



NEWSBRIEFS

Condor flock invades CA home

“The Birds” in Alfred Hitchcock’s movie with the same name were pretty scary when they flocked and attacked the hapless heroine. So, you can imagine how scared Cinda Mickols, who lives in Tehachapi, CA, was when a flock of Giant California condors targeted her home recently. These were no scrawny crows; these condors can have a wingspan of almost ten feet and weigh as much as 23 pounds. And, Cinda can tell you it’s a very, very scary – and messy – affair to be under attack by them; her home was their target recently and nearly trashed the place. Her daughter Tweeted photos of the assault and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service responded suggesting fighting back by shouting, loud clapping and spraying them with water.

– John Grimaldi

The inheritance

Eight-year-old Lulu of Nashville, TN was 88-year-old Bill Dorris’ beneficiary when he passed away, leaving her \$5 million. The lucky dog – that’s right, Lulu is a border collie – was, indeed, Dorris’ best friend, says Martha Burton. Dorris did a lot of traveling during his lifetime and Burton looked after the pup when he was away and so he designated her in his will to be the dog’s care giver. A conservator, who is managing Dorris’ estate reimburses her for the costs of Lulu’s care. It is very unlikely that those costs could possibly use up the dog’s inheritance although Ms. Burton jokingly told a reporter that she’d like to try.

– John Grimaldi

A rare bloom, indeed

It’s not often that one gets the opportunity to see an amorphophallus titanum in bloom and so it attracted a crowd in Alameda, CA when a corpus flower was on show there recently. The extremely rare plant blooms once every ten years or so and is not so easy to find. It’s said that there are only about 1,000 of them that can be found in the wild. This particular corpus flower plant belongs to a local gardener, Solomon Leyva, who put it on display for visitors to see and smell. They don’t call it the corpus plant for nothing.

– John Grimaldi

All education, good or bad, is a delayed-action bomb assembled in classrooms for explosion at a later time.

– Quips & Quotes



Dr. Maria Fuentes

– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

Fuentes is new PHEM for Canutillo ISD

By Liza M. Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Canutillo Independent School District has appointed Dr. Maria Fuentes as the new Public Health Emergency Manager (PHEM).

As the new PHEM, Dr. Fuentes is committed to provide CISD students, staff and community with updated evidence-based information following the local, state and national health guidelines to ensure a safe learning experience for all our students. Currently, all COVID-19 protocols for returning back to school for in-person learning are the main priority to ensure a positive experience for all staff and students as well as

to provide the confidence the community needs.

“I’m honored to be joining the Canutillo ISD team and look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead as the Public Health Emergency Manager,” said Fuentes.

Fuentes is a U.S. ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates) Certified M.D. and graduated with a Master in Public Health from The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) in 2018. Her research studies have focused on public health interventions and infectious diseases that affect the health of the community of El Paso, including antibiotic-resistant bacteria, environmental health and now COVID-19.

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San Elizario ISD appoints assistant principals

By Jeannie Meza-Chavez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) has appointed two new assistant principals.

Ms. Ana Solis will serve at San Elizario High School and Ms. Sandra Rico will serve at Sambrano Elementary School.

Rico began her educational career 15 years ago as an elementary teacher at Johnson Elementary School in the El Paso Independent School District (EPISD). Her experience as a teacher includes serving as a dual language teacher at Crockett Elementary School in EPISD. Other service includes her work as an Active Learning Leader and most recently as the Instructional Officer for Bilingual Education in SEISD. Rico holds a Bachelor’s of Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Texas at El Paso and a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership. “Ms. Rico comes with an extensive Early Childhood background having taught Kindergarten through second grade for 11 years. She will be a true asset to our K-2nd graders at



Sandra Rico

Sambrano Elementary,” said Principal Ernesto Seigel.

Solis started her educational experience as resources teacher at Blanton Elementary School in the Austin Independent School District. She also served as a PPCD (Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities) Teacher in the Grapevine Consolidated Independent School District and subsequently a Lead PPCD Teacher in EPISD in the Special



Ana Solis

will support classroom teachers and have a positive impact on student learning,” Principal April Marioni said.

Education Department. Her career also includes being an Instructional Support Specialist, a Summer Curriculum Writer, and a Special Education Instructional Coach at Bowie High School in EPISD. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and a Master in Education in Curriculum and Instruction also from UTA. “We are very excited to have Ms. Ana Solis join the SEHS family; she brings a wealth of knowledge and has a background in instructional coaching and special education. We know she

Best friends, Arreola, Lerma, head to different colleges

By Adriana Candelaria
Special to the Courier

Dasseny Arreola and Marissa Lerma have been inseparable. Even during their last moments as high school seniors, the girls sat next to each other at graduation. Wearing white caps and gowns, the girls

celebrated their top ranks as Class of 2021’s valedictorian and salutatorian. “I never thought it was a competition

ANTHONY – Since elementary school,

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Trump trumps Biden

described the participants this way: “These were peaceful people; these were great people.”

Now, I’m as guilty as the rest of my reporter tribe in that I give former President Donald Trump far too much attention and what’s his name far too little. That interview snippet demonstrates all too well what Trump knows: “There’s no such thing as bad publicity.” The guy has had a lifetime of bad publicity. And he became president of the United States.

But in the media, that repulsiveness trumps Joe Biden’s competence every time. Ho hum. This is particularly true because

Trump never ceases to show his brazenness, starting and ending with the “big lie” that he actually won the 2020 presidential election when he decisively lost. That whopper resulted in a mob going wild at the Capitol, where several died, and likely hundreds of his base will serve serious prison time for participating.

