



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

PICTURESQUE – The Chihuahuan Desert is an ecoregion that covers parts of northern Mexico and the southwestern United States. The vast desert plain occupies all of El Paso County, a portion shown above, much of far West Texas, the middle to lower Rio Grande Valley, the lower Pecos Valley in New Mexico, and a portion of southeastern Arizona.

Educators partner with El Paso Zoo to offer interactive exhibits at 21st Annual Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The public is invited to explore the Chihuahuan Desert through various exhibits and discovery tables that will be presented by local organizations and educators at the 21st Annual Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta.

The festive event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, September 27th, at the El Paso Zoo (4001 East Paisano). The 35-acre park, which houses over 220 species including a few endangered animals, is home to wildlife critters from four geographical regions – those from the Chihuahuan Desert, others from Africa and Asia, as well as some from the Americas.

The Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta was initiated by the Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition (CDEC) in 2004 and has been growing in popularity throughout the years, according to Rick LoBello, a CDEC member and fiesta coordinator.

CDEC has also been instrumental in organizing the Poppies Fest that is held yearly in the Spring at the foothills of the Franklin Mountains next to the El Paso Archeology Museum fairgrounds.

Additionally, CDEC played a major role in gaining support for the establishment of Castner Range as a national monument. The range encompasses more than 6,600 acres of land along the Franklin Mountains’ eastern slopes and was designated an American landmark in 2023.

of performances planned for the upcoming Saturday fiesta that will feature dancers from the Compañía Cultural de Ballet Folklórico Performing Arts Group and musicians with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra’s Tocando Music Project. The Tocando initiative is an in-school and after-school program

that provides music learning and performing opportunities. The presentations will begin at 11 a.m., at the Wildlife Amphitheater.

Also, a special Chihuahuan Desert Wild Encounters

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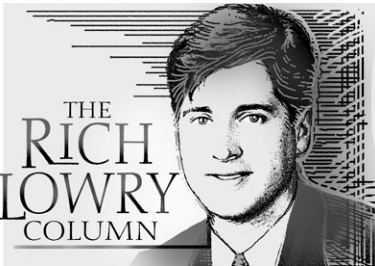
C’MON OUT – The El Paso Zoo will once again play host to the annual Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta that will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, September 27th. Fee for the fiesta will be part of the zoo’s regular admission price.

The siren song of despair

Charlie Kirk was a one-man answer to campus illiberalism. He rose to prominence at a time when university administrators and progressive students were working in league to make campuses no-go zones for conservatives. They effectively banned them from their faculties. They didn't invite them on campus, or if they did, they were liable to disinvite and cancel them. They banned so-called hate speech. They shouted down speakers they didn't like. They created "safe spaces." In short, they did everything they could to render the opposing point of view illegitimate and indefensible. Kirk showed not only that it was possible to punch through these obstacles and get a hearing, but to win the argument despite them.

He created a student movement that he leveraged into a huge, multifaceted organization and that he mobilized to vote in 2024, to great political effect. He was provocative, occasionally outlandish and sometimes wrong, but always interesting and brave. His events on campus should be viewed as a public service. All of the best, most creative college deans could have gotten together to figure out how to routinely get thousands of energized students to events about public affairs, and never managed it. No worries. Kirk figured it out for them. That he was shot while he engaged in an act of peaceful persuasion makes his murder all the more devastating. Kirk wasn't a literary figure, but his assassination was a little like, say, William F. Buckley or James

Baldwin getting gunned down in the midst of their famous 1965 debate at the Cambridge Union. What Kirk was doing drew on some of the finest traditions of civilized life. Gathering on a hill to hear people speak and argue, like what we saw at Utah Valley University prior to the shot ringing out, is as old as the Pnyx in ancient Athens. The university as a battleground of ideas, with clashing worldviews vying for influence, goes back to the Middle Ages. Founded in 1231, the University of Paris quickly became "a forum where great questions of theology, society, and government were analyzed



