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Diversity

With hate crimes on the rise, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2024's Most Diverse Cities in America*, as well as expert commentary, to identify the places where people have the most unique blend of perspectives, which brings social and economic benefits. To determine the places in the U.S. with the most mixed demographics, WalletHub compared the profiles of more than 500 of the largest cities across five major diversity categories: socioeconomic, cultural, economic, household and religious. El Paso was ranked 253rd in the report. Other stats:

- Murfreesboro, TN has the highest income diversity, which is two times higher than in Hockessin, DE, the city with the lowest.
- Germantown, MD has the highest racial and ethnic diversity, which is four times higher than in Laredo, TX, the city with the lowest.
- South Valley, NM has the highest occupational diversity, which is 3.2 times higher than in Cambridge, MA, the city with the lowest.

"The most diverse cities demonstrate diversity in many dimensions – not just in race and gender but also everything from residents' languages and birthplaces to their job types and household sizes. These cities blend together a multitude of different perspectives, helping people to better understand the world around them and become more empathetic. This exchange of ideas also tends to increase the economic success of diverse cities. The most diverse cities overall are a trio of Maryland towns close to Washington, D.C.: Gaithersburg, Silver Spring, and Germantown. These Maryland cities have some of the most diversity when it comes to race, language and educational attainment. However, individual cities across the country stand out in different categories. For example, South Valley, NM, has the most occupational diversity, while St. Louis has the most religious diversity."

– Cassandra Happe
WalletHub Analyst

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/most-diverse-cities/12690> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

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– Photos for the story by Jesse J. Montelongo and Chris Trujillo

SLOPPY – This Lower Valley Water District manhole drain sits near the fields behind Bovee Road in the City of Socorro. Socorro residents alledge the ground around the manhole has eroded from the frequent overflow spills. Homes are in the background behind the cotton field. The inset at left is the same manhole from different angle. The inset at right is the same manhole earlier this year.

Socorro residents upset with Lower Valley Water District over sewage spills

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

LOWER VALLEY – Socorro residents who live along Bovee Road are at a loss as to what to do about the stench that emanates from the sewer manholes that are located a stones-throw away from their property. They allege that the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD) is doing nothing to mitigate the problem.

The Bovee residents contend that the noxious odors are the result of the frequent spills that spew from the LVWD sewer line manholes located along the fields behind their homes. "The problem is that the sewage water overflows from the manholes, and it stinks all of the time out here and

attracts a lot of flies," alleged Eugene Trujillo, a Bovee Road resident. "Also, the manholes are adjacent to drain pipes that are near Socorro Middle School. Can you imagine all those kids having to smell that odor when they are eating lunch at school. This has been going on for months, and the Lower Valley Water District is doing nothing about it," he added.

LVWD, created as a municipal utility district in 1986, is located in the southeastern portion of El Paso County. According to its website, LVWD provides potable water, sewer, septic system, and sanitation services while striving for the highest quality of product and service to all of its customer base and that they attend to the precept that safe drinking water is a vital, protected and conserved

resource for a higher quality of life.

Also, the website states that LVWD is constantly applying for funding from local, state, and federal agencies in an effort to construct adequate water and wastewater systems for the 210 square miles within its boundaries. And in May, its customers narrowly approved a \$35 million bond issue to allow the water district to expand its services throughout the communities of Socorro, San Elizario, Clint, Sparks, Sand Hills, and outlying colonias.

LVWD is run by a board of directors which consists of five members who are elected by the district's taxpaying residents every four years with staggered terms. Current board members are Rosalinda Vigil, president; David

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LABELED – LVWD officials reported that LVWD has a contract with Deployed Resources that allows its septic hauling tanker trucks to transfer wastewater into the water district's sewer system. As many as seven trucks per day transfer their loads into LVWD's manholes that are located near Tanton Road in the City of Socorro, according to LVWD officials. The truck above has registration DOT1394916.

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Carrasco, vice president; Henry Trujillo, secretary/ treasurer; David Estrada, director; Rod Chavez, director; and the General Manager is Gerald (Jerry) Grijalva.

Socorro resident and community activist Jesse J. Montelongo insists that the sewage water overflows behind Bovee Road are a result of the wastewater that is being dumped by septic hauler tanker trucks into the manholes located near Tanton Road, which is on the other side of Alameda Avenue from Bovee Road, about a mile away.

Montelongo alleges that the septic haulers are transferring so much wastewater into the LVWD sewer system that it is flooding the underground drain pipes and causing the excess wastewater to spew out of control along the manholes behind Bovee Road because the manholes are not properly secured. He said that some of the manholes simply have lids from 40-gallon barrels covering the manholes with a pile of rocks placed on top of them.

Imelda Caster, LVWD administrative assistant, acknowledged that as many as seven septic hauling tanker trucks transfer their wastewater into LVWD’s sewer system every day. She said that LVWD has a contract with Deployed Resources trucking company that allows the haulers to transfer their wastewater into its sewer system.

Montelongo said that he filed a complaint dated June 6, 2024 with LVWD concerning the septic haulers’ transferring loads into the manholes near Tanton Road. He said that he was not satisfied with the response he got from the water district four days later.

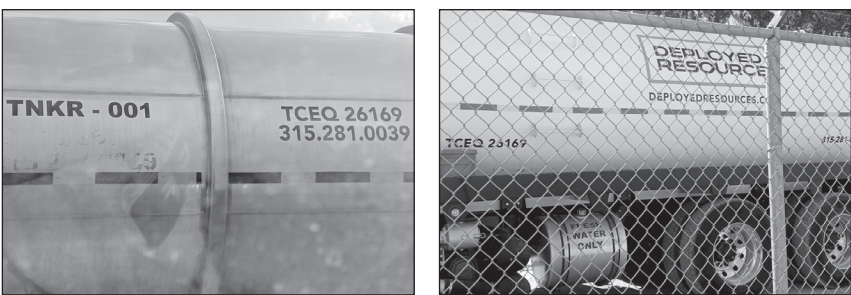
Montelongo said that he received a letter

from the El Paso City/County Environmental Services, Air Quality Program that stated in part, “Although we did not confirm any violations applicable to air quality requirements, it does not mean that there are not conditions and times when there are incidents at a source that could constitute violations of the Texas Clean Air Act and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules and regulations.” The letter was signed by Al Melero, a code compliance supervisor.

