



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**ESSENTIAL REPRESENTATION** – The Annunciation House, above, is located in downtown El Paso. The Catholic Church operates the house and works with the local nonprofit organization Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center to provide legal services to immigrants and refugees on both sides of the border.

## Catholic organization alleges Attorney General is using consumer protection laws to intimidate

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – Government officials would be infringing on religious freedom if they were to restrict the Catholic Church’s work; in this case, serving migrants along the U.S.-Mexico border, according to Archbishop Timothy Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).  
The archbishop addressed the issue during a recent USCCB meeting where migration issues, including the long wait for religious worker visas, came up repeatedly. He acknowledged the recent targeting of faith-based border work by government officials and cited the Texas attorney general’s attempt to shut down the Anunciation House, a Catholic nonprofit that has operated a network of migrant shelters in the El Paso region for decades.  
El Paso Bishop Mark Seitz, who chairs the USCCB’s committee on migration, also expressed his worry, “We’re very concerned about our ability to continue to have the freedom to serve them.”  
He pointed out that numerous faith organizations have been caring for most of the tens of thousands of migrants on both sides of the border.

American bishops overseeing dioceses along the border are trying to respect both the Gospel and law, Broglio stated. However, he cautioned of election-year politics which only stalls any possible progress toward fixing migration problems.  
Seitz noted that the hostility towards Christian charity has even risen to the point of accusing Catholic ministries, who are engaged in service to migrants and refugees, of facilitating the evil of human trafficking. “Yet, many of those same entities actively work with law enforcement agencies to identify and counter such criminal activity, and to assist those who have been victimized by it,” he asserted.  
The El Paso Bishop was alluding to Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton’s insistence of using consumer protection laws, which are meant to protect against fraudulent or deceptive practices, to pursue non-government organizations (NGOs). That is the approach that the attorney general is using to punish the Annunciation House, a nonprofit in El Paso that for decades has served immigrants and refugees seeking shelter.  
Ruben Garcia, the Annunciation House’s director and founder, was part of a small group that formed the nonprofit in the 1970s. He has since become an unofficial historian of

the migration patterns and political response to immigration and immigrants along the U.S.-Mexico border.  
And in his nearly five decades at the nonprofit shelter, Garcia stated in a recent news interview that he had never encountered a situation like the one that occurred last March. Attorney General Paxton had sent agents of his Consumer Protection Division to Annunciation House’s doorsteps wanting to come inside and search the nonprofit’s records, including all logs identifying immigrants who received services there, going back more than two years.  
Garcia recalled asking the group, which included an assistant attorney general and a law enforcement officer from the state agency, if they had a warrant. They didn’t, instead they presented a letter that stated that the attorney general’s office had the power to immediately enter the building without one.  
Normally, consumer protection laws give attorneys general broad legal authority to request a wide range of records when investigating businesses or charities for allegations

of deceptive or fraudulent practices, such as gas stations that hike up fuel prices during hurricanes, companies that run robocalling phone scams, and unscrupulous contractors who take advantage of homeowners.  
Now, according to a report by *The Texas Tribune*, Paxton is using the consumer protection laws to investigate a range of entities for activities like offering shelter to immigrants, providing health care to transgender teens, or trying to foster a diverse workplace, according to recent news report.  
Attorneys representing the nonprofit organization contend that Paxton is targeting these nonprofits, launching investigations simply to harass their clients and to cause a chilling effect among organizations doing similar work.  
These attorneys recently stated that

***“We obviously want to respect the law, but if that liberty is restricted, then yes, our religious liberty is being restricted because we can’t put into practice the precepts of the Gospel.”***  
– Archbishop Timothy Broglio  
President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

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# Jack Smith should go away

Even the Democratic deus ex machina is having a bad stretch.

No matter how favorable the presidential race has looked for Donald Trump, there’s always been the possibility that Special Counsel Jack Smith would get to trial with his Jan. 6 case before the election and, at the very least, dominate the news cycle for weeks and, in all likelihood, convict Trump in a case involving more serious matters than hush money to a porn star.

Since President Joe Biden stumbled so badly in the first presidential debate leading him to drop out of the 2024 presidential race, lawfare is more important than ever to Democrats. But Jack Smith’s J6 case is hanging by a thread.

