



NEWSBRIEFS

Choir to Perform in San Antonio

The Congressman Silvestre and Carolina Reyes Elementary School (RES) Chamber Choir has been invited to perform for the 2022 TMEA Clinic/ Convention held in San Antonio, Feb. 9-12. The choir is directed by Ms. Rocio Rodriguez. Hundreds of ensembles applied for selection as a 2022 TMEA Invited Ensemble. Being selected to perform for the largest music educators convention in the nation is an exceptionally high honor. “Canutillo ISD is a premier school district committed to providing exemplary educational opportunities that support the holistic development of every child. At our school, we support music as an inspirational and creative platform that not only brightens students’ educational journey now but also in their future. It becomes part of their story,” said RES Principal Jessica Meléndez-Carrillo. The choir is a high-performing auditioned group of fourth and fifth graders that boasts a tradition of excellence and service. Started in 2015, the choir has consistently earned superior ratings, including a Gold Award at the 2018 WorldStrides Festival in Anaheim, CA.

— Liza Rodriguez

Symphony auditions

The El Paso Symphony Orchestra will be holding auditions on Sunday, May 22, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall at the University of Texas at El Paso, 500 W University Ave M301, El Paso, TX 79968, for the following positions:

- Concertmaster;
- Assistant Principal 2nd Violin;
- Section Violin;
- Section Viola;
- Assistant Principal Cello;
- Section Cello;
- Principal Oboe;
- 2nd Oboe/EH;
- 3rd Oboe/EH (EH required);
- 3rd Bassoon; and
- Principal Harp.

Should any position be filled by a current member of the EPSO, the resulting vacancy(s) may be filled at these auditions. Audition application and requirements can be downloaded at www.epso.org. For further information contact El Paso Symphony Personnel Manager Leann Isaac at (915) 637-8144. Applications are due by May 2, 2022.

— Rosemary Flores

The trouble with our health is not that we are all run down, but that we are all wound up.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

ALPHABET TECH HELP – To help Borderland students enhance their digital skills and increase their job options, Google is partnering with the University of Texas at El Paso, above, and New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, among eighteen other Hispanic-serving institutions.

UTEP, NMSU to participate in Google’s career readiness program

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – More than 70 percent of jobs in the U.S. now require middle to high-level digital skills, according to a recent report from the Brookings Institute, an independent nonprofit research group.

And a recent National Skills Coalition report showed that more than half of Hispanic workers between 16 and 64 years old had no or limited digital skills, compared to a third of all American workers regardless of ethnicity or race. Hispanics also are overrepresented in jobs that are at the highest risk of elimination due to automation, furthering the need to upskill for an increasingly digital economy.

Another recent study, *Latino Parent Voice: What Our Families Need Now*, found that 33 percent of Hispanic families did not have regular access to Internet and many had access only through their mobile phones.

Google officials are out to improve those statistics with the introduction of the Grow with Google program. With the program, which started in 2017, company officials stated that they are helping Americans update their digital skills so that they can develop their careers and businesses.

Currently, the Google program is reaching out to Hispanic-serving institutions (HSI) and offering to provide

grant money along with an in-person and online digital skills program for one semester.

Officials explained that the program is designed to train up to 200,000 Hispanic students at 20 HSI’s by 2025 primarily through investments in the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) affiliation.

“Ensuring Hispanic-Serving Institutions have the resources available to help students excel in the workforce is crucial in today’s competitive job market,” said HACU President and CEO Antonio R. Flores. “We are excited to partner with Google on this innovative initiative and collaborate with HSIs to offer career services for students to graduate with the digital skills and training that can expand their employment prospects.”

More than two-thirds of Hispanic college students in the U.S. attend institutions that are members of HACU, according to the recent Grow with Google news release. The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and New Mexico State University (NMSU) are two of them. UTEP’s current enrollment is about 25,000 students, with nearly 83 percent of Hispanic origin. NMSU’s current enrollment is nearly 22,000 students of which about a 58 percent are Hispanic.

Subsequently, Grow with Google is partnering with UTEP and NMSU for the HSI Career Readiness Program to prepare their students to pursue digital-skills-based jobs through career workshops and counseling, programs about design

thinking, project management, and professional brand building.

U.S. Rep. Veronica Escobar, who is a UTEP graduate, stated that it was important that students have access to the training and job-readiness skills that will set them up for success in the 21st century economy.

“That is why I am glad to see the Google Career Readiness program include UTEP, my alma mater, as part of the Hispanic-serving institutions to receive funding that will help ensure students in the El Paso region have the strong foundations they need to thrive well into the future,” Escobar stated in a news report.

Grow with Google officials did not disclose exactly how much funding the schools will receive but did state that funding would be distributed based on criteria that include career center need, school size, and program enrollment.

“Google is proud to work with leading Hispanic-serving organizations to advance access to digital skills and workforce training in the Hispanic community,” Ana Corrales, chief operating officer for Google’s Devices and Services, said in the recent news release. “We aim to help bridge wealth and opportunity gaps in the Hispanic community, so that everyone has an opportunity to succeed in today’s digital economy,” she added.

“I am excited that UTEP students will benefit from the Grow with Google initiative and investment. UTEP’s commitment to student success in the area of professional development will only be strengthened by this partnership,”

The idiocy of vaccine mandates for kids

The old legal maxim is that everything which is not forbidden is permitted. Many public-health experts apparently have their own version of this rule – whatever is not forbidden must be mandated.