Montelongo said that he tried to get the compliance supervisor to inspect not just the Tanton manholes but also the Bovee Road manholes, but he was told that he was the only one who filed a complaint so only his residence was being inspected.

LVWD General Manager Gerald (Jerry) Grijalva elaborated that the manholes near Tanton Road, where the septic haulers are transferring their wastewater were sealed after each dump, and that there had not been a spillage at that site in over a year. He related that in 2023 there had been a wastewater overflow there but that it was promptly reported to TCEQ and subsequently cleaned up. However, he also did not mention the sewage spillage that occurs behind the Bovee Road, until a major overflow of sewage water burst out of those manholes on June 27th, the day Chris Trujillo, Eugene’s son and a farmer, was working the fields behind his dad’s home.

Chris said that he works the Bovee Road farmland owned by Hilley Farms and that on June 27th he arrived in the early morning with his tractor and found part of the field covered in sewage water. “The sewer water

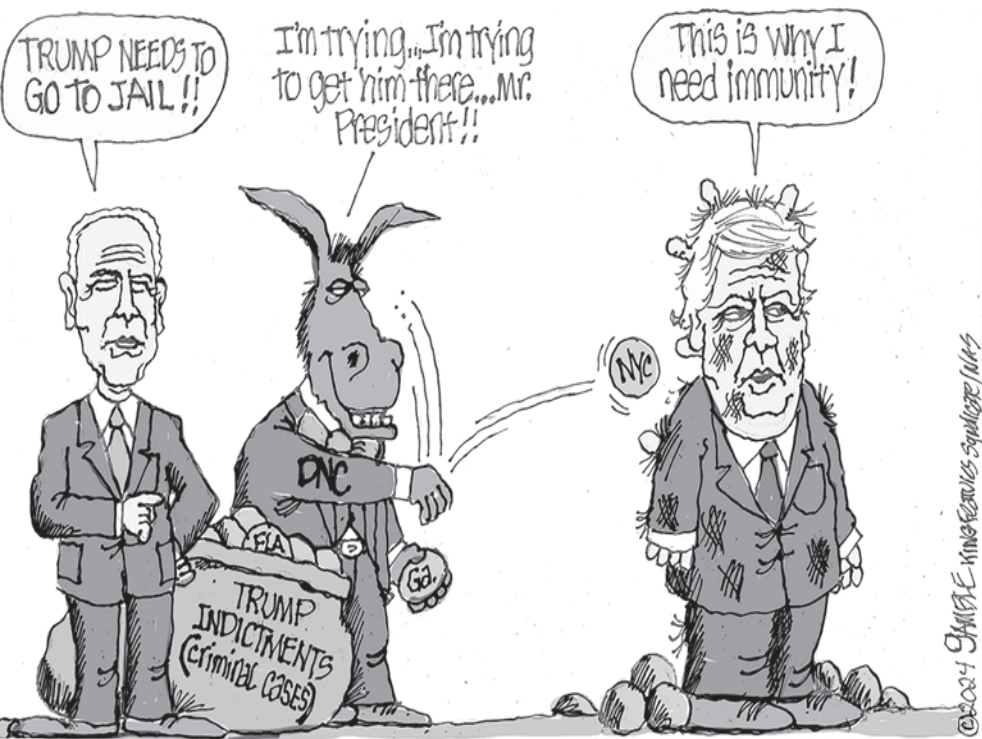
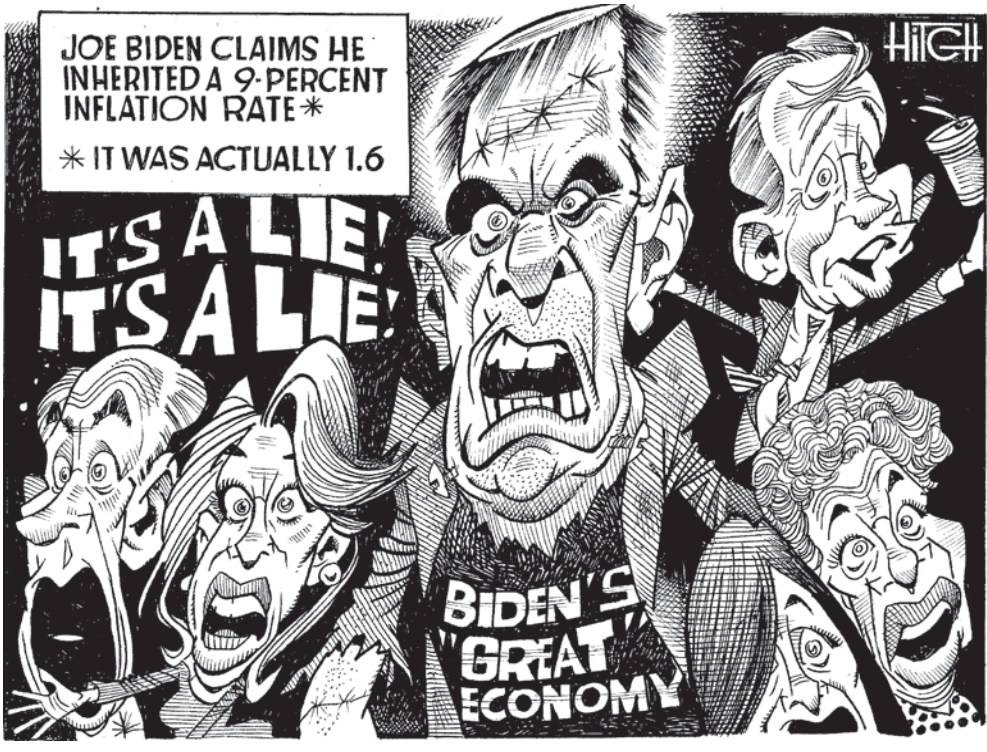
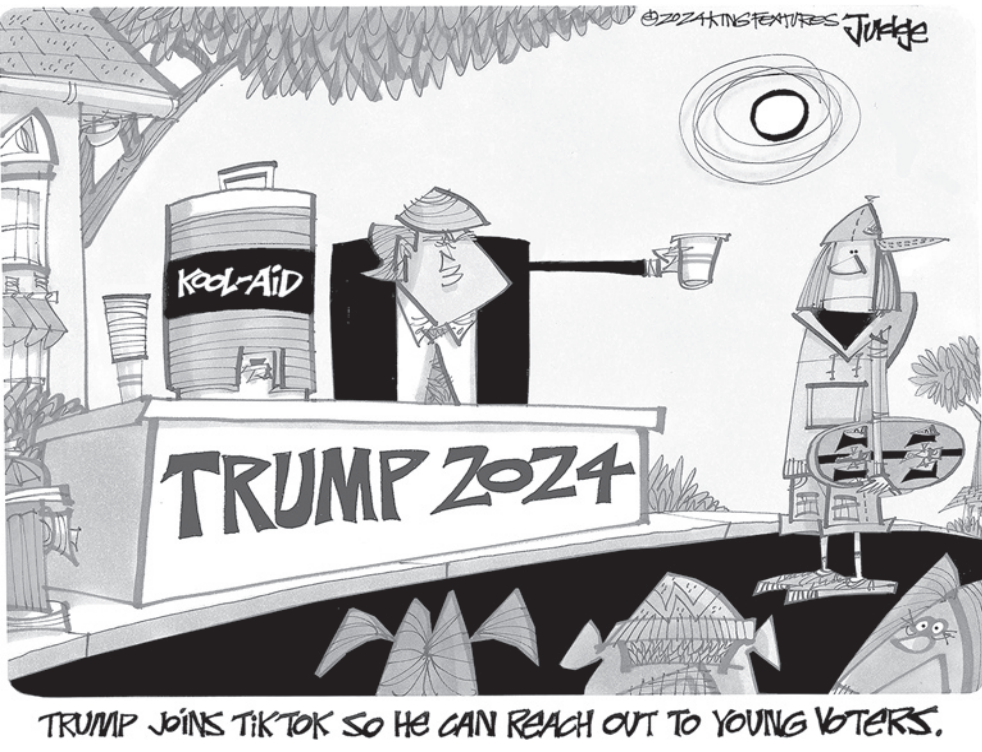