Meanwhile, Uncle Joe just rolls along, rescuing us from a pandemic and righting all the wrongs that Trump somehow got the millions of people in his base to blindly accept, probably because he pushed their xenophobia buttons. But Joe gets the short end of the stick.

Why? A pro-Biden PAC memorandum argues, “Democrats must communicate much more aggressively.” That’s not it. Democrats could hold their breath until they turn blue and they still wouldn’t match the red-faced Donald Trump, who never heard a fact that he couldn’t turn into fiction. Match that up against good old man river Joe Biden, who just keeps rolling along as he has for an eternity in Washington, which is what he brags about.

Experience is a wonderful thing. It’s what gets the job done in the long run, but that’s not the point. It’s a long run, a tortoise-and-the-hare kinda thing. There’s no sparkle compared with the rush that comes from brash buffoonery. And those of us in media are attracted to brash buffoonery.

There is a danger in being the guy who relies on the message of steadiness. Because if something goes dreadfully wrong – say, after the decision to withdraw from Afghanistan, the Taliban takes over with little resistance (and that’s a “when” not an “if”), there

will be second-guessers crawling out of the woodwork; Trump and others loudly proclaiming, “I told you so,” no matter what they actually said – then your conclusion will be thrown in your face. The same reaction will happen the next time you utter one of your world-famous gaffes, even if it’s something trivial. Count on everyone, and I mean everyone, musing publicly about how addled you are, even though your main enemy was addled from the day he was born.

And what do you call your Republican adversaries? They are either wild conspiracy theorists or calculated political robots that exploit the fact that their million-person base is made up of citizens whose befuddlement is targeted because they don’t know what to believe anymore. That’s because “lying politician” is a redundancy.

So that’s our dilemma. I’m asking for sympathy for us soulless souls in the media. We’d love to cover substance and issues and stuff like that, but we’d be talking to ourselves. Besides, our bosses, who answer to money-grubbing corporations, watch ratings and circulation figures very nervously and will get rid of us relics and go for the young sensation, who’s cheaper anyway.

So those of us who can comply, and learn what the hell search engine optimization is, comprehend very quickly that Donald Trump drives traffic, and Joe Biden does not. So blame it all on the tyranny of algorithms. And us.

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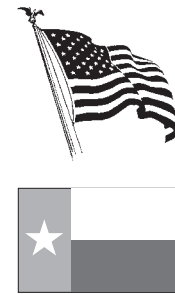
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Joe Biden’s Afghan withdrawal folly

Barely a day passes without additional news of Taliban gains in Afghanistan.

PerhapstheAfghangovernment and its forces will prove more resilient than many expect, but if the country continues its slide toward chaos or, worse, the Taliban rapidly take Kabul, President Joe Biden’s decision to withdraw a residual U.S. force will look like an amateurish, unforced error by a man who prides himself on his foreign policy experience and acumen.

With his top military leadership opposed and credible warnings that Kabul could fall within months after a withdrawal, Biden went ahead with it anyway on the basis of what an aide has called “his gut.”

So far, indications are that the president would have been better off heeding his military advisers than his viscera.

The Afghan war has, of course, stretched on for two decades and become a holding action satisfying to no one. But the cost to the U.S. of sustaining 3,500 troops in the country without losing anyone in combat for more than a year hasn’t been high compared with the entirely plausible downside of Islamist extremists allied with al-Qaeda sweeping to power again in

Afghanistan.

The desire to pull out of Afghanistan has been an area of rare Biden-Trump agreement. Then-President Donald Trump’s foolhardy ceasefire deal with the Taliban in February 2020 set the predicate for Biden’s withdrawal. It would have taken some determination for Biden to reverse the U.S. promise in that deal to withdraw its forces by May 2021, although the Taliban’s transparent bad faith provided plenty of occasion for it.

Biden says not to worry. The U.S. will continue to provide “over the horizon” support, i.e., from a distance, for the Afghan government.

This is likely a pipe dream, and nothing about Biden’s poorly thought-out drawdown lends any more credibility to it.

The CIA has been struggling to figure out how to maintain intelligence-gathering capabilities in Afghanistan. There will be no targets to strike from “over the horizon” if we don’t have the assets on the ground to find them.

Ideally, the U.S. would locate some other base next door to Afghanistan, but there are no good options in the neighborhood.

Conducting operations from the Persian Gulf eight hours away isn’t much of a substitute.

In congressional testimony, Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, the head of Central Command, said the long-distance missions would be “extremely difficult to do,” but “not impossible.”

The U.S. withdrawal has had other troubling loose ends.

The contractors who have worked with the Afghan Air Force to maintain its planes are leaving, too, potentially stripping Afghan forces of air support.

The fate of the Afghans who have assisted U.S. forces is uncertain, although under political pressure here at home, Biden has committed to getting them out.


Biden wants to provide \$3

billion in security assistance to the Afghans, but who will do the training with that money?

The allies are leaving, with the administration anxious to get the Turks to stay to secure Kabul International Airport, without which we won’t be able to maintain our embassy.

As the bad news has piled up, the Biden administration has tried to provide reassuring signals. But are the Afghans, and the Taliban, not supposed to notice that nearly all of his forces have already withdrawn?

One justification for leaving is that it will free up resources for us to concentrate on the growing threat from China. It’s not as though the 3,000 ground troops are going to relocate to East Asia,



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though, and make a difference in the balance of power there. On top of this, if there is an unraveling in Afghanistan, controlling the fallout will become a consuming issue for the U.S. military.

