



Human Services Inc.

The ongoing mission to empower children, youth, families in crisis

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Lifelong El Pasoan Susana Reza has painstakingly nurtured the largest provider of youth services in El Paso County. Under Reza’s leadership, El Paso Human Services Inc. (EPHSI) has received and successfully executed programs under federal, state, city, and private

Homeless Youth Crisis

There were 34,703 unaccompanied homeless youth nationally, of which 91percent were between the ages of 18 and 24, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2023 Annual Homeless Assessment (AHAR) Report to Congress.

The report goes on to state that nearly four in ten unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness were unsheltered. The report also stated that between 2022 and 2023, the number of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness increased by 15 percent... with Hispanic unaccompanied youth experiencing a 35 percent increase in experiences of homelessness in the same time period.

Data from the 2023 El Paso report, titled “Point in Time” (PIT), indicated that 8 percent of homeless persons are unaccompanied young adults (ages 18 to 24). The report showed that 11 percent of unaccompanied youth in shelters in the El Paso area were young adults. Of these, 65 percent were female, 34 percent were male, and 91 percent were Hispanic.

funding to serve over 10,000 children and 500 adults each year.

A 1972 Austin High School alumnus and a 1977 UT El Paso graduate in Sociology, Reza has been instrumental for the past forty years in

developing programs that work with a population that is underserved in El Paso County.

“In 1984, I was the lone employee working a small Child Protective Service (CPS) seasonal contract job [summer only] for \$30,000,” Reza recalled. And “from day one, this organization classified these youth as ‘priority one’ because they were children in foster care, who were not given opportunities to participate in

statesubsidizedprograms due to challenging child behavioral problems, neglectful/abusive parents, and limited resources. This was a seasonal summer camp contract exclusively for Child Protective Service children, placing CPS children in local summer camps and out of town overnight summer camps,” she said.

“That same year, an assistant director/ comptroller was hired just as we were beginning this second contract of \$50,000. The second contract, with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, was to place CPS children in subsidized child care in order for their parents to work and meet mandated court orders. Since

we were going to work with licensed day care sites, it only made sense to initiate a third contract which was the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in sponsored family day care homes in January 1985,” Reza explained.

“We started by sponsoring 12 day care homes that year under a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to offer children balanced and nutritious meals similar to the school lunch program. This program has now grown to 200 daycare homes and day care centers. Within one year the agency quickly grew to three contracts and four employees, and the staff agreed to work underpaid and cramped in one shared office space at the former St. Anne’s Community Center, which was located in Central El Paso,” she said.

Reza’s experience in grant writing, contract procurement, program administration, and personnel management has been fundamental to the success of the organization. Now, EPHSI programs focus on service delivery specifically for children, youth and young adults, victims of child abuse/neglect, and young persons who have issues with mental health/ substance abuse and are homeless or at-risk of homelessness,” Reza stated.

Reza said that effective coordination of the programs is due to the leadership positions of the assistant director, who is in charge of seven program coordinators for the various programs/ contracts including Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Community Youth Development (CYD) program, the PRIDE Center, Winchester House Emergency Shelter, housing programs, financial



– Photo courtesy EPHSI

DEDICATION – Susana Reza, founder and executive director of El Paso Human Services Inc., has almost 40 years’ experience in program management, development, and implementation with non-profit social service programs.

department, and the Women’s Emergency Shelter.

Today, the program coordinators oversee 41 staff positions and are responsible for program oversight and contract implementation. The financial manager is in charge of the financial department including budgets, fiscal operations, and three fiscal staff positions.

In total, the EPHSI staff now consists of 47 bilingual professionals and paraprofessionals who are trained and experienced in the areas

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– Photo courtesy Anthony ISD

Dr. Oscar A. Troncoso

Troncoso is Region 19 Superintendent of the Year

By Adriana Candelaria
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY, TX – Anthony Independent School District (AISD) Superintendent Dr. Oscar A. Troncoso has received the distinguished 2024 ESC Region 19 Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) award for his exemplary leadership of the District.

Each year, Texas education service center regions nominate superintendents whose exceptional leadership has significantly improved the quality of education in their district. Troncoso was selected by a committee to represent the El Paso/Hudspeth Counties region at the SOTY state level competition in August.

“I am deeply humbled and honored to receive this recognition. I am inspired by the progress we have made and remain dedicated to finding innovative ways to continue improving our district,” Troncoso said.

With 17 years of service in the AISD community, Troncoso has held various leadership roles, including principal and assistant superintendent. Since becoming superintendent in 2019, he has overseen the district through numerous achievements, including:

- Transforming AISD into an Exemplary Performance A-rated school district, as recognized by the Texas Education Agency in 2022.
 - Making numerous safety and technological improvements to infrastructure of school district to maximize student safety.
 - Securing the \$1 million Stronger Connections grant to provide a safe and supportive school environment.
 - Earning a Meets Requirements designation for the 2021 Special Education Determination Status, one of the few Region-19 districts to do so.
 - Earning Texas Education Agency Purple Star designations for Anthony Elementary School and Anthony Middle School to support military students and families.
 - Receiving the Soteria National Leadership Award for effectively using technology and intervention strategies to reduce vaping and disruptive behaviors in K-12 environments.
 - Improving salaries and benefits for teachers and employees, making Anthony ISD one of highest paying districts in the region.
- “I am grateful for the support of the board, our talented