It was less than three months ago that the Food and Drug Administration approved the COVID-19 vaccine for children on an emergency basis, and already there are debates whether schools should mandate it and jurisdictions prohibit unvaccinated kids from engaging in activities.

California, Louisiana and Washington, D.C., have scheduled mandates to take effect when the FDA fully approves the vaccine for kids. Los Angeles and Oakland have mandates, although they’ve been delayed. New York City mayor Eric Adams says he’s weighing a mandate, and bills in the New York State legislature would implement one statewide.

When the FDA advisory panel met last October, several experts said they hoped the move wouldn’t lead to mandates. FDA official Peter Marks pooh-poohed the

possibility, evidently underestimating the irresistible urge of officialdom in blue areas toward pandemic coercion.

The decision whether kids get vaccinated or not properly belongs to parents. Yes, other vaccinations are a condition of attending school, but COVID vaccinations aren’t going to eliminate COVID, the way, say, Jonas Salk’s miraculous innovation eliminated polio. With the advent of omicron, it’s not even clear childhood vaccinations will do much to dent the spread. On top of this, COVID is relatively mild in children, whereas polio was a dreaded childhood disease.

If the case for adults getting vaccinated is extraordinarily strong, it is much less so for minors, especially for healthy younger kids who tend to be at the least risk.

Why, parents might think, take any chances with a new vaccine if it is protecting from a minimal threat (or their kids already had the virus)? Even if you believe this is the wrong call, it’s not obviously unreasonable.

The medical news outlet Stat reported on an FDA model that looked at the risk to boys ages 5-11 from myocarditis,

a heart condition that can affect boys in particular after getting vaccinated. According to Stat, the FDA analysts concluded that although “the vaccine might trigger slightly more myocarditis-related hospitalizations in boys than Covid-19 hospitalizations it would prevent in the same population, the benefits still might outweigh the risks, given that Covid cases that require hospitalization are generally more severe than myocarditis cases.”

Rather than trust parents to weigh such considerations on their own, places like Los Angeles want to bring down the hammer. The school board there wanted students 12 and older to be vaccinated by Jan. 10. Then, unvaccinated kids would be relegated to remote learning. When the school board realized that 30,000 students weren’t vaccinated, a number that would



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View from here

By Jane M. Orient, M.D.

Delicensing doctors for ‘harmful misinformation’

In addition to being subjected to various forms of censorship, for the first time in living memory American doctors are getting threat letters from licensure boards warning them against distributing “harmful misinformation.” Medical boards in 12 states have disciplined doctors¹ because of this allegation. While it is claimed that there’s an epidemic of misinformation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the warnings don’t spell out what that means.

We don’t have an epidemic of patients dying because doctors told them to refuse treatment or to drink Clorox or aquarium cleaner.

In fact, no patients need to have suffered any harm at all for the medical board to investigate

a doctor’s no-longer-free speech. All it takes is an anonymous complaint.

Pharmacists who were converted into the overseers of physicians’ prescribing practices will complain that a doctor had prescribed ivermectin for COVID-19.

Or an employer might complain that a doctor supported a worker’s request for a medical exemption that wasn’t on the CDC’s list of acceptable reasons.

Or the doctor might have spoken at a political meeting at which mask mandates were being challenged.

Or a patient might complain that a doctor wasn’t wearing a mask in his private consulting room, even when no COVID-19 patients were anywhere near and

the doctor had demonstrated immunity.

Or a pathologist might have stated publicly² that his busy lab was seeing a higher percentage of cancers in vaccinated patients.

“Harmful misinformation” appears to mean anything that contradicts or asks questions or raises doubt about the dogma that “vaccines are safe and effective,” or suggests a treatment not endorsed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and their corporate sponsors.

One source of the allegedly “harmful misinformation” is a database created and maintained by the CDC, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System

(VAERS). Anybody can enter a suspected vaccine adverse reaction, and the public can access it. So, “it can be abused by people trying to sow fear,” write Shayla Love and Anna Merlan in VICE News. One person filed a fraudulent report, promptly removed, claiming that an influenza vaccination had turned him into the “Incredible Hulk.”³

Flawed as it is, VAERS is the best CDC has to offer for looking for “danger signals.” Of course, correlation doesn’t prove causality. As Lindy McGee from Texas Children’s Hospital⁴ correctly pointed out, “I can report if I get hit by a truck after I’ve gotten a vaccine and that would be reported as associated with a vaccine. It

does not make any implication of causality.” However, there is a double standard. If you get hit by a truck, but test positive for COVID-19, the hospital will get paid for counting you as a COVID death⁵.

Adverse reports to VAERS are many times higher for COVID-19 vaccines than for all other vaccines combined since the database was established in 1988. The website vaers.hhs.gov clearly states: “Knowingly filing a false VAERS report⁶ is a violation of Federal law (18 U.S. Code § 1001) punishable by fine and imprisonment.” So, presumably most of the approximately 20,000 reports of death concern people who really

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Food for thought

By John Grimaldi

Not all chocolate is good for you

News about your health can be quite depressing – especially these days – but the news that eating dark chocolate, the kind that contains lots of cocoa, can be good for your health, can come as a deliciously delightful surprise, says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). In fact, each year around this time, in the weeks before Valentine’s Day, news outlets seem to besiege us with the “chocolate is good for you” message. But, suggests Weber, it would be wise to consult with your doctor before going on a chocolate binge.