Biden has gotten his drawdown. Now, he may reap the whirlwind.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2021 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Write stuff

Editor:

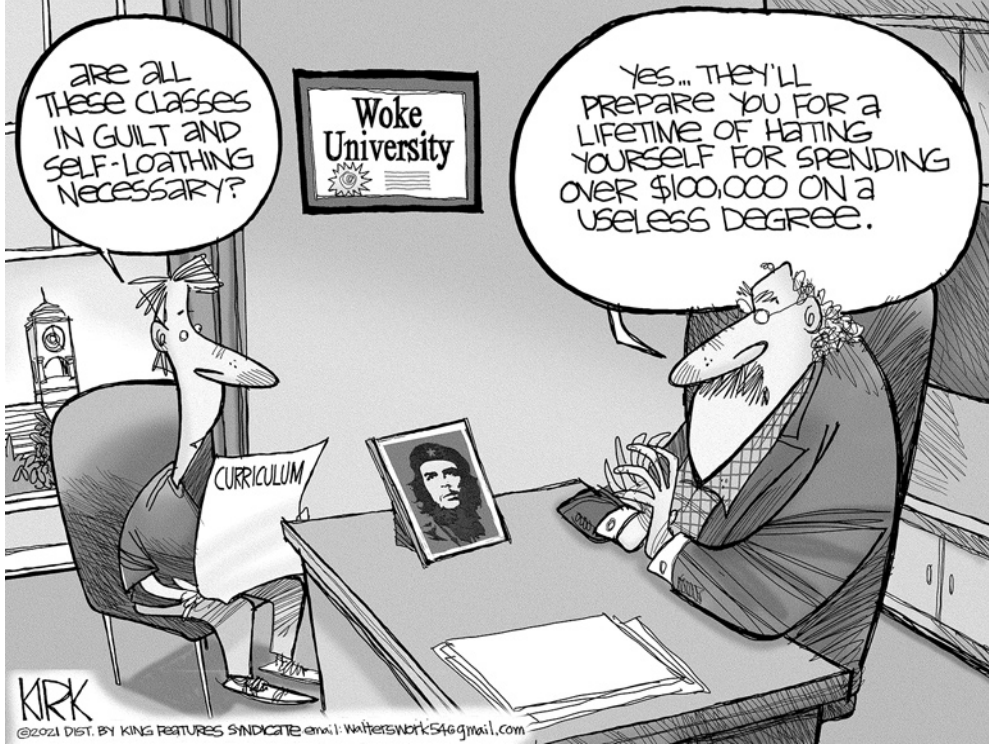
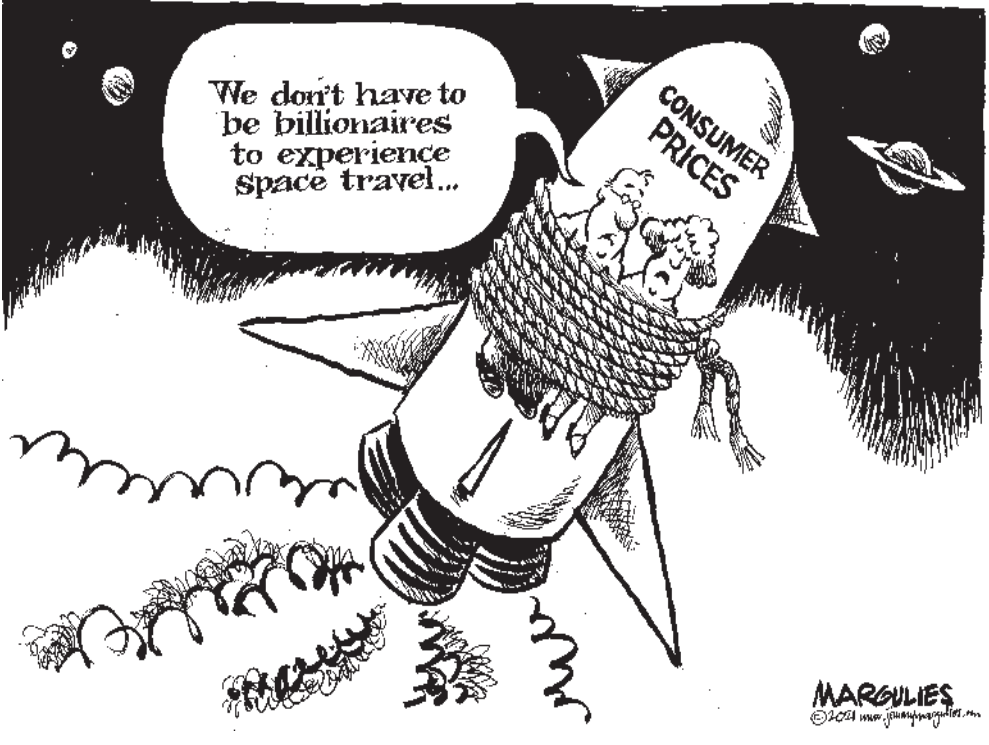
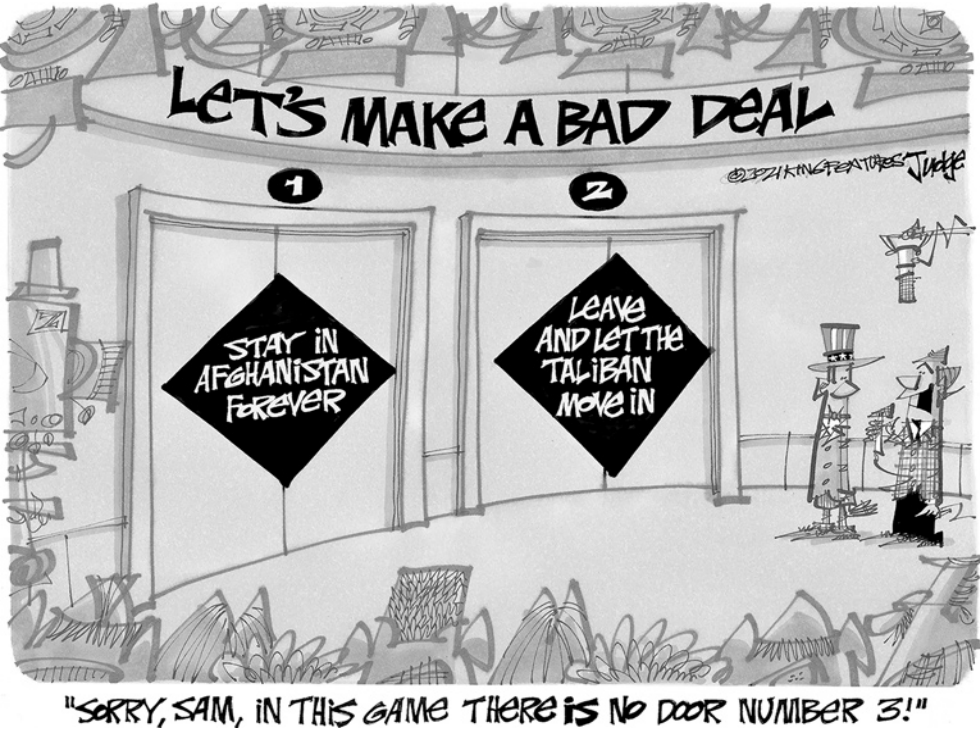
I am a concerned property owner in the Canutillo ISD district. As of 2004, Canutillo has passed three bonds. These bonds have cost the community an exorbitant amount of money of which we STILL OWE \$85 million dollars. We are overwhelmed with the second-highest property taxes in the STATE of TEXAS. Canutillo property taxes are higher than Dallas, Houston, Austin, and San Antonio. In fact, our property taxes are higher than EPISD, SISD, YISD, and every district in the entire El Paso city and county.