PROPERLY MARKED – The septic hauling tanker trucks are registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), as noted on the tankers that are transferring wastewater into the LVWD drain located near Tanton Road.



MUDDY ROAD – Sewage overflow from a LVWD manhole puddled up on Bovee Road on June 27.

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had overflowed from the manholes and saturated part of the cottonfield, the ditch roads, and it made a real mess. My tractor almost got stuck in the sludge and I had to walk through it. The smell made me nauseous; I almost threw up. I videotaped the

whole mess,” Chris stated. He also alleges that the problem stems from the constant septic haulers’ dumping at the Tanton manhole site. Meanwhile, Caster was immediately notified of the spillage and a crew was sent to clean up the area. Chris T., who was still there when they came to inspect the sewage overflow, said that all they did was throw some dirt on it and placed orange traffic barrels around

the affected area. “That is all they have done,” he exclaimed. Grijalva commented that the incident behind Bovee Road had nothing to do with the septic haulers’ wastewater transfers. He blamed it on the pumps at the lift station, specifically Lift Station #5. He said that the pumps had given out and consequently backed up the wastewater and caused the overflow

at the manholes behind Bovee Road. “We are in the process of requesting for bids to rehabilitate the pumps at the lift station, which will take some time and should be able to start the work by October,” he stated. “You have to remember that we inherited these lift station pumps 30 years ago, and we will have to upgrade almost

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Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs at Clint Independent School District for 2024-2025 School Year

- 1) Clint Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Architecture and Construction; Arts, A/V Technology and Communications; Business, Marketing, and Finance; Health Science; Hospitality and Tourism; Human Services; Law and Public Service; Manufacturing; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math; Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Clint ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.
- 2) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of Education amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) Clint ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Rene Chavez at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 and/or Section 504 Coordinator, Rodrigo Hernandez, Assistant Director Special Education, at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

Notificacion de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnica Clint ISD por el año escolar del 2024-2025