“It used to be a no-no, particularly for seniors, but research in recent years suggests that, if you don’t overdo it, eating dark chocolate can be good for you. Numerous studies show that regularly treating yourself with about half an ounce of dark chocolate can lower blood pressure, reduce your levels of bad “LDL” cholesterol and increase your levels of HDL, the good cholesterol. And some researchers believe that it can improve

cognitive function,” says Weber.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), up until the medical community began conducting deep scientific research into the negative and positive effects of chocolate, health care providers warned their patients of the potential health hazards of consuming large amounts of chocolate. Patients were told that, while it is indeed a tasty treat, it could also have ill effects on your health such as acne, obesity high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes.

“However,” says the NIH, “the recent discovery of biologically active phenolic compounds in cocoa has changed this perception and stimulated research on its effects in ageing, oxidative stress, blood pressure regulation, and atherosclerosis. Today, chocolate is lauded for its tremendous antioxidant potential. However, in many studies, contradictory results



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did die soon after getting the jab, most within a few days. It could be 20,000 coincidences, but the count is not “misinformation.”

Love and Merlan call the compilers of VAERS information at openvaers.com/covid-data/ “dumpster divers.” Matt Motta of Oklahoma State University and Dominik Stecula of Colorado State University refer to that January article favorably in their Aug 25 essay⁸ that says VAERS is only good for researching “vaccine hesitancy.” They don’t mention that the featured VAERS death count of 329 from Jan 22, 2021, has steadily increased.

Also viewed as “misinformation” is the opinion of physicians and researchers that hydroxychloroquine, ivermectin, and other “repurposed” drugs are beneficial in COVID-19, as shown in more than 1,000 studies⁹. Reports of dying patients who recovered when hospitals were legally forced to step aside and allow off-protocol treatment are ignored.

The safe option for doctors is to promote the jab or keep silent, and not to suggest anything different from what Anthony Fauci approves. By silencing doctors who are ethical professionals, one opens the gates for the reckless charlatans.

Recall that in Orwell’s Newspeak, the meaning of words is inverted. The Ministry of Love is in charge of torture; the Ministry of Plenty, of starvation; and the Ministry of Truth, of propaganda.

Is the Minitrue defining “misinformation” today?

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Jane M. Orient obtained her undergraduate degrees in chemistry and mathematics from the University of Arizona in Tucson, and her M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1974. She has been in solo private practice since 1981 and has served as Executive Director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) since 1989. She is currently president of Doctors for Disaster Preparedness. More than 100 of her papers have been published in the scientific and popular literature on a variety of subjects including risk assessment, natural and technological hazards and nonhazards, and medical economics and ethics. She is the editor of AAPS News, the Doctors for Disaster Preparedness Newsletter, and Civil Defense Perspectives, and is the managing editor of the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons.

Google

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stated Betsabe (Betsy) Castro-Duarte, UTEP career center director.

NMSU professor Spencer Herrera asserted that by partnering with Grow with Google, the Las Cruces university can better position its students to meet the workforce challenges with digital tools and skills that will serve the local communities and make its graduates more competitive in the global market.

San Elizario Independent School District Public Notice of Meeting

San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District’s 2020-2021 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). The meeting will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, February 18, 2022 in the San Elizario ISD Central Office Board Room, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., San Elizario, Texas, 79849.