Democrats blame the Supreme Court, which has

undercut Smith in two new decisions. In the belief that what the situation requires is a futile and stupid gesture, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says she’s going to file articles of impeachment against conservative justices.

Yet, it is Smith who has forced novel and sensitive legal issues to the fore. The Biden Justice Department and Democrats may believe that it’s the role of the Supreme Court to expedite a politically motivated, legally dubious prosecution of a major-party presidential candidate prior to a national election, but it’s not.

Because what Smith is doing is unprecedented, it has raised questions that haven’t been answered before – such as, you know, whether a former president of the United States can be prosecuted at all.

If the Biden Justice Department wanted such

questions decided well before the 2024 election, it needed to indict Trump earlier than August 2023.

As it is, Jack Smith has been in a race against the clock because the political usefulness of his prosecution disappears after Election Day 2024, and if Trump wins, the prosecution itself goes away. This means that Smith, against Justice Department guidelines, is conducting his prosecution on a political timetable.

The Supreme Court just made Smith’s hope to get the case to a jury sometime soon much harder by concluding that presidents have immunity for their

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Request for Proposals**  
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The Village of Vinton is seeking consultant services related to the development of a Stormwater Management Plan for the Village of Vinton, Texas by issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP package may be accessed at:  
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Proposals must be received in a sealed envelope or box at the Village of Vinton by 11:00 AM on August 19, 2024, MST and must be clearly labeled "2024-002 Vinton Stormwater Masterplan." Proposals are to be addressed to the Village Administrator, Village of Vinton, 436 E. Vinton Rd. Vinton, TX 79821. Proposals arriving late will be returned unopened.  
All interested The Village of

respondents can register with the Project Manager, Daniel Bueno Jr., to receive updates, addenda or any additional information required. The Village is not responsible for any failure to register. An optional pre-proposal meeting will be held for this project on August 7, 2024 at 11:00 AM at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton TX 79821.  
Inquiries to the Village requesting clarification of the Request for Proposals must be made via e-mail and must be received prior to the end of the business day on August 7, 2024. Such inquiries are to be delivered to Daniel Bueno, Jr. Project Manager at [dbueno@vintontx.us](mailto:dbueno@vintontx.us). Respondents shall designate a contact person to address any questions concerning a proposal.  
Respondents shall also state the name and title of individuals who will make final decisions regarding contractual commitments.  
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Village Administrator  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
Public hearings will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 during the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, and on Tuesday, August 20, 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.  
MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON, BUT THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS THE MEETING THROUGH THE ZOOM.US PLATFORM AT THE FOLLOWING URL:  
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*Andrea N. Carrillo*  
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## House

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the attorney general’s demands violate the First Amendment, which guarantees the right to free speech, association and religion, and the Fourth Amendment, which offers protection against unreasonable search and seizure.

The political weaponization of consumer protection divisions by Paxton and other attorneys general appears to be “a core violation” of constitutional laws that runs counter to what these divisions were established to do, Georgetown Law professor Michele Goodwin stated in a recent news report.

Consumer protection regulations were intended to protect the public, Goodwin said. “Instead, what is taking place in these times are efforts that undermine the civil liberties and the civil rights of people who are the public

in those states and the people who are in those states who are seeking to aid and assist the public,” she added.

In the Annunciation House case, the attorney general’s office went even further by showing up at the nonprofit’s door and demanding to immediately review documents rather than sending its requests for records by mail and giving organizations weeks to respond, as it often has in other cases.

Paxton’s office denied the nonprofit’s request for additional time to determine what information it was legally required to turn over, prompting Annunciation House to sue. In response, the attorney general’s office argued in court documents that the nonprofit had forfeited its right to operate and publicly accused it of acting as a stash house for immigrants that he alleges are in the country illegally.

The attorney general’s move to shutter Annunciation

House drew swift rebuke from political and religious leaders, who said his characterizations of the nonprofit were a dangerous misrepresentation of the charity. Paxton’s actions also sparked concern as far away as the Vatican. In a recent interview with CBS News, Pope Francis called Paxton’s efforts “madness, sheer madness.”