How can a district that only has TEN schools and services a total of 6,042 students charge the highest property tax of all the districts? EPISD

has 89 schools and services 58,000 students. YISD has 72 schools and services 40,400 students. SISD has 49 schools and services 47,000 students. Their overhead costs are much higher than Canutillo and yet Canutillo ISD charges the most!

This November Canutillo will be holding a special election to hike our taxes again. We cannot afford another bond of \$187.5 million dollars while still owing for the three previous bonds. In a healthy community, we work together to build a better life for our children. These property taxes are hurting our community not building our community.

– Elizabeth Perez
Canutillo



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Canutillo Independent School District

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CryptoQuip Answer

If a bear were allowed to prepare coffee or tea, could you then say he was bruin?



By Lucie Winborne

- “Bonobo,” the common name for apes, was a typo. Researchers are said to have first found the animals in the town of Bolobo, Zaire, but misspelled the town’s name as “Bonobo” on the crate in which one was shipped, and the error stuck.
 - Are you a fan of coffee breaks? Then you’ll want to head to Stoughton, Wisconsin, for their annual Coffee Break Festival, featuring coffee tastings, “brew-offs” and – a seriously – a bean-spitting contests. Next one’s in August.
 - The world’s largest padlock measures an impressive 56.8 inches tall, 41.3 inches wide, and 10.2 inches deep, and weighs in at 916 pounds. Sorry, we don’t know what it was built to protect...
 - One of the earliest known vacuum cleaners was so large that it had to be hauled via a horse-drawn carriage. Giant hoses were inserted into customers’ windows while a gas-powered motor sucked dirt into a glass container for the shock and awe of onlookers.
 - You can thank the American armed forces for the first McDonald’s Drive Thru, which made its debut in Sierra Vista, Arizona, near the Fort Huachuca military installation. Rules prohibited soldiers from wearing their uniforms in public, and no one wanted to switch to civvies just to grab a burger, so restaurant manager David Rich cut a hole in the wall, allowing them to pick up their orders without leaving their vehicles. Unsurprisingly, the idea quickly caught on with the general public.
 - The next time someone tells you they’re sweating like a pig, they’re actually lying (though, we’re sure, unintentionally!): Pigs are born without sweat glands, hence the need for a nice mud puddle to cool off in.
- Thought for the Day: “The beauty of nature has been one of the great inspirations of my life.”
- Jim Henson