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

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Food for thought By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Freedom to speak, freedom to employ

The first amendment protects our free speech but employers will protect their bottom line. However, to some extent, there are some limitations and barriers for all of us. When he

began his career, national radio personality Howard Stern couldn't keep a job. His content was so raw and shocking that station owners and managers couldn't afford to keep him on because advertisers couldn't afford to risk supporting him. Things changed. He eventually became acceptable to enough listeners that he was hugely profitable. A massive contract with Sirius XM radio gave him a huge audience, allowed him to say whatever he wanted and paid him handsomely. Since 2004, they have paid him hundreds of millions of dollars. His employer found him to be profitable and accepted by many. Stearns' contract recently expired and his deal hasn't been renewed. The renewal won't be based on Stearns' freedom of speech but it will be based on whether he will be profitable for Sirius XM radio which means he probably won't be returning. Jimmy Kimmel is off the air, for now. He has been making a nice \$15M a year salary from the Disney corporation who owns ABC and the ESPN network as

well. He has had a nice job with them for 20 years and come out five nights a week saying whatever he wanted to say. After some recent comments made about Charlie Kirk that have been replayed numerous times on national TV, Disney decided to take his show down for a while, possibly forever. Stations across the country let it be known to Disney they weren't going to air Kimmel's show after his remarks about Kirk and Disney listened. It was about money. Disney is in the business to make money, big money. The Stephen Colbert show was losing \$40M a year and Colbert's show had better ratings than Kimmel. The idea of losing millions of dollars on Kimmel was unacceptable to Disney. If TV station chains, cable companies and local stations around the country had applauded Kimmel, if ratings and profitability had soared, Disney would have kept Kimmel on. No employer is going to keep you on the payroll if your mouth is bankrupting the business. You may have the right to speak but you may be speaking on the street corner somewhere without a paycheck if the employer doesn't like

what you are saying. The minister of your local church may have the freedom to preach the Bible. Yet, he or she could find themselves unemployed if they ruffle enough feathers of the congregation's leadership. A politician may speak freely but only has a job if he or she can sway enough voters. You can walk into wherever you work and say whatever you want about the company or your boss. Most likely, you'll end up in the unemployment line. Plus, you will not be able to obtain a reference or recommendation for your next interview. Yes, we have freedom of speech but it has limitations and consequences. Charlie Kirk was his own employer. That seems to be about the only way you can really pull off free speech. He said just about whatever he wanted and there wasn't anyone to fire him, so someone killed him. Sadly, Charlie Kirk's free speech cost him his life. There is almost always a price to be paid for freedom of speech. It is important and it is American, but your employer doesn't have to agree with you or keep you on the payroll.

Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Tornillo Independent School District's Efficiency Audit Related to the District's Voter Approval Tax Rate Election

Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, September 30, 2025, in the boardroom of the W.E. Neill Service Center, at 19210 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Tornillo Independent School District's results of the Efficiency Audit related to the District's Voter Approval Tax Rate Election.

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Festival

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exhibition is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., and the Sun City Sound, a unique drumline ensemble, will take the stage at 2 p.m.

Besides CDEC, other education organizations participating in the fiesta include the University of Texas at El Paso’s Centennial Museum and Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, The City of El Paso’s Environmental Services Department, the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club, the 915 Treekeepers & Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative, the Climate Fellowship, Tech2o, the Second Chance Wildlife Rescue, El Paso Museum of Archaeology, and the Desert Advocacy Media Network.

Other groups taking part in the Saturday affair will be La Sociedad Geocientífica del Desierto Chihuahuense, La Sociedad Científica Juvenil - Cd. Juárez, the Texas Parks and Wildlife - Franklin Mountains State Park, and El Asombro Institute for Science Education For Greener Learning.

Lesson exhibitors

will include the Frontera Land Alliance, Chamizal National Park, Eco El Paso, Texas A&M Forest Service, Animal Rescue of Community College (ARCC), El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society, Bioexperimenta, and La Rodadora Espacio Interactivo.