“The migrant has to be received,” the pope said on the television news program ‘60 Minutes’. “Thereafter you see how you’re going to deal with them. Maybe you have to send them back. I don’t know. But each case ought to be considered humanely, right?”

Annunciation House primarily serves people who are processed and released into the U.S. by immigration officials. Garcia communicates daily with Border Patrol and other federal agencies that regularly ask for help finding shelter for people who turn themselves in to authorities or are apprehended but have nowhere to go while their cases are processed.

Paxton’s demands are now on appeal, after State District Court Judge Francisco X. Dominguez dismissed the attorney’s general counter-lawsuit and ruled that the attorney general failed to establish grounds to close the Catholic nonprofit and that the state violated the organization’s religious freedoms. The appeal will be forwarded to the Texas Supreme Court, which is comprised of nine Republican justices.

Even when Paxton doesn’t get speedy access to the documents he wants, he often publicizes these typically confidential cases, putting out news releases that draw headlines and build support among his base of hardline conservatives.

An attorney who represents Annunciation House, Jerome Wesevich, commented that

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## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

### 2024-2025 NSLP Policy Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The Tornillo Independent School District announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under 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.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Tornillo ISD Food Service Manager  
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### Noticia Pública

Poliza de Comidas Escolares  
de NSLP del Año 2024-2025

#### Disposición de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (CEP)

El Distrito Escolar de Tornillo anunció el día de hoy que continuará su política de operar la Disposición de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (CEP) bajo el Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares y el Programa de Desayunos Escolares para el año escolar 2024-2025. Las escuelas que califican para operar la Disposición de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (CEP) sirven desayuno y almuerzo a todos los niños sin cargo y eliminan la recolección de solicitudes de comidas para obtener comidas para estudiantes gratuitas, a precio reducido y pagadas. Este nuevo enfoque reduce las cargas tanto para las familias como para los administradores escolares y ayuda a garantizar que los estudiantes reciban comidas nutritivas.

Para obtener información adicional, por favor comuníquese con la siguiente persona:

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## Clint Independent School District Public Notice

### 2024-2025 School Meal Policy

Clint Independent School District announced its policy today that this school year, healthy meals will be offered every school day to all students at no cost. Typically, a student's household must meet income eligibility requirements to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued guidance that allows schools to offer meals to all students at no cost for the 2024-2025 school year. Each school/site or central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed upon request.

While no application or eligibility determination process is required for your student to receive free meals this school year, the income eligibility requirement will likely resume in the 2025-2026 school year.

For additional information please contact:  
Carlos Villalobos, CISD Child Nutrition Program Director  
Email: [Carlos.Villalobos@clint.net](mailto:Carlos.Villalobos@clint.net)  
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## Notificación Pública

### Póliza de Comida del Año 2024-2025

*El Distrito Escolar De Clint anunció hoy su política de que, en este año escolar, se ofrecerán comidas saludables a todos los estudiantes sin costo alguno en todos los días escolares. Por lo general, el hogar de un estudiante debe cumplir con los requisitos de elegibilidad de ingresos para calificar para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido. Sin embargo, el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA, por sus siglas en inglés), emitió una guía que permite a las escuelas ofrecer comidas a todos los estudiantes sin costo alguno para el año escolar 2024-2025. Cada escuela/centro u oficina central tiene una copia de la política, que puede ser revisada bajo petición.*

*Si bien no se requiere ninguna solicitud o proceso de determinación de elegibilidad para que su estudiante reciba comidas gratuitas este año escolar, el requisito de elegibilidad de ingresos probablemente se reanudarán en el año escolar 2025-2026.*

*Para información adicional por favor comunicarse con:*  
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Canutillo Independent School District

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Canutillo Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Agriculture Science; Business Management and Administration; Culinary Arts; Marketing and Sales; Exploring Careers; Education and Training; Career Preparation; Health Science; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; Cyber Security; Computer Science; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); Biomedical Science Human Services and Robotics. Admission to these programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y Educativos de Carrera y Técnicas y Vocacionales.

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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.

• 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.

• 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

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Moments in time  
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• On July 22, 1893, Katharine Lee Bates wrote the lyrics to "America the Beautiful" after admiring the view from the top of Pikes Peak in Colorado. The song's music was composed by Samuel A. Ward, a church organist and choirmaster in Newark, N.J. The two never met in person.