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The coup against Joe Biden

The Democratic Party is divided. On the one side is the faction that wants to dump the presidential candidate chosen by more than 14 million Democratic primary voters. On the other side is the faction that wants to keep the presidential candidate who almost certainly will not serve out his four-year term, leading to the ascension of an unelected president and unelected vice president. What the entire party agrees on is that, either way, it is supposedly defending democracy. There's no doubt that Joe Biden is the democratically selected presidential nominee of the Democratic Party, but also little doubt that his condition was hidden from the public and that, if

he had to run in a free and fair nomination contest today, he would lose handily. An increasingly feeble President Biden was a crisis waiting to happen, and now that the crisis is upon us, there's no easy way out. A pejorative, but accurate, description of the campaign to get Biden to quit the race is that it is an attempted intra-party coup. The voters chose Biden knowing he was 81 years old, although the party apparatus did everything possible to deny them a choice between the incumbent and a plausible alternative, and everything possible to shut down the little-known member of the House who mounted a sacrificial challenge. (If there had been a prime-time primary debate between Biden and

Rep. Dean Phillips, Democrats might not have been so shocked at Biden's poor performance against Donald Trump.) Still, for donors, pundits and elected Democrats to attempt to undo this choice is frankly undemocratic. It looks even less democratic when it is factored in that a small handful of people – Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, James Clyburn and a couple of others – are the ones who have the true power perhaps to force Biden from the race. Leaving Biden in place isn't any better. If he's this



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Troncoso

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staff, and the wonderful community we serve. Our success is truly a team effort, and I look forward to continuing our mission of excellence in education,” Troncoso said. In August, the Texas Association of School Boards will conduct interviews with SOTY regional winners to select five state finalists. The finalists will undergo another round of interviews before a state winner is announced in San Antonio this September.

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of administration, government contracts, and subsidized programs. According to Reza, the EPHSI staff implements non-traditional programs utilizing an array of skills and tools required to interact successfully with targeted populations. “The administrative and fiscal staff has an excellent record of program management, an untarnished record with funding sources in budget management, as well as 40 years of service delivery management,” Reza said. “Our staff has grown from the initial staff of four to a current staff of 47, with an emphasis on hiring youth who have “lived experiences” in the areas of homelessness, foster care, and disabling conditions. Our budget went from \$80,000 in year one to \$9.5 million in year 40,” she added. The executive director said that EPHSI currently has 15 contracts under the federal, state, and city government, as well as with private foundations. “We went from one office location to four locations by the end of summer 2024,” Reza pointed out. Currently “Our federally

funded CACFP serves over one million meals each year to children in over 200 licensed child care homes and centers in the El Paso area and outlying counties,” Reza said. “Our agency provides sponsorship to these facilities to receive reimbursement from the Department of Agriculture for the nutritious, balanced meals they serve daily to children in care. And we conduct training, monitoring and technical assistance to the day care sites and assure they follow federal and state guidelines for program participation,” she said. The CYD program is designed to lower risk factors for juvenile delinquency by offering programs in the 79924 zip code, which lies in the northeast El Paso community. “It provides early intervention to problem behavior in children ages 10 to 17. This program now serves over 975 children each year with free after school programs offered in-house through EPHSI in conjunction with three subcontractor organizations – the Transmountain Charitable, Project Vida, and the YMCA of El Paso. “In 2008, we opened the PRIDE center, a day transitional center that offers services exclusively to our current and former foster youth,” Reza noted. “We serve 100 youth each year and in 16 years we have touched the lives of over 1,000 foster youth in our community. These young people continue to visit us even after they have aged out of the program. They share their lives with us, they give

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CryptoQuip Answer

When shaggy Tibetan beasts get together and talk nonstop, I would say they're yakking it up.

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back. One of our youth works with Spectrum, and she nominated our agency last year for a Spectrum award which we received for the Winchester House,” she said.

“Some of these young adults are now employed by our agency. The PRIDE Center youth also represent our foster youth at statewide conferences, sit on forums and panels, and represent youth voice. We could not be more proud,” Reza declared. The PRIDE Center specifically targets eligible youth who are former or current foster youth, who reside in-town or out-of-town.

In 2011, we opened the Winchester

House, our first emergency shelter offering services to male youth, ages 18 to 24. This program helps 80 young men each year, and in 13 years we have served over 1,000 young men in the El Paso community, the executive director boasted.

“When we first opened Winchester, I remember telling the Coalition for the Homeless, we can only shelter 15 men at any one time. They told me, ‘those are 15 beds that are currently not available in El Paso’. I didn’t realize the impact those beds and that shelter would have in getting youth off the streets. Over 60 percent go on into their own apartments and maintain permanent housing after leaving the shelter,” Reza said.

“Once we put youth [18 to 24 years] in shelters, we needed to assist them

with stable housing. So, we obtained funding to run a housing program. But not just any housing program; no, we have permanent supportive housing [long term] for youth who are chronically homeless and have a documented disabling conditions,” she stated. “We also offer short term rental assistance for one to three months to youth who need help in the short term. We even offer transitional housing assistance where we can provide help to those youth needing more supervision and longer term assistance as they finish high school, trade school, and/or obtain employment,” Reza continued.

“Our housing program has grown to more than half a dozen case managers, who work to support clients as they are placed into permanent housing. These clients are primarily youth, with or without families who are homeless or are getting evicted. This year, we have housed hundreds of individuals and their families into permanent housing,” she said.

“Our programs have grown organically over the years. Each time, one program grew out of the need we saw from a service we were already providing. Each program has its eligibility criteria, but for the most part we offer services to the City of El Paso residents,” she added.