“Visitors can expect a wide range of animal encounter presentations, educational booths, and entertainment as part of the zoo’s regular entrance fee,” stated LoBello.

Visit the zoo’s website, at www.elpasozoo.org, for more information about the 21st Annual Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta.

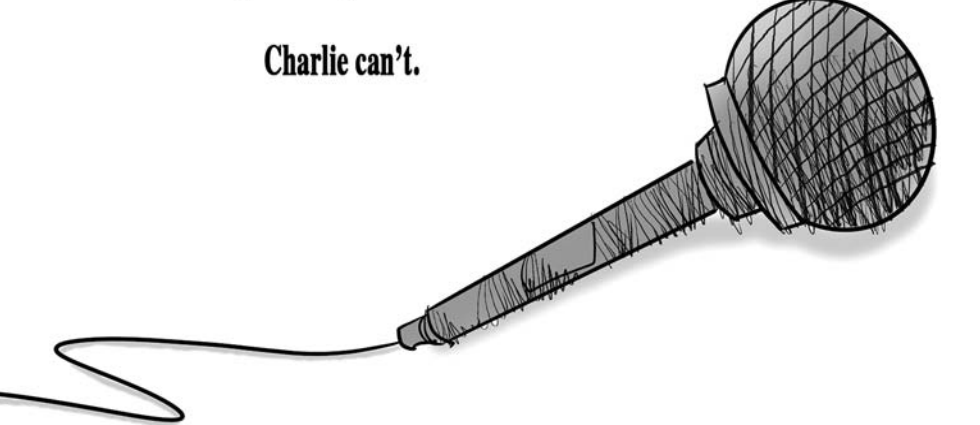


CAN'T CATCH THIS – The pronghorn antelope, above, is a Chihuahuan Desert inhabitant and is known for its extraordinary speed and keen vision.

Charlie Kirk did what editorial cartoonists do:
express opinions that some people will hate.

The difference is cartoonists can go home at the end
of the day and hug their loved ones.

Charlie can't.



THE FIRST AMENDMENT IS UNDER ATTACK


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A DANGEROUS
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TO ADDRESS.

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MIKE SMITH


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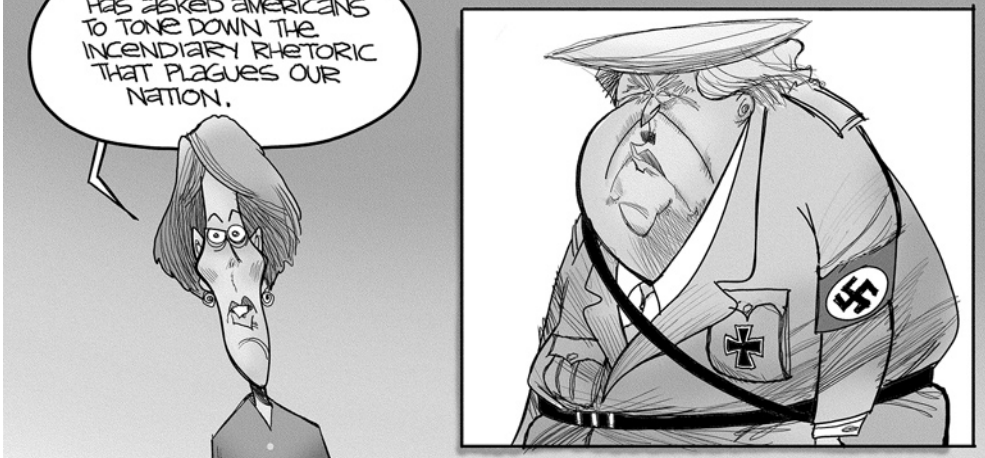


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KIRK

Senior moment

By Matilda Charles

Expired products at home?

When the pandemic began over five years ago and our stores were keeping odd hours and sometimes the shelves were empty, many of us stocked up on food and supplies when we could get them. We chose canned goods and dry boxed foods like pasta, as well as staples like bleach and sanitizing wipes.

