



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

PEACEFUL – The Healing Garden, above, is in El Paso County’s Ascarate Park. The monument was designated as the El Paso Community Healing Garden National Memorial in remembrance of the 23 victims of the mass shooting committed on August 3, 2019.

Commissioners review Ascarate Park improvements

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Although El Paso County Commissioners recently approved a fiscal budget for next year that leaves very little wiggle room for spending besides deficit reduction, basic services and unfunded state mandates, one thing for certain is cleaning up El Paso County’s Ascarate Lake and beautifying its lakeshore remain goals supported by everyone who has a vested interest in the 48-acre body of water.

Ascarate Lake, which lies in the county’s south-central region about a quarter mile from the Rio Grande, is nearly one-eighth of Ascarate Park’s 400 acres, and for most visitors the lake is the park’s central attraction. It is frequented by fishing enthusiasts, boaters, walkers, joggers, and individuals who just want to enjoy a family picnic next to a body of water.

The shared vision that county officials have put forward is to improve the park are things like improving the lake’s water quality to promote healthier fish populations and creating safer recreation opportunities throughout the park.

“This body of water is unique... From the best fishing in the area to a boardwalk and boat dock. Visitors can enjoy recreational activities, go for a walk around the lake and view the varieties of birds, or just rest under the shade of a tree,” commented David Stout, El Paso County Commissioner whose Precinct 2 encompasses the park.

But the lake faces serious challenges, the commissioner acknowledged. Persistent problems

like water loss, algae blooms, and sediment buildup threaten the lake’s beauty, water quality, and aquatic life. Furthermore, he stated that the banks need shoring up, and the overall lakeshore needs improving.

To address these issues, the County committed \$6 million in 2023 and hired a consulting firm, AECOM, to investigate conditions and options in more detail. Subsequently, the firm came up with a framework for action, and county officials recently held a public meeting to explain the conditions and options and to begin a community engagement process that they hope will result in a final plan before the end of the year, with work beginning early next year.

The AECOM study identified ways to address

issues with the lake, including the golden algae bloom that kills fish and harms wildlife and sediment accumulation in specific locations in the lake. Based on those recommendations, county officials concluded that dredging the lake’s bottom is not a guaranteed solution.

The study indicated that while it may seem like a straightforward fix, dredging would not address the root causes of algae blooms, such as nutrient runoff and temperature changes. Without addressing these underlying issues, algae will likely continue to return, the consultants concluded. They added that potential harm to wildlife and habitat would be caused by dredging and severely disrupt

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Steps consumers can take to avoid scams

By Elhiu Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The El Paso County Attorney’s Office wants to help residents avoid scams and deceptive business practices. A deceptive business practice is a dishonest act in the course of business, where someone might intentionally or recklessly try to mislead you. This could include selling less than the amount purchased, misrepresenting a

product or service as original or new, or making false statements about a purchase or sale.

To avoid falling victim to such schemes, the County Attorney’s Office recommends several key precautions:

- **Do Your Homework:** Always get multiple estimates for any significant job or purchase. Ask for references and contact them before agreeing to anything. Search online for complaints filed against a company or individual. Check resources

like the Better Business Bureau (BBB) website www.bbb.org/local-bbb/bbb-of-el-paso.

- **Insist on Written Contracts:** Never be rushed into signing a contract, especially if high-pressure sales tactics like “today-only” discounts are used. Always sign a detailed contract that clearly states what services or goods will be provided, the amount to be paid, and the completion date. Ensure all

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The ignorance of Senator Tim Kaine

Tim Kaine needs to report to a remedial civics class as soon as possible. The Virginia senator and former vice presidential candidate expressed outrage at a congressional hearing that a Trump nominee said that our rights come from God, not government.

Kaine suspected incipient theocracy, warning that the Iranian regime persecutes religious minorities on exactly this basis. “They do it,” he explained, “because they believe that they understand what natural rights are from their creator.”

In searching for an example more relevant to the American experience, Kaine might cast his mind back to a fellow Virginian – a tall, sandy-haired, Charlottesville-area gentleman with an interest in architecture, a taste for fine wine and a knack for

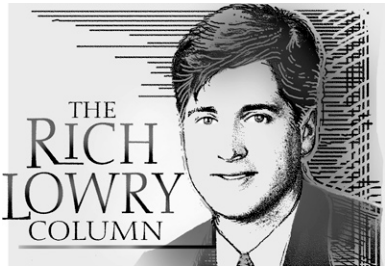
writing. Ring any bells?

Thomas Jefferson had three things inscribed on his tombstone: drafter of the Virginia statute for religious freedom, founder of the University of Virginia and author of the Declaration Independence. Kaine could lodge all the same complaints he made about the offending nominee, Riley Barnes, against the Declaration of Independence that shockingly maintains that all persons are “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,” and calls this proposition – with arrogant certitude – a “self-evident” truth.

Luckily for the Sage of Monticello, he didn’t have to get confirmed as ambassador to France by a Senate foreign relations committee including Tim Kaine (as it happened, the U.S. Senate didn’t exist yet). Kaine might consider that, in taking his oath of

office, he actually pledged to defend a constitutional system that is founded on the idea that our rights exist prior to government.