• On July 23, 1980, Pham Tuan became the first Vietnamese citizen as well as the first Asian in space when he flew on board the Soyuz 37 mission as an Intercosmos Research Cosmonaut. His career awards included the rare distinction of being one of the few foreigners to receive the title Hero of the Soviet Union.

• On July 24, 1915, the passenger ship SS Eastland capsized while tied to a dock in the Chicago River, killing a total of 844 passengers and crew in the largest loss of life disaster from a single shipwreck on the Great Lakes.

• On July 25, 2000, George Bush announced his selection of former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney to be his running mate on the Republican presidential ticket. Cheney had worked under all five presidential administrations between 1969 and 1993, and Bush described him as qualified, respected and someone who shared his vision for America.

• On July 26, 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died of cancer at the age of 33. Shortly before her passing, she had been given the title of "Spiritual Leader of the Nation of Argentina" by the Argentine Congress, and she was also accorded a state funeral, which was generally reserved for heads of state.

• On July 27, 1866, the first permanent transatlantic telegraph cable was successfully completed, reaching from Valentia Island, Ireland, to Heart's Content, Newfoundland.

• On July 28, 2018, Wendy Tuck of Australia became the first female captain to win the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. Afterward, in an interview with the Daily Telegraph, she said, "If one little girl sees this, sees it can be done and has a go, that will be what matters to me."

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CryptoQuip Answer

Because that fellow who bakes pies and Danishes is sickly-looking, I guess he's a pasty chef.

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## Anthony Independent School District 2024-2025 Meal Policy

The Anthony Independent School District announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under 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 approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

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Attention: Tisha Villalva, Director, Child Nutrition Program  
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Phone: (915) 886-6542; Email: [tvillalva@anthonyisd.net](mailto:tvillalva@anthonyisd.net)

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## El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony Regla de Alimentos Año 2024-2025

*El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony y las escuelas Anthony High School, Anthony Middle School y Anthony Elementary han anunciado hoy que continuará con su póliza de administrar el Community Eligibility Program (CEP) bajo los programas de National School Lunch Program y School Breakfast Program 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 enfoque reduce la carga para las familias y los administradores escolares y asegura que los estudiantes reciban comidas nutritivas.*

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## San Elizario Independent School District Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Programs

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# Conference USA doesn’t believe in Walden’s Miners... yet

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Every toddler exploring the world for the first time must learn to crawl and then walk, before they eventually hitting the ground running.

And there will be times when they’ll lose their balance and fall down. Sometimes it’ll be a nice, harmless, fall, sometimes it’ll be with a thud and a trip to the hospital.

But with every fall and every feeling of pain, as they get older, they start to learn how to keep up with the other kids and even begin passing them.

This advancement can only be achieved through practice and experience, trial and error, victories and disappointments.

The UTEP football team starts practice for their season in just a week. They’ll start getting ready for the season-opener on Aug. 31 at the Nebraska Cornhuskers. That’s just a little over a month away.

In past years the UTEP football season has pretty much been looked at as the so-so appetizer we had to get through before the main course of UTEP basketball was served up.

But things are a little different this year. There’s a new chef in the kitchen by the name of Scotty Walden, who is tossing out the old menu, getting ready for his grand opening.

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Walden has come into El Paso jumping and shouting and running and chest bumping and fast-talking and injecting the city, the university and the football team with a different mindset.

It’s a mindset of confidence. Walden doesn’t care what happened here in the past. He’s all about starting a new future of winning football at UTEP.

Wow... wait... I’m okay now. I got a little dizzy there. I haven’t used the words “winning” and “football” and “UTEP” in the same sentence in years.

Over the last decade, UTEP coaches Sean Kugler and Dana Dimel gave it their best, but they couldn’t win. But it wasn’t just the losing – it was the boring run-run-pass unimaginative offense each one ran.

Insomniacs all around the city loved UTEP football, but the fans hated it.

Walden is changing everything up. The Miners are going to play fast-break football. Running a play every 12-15 seconds, throwing the ball all over the field, trick plays, an aggressive defense. Win or lose,

Walden is going to make the Miners fun to watch again.

But before Walden’s teams can make any Conference USA news, they are going to have to learn to take baby steps this season.