Where are those items now? Are some of them still on our shelves at home, maybe tucked in the back and kept for emergencies?

It’s time to check those items for expiration dates. Most are likely too old to be used, and many of them can make us sick if we do.

Here are a few hints as you go through your stash:

You’ll likely need a magnifying glass as you look at each item because the dates are often very small.

The dilemma with foods is that the experts don’t agree. Some claim that an expiration date doesn’t really mean the food is no longer good, while some say to pay attention to the

dates. Plus, there’s a difference between “best by,” “sell by” and “use by” dates. Confusing, isn’t it? I tend to go by the date that’s printed as the cutoff date.

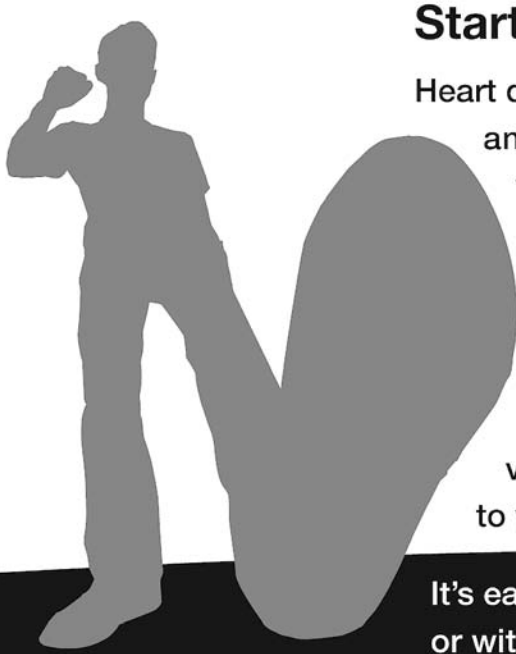
Bleach really does expire and lose potency, and so do the sanitizing wipes, antibacterial hand soap and other cleaning products. Look on the product for a lot number and check the company’s website for dates of manufacture or how to decode the batch number.

Even your shampoo has a limit to the time it can sit unused in your bathroom cabinet, and so do toothpaste, deodorant, hand lotion, eye drops – nearly everything you use. Go online to www.checkfresh.com. Click the brand of your item and type in the lot number. It will tell you when it was made.

When in doubt, call the manufacturer. It’s better to be safe than to use an expired product.

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It’s easy to Start! whether you’re by yourself or with friends, family and co-workers. You’ll all feel a difference and live longer, heart-healthier lives.

Join the movement.

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CryptoQuip Answer

These cookies that you guys baked are too hard and crumbly. Sorry, I’m being brittly honest.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Sept. 22, 1888, National Geographic magazine published its first issue, without photos. The publication had so few subscribers that its editor, Gilbert H. Grosvenor, addressed each copy and carried them to the post office himself.
- On Sept. 23, 1992, Manon Rheaume became the first woman to play in one of the four major men’s North American pro sports leagues when she stepped on the ice as goalie for the NHL’s Tampa Bay Lightning in a preseason game. Admitting to being “very nervous,” she also noted that part of her admission was “for publicity,” but added that it was “still a chance to play. That’s what I care about.”

- On Sept. 24, 1902, cookbook author Fannie Farmer, who changed the way Americans prepared food by advocating for the use of standardized measurements in recipes, opened Miss Farmer’s School of Cookery in Boston. Farmer not only taught women how to cook, but later instructed medical professionals on nutrition for the sick.
- On Sept. 25, 1890, religious leaders issued the “Mormon

Manifesto,” which ordered all Latter-day Saints to uphold America’s anti-polygamy laws. The men were given little choice in the decision, as they faced federal confiscation of their temples and revocation of church members’ basic civil rights for failure to comply.

- On Sept. 26, 1996, biochemist and U.S. astronaut Shannon Lucid returned to Earth in the U.S. Space Shuttle Atlantis after six months in orbit aboard the Russian space station Mir. She was the first American woman to live in a space station.