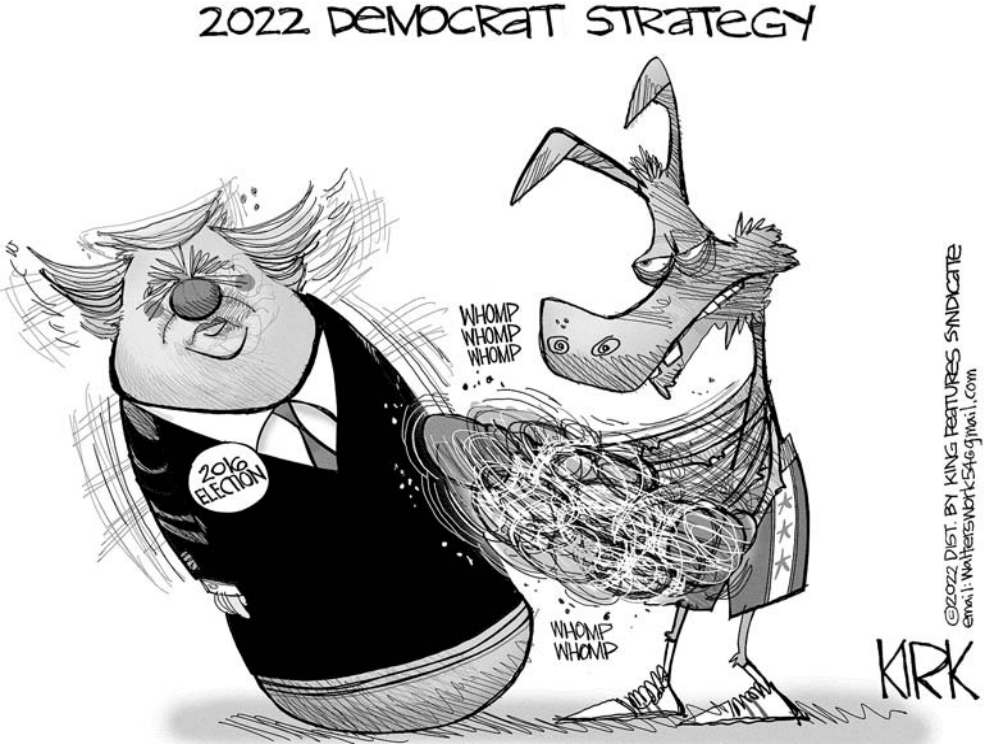
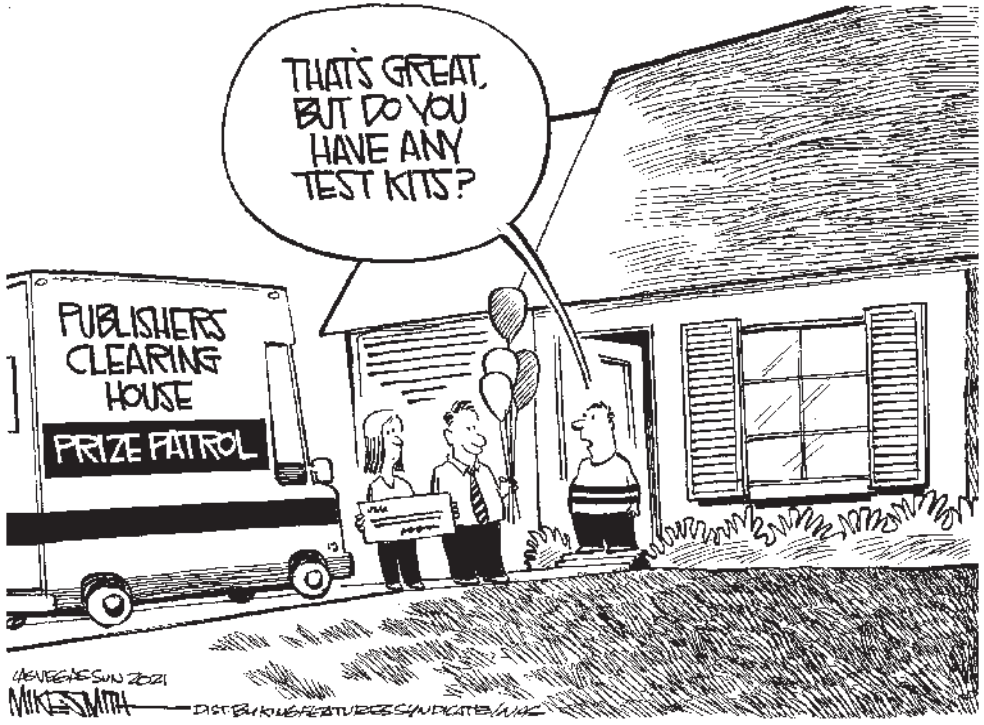
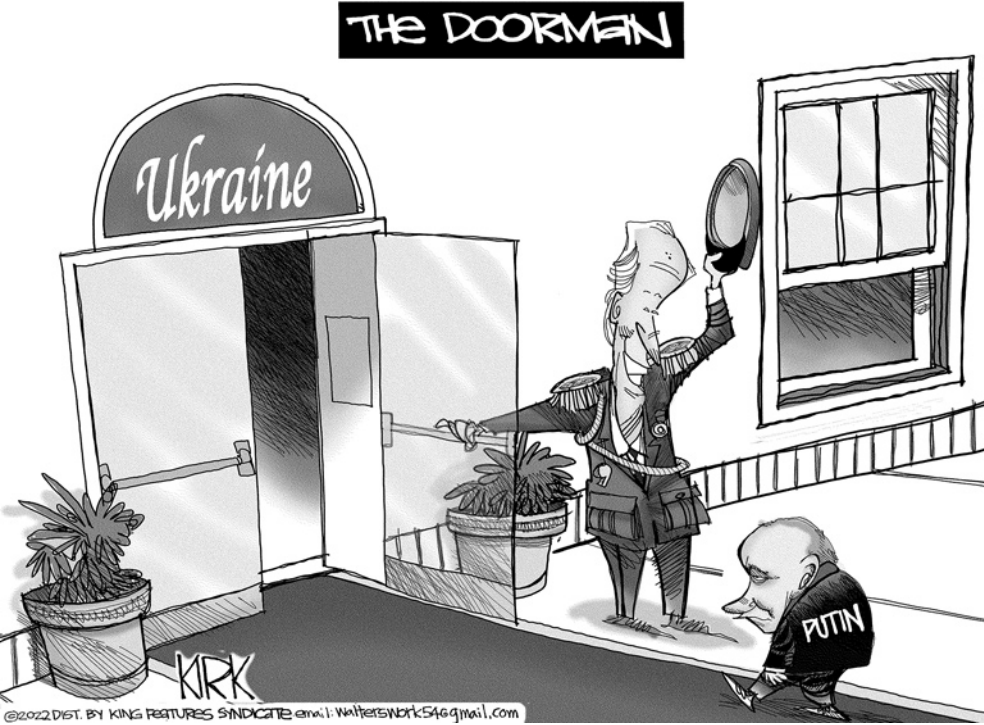
The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (915) 872-3900.

Junta Pública

Distrito escolar independiente de San Elizario celebrará una audiencia pública para discutir el informe de rendimiento académico 2020-2021 Texas del distrito (TAPR). La reunión se celebrará a las 10:30 a.m. el viernes, 18 de febrero de 2022 en la sala de juntas de San Elizario ISD, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., San Elizario, Texas, 79849.

El público está invitado a asistir. Para obtener más información, llame al (915) 872-3900.

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Canutillo ISD academically fit according to report

By Liza Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – During the January Board of Trustees meeting, Canutillo Independent School District officials presented results from the recently released 2020-2021 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) reflecting the state of the District.

According to the TAPR report, Canutillo ISD demonstrates a strong overall showing in student academic performance for the class of 2020 of which, 94% of the graduating class received a distinguished level of achievement by earning more than the minimum credits required plus at least one endorsement.