Walden’s first year came at a tough time. It came at a time when the Miners are only going to play five home games, while playing seven on the road.

Of those seven away from home, the Miners will travel to Nebraska, to Tennessee, to Colorado State, and they will also travel to the top two teams in CUSA, Liberty and Western Kentucky.

The other two road games are at Louisiana Tech and NMSU.

Speaking of CUSA, the league came out with its preseason prediction of how the teams will finish this year. Of the 10 teams in the league, UTEP was picked to finish second to last.

The only team ranked lower than the Miners was the newcomer to the league, Kennesaw State.

Even the NMSU Aggies were picked

to finish fifth.

I have absolutely no doubt that Walden will eventually turn UTEP’s football program around and not only make it a winner, but a champion.

But don’t expect any miracles in his first year. The schedule is brutal. and he still needs to bring in a bunch more players who will fit his style of football.

If the Miners can pull out five wins this season, I think that’ll be a very successful year.

What I do expect will make the athletic department very happy. I believe the interest in UTEP football has grown so much that the Sun Bowl will be fuller than it has been in quite a while.

All in all, UTEP football is about to run through the conference.

But not his year – this year the Miners will learn to crawl.

Next year, the Miners will walk and even start jogging by the end of the year.

In year three, look for the Miners to be in a full sprint for the CUSA title.

## Senior moment By Matilda Charles

### Steps to stay safe

A friend sent me a text message just as I was going out the door for a trip to the store. I replied: “Making a grocery run. Need anything?”

“No, but thank you,” came the reply. “Stay safe.”

Stay safe.

It’s been a long time since anyone has said those words to me, and it certainly wasn’t in the middle of summer when they did.

In winter when roads and walkways are covered in ice, yes, someone might warn about it.

Or when sudden fog rolls in, making it nearly impossible to even see the end of the car, yes, someone coming back from town might send a text message with a warning.

But in the middle of summer, with no icy roads and no fog, someone tells me to stay safe?

Still, those two little words have caused me to take stock of my safety. Here’s what I’ve done so far:

I’ve given my big ladder to a neighbor to keep from being tempted to paint the bathroom. The food in my pantry has been checked for expired dates. A grab bar has been installed in the shower and a small trip-hazard throw rug is gone. I have a shredder to deal with any old documents with personal information.

I still wear a mask when out in public (because yes, Covid really is still out there). I did a major decluttering and had many things hauled away (plus two carloads of donations to Goodwill), so there are fewer things in the house that could be considered clutter. The smoke detectors have new batteries.

I’m signed up at the rec center so I can use the indoor track. I have a pretty good (none are perfect) antivirus program on my computer.

So, I should be safe, right? How about you? Are there changes you need to consider?

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## Super Crossword

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30 Sponsorship	87 Miserly sort	4 Attacked like a bee	52 "Dynamite" singer	99 Land parcel
31 Small telescope	89 Stationery store product	5 Confucian "way"	53 Chimps' cousins	100 Fur-covered
34 Diner classic	92 Ping-Pong	6 Upper limb	57 Future pupae	101 Duck variety
37 Ancient Celtic priest	94 Sweet snacks on sticks	7 Antifungal brand	59 Clenched hand	102 Charge-free
39 Join together in a labor group	98 Cry to an attack dog	8 "Good grief!"	60 Genesis boat	104 "Twin Peaks" actor Jack
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45 Breastbone	103 Big name in concert pianos	10 Put a stop to	64 " _ be a shame if..."	106 Ward off
49 Holds fast (to)	108 Drizzles or sprinkles	11 British actor Derek	66 Really regret	107 _ Buena Island
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official acts, and some of the Jan. 6 charges, indeed, involve official acts. The obvious play for Jack Smith would be to strip his case down to charges involving private acts, such as the so-called fake electors scheme. Since the Supreme Court majority said even that isn't clear-cut, though, the way would be open for Trump to appeal – with its attendant delays – an even more minimal case.

The majority opinion, written by Chief Justice John Roberts, is not unassailable, but neither is it wildly unreasonable or going to lead to future presidents droning their political opponents with impunity.