- On Sept. 27, 622, the prophet Muhammad completed his Hegira, or “flight,” from Mecca to Medina to escape persecution. In Medina, he set about building the followers of his religion, Islam, into an organized community and Arabian power. The Hegira would later mark the beginning of the Muslim calendar.

- On Sept. 28, 1850, Congress voted to end flogging on both naval and merchant vessels. Until then, seamen were often punished by being stripped to the waist and subjected to lashes on their backs with whips called cat-o’-nine-tails.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The world’s tiniest robot is smaller than a grain of salt.
- Despite what you see when you gaze at the night sky, the moon’s actually shaped like a lemon, with flattened poles and bulges on its near and far sides around its equator.
- In Utah, birds have the right of way on a highway.

- What’s in a name? Well, a casket is a rectangular box with a lid, and a coffin is a six-sided box that’s wider at the shoulders and narrower at the feet. In America, caskets are more commonly used than coffins.

- On the Titanic, more than 700 third-class passengers had to share just two bathtubs.

- Black and orange are the traditional colors of Halloween because the ancient Celts believed black symbolized the “death” of summer and orange represented the fall harvest.

- For the film “A Star Is Born,”

Bradley Cooper spent six months with a dialect coach trying to imitate Sam Elliott’s voice, before he knew Elliott would be cast as his brother.

- Some female sharks store sperm after mating, potentially holding on to it for years before they’re ready to reproduce.

- When trick-or-treating began gaining popularity in the 1930s, adults worried that kids “threatening” people with tricks if they didn’t get candy would encourage them to become criminals later in life.

- The first cigarette lighter was invented three years before the first friction match.

- In 1993, a Mexican zoo owner was arrested for illegally purchasing an FBI agent in a gorilla suit, thinking the agent was an actual gorilla.

- On his deathbed, Steve Jobs asked for five different oxygen masks so he could choose the one with the best design.

Thought for the Day: “To acquire knowledge, one must study, but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.”

– Marilyn vos Savant

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ANTHONY HOUSING AUTHORITY

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

FIVE PLAN ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2025 MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Anthony Housing Authority (AHA) will hold a Public Hearing tto obtain input from the city residents in reference to the Five Year/Annual Plan Submission to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 2025.

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM (MT)

Location: AHA Board Room, 1007 Franklin St., Anthony, TX 79821 Total funds being allocated for this year are estimated at \$146,597.00 for Operating Funds and \$56,614.00 for Capital Funds. All residents are encouraged to attend this hearing.

A copy of the Annual Agency Plan will be available for review from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. prior to the public hearing at the address below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the public hearing to:

Anthony Housing Authority
1007 Franklin St.
Anthony, TX 79821

For further information please call Eluterio Alfaro, Executive Director at (915) 886-4174.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0014005001

APPLICATION
Clint Independent School District, 300 North Kenazo Avenue, Horizon City, Texas 79928,

has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) No. WQ0014005001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 7,050 gallons per day via subsurface drip irrigation of 1.62 acres of non-public access land. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal area are located at 4250 O'shea Street, in the city of El Paso, in El Paso County, Texas 79938. TCEQ received this application on August 29, 2025. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Clint Independent School District Administrative Offices, Front Desk, 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, in El Paso County, Texas, prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application, including any updates, and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage:

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/tlap-applications

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https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/tlap-applications

El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/tlap-applications

ADDITIONAL NOTICE

TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the

application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the countywide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING

You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.**

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED

CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge

of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST

If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at

<https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>

or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep

Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Clint Independent

School District at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Benjamin Natera, Facilities and Construction Coordinator, at 915-926-3221.