- 1) El distrito escolar independiente de Clint ofrece programas de educación técnica y carreras en las áreas de Agricultura, Comida y Recursos Naturales; Arquitectura y Construcción; Artes; Tecnología Audio/Visual y Comunicaciones; Negocio, Mercadotecnia y Finanzas; Ciencias de Salubridad; Hospitalidad y Turismo; Servicios Humanos; Leyes y Servicio Público; Manufactura; Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas; Transportación, Distribución y Logística. El ingreso a estos programas será basado en el número de estudiantes matriculados en el distrito escolar de Clint y se deberá cumplir con los requisitos necesarios de ingreso a estos programas.
- 2) El Distrito Escolar de Clint no discrimina por razones de raza, religión, color, origen nacional, sexo, género, edad o discapacidad al proveer servicios de educación, actividades, y programas, incluyendo programas vocacionales, de acuerdo con el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, y enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, enmienda.
- 3) El Distrito Escolar de Clint no discrimina por razones de raza, religión, color, origen nacional, sexo, género, edad, discapacidad, o cualquier otra base en sus practicas de empleo, de acuerdo con el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, y enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; la Acta de discriminacion por edad de 1975, enmienda; y la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, enmienda.
- 4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y partipacion en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.
- 5) Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Rene Chavez, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Rodrigo Hernandez, Subdirector/a de Educación Especial, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On July 8, 1918, Ernest Hemingway was working as an ambulance driver for the American Red Cross while serving on the Italian front in World War I when he was struck by an Austrian mortar shell as he handed out chocolate to soldiers in a dugout.
- On July 9, 1993, British forensic scientists announced a positive identification of the remains of Russia’s last czar, Nicholas II, his wife, Czarina Alexandra, and three of their daughters. Mitochondrial DNA was used on the family’s bones, which had been excavated from a mass grave near Yekaterinburg two years earlier.
- On July 10, 1985, conservation group Greenpeace’s flagship, the Rainbow Warrior, sank in New Zealand’s Auckland Harbor after French agents in diving gear planted a bomb on the vessel’s hull. The ship had been preparing for a protest voyage to a French nuclear test site in the South Pacific.
- On July 11, 2005, Hurricane Dennis blasted onto the East Coast near Pensacola Beach with a storm surge of 15 feet,

wiping out power for over 1 million in Florida and Alabama, with Mississippi also being declared a disaster zone along with those two states. The hurricane had already hit Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti earlier in the week, causing 21 fatalities and massive property damage.

- On July 12, 1967, race riots broke out in Newark, New Jersey, after a Black cab driver was arrested and beaten by police. The riots resulted in 24 deaths, 1,100 wounded, 1,300 people arrested and property losses in excess of \$5 million. The violence was believed to have been triggered by a number of factors, including rumors that the cabbie had died and charges that the police involved were brutally racist, along with poor mayoral leadership.
- On July 13, 1920, the U.S. Post Office banned customers from mailing children and animals. While it’s hard to believe such a ruling would even be necessary, officials wisely decreed it so after several cases involving parents dispatching a child and one person posting a skunk!
- On July 14, 1953, Egyptian politician Rawya Ateya became the first female parliamentarian in the Arab world.

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San Elizario Independent School District

SPECIAL EDUCATION/CHILD FIND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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By Lucie Winborne

- On July 4, 1776, King George III wrote in his diary entry, “Nothing important happened today.”

- A 5-month-old fetus has 200,000,000,000 brain cells, but by birth half of them have been lost.

• Superstitious folks understandably took note in Santa Clara, California, on Oct. 22, 1931, when the Gamma Eta Gamma legal fraternity was partially destroyed by fire: The house was located at 1313 Franklin Street, its phone number was Santa Clara 13, and the postman wore badge number 13! The damage sustained to the house was even estimated at \$13,000.

- An AK-47 is depicted on the flag of Mozambique.

- Einstein's ideas on relative acceleration were partly inspired by a guy who fell off a roof in Berlin. Surviving without injury, he told the physicist that he had not felt the effects of gravity.

- Until the 17th century, the word “upset” meant to set up (i.e., erect) something.

- The oldest recorded death sentence is found in the Amherst papyri, a list of state trials of ancient Egypt dating to 1,500 B.C. A teenage boy, convicted of “magic,” was ordered to kill himself by either poison or stabbing.

- But for humans, the Asian elephant is the only mammal that can stand on its head.

• In 2002, the Nevada state legislature authorized a license plate depicting a mushroom cloud from an exploding nuclear bomb to commemorate nuclear weapons tests conducted in the state's desert between 1945 and 1992. The Department of Motor Vehicles, however, rejected it.

Thought for the Day: "In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety."

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all of them,” he added. Grijalva explained that LVWD is the only water district in El Paso County that will accept septic haulers’ wastewater transfers into its sewer system. He asserted that LVWD stepped up to allow the wastewater transfers because El Paso Water does not allow septic haulers to use its sewer system for such transfers. El Paso Water spokesperson Denise Parra said that EPWater does not allow septic haulers’ wastewater transferring loads into its system because their officials do not know what is in it. EPWater’s treated wastewater is cleaned and treated to use for irrigation and industrial purposes, to replenish the aquifer or returned to the environment. The wastewater from the Bustamante Plant will eventually be source water for the new Advanced Water Purification Facility that will take the water through several phases of filtration and purification to transform it into drinking water. Grijalva, on the other hand, said that the water being put into its water system is gray water – that is bath water, laundry water, and such. He said that every septic hauler’s wastewater load is visually

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Public Notice Clint Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the Clint District’s Section 504 Coordinator, Rodrigo Hernandez, Assistant Director Special Education, at 926-4031, or mail at 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint, Rodrigo Hernandez, Subdirector/a de Educación Especial, al numero 926-4031, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

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Public Notice San Elizario Independent School District 504 Child Find

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For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the district’s Title IX Coordinator Rene Chavez at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000 and/or Section 504 Coordinator, Rodrigo Hernandez, Assistant Director Special Education, at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

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VILLAGE OF VINTON, TX

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 during the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, and on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 during the Regular Council Meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas.

The purpose of the public hearings is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following items:

A request to amend the Unified Development Code to allow tortillerias and bakeries in Town Center zoning.

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.

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Andrea N. Carrillo
Village Administrator

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1) A request for a combination plat of Tract 1C1, 1C2, 2B1, 2B and 4D, Laura EM Mundy Survey No. 233, Abstract No. 10053, Village of Vinton Texas (also known as 8000 Lovena Rd. and 581 Vinton Rd.)

2) A request to rezone Xpress Fuel One9 Subdivision Lot 1, Block 1 to Town Center zoning.

3) A request for a Special Use permit on Xpress Fuel One9 Subdivision Lot 1, Block 1 for the purpose of establishing a gasoline station and a truck stop.