Reza pointed out that the CACFP operates in El Paso County’s outlying areas. “Again, eligibility criteria vary by program. Our case managers assess

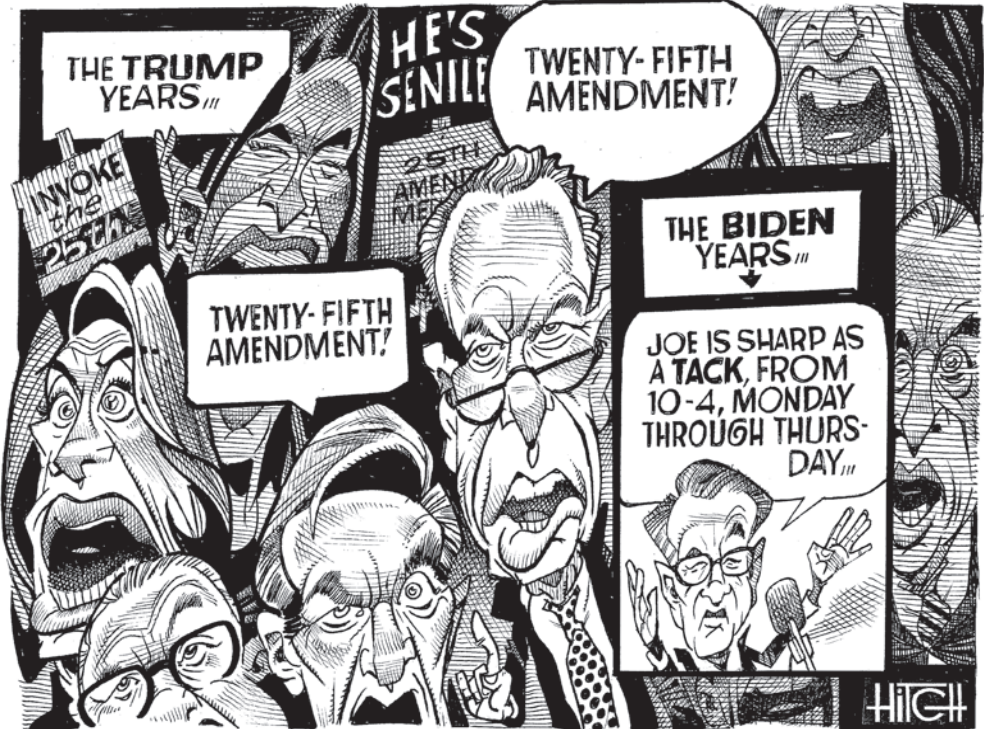
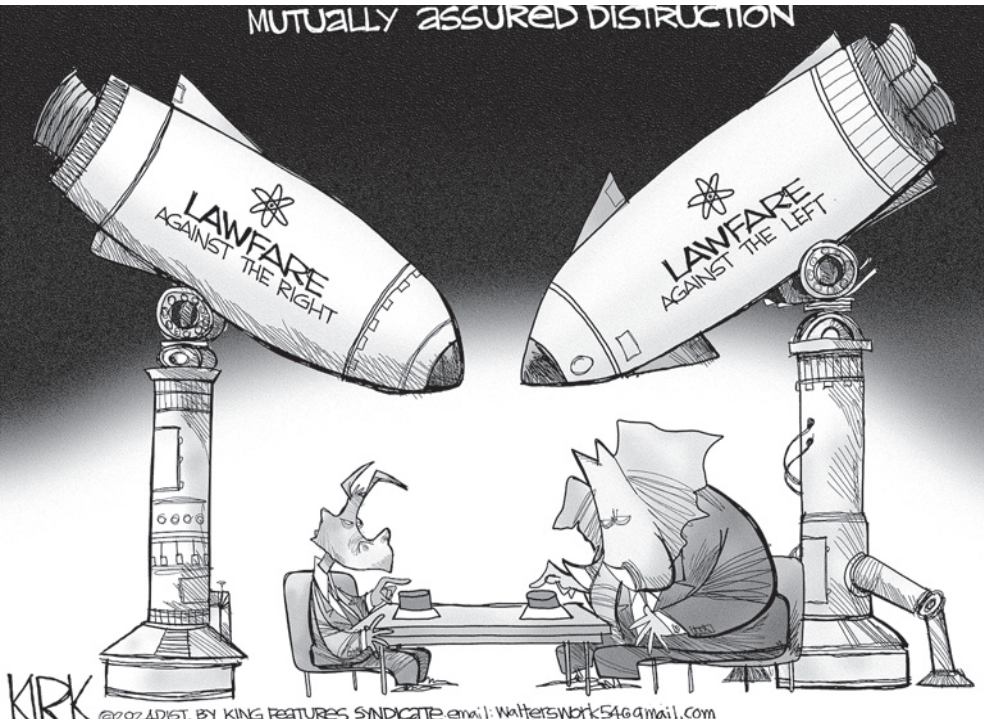
clients for eligibility at intake for housing services, but for the most part they are homeless individuals or at risk of becoming homeless,” she said.

“Last year, around this time, we had a visitor from the East Coast,” Reza recounted. “She was representing a private foundation, and she had ‘Googled’ us and was interested in our work. She and her regional director just wanted to come by and stopover to hear about our shelters on her way to the airport, after a brief visit to El Paso. We met, we visited, they toured our facilities and they left promising to stay in touch.”

A few weeks later, Reza said that she received an email stating that they were so impressed with her organization and work that this foundation wanted to fund the beginning of a women’s shelter similar to the men’s shelter... “something that would impact our city in a positive way,” the email stated.