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COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS



AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCION DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA RENOVACION

PERMISO NO. WQ0014005001

SOLICITUD

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint, ubicado en 300 North Kenazo Avenue, Horizon City, Texas 79928, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el Permiso No. WQ0014005001 de disposición de aguas residuales para autorizar la disposición de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 7,050 galones por día a través del riego por goteo subterráneo de 1.62 acres de tierras de acceso público. La planta de tratamiento de aguas domésticas y el área de disposición están ubicados en 4250 O'Shea Street en el Condado de El Paso, Texas 79938. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 29 de Agosto, del 2025. La solicitud para el permiso estará disponible para leerla y copiarla en la recepción de las oficinas administrativas de el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint, ubicadas en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, en el condado de El Paso, Texas antes de la fecha de publicación de este aviso en el periódico. La solicitud (cualquier actualización y aviso inclusive) está disponible electrónicamente en la siguiente página web:

COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA

Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/tlap-applications

Este enlace a un mapa electrónico

de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud.

<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-106.156111,31.823333&level=18>

AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO

El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/tlap-applications>

AVISO ADICIONAL

El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativa-mente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitirá una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. **El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviado a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.**

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OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO
Después del plazo para presentar comentarios

públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todo los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. **A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.** Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU SOLICITUD LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre, dirección, número de teléfono; el nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que usted presente durante el período de comentarios; y la declaración "[Yo/nosotros] solicito/ solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado de parte de un grupo o asociación, debe identificar una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; identificar el nombre y la dirección de un miembro

del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; proveer la información indicada anteriormente respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y su distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; explicar cómo y porqué el miembro sería afectado; y explicar cómo los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios y de petición que aplican, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier petición para reconsideración o para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración durante una reunión programada de la Comisión.

La Comisión sólo puede conceder una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre los temas que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron retirados posteriormente. **Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad del agua que se hayan presentado durante el período de comentarios. Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.**

LISTA DE CORREO

Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas de correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos del solicitante indicado

por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

INFORMACIÓN DISPONIBLE EN LÍNEA

Para detalles sobre el estado de la solicitud, favor de visitar la Base de Datos Integrada de los Comisionados en

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid

Para buscar en la base de datos, utilizar el número de permiso para esta solicitud que aparece en la parte superior de este aviso.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN A LA AGENCIA

Todos los comentarios públicos y solicitudes deben ser presentadas electrónicamente vía:

<https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>

o por escrito dirigidos a la Comisión de Texas de Calidad Ambiental, Oficial de la Secretaría (Office of Chief Clerk), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información personal que usted proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física pasarán a formar parte del registro público de la Agencia. Para obtener más información acerca de esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al programa de educación pública de la TCEQ, gratis, al 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener información adicional del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint, a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando al Sr. Benjamin Natera, Coordinador de Instalaciones y Construcción al 915-926-3221.

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The Miners may be new, but they’re not improved

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

This was not supposed to happen.

The UTEP football teams who disappointed the fans were supposed to be a thing of the past. Those were the Miners of the 1970s and 80s and 90s, and pretty much every year since then as well.

Those were supposed to be the UTEP football teams your father and grandfather told you about. You remember all those horror stories they told you about UTEP players that couldn’t tackle or catch or throw or kick.

The UTEP football team of today was supposed to be different. The UTEP football team of today recruited the top classes in Conference USA for two straight years.

The UTEP football team of today picked up the top-rated quarterback in the nation from just two years ago, and this team hired one of those promising young up-and-coming coaches they’ve talked about getting for years.

This is the UTEP football team that didn’t lose to the Texas Longhorns by the usual score of 55-3. They actually gave the ‘Horns all they wanted in a much-closer 27-10 loss.

So, with three straight games scheduled in the Sun Bowl over the next three weeks, this was a great time to put a winning streak together and start proving once-and-for-all that this was a new era for UTEP football.

With home games coming up against Louisiana-Monroe, Louisiana Tech and Liberty, it was all going to start

with the easiest of them all, Louisiana-Monroe last Saturday.

We’d destroy them and then go on to the first two CUSA games of the season against Louisiana Tech and Liberty.