“Despite the changes and challenges brought by the pandemic, we continue to stay competitive by leading the region in all core subjects. We are far surpassing Region 19 and the State at all levels in Algebra I, which reflects the impact of our innovative math programs and community partnerships. We also continue to lead the region in Biology, English I, English II, and U.S. History,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pedro Galaviz.

“These results demonstrate the hard work of our students, the commitment of our parents and guardians to make sure their child attends class every day; which is vital to student success and learning, as well as the unwavering commitment of our teachers and staff who ensure our students remain engaged, challenged and continue making strides in the classroom.”

The annual report compiles a wide range of information on student performance in each Texas school and district. Performance measures include State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) results by grade, subject, and student group; dropout and attendance rates; college, career, and military readiness; and participation in college admissions tests.

The TAPR also provides information on the District’s accreditation status, campus performance objectives, District standard financial reports, disciplinary incidents, and the performance of former students in higher education.

Visit http://www.canutillo-isd.org/departments/testing/t_a_p_r_report for the District and each campus’ TAPR report.



- By Lucie Winborne
- Pinball was banned in most major cities from the early 1940s to the mid-1970s because it was considered a game of chance and, therefore, gambling.
 - The Zildjian Company was founded in 1623 by Avedis Zildjian, an Armenian alchemist who ended up making a cymbal instead.
 - Tobacco companies spend the most money on advertising in January, when many people make a New Year’s resolution to quit smoking, but the largest increase in new smokers actually occurs in the summer.
 - There’s a national pillow-fighting tournament in Japan.
 - A 43,000-square-foot room beneath the Lincoln Memorial that was forgotten about until 1974 is filled with concrete columns and has its own plant life and ecosystem, as well as graffiti from the original workers.
 - Humans are comprised of about 30 of the 118 elements on the periodic table. Their iPhones, however, are made up of about 75 elements.
 - Intelligent people have more traces of copper and zinc in their hair.
 - The manchineel tree is one of the most toxic trees in the world. Its sap causes blisters, eating its apples can be potentially fatal, and the smoke from a burning manchineel can cause blindness.
 - Every day, around 18 acres of pizza are eaten in America.
 - At the U.S. Open and other U.S.-based tennis tournaments, the men play with the slower, heavy-duty felt balls while the women play with the faster, regular-duty felt version.
- Thought for the Day: “Everyone knows something I do not; therefore, everyone is my teacher.”
– Unknown
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San Elizario ISD selected for RYHT program

By Horacio Hernandez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) Board of Trustees and the Superintendent have been selected to participate in the inaugural groups of the Raise Your Hand Texas (RYHT) Trustee Advocates Program. According to the RYHT website, the program aims to provide “Texas school boards and their superintendents the tools they need to find, use, and amplify the voices of their communities to influence state policy.” RYHT is a non-partisan nonprofit organization founded in 2006 by Charles Butt.

In 2021 the SEISD Board of Trustees

discussed applying for the program during the regular November board meeting. Shortly after, Board President Sandra Licon and Superintendent Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez had a virtual interview with Ms. Missy Bender, a Trustee in Residence with RYHT. The discussion related to advocacy and how better to prepare trustees and superintendents for future Texas legislative sessions.

SEISD was one of 9 school districts selected from a total of 27 Texas school districts that applied. Licon said, “Excited for our trustees to have been selected to participate in the first inaugural Raise Your Hand Texas Advocacy Cohort; this is a humbling honor for our team to take our advocacy to another level and amplify our voices directly with legislators

on key policy issues and priorities that affect or could benefit not only our district, but the Region 19 as a whole.”

The 18-month fellowship consists of six sessions that will include an initial onsite “Team of 8.” Other sessions will be two days for the trustees and the superintendent in Austin. Up to three trustees will be able to participate at a time. The grant funding will cover transportation, food, and accommodation costs, including a previous night’s stay. Additionally, participants will obtain continuing education credits as RYHT is a Texas Education Agency-registered provider. Individuals that complete the course will receive the designation of Master Advocate.

Chocolate

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and concerns about methodological issues have made it hard for health professionals and the public to understand the available evidence on chocolate’s effects on health.”

Epicatechin (EPI) is a flavanol found in a number of foods we eat including cocoa. But it is said that the amount of epicatechin in cocoa is particularly high. In a paper produced by researchers María Ángeles Martín and Sonia Ramos of the Department of Metabolism and Nutrition at Spain’s Institute of Food Science and Technology, they found that: “Cocoa is a source of flavanols (epicatechin), and these phenolic compounds exert beneficial effects on health and aging and reduce the risk of suffering chronic diseases (cardiovascular diseases, metabolic disorders, cancer). An increasing body of evidence has emerged to suggest that cocoa flavanols potentially are important chemopreventive natural agents.”

Many researchers around the world have come to the same conclusion, suggesting that if you have a craving for chocolate you should avoid processed chocolate treats that contain additives and have low cocoa content. What you’re looking for, they say, is chocolate with a high content of cocoa, namely dark chocolate that contains 70% to 85% of cocoa.

As the Mayo Clinic puts it: “Healthy chocolate sounds like a dream come true, but chocolate hasn’t gained the status of a health food quite yet. Still, chocolate’s reputation is on the rise, as a growing number of studies suggest that it can be a heart-healthy choice... cocoa itself, unlike chocolate, is low in sugar and fat while offering potential health benefits. If you enjoy chocolate flavor, add plain cocoa to your low-fat milk or morning oats.”