Because of that visit, “I am happy to announce that the Young Women’s Shelter is scheduled to open in mid-August with a capacity to house eight to ten homeless, single females [ages 18 to 24]. They are only a few beds, but ‘beds that are not currently available in El Paso’. We are projected to serve approximately 25 young women each year. And we know this shelter is going to fill up quickly, there is nothing like it in El Paso,” Reza affirmed.

Individuals may visit the website at www.elpasohumanservices.org to obtain more information about EPHSI.



Public Notice
Anthony Independent School District

Special Needs Programs at Anthony ISD
for the 2024-2025 School Year

Anthony Independent School District provides access to identification of children with suspected disabilities who reside within the district, beginning on the third birthday through the child’s twenty-first birthday. The student may be eligible for services, at no cost, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Services are available to all eligible children who are identified with a disability who may be experiencing difficulties in one or more of the following areas: Physical Disability, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Visual Impairment, Deaf-Blind, Intellectual Disability, Emotional Disability, Learning Disability, Speech and/or Language Impairment, Autism, Other Health Impairment.

If you would like more information, or know of a child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Sandy Honts, Special Education Director, at (915) 886-6509.

Noticia Pública

Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales
en Anthony ISD para el Año 2024-2025

El distrito escolar independiente de Anthony prove acceso a la identificación de niños can incapacidades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta 21 años de edad. El estudiante puede seré legible para servicios, sin costo alguno bajo de Individuales con Incapacidades (IDEA).

Estos servicios son disponibles para todos los niños identificados con una incapacidad y que estén experimentando dificultades en una o más de las siguientes áreas: Incapacidad física, sordo o duro de oído, impedimento visual, incapacidad intelectual o emocional, incapacidad para aprender, impedimento de hable o lenguaje, autismo o cualquier otro impedimento de salud.

Si usted desea más información o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Anthony que no está recibiendo servicios educativos, favor de comunicarse con: Sandy Honts, Directora de Educación Especial, (915) 886-6509.

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Canutillo Independent School District

2024-2025 Meal Policy

National School Lunch Program / School Breakfast Program

The Canutillo Independent School District will continue its policy to operate under the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) for the National School Lunch program and School Breakfast Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals regardless of income through the 2024-2025 academic year.

For additional information, please contact:
Canutillo Independent School District
Attention: Marco Macias, Director, Child Nutrition Department
7965 Artcraft Rd., El Paso, TX 79932
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Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo

Programa Nacional de Comidas en las Escuelas

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo continuará con su póliza de administrar bajo el Community Eligibility Program (CEP) los programas de almuerzo y desayuno escolar en el año escolar 2024-2025. Las escuelas que califican para operar CEP ofrecen desayuno y comida a todos los niños sin costo alguno y elimina la colección de solicitudes para comida gratis, precio reducido, y pagado. Este nuevo enfoque reduce la carga para las familias y los administradores escolares y asegura que los estudiantes reciban comidas nutritivas sin importar el ingreso familiar durante el año escolar 2024-2025.

Para información adicional por favor comunicarse a:
El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo
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By Lucie Winborne

• If you emptied a glass of water into the ocean and waited long enough to ensure that it was thoroughly mixed and distributed throughout the world's seas, then each glass of water taken from the ocean would contain around 250 molecules from that original glass.

• Euclid is the most successful textbook writer of all time. His "Elements," written around 300 B.C., has gone through more than 1,000 editions since the invention of printing.

• The Romans used poisonous lead as a sweetening agent.

• Asian hair grows 30% faster than Caucasian hair.

• People who have had strokes in the left frontal lobes of their brains resulting in severe language loss are better able to detect lies than people without brain damage.

• Generally, centipedes do not have 100 legs. For that matter, millipedes don't have 1,000 legs. Different species of centipedes have between 30 and 346 legs, while different species of millipedes have between 40 and 750 legs.

• The east coast of Canada is closer to London, England, than the west coast of Canada.

• Sorry, Chicago, you so-called "Windy City" – you're not the windiest city in America, or even close: That honor goes to Great Falls, Montana, with an average hourly wind speed of 13.4 miles.

• The last United States president to be born in a log cabin was James Garfield, on Nov. 19, 1831.

• What's in a name, indeed! A 1964 piece by avant-garde American composer La Monte Young is titled "The Tortoise Recalling the Drone of the Holy Numbers as They Were Revealed in the Dreams of the Whirlwind and the Obsidian Gang, Illustrated by the Sawmill, the Green Sawtooth Ocelot, and the High-tension Line Stepdown Transformer."

Thought for the Day: "Basically, the first half of life is writing the text, and the second half is writing the commentary on that text."
– Richard Rohr



Moments
in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On July 15, 1838, Ralph Waldo Emerson delivered the Divinity School Address at Harvard Divinity School, which was met with a negative outburst by many Unitarian theologians who considered his ideas radical and an attack on their faith.

• On July 16, 1979, Saddam Hussein became president of Iraq. His 24-year rule was marked by costly and unsuccessful wars with neighboring countries and brutal atrocities against his own people.

• On July 17, 1918, the ocean liner Carpathia, which had rescued the survivors of the doomed Titanic six years earlier, was sunk by three torpedoes from a German U-boat during World War I. Five people died, but the rest were picked up by the HMS Snowdrop.

• On July 18, 2013, the city of Detroit, Michigan, became the largest municipal entity in the United States to declare bankruptcy, with up to \$20 billion in debt. The decision was made by Kevyn Orr, an emergency manager appointed by then-Governor Rick Snyder, and the filing revealed that the city's largest creditors were its pensioners.