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On July 26, 1948, President Harry Truman signs Executive Order 9981, banning discrimination in the military. It ended a long-standing practice of segregating Black soldiers and relegating them to more menial jobs. African Americans had been serving in the U.S. military since the Revolutionary War.
- On July 27, 1996, in Atlanta, the XXVI Summer Olympiad is disrupted by the explosion of a nail-laden pipe bomb in Centennial Olympic Park. Police were warned of the bombing in advance, it exploded before the anonymous caller said it would. Attention eventually turned to Eric Robert Rudolph, who was captured in 2003 after hiding in the mountains for five years.
- On July 28, 1978, “National Lampoon’s Animal House,” a movie spoof about 1960s college fraternities, starring John Belushi, opens in U.S. theaters. “Animal House” became a huge box-office hit, spawned a slew of cinematic imitations and became part of pop-culture history.
- On July 29, 1967, a fire on the USS Forrestal stationed off the coast of Vietnam kills 134 service members. The deadly fire on the Navy carrier began with the accidental launch of an F-4 Phantom-jet rocket, which hit a parked A-4 Skyhawk jet.
- On July 30, 1619, in Jamestown, Virginia, the first elected legislative assembly in the New World – the House of Burgesses – convenes in the choir of the town’s church. Its first laws included prohibitions against gambling, drunkenness and idleness. Sabbath observance was made mandatory.
- On July 31, 1937, Charles Martine, an Apache scout who played an important role in the surrender of Geronimo, dies on the Mescalero Reservation in New Mexico.
- On Aug. 1, 1981, “MTV: Music Television” goes on the air for the first time, with the words “Ladies and gentlemen, rock and roll.” The Buggles’ “Video Killed the Radio Star” was the first music video on the new cable TV channel.

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COLLEGE BOUND – Valedictorian Dasseny Arreola is heading to Rice University in Houston and salutatorian Marissa Lerma is staying closer to home attending New Mexico State University in Las Cruces

Friends

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between us. I always saw it as we’re doing good. We’re doing our best. We work as hard as we can,” Lerma said.

“Instead of being one and two, I always saw it as being together, right next to each other,” Arreola said.

The girls met when they were five years old. Their families live one house apart.

Lerma and Arreola consider their friendship a strong support system that helped them accomplish their academic goals, but being in the top 10 was a goal inspired by their families.

“My mom got pregnant

when she was 16 and she gave birth to me when she was 17. Despite that, she beat teenage pregnancy statistics and has her master’s degree now. My dad joined the ARMY to support us and was deployed twice, doing two tours in Iraq. He came back and got his bachelor’s degree. He’s also two credits away from his master’s degree,” Arreola said.

“When they were my age, they were going through completely different things, but they still got their college educations which was very inspiring to me,” Arreola said.

Lerma was motivated by watching her older brother’s graduation. She recalls asking her parents why some students

were dressed in white and learning the reason was because they worked extra hard to have outstanding grades.

“I remember telling myself that graduating in the top 10 is what I wanted to do. I didn’t care what number it was as long as I was in white,” Lerma said.

As their post high school graduation summer comes to an end, the girls are cherishing their last months living in the same community.

Arreola plans to attend Rice University in Houston, Texas while Lerma is scheduled to attend New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

“I hope this friendship can

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San Elizario ISD teachers receive \$9,000 in grants

By Jeannie Meza-Chavez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Nine teachers San Elizario ISD (SEISD) have received a combined \$9,000 worth of supplies. Each of the teachers visited theclassroomfund.org to apply for the grants from Classroom Fund. “It warms my heart to see how many of our educators were awarded the Classroom Fund. Exciting times are ahead as we see the resources used to educate our students. It truly does take a village and we are grateful for the generosity of the El Paso Community Foundation,” said Borrego Elementary School Principal Teresa Wilks.

Each teacher was awarded \$1,000 worth of supplies to utilize with students. They are:

- Music teacher Kevin Elizalde, Alfonso Borrego, Sr. Elementary School (ABSES);
- Special Education teacher Lorena Mendoza, ABSES;
- Special Education teacher Krystal Mijares, ABSES;
- At-risk teacher Ruth Ramirez, ABSES;
- Counselor Nora Garcia, Lorenzo Alarcón Elementary School (LAES);
- Special Education teacher Johanna Gonzalez-Frias, LAES;
- Librarian Blanca Guerrero, LAES;
- Counselor Theresa Garay, Garcia-Enriquez Middle School (GEMS); and
- Art teacher Myriam Sanchez, GEMS.

“We are proud of our faculty and staff for advocating for the needs of our students and taking the time to go above and beyond to seek out resources. Our campus will benefit from their dedication and commitment to the success of our students,” said Ann Garcia-Enriquez Middle School Principal Richard Salcido.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY C O N C E R N S RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS all Village of Vinton Public Meetings will be conducted virtually through the zoom.us platform until further notices. This is in accordance with the Texas Attorney General's guidance temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act that allows for telephonic or videoconference meetings. The procedure for joining the meeting by telephone or computer using Zoom will be posted on the Village of Vinton website (vintontx.govoffice2.com). Scroll down the Village of Vinton homepage and select the meeting for a PDF containing instructions, links, and access numbers. Each meeting has a distinct link and access numbers.

A third public hearing will be held at 6:30p.m. on Tuesday, August 24th, 2021, during the Special City Council Meeting at the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd. Vinton, Texas.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed item:

1) Consider and take action on a request for a Special Use Permit on 411 Rancho Estancias, Vinton, Texas 79821, for the purpose of a mobile home placement.

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Andrea Nichole Carrillo, Village Administrator at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915)886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

A public hearing will be held at 6:30p.m. on Monday, August 16th 2021, during the Planning & Zoning C o m m i s s i o n Meeting at the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas.

A second public hearing will be held at 6:30p.m. on Thursday, August 19th

Andrea N. Carrillo
Village Administrator

WTCC: 07-29-21

College sports are changing fast... maybe too fast

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

For over 100 years American big-time sports has been separated into two categories, professional and amateur.

The NCAA was established in 1906 under the original name of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States and it was initially founded to reform the rules and regulations of college sports.

As the years went on, the organization added tons of restrictions and re-definitions of what they defined a “student athlete” as.