Meanwhile, two of Smith's charges rely on a provision passed as part of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act after the 2001 Enron scandal that doesn't obviously have applicability to the events of Jan. 6. Last week, a majority of the Supreme Court – in a decision joined by Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, by the way – adopted a narrow reading of the law, further complicating Smith's task.

It would be better if these matters of law were being decided as abstract questions without knowing who will be affected one way or the other before a national election, but Jack Smith has made that impossible. A more modest prosecutor never would have gotten himself or the country in this fix.

It is very fitting that Smith's appointment as special counsel may itself be constitutionally defective, and is under serious challenge in the classified documents case he is pursuing in Florida.

By rights, he should go away. Smith represents the worst tendency of the law-enforcement and national-security establishment since Trump's rise to prominence in 2016. The basic idea has been that it's OK to stretch or break norms as long as it's in the cause of opposing Trump. Showing remarkably poor judgment, Smith assumed that everyone, including the Supreme Court of the United States, would go along.

Now that it hasn't, he's poorly positioned to assist Joe Biden when he needs it most.

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Restless legs syndrome interrupts man's sleep

DEAR DR. ROACH: Do you have any recommendations to stop restless legs at night? My husband has been to many doctors to find a cause or a solution to stop them. His legs have raised up as much as a foot in the air at night, constantly jumping and causing many sleepless nights. No one seems to have a solution for him. – J.O.



Restless legs syndrome (RLS) is a common condition where people have the urge to move their legs. It's usually worse at night and associated with an unpleasant sensation that is relieved by movement. People with RLS often have involuntary jerking movements of their legs during sleep, unimagatively called "periodic limb movements of sleep."

Your husband may have these periodic limb movements without RLS, which is then considered periodic limb movement disorder. Treatment recommendations require an exact diagnosis. I often see his condition misdiagnosed or continue on for years without a diagnosis. The diagnosis is confirmed by a sleep study where the limb movements are recorded and characterized. Once the diagnosis is made, there are a few important considerations:

The first is that this condition often coincides with iron deficiency, which should be looked for and treated, if necessary. (The underlying cause for iron deficiency also needs to be found.) It may take weeks or even months after iron replacement for the leg movements to get better.

Prior to medication treatment, a review of any medicines your husband takes is appropriate, as some can cause similar symptoms. Regular exercise, avoidance of caffeine and alcohol, and good sleep (ironically) can all improve symptoms in some people.

If medicine is needed, medications like pregabalin or pramipexole may be the first-line treatment, depending on the results of the sleep study and how intermittent the symptoms are. A new therapy called neurostimulation is a drug-free approach that has been shown to be effective. One device, the tonic motor activation, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for RLS and will hopefully be available shortly.

But there are many experts in this condition. He should see a sleep medicine expert.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was wondering if you could give me any information on idiopathic stabbing headaches. I have been having them for three months now. From what I have read, this is a long time to have this condition. I can have them anywhere from 3-50 times a day, and sometimes they go away for a day or two. They are extremely painful. I was prescribed indomethacin, which gives some relief but doesn't fix the problem. This is a very strong NSAID, and I am tolerating it with minimal side effects. But I don't want to be on this long-term. Do you have any suggestions that might help me? – L.L.

A stabbing headache is an uncommon headache syndrome. It can be hard to distinguish it from a cluster headache, but a stabbing headache does not have the characteristic eye symptoms (tearing) or nose symptoms (runny nose). Cluster headaches are seldom greater than eight per day.

There isn't a lot published on the long-term prognosis of a stabbing headache. As you found, it goes away in many people after several weeks, but some people have intermittent symptoms that last for months or sometimes years.


One alternative to indomethacin is melatonin, which is much less likely to damage the stomach and kidneys. A neurologist with expertise in headaches may have other options for you.

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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). ©2024 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.



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As the Annunciation House case progresses through the courts, Paxton has continued his public attacks on the nonprofit. In May, Paxton announced in a press release that he had filed a court injunction to stop what he called Annunciation House’s “systemic criminal conduct.” He then issued a warning to other nonprofits that assist immigrants, saying that those that are “complicit in Joe Biden’s illegal immigration catastrophe and think they are above the law should consider themselves on notice.”

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She also volunteered to take care of a particular patient so she could steal the patient's drugs. The three drugs in question were fentanyl (50 to 100 times more potent than

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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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