Well, I can’t believe I’m saying this again, but I was duped. In fact, the whole UTEP fan base fell for it again. Just when everything was pointing in a positive direction, the Miners took the same path they’ve taken for the last 50-plus years.

UTEP took on Louisiana-Monroe in their last non-conference game of the season. You know, a game the Miners were favored to win right before heading into conference action.

This was supposed to be a tune-up for the most important games of the season.

But things went downhill from the very start. UTEP had over 31,000 fans in the Sun Bowl for its home opener against UT Martin and the Miners blew them out. So, after they gave Texas that competitive game, you figured the Sun Bowl would have had a lot of visitors for last Saturday’s contest.

It didn’t

The stadium was surprisingly empty when the game started. And although El Paso is famous for

showing up to events late, they still only managed 15,000 for the game. And looking around, it looked more like 5,000.

Then the game started, and it was apparent right away that the fans weren’t the only ones who weren’t interested in football that night.

The Miners, who had looked so strong against Texas, were totally pushed around by the ULM Warhawks. The UTEP defense, which gave the Longhorns’ Arch Manning all kinds of headaches, were overwhelmed by ULM’s running and passing game.

It got so bad that the Miners eventually fell behind 31-7 in the third quarter.

There were times that you could hear the fans booing the team, and it’s hard to blame them.

To the Miners’ credit, they did mount a comeback and actually had a chance to win late, but they couldn’t pull it

out and lost 31-25.

The only good thing about this game is that they have a quarterback in Malachi Nelson, who threw for 404 yards and three touchdowns. But he also threw two straight interceptions when the Miners were driving for winning scores in the game’s last two minutes.

This was not supposed to happen.

Not to a Louisiana-Monroe team that had lost seven of its last eight games. Not at home to an inferior team most fans had never heard of.

And what is a Warhawk anyway?

The saddest thing of all is that the Sun Bowl will probably be even emptier for the next two weeks and that means less revenue and that means less money to pay better talent.

Can the season still be salvaged? Of course.

They just have to decide whether they are the Texas Longhorn Miners, or the ULM Warhawk Miners?



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COMMERCIAL EXPANSION ACROSS					DOWN				
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8	Like some pain-causing toenails	57	Suffix with hero or opal	122	Respectful tributes	2	Computer support whiz	24	_ Work ("Down Under" band)
15	Award for "Nomadland"	58	Common brown rodent	123	Hint-giving columnist	3	Supply with new weapons	29	Industrial city in southern Poland
20	Decay of a plant's stalk	59	Give praise to sellers of stolen goods?	124	Old Persians	4	2,100, to Caesar	31	Pal of Tigger
21	Suave, glib sort	63	Regarding	125	Unity	5	_ you in?"	32	Maligned in print
22	1/24 of a day, in French	64	Like the horse favored to win	126	Plaits of hair	6	Communal	33	"The Hunger Games" star, in tabloids
23	Astronauts' advisory group?	65	Units of gold purity			7	Vodka brand, familiarly	34	Acquire
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28	Candied nut given to a kid to quell a tantrum?	85	Partner of neither			11	Perez of film	41	DEA agent
30	Advice for Fonda when she has a grievance?	86	Land of Lima and llamas			12	Elevator company	42	"Battle Cry" actor _ Ray
35	Finds a new purpose for	87	"So that's it!"			13	_ asking?"	43	"Kapow!"
36	Saudi export	88	Halt hubbub?			14	Big Apple mail abbr.	44	Watermelon waste
37	Adele's vocal range	93	Pork product			15	"I do so suffer!"	45	"So that's it"
38	Without remuneration	94	Ocean trip			16	Slimy shore deposit in some spa treatments	46	Work to get
41	Big cheese	95	Oolong and Darjeeling			17	Sleeve ends	47	Mark for life
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Super Crossword

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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



Charlie Kirk did it the right way, and now he's gone. He espoused the Christian faith, and what did it get him? He believed in open

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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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. ©2025 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore
Sept. 23, 1867: John Lomax is born. Later while growing up with cowboys, he would write down their trail music and publish a collection of *Cowboy Songs*.