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Jan. 31, 1990, the Soviet Union’s first McDonald’s fast-food restaurant opens in Moscow. Throngs of people lined up to pay the equivalent of several days’ wages for Big Macs, shakes and french fries.
- On Feb. 1, 1884, the first portion of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) is published. Originally begun in 1857, it was estimated the project would take 10 years to finish. In fact, it took over 40 years. The OED covers all vocabulary from the Anglo-Saxon period (1150 A.D.) to the present.
- On Feb. 2, 1913, New York City’s Grand Central Terminal opens for the first time. The terminal, with a towering white marble facade, took 10 years to construct and more than \$4 billion in today’s money. It needed a \$100 million restoration starting in 1980.
- On Feb. 3, 1959, rising American rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. “The Big Bopper” Richardson are killed when their plane crashes in Iowa. Singer Don McLean memorialized the musicians in the 1972 hit “American Pie,” which refers to “the day the music died.”
- On Feb. 4, 2004, a Harvard sophomore named Mark Zuckerberg launches The Facebook, a social media website he had built in order to connect Harvard students with one another. The previous year, he had created FaceMash, a website where students could vote on which of two randomly selected Harvard women was more attractive, quickly running afoul of both the administration and several women’s groups.
- On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt announces a plan to expand the Supreme Court to as many as 15 judges. Critics immediately charged that Roosevelt was trying to “pack” the court and thus neutralize Supreme Court justices. The Senate struck down the bill by a vote of 70 to 22.
- On Feb. 6, 1985, in his State of the Union address, President Ronald Reagan defines some of the key concepts of his foreign policy of supporting freedom fighters around the globe. These included covertly supporting the Contras in their attacks on the leftist Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

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EPCC presents online production of ‘Little Tin Dogs’

By Jim Heiney
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The El Paso Community College (EPCC) Disciplines of Theatre Arts, Mass Communications and EPCC ASL/Interpreter Preparation Program are streaming the play *Little Tin Dogs*. The production can be viewed online at the link below.

Cast
Vanessa Keyser Koko
Raul I. Acosta Jelly
Diego Parada Stevie
Adan Medina Carter
Ava Trousdale ChaCha

This production is being entered in the 54th Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF). KCACTF is a national theater program involving 18,000 students annually from colleges and universities across the country.

Little Tin Dogs is the story of the twisted relationship between a devoted son and his aging mother. Living in the basement of their unsuccessful bookstore, the mother and son pass their days in utter monotony. In an act of total desperation, the son befriends a local hustler in an effort to find companionship. As this relationship grows, the mother lashes out in the only way she can, leading to the play’s pitiful and tragic conclusion.

Little Tin Dogs contains adult language and themes and may be inappropriate for certain



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

RELATIONSHIPS – Vanessa Keyser as Koko, left, and Raul Insurriaga Acosta as Jelly play mother and son in the El Paso Community College presentation of *Little Tin Dogs*.

audiences. A Gmail or YouTube account must be used or created to prove age. For information about the EPCC Theater, contact Ted Karber, Jr. at (915) 831-3205.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlzyQpC531A&t=4s> to stream *Little Tin Dogs*.

Writer/Director: Ted Karber, Jr. • Designed for the Stage: Dominic Pagano • Video Editor/Director: Michael Head

Anthony Independent School District Notice of Public Hearing

Anthony Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District’s 2020-2021 Annual Accountability Report as part of the regular monthly School Board meeting, which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at the Anthony ISD Boardroom, 813 6th Street, Anthony, TX.

The public is invited to attend. The report will also be available for review after the hearing at all Anthony ISD campuses, central office, and the district website.

For more information, call 886-6506.

Junta Pública Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para discutir el Informe Anual Reporte de Responsabilidad del Distrito 2020-2021 como parte de la reunión mensual de la Mesa Directiva de la Escuela, la cual está programada para las 6:00 pm el miércoles, 16 de febrero de 2022 en la sala del consejo de Anthony ISD, 813 6th Street, Anthony, TX.

Todos los individuos interesados están invitados a asistir. El reporte estará disponible después de la reunión en todas las escuelas del distrito, en el edificio de las oficinas administrativas, e internet del distrito.

Para mas información, favor de llamar al 886-6506.

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Clint Independent School District Public Notice

Clint Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District’s 2020-2021 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) as part of a School Board meeting, which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Clint ISD Administrative Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, TX, 79928.

The public is invited to attend. The TAPR report will also be available for review after the hearing at all Clint ISD campuses, the Clint Administrative Office and at www.clintweb.net.

For more information, call 926-4051.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint Junta Pública

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint tendrá una Reunión Pública para informar sobre el “Reporte de Rendimiento Académica de Texas” (TAPR) del año escolar 2020-2021. El reporte sera parte de la reunión de la Mesa Directiva del distrito programada para el jueves, 24 de febrero del 2022 a las 5:30 p.m. en el cuarto de sala de Clint ISD oficina administrativa, 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, TX, 79928.