Among some of the rules instituted by the NCAA were that student athletes had to pass their classes in order to play, they had to stay with the school they originally signed up with, they couldn’t turn pro until they graduated and they couldn’t work, earn or accept a penny while they were under scholarship.

For the student back then, it was a win-win; they walked away with either a pro contract or a college degree.

Of course, back then, the NCAA wasn’t the billion-dollar corporation it is today with money coming in from TV rights, marketing deals and ticket sales.

Players, coaches, agents, boosters, parents, apparel companies, athletic directors and even college presidents have been more than willing to corrupt the system in order to steer some of that money their way.

Since the lines between pro and amateur status have become so blurred, the new NCAA rules have made it almost impossible to tell the difference.

College athletes can leave college early now to go pro, they’ve virtually become free agents by being able to enter the transfer portal and go to another school, and now they can make money from any company willing to pay them to promote their product.

And being a staunch capitalist, I agree with the idea of letting an athlete make money from the organizations that are making millions off of them.

But there’s a big problem on the horizon. This money grab is going to be allowed to

go on with almost no rules or regulations. It seems like every state is coming up with their own version of the “paying athletes” plan. There are absolutely no limits as to how much money a player can receive.

Check out young Bryce Young. The Alabama football team reports their new quarterback – who only threw one touchdown pass as a freshman last season – has already made over a million dollars in endorsement deals.

He is one of many players already profiting from the new rule.

But how long will it take for the other non-star players on the team that aren’t making a penny from the new deal to resent their new millionaire teammates when the stars drive into practice in his new BMW?

At least in the pros, everybody gets paid. But with college the corporations and local businesses will only call the best players on the team.

The big schools will distance themselves even more from mid-level schools because they have the biggest spending business partners on their side.

All they have to do is convince a high school star to go to their school because there will be big bucks waiting for them there.

There’s even talk about schools making the shift to bigger conferences because of the huge dollars they can rake in. Texas and Oklahoma just announced that they are moving from the Big 12 to the SEC.

This is going to create an avalanche of other teams jumping on this opportunity.

Another problem is going to be the corruption.

If you think there was fraud and deceit when it was against the rules to pay players, just wait and see how the system will be manipulated now.

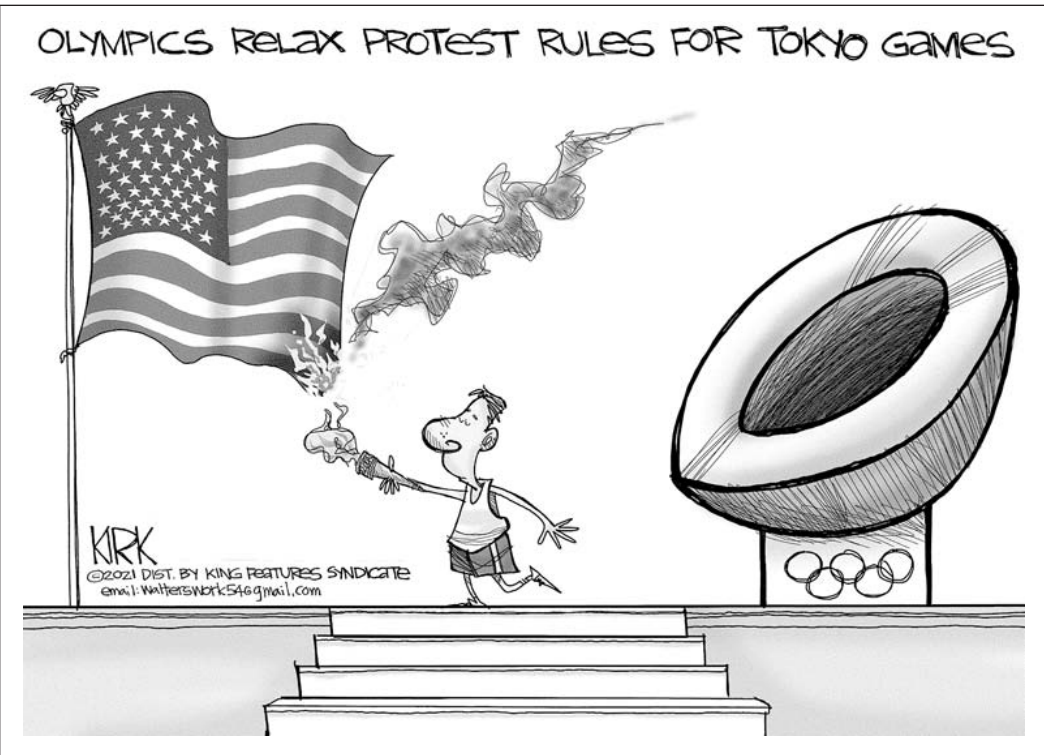
Rich schools will now steal athletes from other schools by simply offering them more money.

All of this is going to lead to complete chaos. The NCAA will crumble and conferences and schools will make up their own rules and standards.

It won’t be very long before many college athletes make more money than the pros.

The Dallas Cowboys had 23 players who made less than \$1 million a year ago.

It used to be that we would ask a college player if he was leaving to go pro for the money. Don’t be surprised if we start asking some professionals if they are considering going back to college for the money.