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An amazing thing happening in MLB – and nobody knows

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Many young sports fans know that when it comes to popularity, there is no sport that rivals football in this country.

I guess it’s safe to safe that the NBA is a distant second to the National Football League.

What young people may not know is that at one time in this country, boxing, horseracing and even professional wrestling were more popular than pro football – way more popular.

And at one time, the king of professional sports, our national pastime, was professional baseball.

Yes, that sport that many young fans today compare to the excitement of watching grass grow, was the king of athletic competition.

Guys like Babe Ruth and Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio and Ty Cobb and Bob Gibson and Ted Williams and Stan Musial and Bob Feller and Hank Aaron and on and on, were the names everybody knew.

Even in the 1970s guys like Pete Rose and Reggie Jackson and Carl Yastrzemski and Johnny Bench and Lou Brock and Willie Stargell and Tom Seaver were household names.

But Major League Baseball started to go downhill in popularity soon after that and it’s never recovered. And to honest, it’s not hard to see why.

While other sports were adjusting to the changing technology of the times, baseball decided to remain a dinosaur. And we all know what happened to them.

Football and basketball and even hockey included the technological advancements into their game and made it fun for the young fans who were into this new instant-gratification video-game world.

The old folks may not like it that much, but the old and being slowly phased out, the young fans are

inheriting the TV and streaming ratings numbers.

But like your grandpa, that keeps complaining that there is nothing like the old days, or your grandma that still calls you to help her work the VHS machine she’s still rocking, baseball refused to embrace the quicker-paced twenty-first century.

Now don’t get me wrong, MLB has made some changes in the last couple years by adding a pitch clock to speed up games, they’ve limited timeouts and times pitchers can throw to first base, but they still do one thing worse than all the other leagues – they don’t know how to market their players.

Of the names I mentioned earlier, even young people can say, “I’ve heard of that guy.”

Of the casual fans out there, how many MLB players can you mention off the top of your head right now? That’s what I thought.

But everybody can mention at least these two, Aaron Judge and Shohei Ohtani.

The Yankees’ Aaron Judge set the American League record with 62 home runs just two years ago and was named the MVP.

Ohtani, now with the L.A. Dodgers, has won two of the last three American League MVPs and is a top-notch starting pitcher as well.

They are undoubtably, the two most marketable players in the game.

And at the moment, they are in a monumental battle to see which will be named MVP this year. But MLB has done a horrible job of putting out the message.

Even Caitlin Clark and the WNBA is starting to get more recognition that these two pro baseball players.

Here is how each player ranks in the American League as of last Sunday, scoring runs: 2nd Ohtani (72), 4th

Judge (70); hits: 4th Ohtani (108), 10th Judge (100); batting average: 4th Ohtani (.316), 6th Judge (.312); doubles: 8th Judge (23), 10th Ohtani (22); Homeruns: 1st Judge (32), 2nd Ohtani (28); runs batted in: 1st Judge (83), 5th Ohtani (65); total bases: 1st Judge (221), 2nd Ohtani (220); on base-slugging: 1st Judge (1.118), 2nd Ohtani (1.045).

Then throw in the fact that they play in the two biggest markets in the country, New York and Los Angeles.

These two players should be highlighted every single night, but MLB seems to be trying its best to keep this spectacular rivalry a secret.

This could be Bird-Magic, Ali-Frazier, Ohio State-Michigan, Hulk Hogan-Andre the Giant, Coke-Pepsi, but it’s barely a blip on the radar.

Pro baseball will soon fall behind the WNBA and soccer... and it’s their own fault.

Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Beware the pepper

Oh my goodness. There’s an electric stove that turns itself on, with the heating elements spontaneously getting hot! Or the temperature changes all by itself!

And there is a garden tiller that, due to a faulty instruction manual, can come apart with the tines posing a laceration hazard when the machine is used.

And there is a vinegar cleaning solution that’s so caustic there is a risk of chemical burns in consumers.

These warnings come courtesy of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (www.cpsc.gov/recalls).

In the case of the stove, the manufacturer is stepping up with a free inspection and repair.

The manufacturer of the tiller is sending out new assembly instructions.

The remedy for the caustic vinegar cleaning solution, however, is less than satisfactory. The response is to stop using it and send away for a new warning label to paste on the bottle.

Other recent recalls on the CPSC website include defective crib bumpers that can obstruct breathing, a pool drain cover that can entrap swimmers, a smoke and carbon

monoxide detector that doesn’t work, kids’ pajamas that are a burn hazard and eyelid wipes for dogs that are full of bacteria.

So many defective products! And without product safety alerts we might never know, until someone we know gets hurt.

A few hints:

- Before you buy a product, check online for any safety alerts.
- Save your receipts when you buy products, especially those that are complicated enough to come with a user manual. Tape the receipt inside the front cover of the manual or keep a folder of receipts for products you purchase.
- To stay safe, sign up for product recall alerts. Besides the CPSC website, check www.recalls.gov for an even wider selection of product types and, foodsafety.gov for food alerts. Right now they have a salmonella alert for black pepper.

Black pepper? Who would have suspected something was wrong with pepper..