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By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

When I was growing up, the big

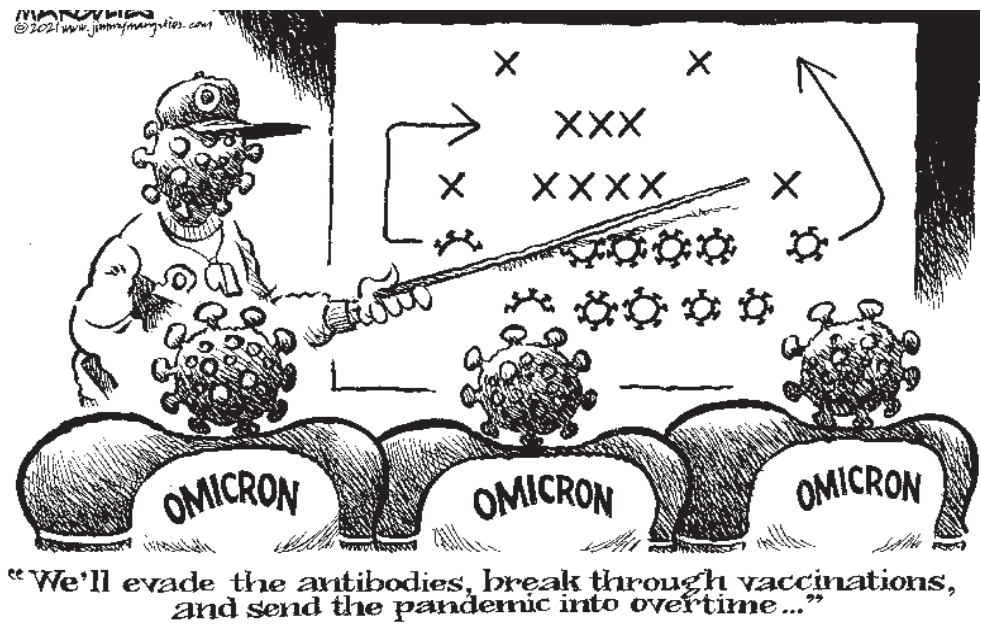
And I know a lot of us ended up hating



LAST HURRAH? – Tom Brady, 12, pumps his fist as Leonard Fournette, 7, scores a touchdown in what may turn out to be Brady's last NFL game on January 22. The Bucs lost the play-off game to the L.A. Rams. ESPN announced Brady's retirement on January 30.

Because of that, he wasn't picked until the sixth round of the draft. Believe it or not, there were 198 other players chosen

Chances are, there will never be another like him again. And we were all witnesses.



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OUT ON A LIMB

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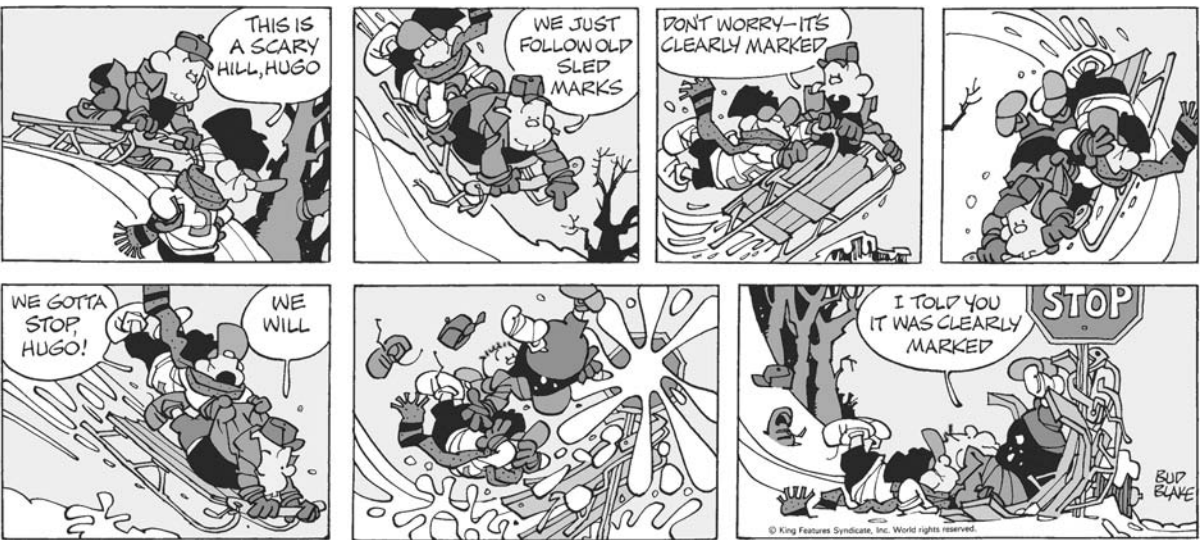
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Lowry

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overwhelm whatever dubious capacity the district has for remote learning, it backed off.

The calculus here makes no sense. To avoid an unlikely harm – unvaccinated kids getting a serious case of COVID – the schools wanted to impose an

almost-guaranteed harm by excluding thousands of students from the classroom, kneecapping their education. At best, this is playing chicken with the well-being of children; at worst, it is thoughtless and cruel policy in stubborn pursuit of the goal of substituting the judgment of public-school mandarins for parents.

Already, roughly 40,000 students have dropped out or disengaged from L.A. schools this year, and the school board

wanted effectively to match that via ham-handed enforcement of its mandate.

The same impulse to punish kids whose parents don't want to go along is seen in vaccine passport policies, like that in New York City, that exclude unvaccinated children from a swath of activities in public places and from after-school programs. It's as if public officials got together and decided children hadn't experienced enough social isolation

already during the pandemic.

One can only hope there's enough pushback from parents who value their judgment and authority over that of the politicians and administrators whose default is mandates over persuasion.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2022 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Spleen screens bacteria and spent blood cells from body

DEAR DR. ROACH: I had an abdominal X-ray to check on my gallstones, and was surprised to find an enlarged spleen. I was told it might be leukemia or lymphoma! I was sent to an oncologist, who reassured me that I did not have cancer and recommended I get checked again in six months. My doctor checked it after three, and my spleen had gone back down! What is all this with the spleen? People have it removed after injuries, like accidents. It seems to be insignificant, but can it be an omen for cancer? – M.K.