• On July 19, 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing regularly scheduled in-flight movies with the presentation of "By Love Possessed," starring Lana Turner, to first-class passengers on a flight from New York to Los Angeles.

• On July 20, 2011, basketball player Yao Ming, one of China's most popular athletes, announced his retirement from the NBA. Ming, who stood at over 7 feet tall, played with the Houston Rockets and had broken his foot the previous year. He had also missed a number of games in the last six seasons due to foot and ankle injuries.

• On July 21, 1987, Enzo Ferrari unveiled the Ferrari F40 at the factory in Maranello, Italy, to celebrate four decades of Ferrari production, telling assembled journalists that he had "expressed my wish to the engineers – build a car to be the best in the world. And now the car is here." At the time, the F40 was the fastest road vehicle ever built, with a top speed of 201mph.

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Public Notice

Request for Proposals

Administrative/ Professional Services 2025-2026 TxCDBG

The Town of Anthony, TX plans to apply for the upcoming 2025-2026 TX Community Development Block Grant Fund Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). These services are being solicited to assist the Town of Anthony, TX in its application and administration of the TxCDBG contract, if awarded, to support eligible activities associated with the program in the Town of Anthony, TX. Accordingly, the Town of Anthony, TX is seeking to contract with a qualified Professional Administrator or Service Provider (individual/firm) to prepare the application and/or administer the awarded contract.

This RFP is only available electronically. Proposals packets are available at <https://townofanthony.org/rfp-2025-2026-txcdbg-program-packet/>

Proposals MUST be submitted electronically in .pdf format via email to varmendariz@townofanthony.org with the subject line:

Town of Anthony, TX RFP 2025-2026 TxCDBG Program Packet

or submitted through the website portal. Proposals must be received by the Town of Anthony, TX no later than 2:00 p.m. on July 29, 2024 to be considered.

Proposals will be opened the morning of August 12, 2024 at 9 a.m. and the award date will be August 12, 2024 during the Regular Town Council meeting.

The Town of Anthony, TX reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The Town of Anthony, TX reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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Anthony Independent School District
Division of Career and Technical Education

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education* Programs

- 1) The Anthony Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Information Technology Support and Services; and Business Management. Admission to these programs is based on interest and aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space availability.
- 2) It is the policy of Anthony Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its employment, 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) Anthony Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all career and technology programs.
- 4) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Fernando Garnica, at 840 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, or call (915) 886-6501.

*These programs are called "Career and Technical Education" in Texas, but the applicable civil rights laws use the term "vocational."

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony
Sección de Carreras y Educación Técnica

Notificación Publica de no Discriminación
en Programas Vocacionales*

- 1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony ofrece programas vocacionales en profesiones de soporte y servicios informáticos; y gestión de negocios. Para admisión a éstos programas se basa en edad apropiada, aptitud y habilidad.
- 2) Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, ó impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, de empleo, ó actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.
- 3) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas de carrera y educación técnica.
- 4) Para más información sobre sus derechos ó procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Fernando Garnica, a 840 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, ó llame al (915) 886-6501.

*En Texas los programas se llaman "carreras y educación técnica," pero las leyes de derechos civiles utilizan el término "vocacional."

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Public Notice
Anthony Independent School District
SECTION 504 SERVICES

The Anthony Independent School District provides the following educational services/options to identified disabled students who reside within the district.

- ♦ Child find activities to notify disabled students and their parents of the their rights and the district's obligation to provide a free, appropriate public education.
- ♦ Referrals to Section 504 when it is believed the students have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and the students are in need of educational accommodations.
- ♦ Procedural safeguards under Section 504.
- ♦ Evaluations of students to determine eligibility for the Section 504 program.
- ♦ Placement into the Section 504 program, which means the student could receive:
 - ✓ individually planned accommodations in the regular classroom,
 - ✓ transportation services to and from school,
 - ✓ health services from the school nurse,
 - ✓ accommodations regarding access to any part of the campus, or
 - ✓ assistance in reading for students with dyslexia in a reading program.
- ♦ Special education services are available to Section 504 students, if the students qualify for one of the specific disabilities under special education.

If you would like more information or know of a child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Sandy Honts, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6500.

SERVICIOS DE LA SECCION 504

El distrito escolar independiente de Anthony provee los siguientes servicios/ opciones educacionales a los estudiantes con discapacidades identificados que residen dentro del distrito.

- ♦ Actividades para encontrar a niños para notificar a los estudiantes con discapacidades y a sus padres de sus derechos y de las obligaciones del distrito a proporcionar una educación pública que sea gratuita y apropiada.
- ♦ Referimientos a la Sección 504 cuando se cree que el estudiante tiene una discapacidad mental o física que limita substancialmente una o mas actividades vitales importantes y los estudiantes necesitan modificaciones en su educación.
- ♦ Derechos legales garantizados bajo Sección 504.
- ♦ Evaluaciones de estudiantes para determinar si califican para el programa de la Sección 504.
- ♦ Colocación dentro del programa de la Sección 504, lo que significa que el estudiante puede recibir:
 - ✓ adaptaciones en el salón de educación regular planeadas individualmente,
 - ✓ servicios de transporte para la escuela y para atras,
 - ✓ servicios de salud por la enfermera de la escuela,
 - ✓ cambios que garanticen el acceso a cualquier parte de la escuela,
 - ✓ ayuda en lectura para estudiantes con dislexia en un programa de lectura.
- ♦ Se ofrecen servicios de educación especial a los estudiantes Sección 504, si los estudiantes califican para una de las discapacidades especificas bajo educación especial.