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CABINET-MAKING

ACROSS

1 Cha-cha's cousin

6 Chain selling dog chains

11 Honeycomb unit

15 Molar point

19 Ring around a lagoon

20 Sag down

21 Medley

22 Concerning

23 Basketball

guarding strategy

25 Not dependent on eyesight

27 U.S. Navy petty officers

28 What a moving body has

30 Massey of movies

33 Lith. was one until 1991

34 Run for a long football pass

35 Gym class

42 Sts. and aves.

43 Remini of "Fired Up"

44 Decorative wheel cover

45 Put an _ (cease)

47 Higher-ranking

49 Ballet garb

50 Emergency

removal, for short

52 Construction girder

56 Commoners,

collectively

58 Transaction of business via e-devices

61 Volcano in Japan

63 _ Jose

64 "Luck Be a Lady" composer Frank

65 Enter

69 Work contrasted with a desk job

73 To be, in

74 Belly

76 Mao _-tung

77 Investments for later yrs.

79 Nickname for Michigan

83 Eggnog spice

88 Typed (in)

89 Trial run

90 Supplies with a staff

92 Oyster's prize

93 Cars for VIPs

95 Big arteries

97 "Auld Lang _"

98 Police alert, for short

101 Flight travel

105 Arab leaders

107 Really cold

108 Sparkly crown

109 Fitting retribution

114 Composer Jean-Philippe _

118 Possess with shallow passion

119 Eight U.S. ones are featured in this puzzle

122 Fishing spool

123 Eternally

124 Verdugo of "Panama Sal"

125 Art film, often

126 Water swirl

127 Maple fluids

128 First-string athletic group

129 Ceases

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1 Labyrinthine

2 Dip _ in the water

3 Part of MSG

4 Ugly blotches

5 Nickname for Yale University

6 Adobe file suffix

7 Sooner than

8 Honky-_ music

9 Mozart's " _ Fan Tutte"

10 Loses one's inhibitions

11 Iran- _ Affair

12 Race created by H.G. Wells

13 "The Mod Squad" cop

14 Amor, for one

15 Scouted before a heist

16 Loan shark

17 Put on, as a play

18 Corals, e.g.

24 Cain's eldest

26 Submitted by the deadline, say

29 PC panic button

31 Seagoing: Abbr.

32 Egg-white protein

35 Prune-to-be, perhaps

36 Acronym for many vacuum cleaner filters

37 Barks shrilly

38 Outer: Prefix

39 Paint crudely

40 Audio equipment brand

41 With a variety of hues

46 Like sumo stars

48 Ring official

50 Israeli carrier

51 _ cava

53 Once, quaintly

54 PC brand

55 Paltry

57 Part of Babylonia

59 Dot in the sea

60 Erin of "Happy Days"

62 Custodial worker

65 Stare stupidly

66 Double-reed woodwind

67 In a lazy way

68 Inventive

70 Salt Lake City athletes

71 Admin. aide

72 "A _" ("Adieu!")

75 Press release packet

78 Have dinner

80 Hawk's home

81 "Famous" cookie guy

82 Pool cover

84 Bible division

85 Polite request

beginner

86 Cube creator Rubik

87 Valley

91 Agra dress

94 Blunders

95 "Got a guess?"

96 Onset

98 Reach for the sky

99 Gave a buzz

100 Bellyached

102 Choir platforms

103 Behave

104 Partner of Athos and Porthos

106 Rome's home

110 Joe in a mug

111 Lone Star sch.

112 Ancient Brit

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115 Prefix that's the opposite of 38-Down

116 "Take _ from me"

117 Functions

120 Comedian

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121 Aries' symbol

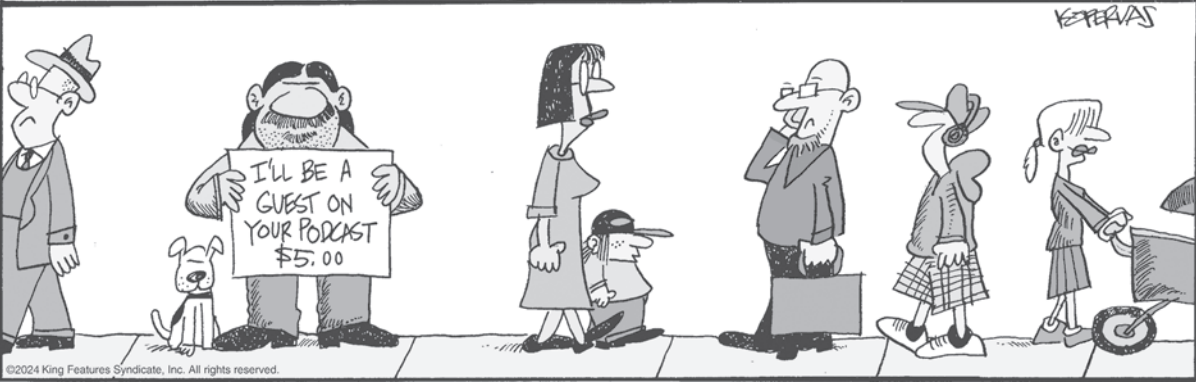
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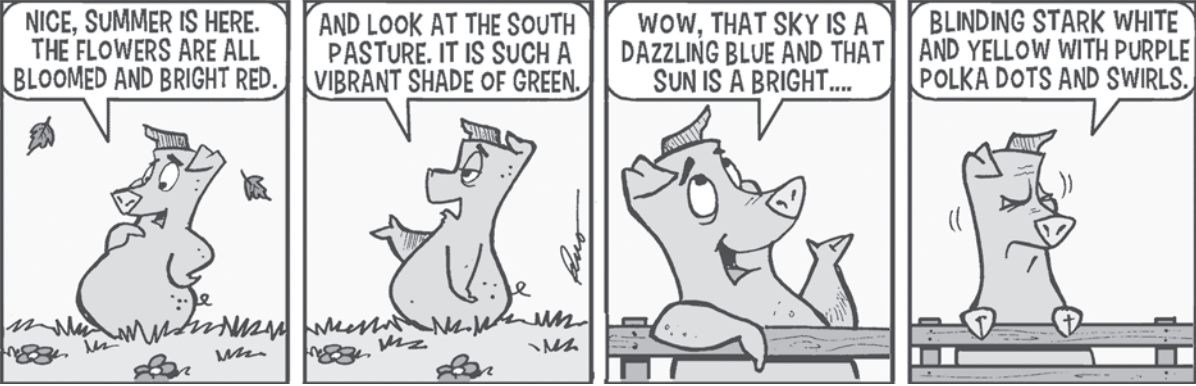
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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