Super Crossword

ALTERNATING NAMES ACROSS	55 A whole lot	109 Anvil setting	24 Dwindle	76 Barely there phone signal
1 Trapped	57 * "Go take a nap, you Bolshevik leader"?	110 401(k) kin	29 Pearl holders	77 Frodo foe
8 Moderately slow tempo	61 Dig up	112 Many a youth	32 Smitten erotically	78 Sweetie, in modern lingo
15 Hot coal	63 Range ropes	113 Flood control	33 Big name in ice cream	79 Eagles' stats
20 Left over	64 Emmy winner	115 * 20-season	35 121-Across off Va.	80 Non-window flight request
21 Velvet	Michaels	Houston Astros player who was a hot rodder?	36 Spike in film	81 Ain't correct?
Underground singer	65 What each guy who's an answer to a starred clue is? [hint: skip over the even letters in his first name]	121 Big blue expanse	37 "Is that so!"	82 Gerund suffix
22 Myanmar, previously	69 "_ diem!"	122 Worked, as dough	38 _-surface missile	83 We, to Henri
23 * "Chicago" poet who worked for a rival of Revlon?	74 Ate into	123 Garage door gadgets	40 Short negligee, for short	84 Anderson of "The X-Files"
25 Vital liquid	75 "180 illegal" road sign	124 Aeries, e.g.	43 Dufy of art	88 Trough food
26 Pitcher _ Nomo	77 * Gets hold of the singer of "(Sittin' on) The Dock of the Bay"?	125 Veterans	44 University city in Maine	91 _ Paulo
27 Big joint	85 Got closer to	126 Co-star of HBO's "Insecure"	45 Fewer than	92 Unit of work
28 Antique auto	86 Pungent red roots	DOWN	46 Actor Lloyd	93 London beer
30 Furry Oz visitor	87 Din	1 Restless	47 Soap stuff	94 Foes
31 More like baking bread's smell	89 Spanish body of water	2 "I'm serious!"	48 Basketballer Jamison	96 Wayward
34 * 2003 "American Idol" runner-up from Alberta?	90 Many private planes	3 Came _ (burrito fill)	49 Faux _	98 Beauty shop
39 Like Hindi or Urdu	91 * Novelist of "Humboldt's Gift"	4 Is like a mole	50 Doc _ (foe of Spidey)	99 Family girl
41 Many a youth	92 Reply when the crooner of "Honey" asked how he should criticize people?	5 Like salivary glands near ears	51 Big blue expanse	100 Santas' aides
42 Soup sample	96 Certain peer	6 Gold, to Luis	54 Savvy about	101 Taxi drivers
43 * The Fate who cut the thread of destiny	97 "McSorley's Bar" painter John	7 _ Aviv	56 Prior to	102 Not as nasty
44 * Co-star of "Neighbors" with a Seussian Star-Belly?	98 * Co-star of "Neighbors" with a Seussian Star-Belly?	8 Jai _	58 "Judge _" (1995 film)	104 _ petition
52 Pitti Palace's river	99 Gladys Knight & the Pips' "I've Got to _ Imagination"	9 Like Macs	59 Crude fluid	105 Felix played by Randall
53 Gladys Knight & the Pips' "I've Got to _ Imagination"	100 Like an obsessed mind	10 Film bomb	60 Retail store starter?	106 Kelly of "One Tree Hill"
54 Like an obsessed mind		11 Wall St. operator	62 Stable group	107 Irregularly notched
		12 Not old, in Ulm	66 Diana of "West 11"	111 Clears (of)
		13 Earthling, in sci-fi	67 Ike's initials	114 USN off.
		14 Lawn tidier	68 Grazed (on)	116 "Citizen X" co-star
		15 Dwindle	69 Acting nudge	117 Sleazy paper
		16 Like PCs with several peripheral hookup points	70 The tiniest bit	118 Lemon drink
		17 Small stream	71 Pastoral	119 "... grace of God _"
		18 Overact	72 Rival of Ragu	120 Med. stats. taken with arm cuffs
		19 Cellar gas	73 Bequeath	
			74 Embellish	

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



TIGER By Bud Blake



Friends

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Arreola said. “I envision her next to me at my wedding if I ever get married,” Lerma said. For Arreola, leaving her hometown makes the college transition extra emotional. “I love Anthony. This school is my everything. The band is my everything. It will definitely be a journey,” Arreola said. Arreola plans to major in English with a pre-law track. Lerma will major in Biology. Both Wildcats plan to stay in touch and see each other during their breaks.

stay well into our adulthood. I know most of your friends are made when you’re in college, but Marissa is the exception,”

Fuentes

From Page 1

“Dr. Maria Fuentes brings her diverse background as a healthcare executive, health economist, physician, and health policy expert to Canutillo ISD,” said Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz. “With 10 years of experience in health care as a practitioner, medical authority, and now as a researcher make

What is treatment for a fatty liver?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 77-year-old woman. I am 5 feet, 2 inches tall and weigh 107 pounds. I take no medication. When I went to the doctor last week, he found that my alkaline phosphatase was 176, my ALT 10, and my AST 11. He told me I had fatty liver and to get a scan, but I had no way to get to the place to have it done. He did not say anything else about it. I have no symptoms. Does this sound like fatty liver to you? I did not really like my doctor, but with my insurance it is hard to change doctors. If I do have fatty liver, is there anything I can do for it? – J.F.



Fatty liver is an increasingly common problem. Risk factors include being overweight and having diabetes, high blood pressure and abnormal blood cholesterol levels. Alcohol use is also a cause of fatty liver, and all people with fatty liver are strongly recommended to abstain from alcohol entirely. The primary treatment is diet and weight loss.

It sounds like there was some missed communication between you and your doctor. Fatty liver is a possibility; however, it does not seem likely to me, as you have not identified any of the risk factors, and you are certainly not overweight (if anything, you are a bit underweight). Further, although the alkaline phosphatase can be elevated in fatty liver (yours is just a bit high), it is more common for AST and ALT to be elevated, which yours are not.