Si usted desea más información ó sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el Distrito Escolar de Anthony que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Sandy Honts, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6500.

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Don’t look now – NFL season is right around the corner

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

If you happen to see men slowly walking around your neighborhood, looking confused and lost and as if they haven’t showered in months, don’t be alarmed.

These are just avid football fans who haven’t had any purpose in life ever since the Kansas City Chiefs knocked off the San Francisco 49ers in last year’s Super Bowl.

Without football, they figure, “what is life all about?”

But the reason we see them coming out from their basketball-baseball-WNBA-hockey-soccer hibernation, is because NFL training camps are opening all over the country.

Their reason to get out of bed in the morning is finally here again.

In case you hadn’t heard, several teams have already opened training camp for the start of the season. The Chiefs, 49ers, Baltimore Ravens, Houston Texans, Buffalo Bills, Carolina Panthers, Chicago Bears, Denver Broncos, Green Bay Packers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Chargers, Miami Dolphins, New England Patriots, New York Jets and Giants, Seattle Seahawks and Washington Commanders have all reported.

The rest of the NFL will start later this week.

I know it’s still hot out there and we’re still in the middle of baseball season, but football is back.

How “back” is the NFL? How about this little fact, did you know that the very first preseason game of the year will kickoff in two short weeks.

The Houston Texans and the Chicago Bears will go at it in the Hall of Fame game on Thursday, Aug. 1 in

Canton, Ohio.

It’s hard to believe that the road to the 2025 Super Bowl has already started.

I know it’s early and so many things can happen between now and the Feb. 9 date of Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans, but let’s review some of the bigger questions.

First of all, how many games will Aaron Rodgers play? Remember that Rodgers was going to be the guy to take the Jets to the big game last year but lasted only four plays before getting injured and missing the entire season.

Well, Rodgers is back and the Jets have a loaded roster. Let’s see if he can last long enough to lead them past the Bills and Dolphins in the AFC East.

There will be so many running backs in new uniforms this season, who will have the best season?

Former Titans star Derrick Henry is now a Raven, former Giant Saquon Barkley is now an Eagle, former

Raider Josh Jacobs is now a Packer, former Cowboy Tony Pollard is now a Titan, former Bengal Joe Mixon is now a Texan, former Patriot (for a season) Zeke Elliott is back with the Cowboys and former Burges Mustang, UTEP Miner and Green Bay Packer Aaron Jones is now a Minnesota Viking.

As far as quarterbacks go, the only real name that changed teams and could make a difference is Kirk Cousins, who went from the Vikings to the Atlanta Falcons.

Other quarterbacks you might notice on their new teams are Sam Darnold with the Vikings, Justin Fields or Russell Wilson with the Steelers, and Jacoby Brissett with the Patriots.

Like I said, nothing too exciting there.

As far as teams go, the biggest question of the season is whether or not Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs can win their third Super Bowl in a row.

Believe it or not, no team has ever

won three straight Super Bowls. The closest have been the Cowboys and the Patriots, who won three in four years.

And who is going to stop the Chiefs? Is this the year that the 49ers, Lions, Ravens, Bengals, Bills or Cowboys come through?

Don’t forget there were six quarterbacks taken in the first round of the draft. Will any of them break through and have the kind of rookie season that C.J. Stroud had with the Texans last season?

How about rookie coach Jim Harbaugh, who just led Michigan to the NCAA title. How will he do in his first year with the Chargers?

The only answer we do have is that the football season is here, and those poor souls coming out of their non-football comas can fire up the grill, stock the fridge with beer, get their jerseys out of the closet and order the NFL Network.

NFL football is here baby!

Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Getting by on a low food budget

I recently read a report about price increases and inflation. It was financially technical, meaning it used a lot of terms that regular people would need to look up to understand, which means most of us wouldn’t... which left the writer of the report free to come to conclusions not connected to reality.

For example, this particular report said that during the reporting period we’d had only a very tiny increase in food prices because of a drop in energy costs, and so on, which skewed all the individual numbers when they were averaged out.

Which doesn’t help us at the grocery store, does it?

Here are some ideas to make our food dollars go further:

Sign up for every local grocery store loyalty rewards program you can find. Those amounts add up, and sometimes you’ll get a surprise with the occasional coupon for a free item or buy two get one free. At the very least, you’ll get a credit on your rewards account.

My local store, for example, adds up all the credits for three months and applies them quarterly to my account once I activate them.

Take advantage of the sales at those stores by shopping their weekly flyer, either the paper version or digital version online. See how much of your weekly menu you can create by using those sale items, especially proteins and generic house brands. Keep an eye on the coupons that are issued at checkout and watch the coupons if you get the Sunday paper.

Check into free senior lunches, the food bank, Meals on Wheels, meals at the senior center, the local Council on Aging and churches with donation pantries as a means of getting no-cost food.

The key thing to remember is to eat as well as you can to stay healthy.