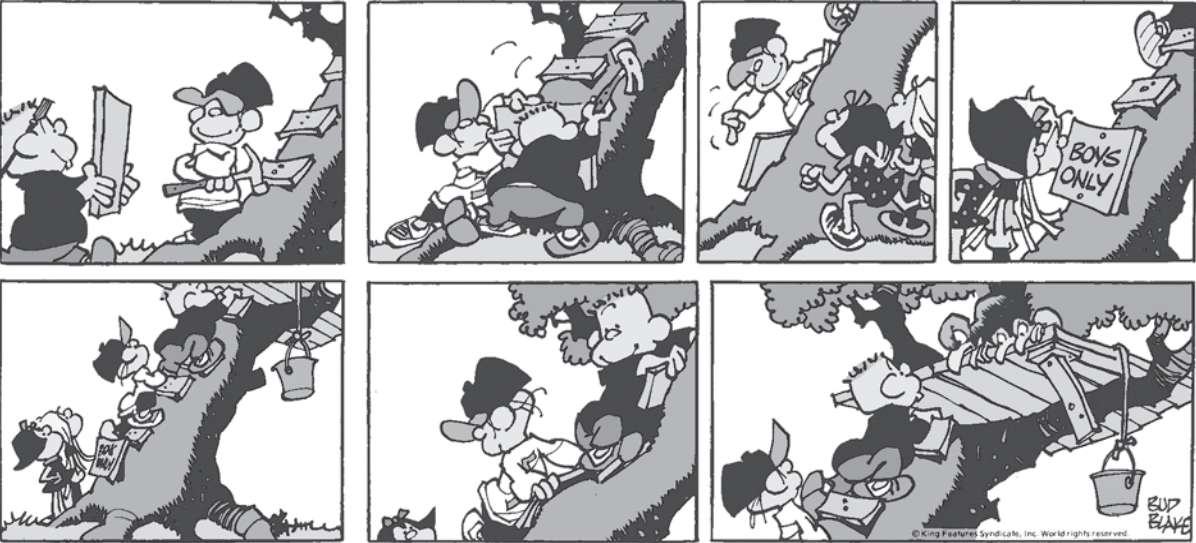
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Spills

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inspected before being dumped into its sewer system to ensure it is gray water. The wastewater then goes to its lift stations, where it is treated then sent through its sewer pipes to EP Water’s Bustamante wastewater treatment plant.

In the meantime, to address Bovee Road residents’ concerns about the sewage seepage that keeps occurring behind their homes, Grijalva said that they will monitor the lift stations 24 hours a day and work to do a better job of securing the manholes behind Bovee Road.

Montelongo and the Trujillo’s are not convinced that this will alleviate the sickening situation. “They have to stop allowing the septic haulers to use LVWD’s sewer system for their wastewater dumping,” Montelongo demanded. Chris wants to know who authorized this “sham” of a deal. “Why weren’t Socorro residents told about this deal in the first place?” he questioned.



MAKE SHIFT – This LVWD manhole located behind Bovee Road is secured simply with a barrel lid and rocks placed on top of it.

Meds usually safe after expiration date

DEAR DR. ROACH: I recently tested positive for COVID using an expired home test, and I self-isolated for five days. I also realized every Tylenol, antihistamine, DayQuil, NyQuil and allergy pill that I had was past its expiration date. Some were only expired by a few months, but most were expired by two to four years. I guess I don't get sick often. My question is: Before I dispose of these, how effective are they, and are any of them dangerous to use? – K.L.



Drug manufacturers are required to make expiration dates, and they guarantee that the drugs are what they say they are and are effective until a certain date (at least if they are properly stored in a cool and dark area). This does not necessarily mean that they become ineffective or dangerous after expiring, and many drugs have been proven to maintain efficacy for years or decades after the printed expiration date.

A military study found that 90% of drugs are still effective 15 years after expiration. It is rare for a drug to become dangerous; however, the tetracycline class of antibiotics is one where toxicity has been found.

In general, if a drug is a few months to a year past its expiration date, it is probably OK. (Liquid drugs, nitroglycerin and insulin are notable exceptions.) But at some point, you have to ask yourself whether it is worth the small risk of the medicine being less effective, especially for inexpensive over-the-counter (OTC) drugs.

Also, COVID test kits may have an extended expiration date. The Food and Drug Administration maintains a list at [tinyurl.com/COVIDTestKitExpire](https://www.fda.gov/oc/ohrt/COVIDTestKitExpire).

DEAR DR. ROACH: Can you comment on N-acetyl cysteine (NAC), an OTC supplement for psychiatric illness? I am interested in its safety and effectiveness and whether there are any side effects or cautions when taking it. Also, what is the safe daily dosage, and how long does it take for benefits to occur? – L.B.