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: **K** equals **B**

NCYPY VAAQWYP NCLN FAZ
SZFP KLQYG LTY NAA CLTG
LIG VTZDKOF. PATTF, W'D
KYWIS KTWNNOF CAIYPN.

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Recent accomplishments at the VA



by Freddy Groves

The headline said it all: The VA has processed more disability claims in one year than they’ve ever done before. They surpassed last year’s total months before the end of this fiscal year. Specifically, the backlog of veterans waiting for benefits is down over 37%.

And that’s not all the VA is accomplishing. In the last six months, the VA has opened 16 new health care clinics scattered around the country. Fredericksburg and North Battlefield Clinics in Virginia, Florence Clinic in South Carolina, and 13 more. Fingers crossed that the planned clinics for 2026 will happen as well.

They’re spending an additional \$800 million to upgrade existing facilities. Elevators, sprinklers and fire alarms, boilers and air conditioning and more – all in the name of making the facilities better for veterans

and staff.

The VA has made it easier for veterans to access community health care, cutting out the middle steps that dragged things out. Additionally, there are 30 categories of care that only require an authorization once a year.

They’ve identified and saved \$106 million from duplicate billings caused by cases where millions of veterans were enrolled in both VA health care and Medicare. Providers were double billing, raking in the cash, and now the VA is going after that money.

Ten thousand workers have been brought back to the office, no longer able to telework. There are eligibility criteria to continue to work remotely, such as a disability or living more than 50 miles from work, but for the most part, they are back in the office.

The VA is phasing out treatment of gender dysphoria; in other words, stopping voice training, wigs, chest binders, hormone therapy and other sex change services. The

saved money will instead go to helping amputees and paralyzed veterans.

Veterans at some locations say there is a shortage of physicians and other medical staff, but for the most part it looks like the VA is moving in the right direction.

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• Frugal doesn’t have to mean unfashionable. There are plenty of how-to instructions on the internet for turning fashion trash into treasure. For starters, try searching how to turn an old T-shirt into a skirt with a minimum of fuss, then explore sites like Pinterest and Instructables.com for more projects.

• Want a fun way to save? Pick a particular currency item (maybe a \$5 bill or dimes) and every time you get one, put it in a jar. See how much you save in a month doing this. See how long you can go without missing the money.

• Cleaning a vase with an impossibly skinny neck? Try adding a scoop of rice to a little hot water with dish soap. Shake to scrub.

• A better use for soda: Use it to scrub your pots and pans. If you have grime and slime, try letting the acids in soda pop work it out for you. Pour enough soda to cover the bottom of the pots or pans and let soak for 5-10 minutes. Then scrub away.

• “When the weather starts to dry out and along with it my skin, I turn to coconut oil. I keep a jar in the bathroom, and I apply it even before I get out of the shower. My skin gets really red and torn up otherwise. I thought this might help other people.” – K.S. in Massachusetts

• When choosing an airline seat, you should know that you’ll feel less turbulence at the front of the cabin. Exit rows have more legroom, but they tend to be colder as well. Sound carries forward, so if you don’t want to be bothered by the little ones or random chatter, sit toward the back.

Send your tips to *Now Here's a Tip*, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. ©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

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.

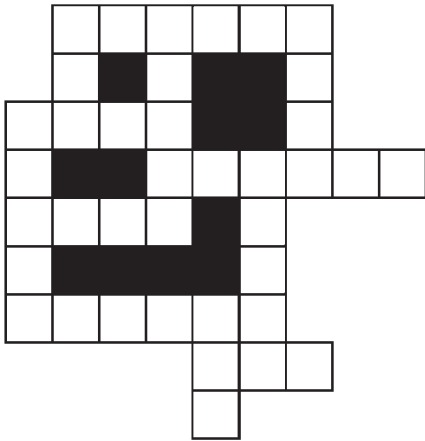
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER**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

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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