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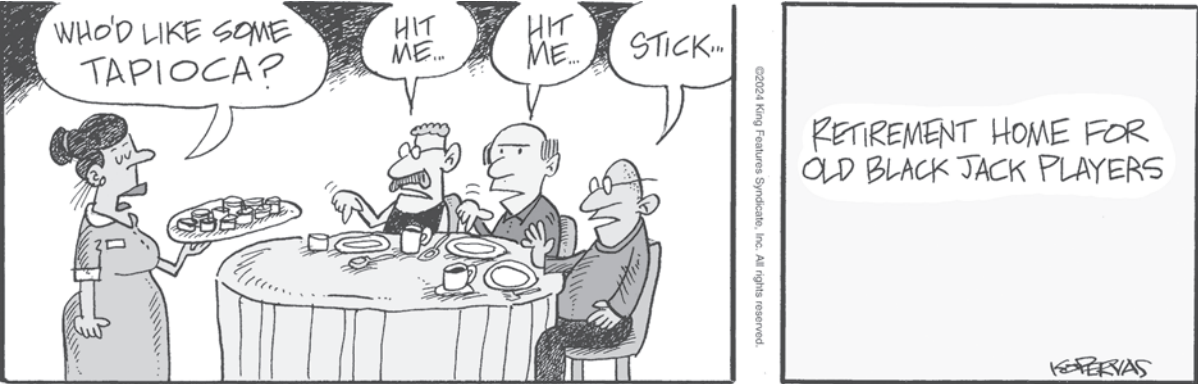
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Lowry

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fragile and addled in July 2024, there’s no way he’s going to serve in the most demanding job on the planet until January 2029. This means the electorate will be, in effect, voting in November to make Kamala Harris president of the United States sometime in the next term, without her being at the top of the ticket and withstanding all the scrutiny and bearing all the responsibility that comes with that.

Her accession will be constitutionally legitimate, since this is how the system works. But it will be doing Harris and the country no favors to have her take the presidency without winning the office directly herself.

All this was avoidable if Joe and Jill Biden had had the foresight and public-spiritedness to decide last year that he wasn’t up for another presidential campaign and another term in office. That way, there could have been a fully open primary contest with a large, robust field. The winner would have had the legitimacy of having won the most votes in the primary and presumably have

raised no serious question whether – absent some terrible unforeseeable event – he or she could serve out a full term.

The Bidens made that impossible and also created a situation where we don’t know whether the sitting president is fully in charge and whether he has a serious medical condition, diagnosed or undiagnosed. Certainly, the White House has been doing everything possible to keep people from knowing about Joe Biden’s reduced state, and until his catastrophic debate performance, almost all the insiders who had seen or heard about his alarming condition were happy to keep it to themselves.

“Democracy dies in darkness” is the Trump-era motto of The Washington Post. Well, the inner sanctum of the Democratic Party tried to keep the public in the dark about Joe Biden, and now either wants to dump him against the expressed will of its voters, or effectively run Kamala Harris for president without admitting to voters that that is what it’s doing.

Defending democracy is hard work.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. ©2024 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Dietary advice for Lynch syndrome differs

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a healthy 55-year-old woman who eats well and exercises (with both weights and cardio) six to seven times per week. Four years ago, I was diagnosed with Lynch syndrome. (I have the “MLH1” genotype.) My primary care physician suggested testing after my sister died of cancer at the age of 48. (Doctors were never able to determine if she had breast or lung cancer because of the location of the cancer.)



All of my siblings (four of us) have been tested, and each of us has it. Two of my nieces have also tested positive for it. I have three adult children of my own, and my doctor told me that at least one of them will have it. Of my three children, only one has been tested, and she tested positive for it. Since my diagnosis, I have been receiving regular preventive care such as colonoscopies, endoscopies and mammograms. Other than some polyps that were removed, checked, and free of cancer, all procedures have come back “clear.”

One doctor told me to eat little to no red meat, follow a Mediterranean-style diet, and exercise. Another told me: “Live your life and eat whatever you want. Lynch Syndrome is hereditary. No matter what you do, you’ll either get cancer, or you won’t!”

I feel like I’m getting mixed messages from my doctors. Could you please tell me more information about Lynch syndrome? Does this mean that I will definitely end up getting cancer? Is there preventive care that I should focus on? – G.R.

Lynch syndrome is caused by a mutation in a group of DNA repair genes. Without these repair genes, a person’s DNA is more liable to have errors in it when duplicated, which leads to an increased risk of cancers. People with Lynch syndrome are particularly at risk for colon cancer, but also cancers of the stomach, kidney, bladder and other organs. Women are at a higher risk for endometrial and ovarian cancer, but it remains debated whether breast cancer is a Lynch-associated cancer. Men with Lynch syndrome are at a higher risk for prostate cancer.

Among family members, it is expected that half will inherit the Lynch mutation. Your family has been unlucky. I recommend that your other children get tested soon.

Of the four major genotypes in Lynch syndrome, MLH1 tends to have the highest risk of cancer, and approximately 70% to 80% of women with this genotype will get a Lynch-associated cancer, usually colon or endometrial. The goal is to find and remove these cancers before they can spread.