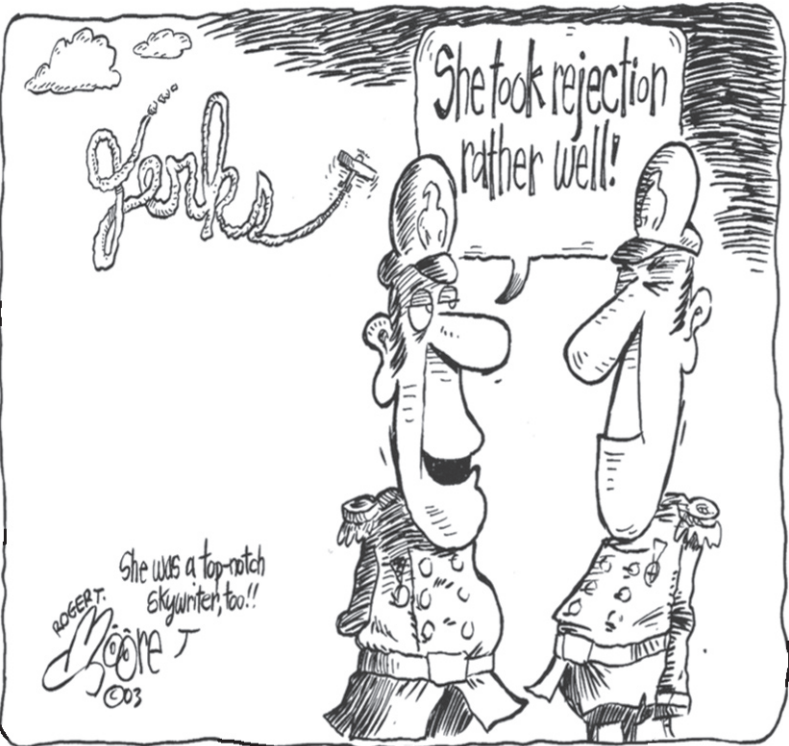
NAC has been intravenously used for many years in medicine as a specific antidote to acetaminophen toxicity. It is also used via inhalation to thin out thick mucus so that it can be coughed out. As you say, several recent studies have looked at its effectiveness with a variety of mental health issues, including depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and cannabis use disorder. Although there is a risk of a severe allergic response when used intravenously, it is generally safe when used orally. Some studies have looked at the effectiveness of NAC by itself, while others looked to see whether NAC can improve outcomes in combination with the standard treatments.

Although the literature is mixed, I say that there is promise with this treatment. When I recommend it, it is most commonly with patients who do not want to use the standard treatments or who want the lowest possible dosage. The dose used in most studies is 1-3 grams daily.

In one well-done study that looked at adults with major depression, the group who combined NAC with the standard treatment showed superiority over those who received the standard treatment alone. The difference was seen after 20 weeks of treatment. Not all studies showed a benefit.

I want to emphasize that an OTC supplement, no matter how promising, is not a substitute for medical care, especially psychiatric care. If you have a mental health issue, ask your mental health provider about NAC.

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. ©2024 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
July 12, 1912: Katherine Stimson gets her pilot's license. In spite of being an accomplished and famous pilot, she is rejected by the military because of her gender in WWII.

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: F equals T

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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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Benefits and health care for female vets



by Freddy Groves

The VA health care signed up over 53,000 female veterans in the past year, the biggest enrollment increase ever for women. But it's not just the VA chasing the numbers... the VA has the services and facilities to provide the care female veterans need.

Among other things, female veterans under age 40 who had toxin exposure have access to breast cancer screenings and mammograms. (Breast cancer is a presumptive under the PACT Act.) In addition, screenings can be scheduled for colon, lung, skin and cervical cancers.

General health screenings can include blood pressure, diabetes, osteoporosis, as well as the whole array of standard immunizations such as flu, tetanus, Covid and more.

Reproductive and maternity care services are also available, with maternity care being handled by a coordinator who offers support for care within and outside of VA health care.

Female veterans also have a special call center. Call 1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. There is also an online chat.

The call center can point you in the right direction for a wide variety of questions: enrolling in VA health care, what care options are available near you, eligibility, disability ratings, benefits including education and home loans, and more.

Their help extends to reporting harassment at VA, complaints about medical staff at VA, infertility services and help for military sexual trauma.

If you don't know where to start, begin with the call center. Or call your closest facility and ask for the Women Veterans Program

Manager. Every VA medical facility has one.

For a long list of the services available for female veterans, go to www.womenshealth.va.gov/WOMENSHEALTH/overview.asp

If you're a female veteran who hasn't connected with the VA, either for health care or benefits, consider contacting the call center or the WVP manager at the closest facility and getting started.

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• My best tip for the beach? A laundry basket and a bungee cord. I put my cooler, bags and sand toys in the basket and pull it along the sand using the bungee. It has worked for me many times – and it's so convenient to keep things corralled in! Here's more tips on beach vacationing. – JoAnn

• Must-haves at the beach: Zipper-top bags for trash and clothespins to clip a napkin down so it won't blow away!

• “Freeze bottles of water (take out a sip or two to allow the ice to expand) and juice boxes or pouches before you head out to the beach (or anytime you're taking a cooler). They will act as ice packs to keep food and snacks cool, and double as refreshing beverages along the way!” – A.A. in Florida

• “My eyesight started to falter a few years ago, and I had found that my glasses slipped and were uncomfortable during seaside trips. I dearly love to read, and have since discovered audiobooks, or books on tape. I download them to a digital music player and can listen all day if I like. It also allows me to people-watch and even doze off! I am almost 80, so I can do that if I feel like it!” – R.A. in Connecticut

• “I bring a thin nylon bag to the beach in case I go shopping or collect shells, etc. It folds and zips down really small, so it takes up no room, but has come in handy most times that I've gone to the shore.” – T.T. in New York

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GO FIGURE!

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

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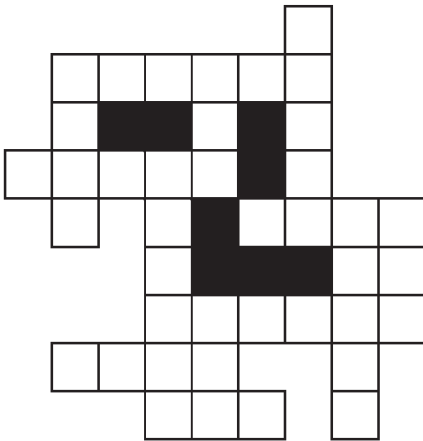
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- OEG
- ♥ HOSTER
- ♥ IGDLE
- EDGR
- ♥ ORINGE
- ♥ OTG
- NOTI
- ♥ ERTSE
- ♥ DGO
- ♥ NAGERD
- ♥ RNWGO
- OHRE



Answer Page 4

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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