The spleen is an underappreciated abdominal organ. Its major job is to filter and remove old or damaged red blood cells, but it also removes bacteria. In addition, the spleen acts as a very large lymph node, allowing infection-fighting white blood cells to gather and activate. Removal of the spleen leaves people at a higher risk of some kinds of bacterial infections.

Enlargement of the spleen has many potential causes. Both liver and heart disease can cause passive congestion of the spleen with blood. Cancer, especially lymphoma, is a common cause, but infection is one cause to consider in a person in whom the spleen enlarges and then returns to normal. There are many less-common causes as well.

If the spleen is removed or is nonfunctional (this is almost universal in adults with sickle cell disease, for example), then infections are common, and vaccinations have a different and more intensive schedule, ideally given when the spleen is still in place and working.

It is probably worth it for your doctor to continue to keep an eye on.

DEAR DR. ROACH: An acquaintance has recently (within the past two years) been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. She is now using a "cell membrane stabilizing" diet. Is this likely to help her? Is there any evidence that it works? – S.P.M.

Although I wasn't able to find anything about a specific diet with that name, I reviewed the literature on the effects of diet on Parkinson's disease, and the data are still preliminary. For most of the recommendations I have, there are conflicting reports.

Of the dietary factors with the best data, I found that fruits and vegetables are likely to be helpful and to protect against damage to the part of the brain affected by PD. Omega-3 fatty acids were found to be helpful in animal models of PD. Products high in soy protein and caffeine (especially from tea) may have some benefit. Again, these data are not strong, so I am not recommending a dramatic change in the diet solely to protect against PD. However, fruits and vegetables are certainly of benefit for multiple systems, and I am comfortable recommending a diet high in those.

Milk and other dairy products have been shown in some, but not all, studies to have a detrimental effect on PD.

Diet is of importance in many areas of health, but the role in PD seems to be modest, based on current literature. As always, a visit with a registered dietitian nutritionist is worthwhile to get specific and personalized information.

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) 2022 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
In the Roman calendar, March was generally considered the first month of the new year. Ceasar must have been a Texan.
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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: L equals R

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LQNHSK U NY XNUDUKT NLSOKC
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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

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Full education housing benefits extended



by Freddy Groves

If you're in school and were about to lose half of your VA education housing benefits at the end of last month due to remote classes, you're safe. Congress pushed through the REMOTE (Responsible Education Mitigating Option and Technical Extensions) Act, and it's going to cover you for the next six months.

The problem has been attending classes in person versus taking classes remotely. If you typically attend via remote classes, your housing allowance was always half that of in-person students. The pandemic landed, and with that colleges and schools went remote last year, which threatened to halve the benefit money of in-person students forced into remote classes. Congress saw that and extended the full coverage

until December.

They recently stepped in again. Now you'll be covered until summer – while schools sort out whether they're bringing students back into the classroom for the January-May semester, keeping everyone at home again or a combination of the two. As is typical of the pandemic era, even if you're currently attending in-person classes, your school might shift to remote at any time.

You and the 55,000 other student veterans potentially impacted by those reduced housing benefits can thank Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto and others for introducing the bill and pushing it to become law.

Not a student? Have you decided to sit out the shaky job market and go back to school or aim for a new trade? Start with an intro to your veterans education benefits: www.va.gov/education. Scroll down and click on the Eligibility link. Then click on the GI Bill Comparison Tool on the right and learn

what programs and education benefits are available for you. Different programs have different benefits, so study those first to see which might be the best fit. If you need help sorting it all out, call the GI Bill Hotline at 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551).

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• Freshen stuffed animals by securing a few in a pillowcase and adding a fabric softener sheet. Put in the dryer on low heat for 20 minutes, then remove and brush out the fur, if necessary, while still warm.

• “Keep a quart container in the freezer and whenever you have a small amount of leftovers, chop them up and add it to your container. When it's full, thaw it. Add some of your favorite soup beans, pizza sauce, milk and cheese, and you have a unique and delicious soup.” – M. from Pennsylvania

• If you've been decluttering as a part of your New Year's resolutions, and you came across old pairs of eyeglasses, know that you can donate them to any Lion's Club in your area. They redistribute the glasses to those who cannot afford them. You don't have to know the prescription, and they take reading glasses, too!

• How can you keep snow and ice off your windshield? Some say a solution of three parts vinegar to one-part water sprayed on the windshield each night can cut your ice-scraping time in half or better. (Use caution to avoid your paint job.) Also, try covering your wipers with an old pair of long socks so they don't freeze to the glass!

• “For pastry cooking, try grating frozen butter into the flour. It cuts in better and will stay cool longer. This helps when I'm making shortbread, as the flour and butter need to be combined. I don't end up having to put it in the fridge to cool it back down.” – C.S. in South Carolina

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2022 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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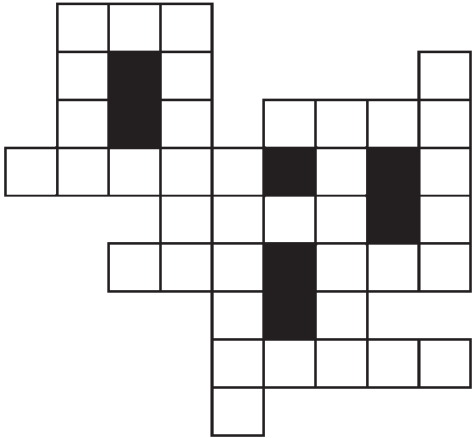
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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