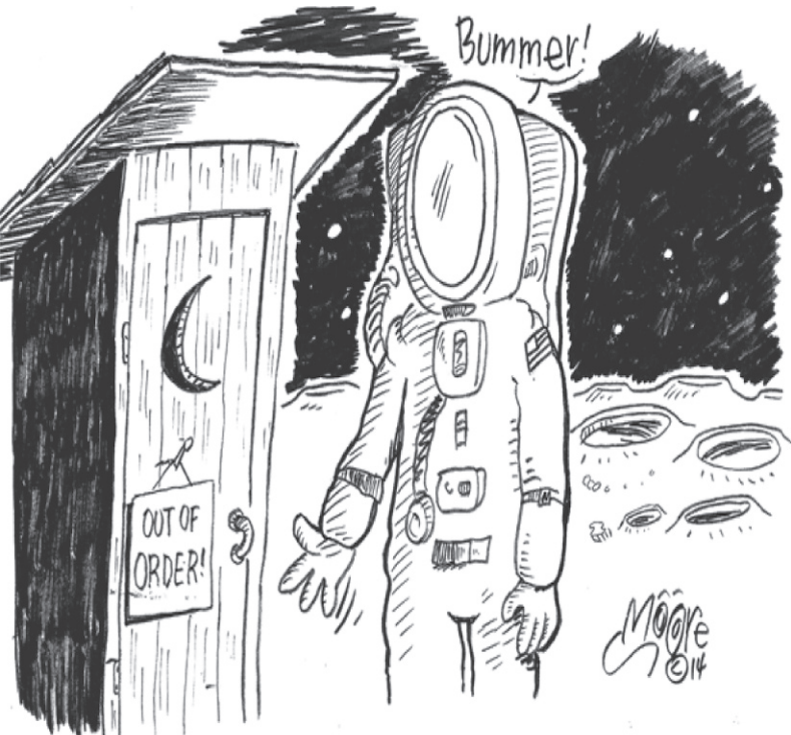
I strongly disagree with the doctor who suggested that diet isn’t important. When you are at a higher risk for cancer, it’s more important to have the healthiest lifestyle you can. A Mediterranean-style diet, which is high in fruits and vegetables and low in processed foods and meat, is likely to reduce your cancer risk, but it is critically important to continue screening.

A colonoscopy is recommended every one to two years. Many experts perform endometrial biopsies every year, despite ironclad evidence of benefit. Ovarian cancer screening is controversial and of uncertain benefit; some high-risk women have chosen a risk-reducing surgery to remove their ovaries and fallopian tubes.

Any symptoms of endometrial or ovarian cancer should be discussed with your physician, who can decide whether to do additional testing.

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.

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Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
July 20, 1969: Reportedly the first word from the moon was “Houston” as in “Houston, the Eagle has landed.” My bet is after that long trip, he said, “Houston, where’s the bathroom?”

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: Z equals S

TQJP ZQHSSL RBMJRHP MJHZRZ
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RQJL'EJ LHGGBPS BR WV.

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New presumptives for VA health care



by Freddy Groves

The VA has added three types of cancer to the list of presumptive illnesses and disabilities that it will consider to be service-connected. “Presumptive” means the VA “presumes” your condition was caused by your service, which means you don’t have to prove anything.

The three new conditions are male breast cancer, urethral cancer and cancer of the paraurethral glands.

If you were diagnosed with any of those three new cancers on or after Aug. 10, 2022, but were denied benefits, you might be eligible for those benefits now.

Because of the PACT Act (aka The Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act), the levels of health care and benefits are expanded for veterans who were exposed to toxins. Service locations have been expanded over time and now

include Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen and Uzbekistan.

During certain time periods, the following are also included: being aboard a military vessel within 12 nautical miles of Vietnam/Cambodia, and serving in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Guam, American Samoa, the Korean DMZ or the Johnston Atoll, or if you served in a location where C-123 aircraft were assigned. Radiation exposure is presumed for Enewetak Atoll, Palomares and Thule.

The toxins list is long as well: burn pits, sand and dust, particulates, oil well or sulfur fires, chemicals, radiation, warfare agents, depleted uranium, herbicides and more. Go online to www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures for more information. Be sure to scroll through the alphabetical listing of toxins and illnesses in all the drop-down menus.

If you were a volunteer for testing hazardous chemicals and materials (or if you suspect you were

part of the tests), see www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure. Click on “Project 112/SHAD” for a link to declassified documents about the dates, locations and agents used.

To learn more about the PACT Act and the benefits you have from that, go to VA.gov/PACT, or call 1-800-MYVA411 (1-800-698-2411).

If you haven’t had your free screening yet, do. Call and make an appointment.

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• Keep in your living room or family room a globe or world map and a dictionary. This way, you can look up the meaning or spelling of a word if you hear it on television, and you’ll be able to reference the map for places mentioned. I consult mine often.

• “I use the large pails of kitty litter. They have a lid that can be removed completely but also has a pour spout. I save my empties to collect rainwater. I remove the lid and set them out to catch water when it rains, then put the lid on so that the water does not attract mosquitoes. I use it to water my flowers between storms.” – via email

• “Purchase a variety of wood frames from secondhand stores or tag sales, and paint them all one color. It makes a statement when you hang them all close together on a wall. We created a nice large display this way, and it was very inexpensive to do.” – E.M. in Arizona

• Create your own charging station: Find a wooden box large enough to hold a multistrip power connection and pretty enough to sit on the counter. Drill one hole in the side to fit the plug. In the top of the box, create holes through which you can fit your electronics connectors (cellphones, iPad, camera, etc.). All the cords will be stored in the box, out of sight.

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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.

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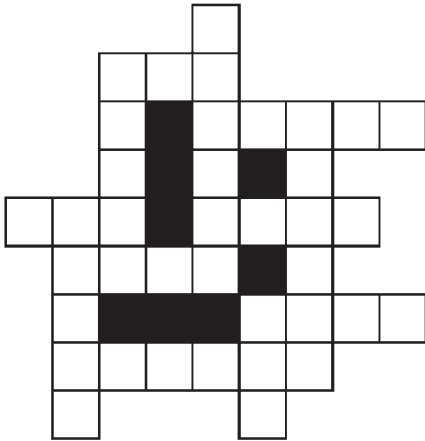
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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