An ultrasound scan is a good, but not definitive, way of looking for fatty liver. A liver biopsy is still the definitive test, but it’s often not done in people whose history, physical exam and ultrasound are all suggestive.

A slightly abnormal alkaline phosphatase does not necessarily mean you have a liver problem. Bone issues (fractures, Paget’s disease of bone, high thyroid and parathyroid hormone levels) can cause a high alkaline phosphatase, too. Additional liver tests – checking the GGT level or specifically what kind of alkaline phosphatase you have (by isoenzyme analysis) – can make the source of the elevated alkaline phosphatase clearer.

Getting an ultrasound scan and additional blood tests is a reasonable place to start. Unfortunately, lack of confidence in your physician is a different problem. If you really can’t get a new doctor, then you need to have a conversation about proceeding with evaluation in such a way that you can do so while being confident that you are getting good advice.

DEAR DR. ROACH: A few years ago, I read that the herbal supplement feverfew may help with some migraines. Having suffered with severe migraine for over 50 years, I decided to try it. I take one capsule four times a day, and it has completely rid me of my migraines. Would you please mention it again? – B.J.F.

Feverfew is a common herbal remedy to prevent migraine, and although not all trials have shown benefit, the majority of studies I have read showed that it is more effective than a placebo and the side effect risk is very small. Other nonprescription treatments that have been shown in most studies to be beneficial include magnesium, riboflavin and coenzyme Q10. They are generally safe and well-tolerated, and I hope others may get the same relief you have found.

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) 2021 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

her a valuable asset to our team,” he continued. She is now pursuing her Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, also at UTEP, studying the different factors that impact vaccine hesitancy among the Hispanic population. She is a strong advocate for the autism community and always looking to assist her community by looking for new educational opportunities, and programs that support the arts for people with different abilities. Parents can visit www.canutillo-isd.org for current information on back-to-school opening safety protocols for the upcoming school year.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
July 24, 1958: Jack Kilby designs the silicon chip while at TI in Dallas!

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: R equals E

XS V WRVY NRYR VQQLNRU
PL KYRKVYR JLSSRR LY
PRV, JLGQU ALG PMRH
OVA MR NVO WYGXH?

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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: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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New presumptives for Agent Orange



by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs has added three presumptives to its list of illnesses caused by Agent Orange: bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism.

The new ones are added to: AL amyloidosis, chronic B-cell leukemias, chloracne, diabetes mellitus Type 2, Hodgkin’s disease, ischemic heart disease, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, Parkinson’s disease, peripheral neuropathy early-onset, porphyria cutanea tarda, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers and soft tissue sarcomas.

We have Nehmer vs. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to thank for that, the 1986 class-action lawsuit that continues to give and give. If you previously filed for benefits for the three new illnesses, your case will now

automatically be reviewed. No need to refile. Each time a new illness is added, Nehmer means that any previous claims for illnesses will be reviewed and disability pay will be retroactive to the date of the initial claim.

But that’s not all. The VA will now consider making a list of respiratory illnesses into presumptives. They’re calling it “particulate matter pollution,” coming from the burn pits, as well as sandstorm dust, pollution, fuels, vehicle exhaust and dirt from farming or construction. Illnesses they’re looking at include asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis for those who served in the Persian Gulf War after Sept. 19, 2001, or in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War.

When it comes to air-quality presumptives, one wonders about the incinerator outside Naval Air Facility Atsugi in Japan that ran from 1985 to 2001, spewing 90 tons of medical and industrial waste daily. The VA website says there is no scientific evidence that the incinerator caused risk of disease and therefore no presumptive illnesses ...

yet the med.navy.mil site has many medical links, including one from 1994 that says air monitoring indicated there was a “significantly elevated risk to human health” from those incinerator emissions. In 2001, it followed up with a 574-page Human Health Risk Assessment. The VA needs to read it.

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• Get cobwebs off a window screen with a lint roller.

• Want to make that summer at-home pedicure last? Don’t skip the base coat or a UV topcoat. The base coat will allow the color to adhere evenly and better. Then the topcoat will protect the color from the sun while giving it a little extra shine.

• “Use an over-the-door shoe holder to house your makeup and hair accessories, plus jewelry and other personal items. You can trim a curtain or piece of fabric to fit over the length of it, and tie it to the top if it looks too messy in your room.” – M.K. in North Carolina

• Hashbrowns can be made on a waffle iron. Coat liberally with canola oil or butter-flavored nonstick spray, and add shredded potatoes and finely diced onion. Allow the iron to cook the potatoes to your desired level of crispness, and flip out both sides onto a plate. They will be both crisp and soft!

• Honey has amazing properties, and one of them is its antiseptic powers. You can even use it on pimples. Just a tiny dab will help keep bacteria responsible for breakouts from taking over.

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

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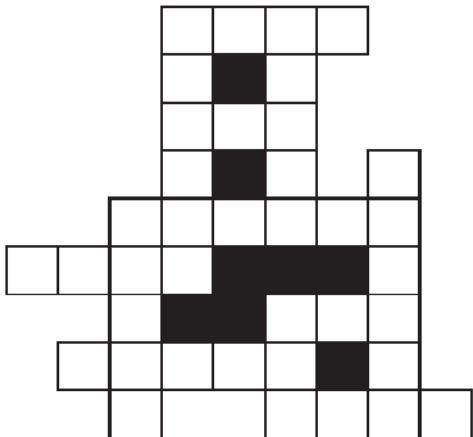
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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