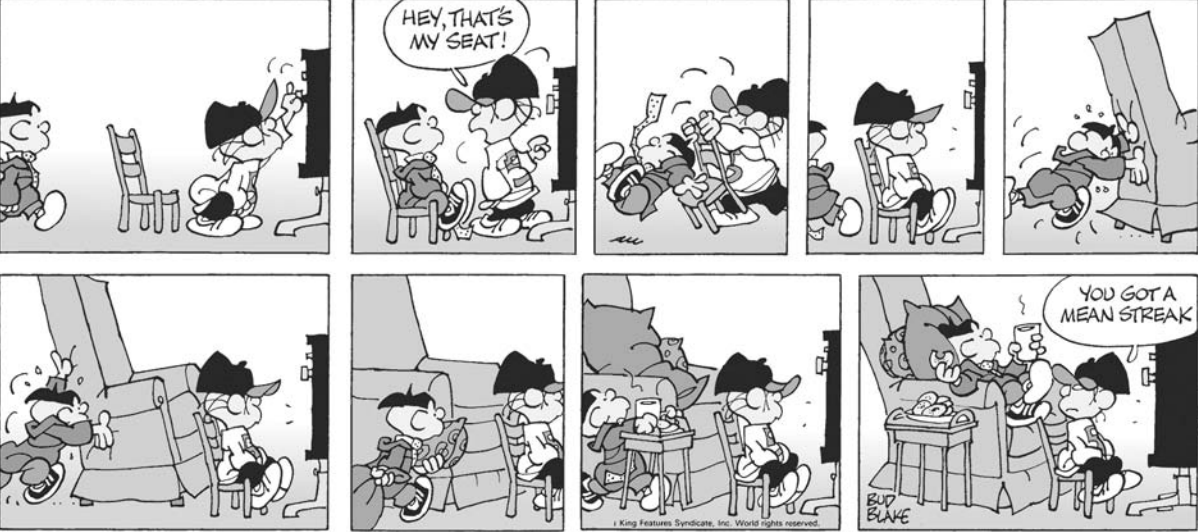
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By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



Teachers

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ladies,” Gurrola said. “For that reason, for a season, for a reason or a lifetime, they left footprints alongside mine.”

The 2020 SISD Secondary Teacher of the Year is Crystal Avila from Socorro High School. She is a biology teacher and has been an educator for 13 years. Avila works to ensure her students know they can trust her and that she cares deeply for them. During her speech, she also acknowledged the tireless commitment that all teachers display for their students.

“In no way, I cannot say that I am more deserving of this award over any other teacher because every single one of us works hard, every single day, and we have become even far more resilient during this pandemic,” Avila said. “But what I can say is this, I will continue to do my best to represent the great things that every single teacher in our district is doing.”

The virtual announcement garnered 1,300 views on the YouTube livestream. SISD Superintendent Jose Espinoza, Ed.D. and Board of Trustees President Cynthia Najera also took part in the event, congratulating the Teachers of the Year and thanking them for their service and dedication.

Researchers working on cure for herpes

DEAR DR. ROACH: If a person has been exposed (verified by blood test) to herpes 1 and 2, can that person be a blood donor? Could a person catch herpes by sitting on a toilet seat that has been used by an infected person? Are scientists working on a cure for herpes? – Anon.



There remains a stigma against people with genital herpes, which is almost always caused by herpes simplex virus type 2. However, most people with genital herpes will not have major disruptions to their lives provided they take some precautions.

First off, a person with herpes simplex virus type 1 (about half of the population between ages 18-49, higher in older people) or HSV-2 (about 12% of the same population) certainly can donate blood. Second, being exposed doesn’t guarantee infection. Third, blood testing is not perfect. Fourth, getting any kind of sexually transmitted infection from a toilet seat is very unlikely. Herpes viruses have a very difficult time getting through intact skin, which is why most exposures come through mucus membranes, especially of the genitals and mouth.

There is a type of herpes (usually HSV-1, occasionally HSV-2) in wrestlers, called herpes gladiatorum or “mat herpes,” and it can be transmitted from person to person through skin-to-skin contact, especially if the skin is raw or chafed.

Once a person has herpes of either variety, there is no cure. The virus stays in the nerve cells. There is extensive work being done both on preventing transmission and curing existing infections, but herpes viruses are very good at escaping the immune system. This makes herpes difficult to treat.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Should a person be concerned about serious side effects from long-term use of Claritin-D? My son has been using the medication continuously for about nine years. He has had allergy shots, which were minimally helpful. He cannot use nasal rinses or sprays because they cause nosebleeds. He does have some sleeping problems, but since he’s been taking Claritin-D for so long, it’s hard to tell if that medication is the cause. – M.S.

Claritin-D is a combination of the antihistamine loratadine and the decongestant pseudoephedrine. Loratadine is considered safe in most people. Pseudoephedrine is safe for younger people, but it can raise blood pressure and pulse, and in older men, can cause urinary symptoms. He might try plain Claritin, which is just the loratadine, and save the Claritin-D for his worst days. Less pseudoephedrine is probably better.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your comments to I.T. with interest, as I had my gallbladder removed way back in 1968. I feel you left out a side effect that follows the procedure for many patients: the “dump” syndrome, or diarrhea. This result has plagued me and several others for years. I found some relief by taking cholestyramine before eating. – J.C.

That’s a very good point, and one I did not highlight. “Dumping syndrome” refers to bile being delivered to the intestine suddenly, causing diarrhea. It isn’t common, fortunately, and I, too, have found that cholestyramine can be very effective, in addition to eating smaller, more-frequent meals.

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. (c) 2020 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Census

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safety of the public and census staff are of the utmost importance; so, all returning staff members will receive safety training to observe social distancing protocols in the COVID-19 environment. He added that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided prior to restarting operations for all field and office staff personnel.

As the 2020 census operations steadily resume across the United States, interested individuals may view weekly updates, at 2020census.gov.