As Jefferson noted later, the sentiments of the Declaration were commonplace in 18th century America. Jefferson’s nemesis, Alexander Hamilton, stated that “the sacred rights of mankind” are “written, as with a sun beam, in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power.” John Adams, James Wilson and John Dickinson, among other



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aquatic habitats, displace wildlife, and negatively affect water quality during and after the process. They determined that given the ecological sensitivity of Ascarate Lake, protecting existing biodiversity is a priority.

The consultants found that the sediment buildup is less severe than expected and that the debris and sediment accumulation is only about 6 to 9 inches in most areas, not as significant as originally believed. “This finding reduces the need for large-scale dredging and allows the County to focus on more sustainable improvement options,” Stout pointed out.

Ascarate Lake is entirely fed by wells that draw water from around 160 feet

underground, according to Tim Fulton, the county’s director of parks and recreation. So, the county wants to dig new, deeper wells because they detected some phosphates in the lake water that come from fertilizer used on the park’s nearby golf course and add aerators to the lake, Fulton said. The phosphates are the likely source of nutrients that spur algae blooms, he noted.

“Our concern is, do we invest lots of money with uncertain results, or do we invest our money in things that we know will have certain results and improve the water?” the park director stated. “We think that some of these low-cost approaches, quite frankly, might be a better route,” he surmised.

The lake is just the first part of what will be significant improvements to



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IN THE HOLE – El Paso golfers, above, enjoy a morning game at Ascarate Park’s golf course, which includes an 18-hole, 72 par golf course with a nine-hole executive course, called the Delta 9.



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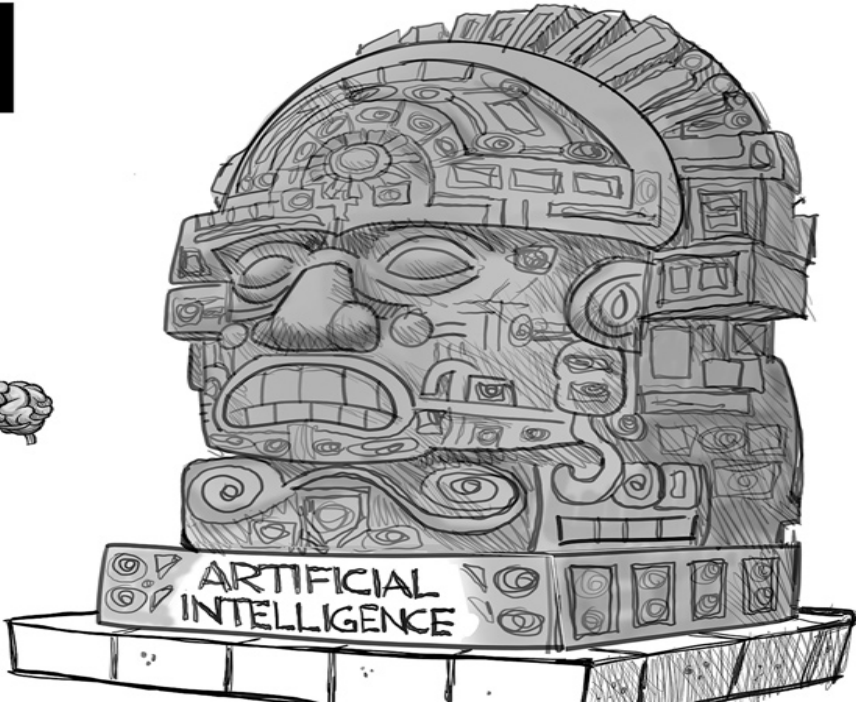
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Canutillo Independent School District

Public Notice of Special Education Services

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Instructional Programs including: 1) Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resources (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; 9) School Health Services; and 10) Homebound Services.

Services are provided to identified children with visual or auditory impairments who reside within the District from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provides for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Elvia Q. Moreno, Special Education Director, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, or eqmoreno@canutillo-isd.org.

El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo

Aviso Público de Servicios de Educación Especial

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como desabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

Programas de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12) y clases contenidad (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terepia de habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia fisica; 8) terapia ocupacional; 9) servicios de salud escolar; y 10) servicios de clases en el hogar.

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Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Canutillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Elvia Q. Moreno, Directora de Educación Especial, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, teléfono: (915) 877-7449, o correo electrónico: eqmoreno@canutillo-isd.org.

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Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Clint Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in the Central Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Clint Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Public Notice

Canutillo Independent School District

504 Child Find

If you suspect an infant, child, or young adult of having a developmental delay or disability, CISD wants you to know that we can help. The student may be eligible for services at no cost, under Federal and Texas Laws. IDEA – (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) provides resources and guidelines for children with disabilities. According to the Law, disabilities may include intellectual disability, dead or hard of hearing, visual impairment, speech and/or language impairment, emotional disability, orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, or specific learning disability; and who by reason thereof, need special education and related services.” If you reside within the Canutillo Independent School District, please contact the Special Education Office (915) 877-7450, email: SPED@canutillo-isd.org for more information, or check out the CISD website under CHILD FIND.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados

Bajo la Sección 504

Si usted so specha que un niño o joven tiene algún retraso en su desarrollo o discapacidad, el Distrito escolar de Canutillo quiere que usted sepa que podemos ayudar. El alumno(a) puede calificar para recibir servicios sin ningún costo como dicta la Ley federal y las leyes de Texas. IDEA – Ley educativa para individuos con discapacidades) provee recursos y lineamientos para niños con discapacidades. Según la ley, discapacidades puede incluir lo siguiente: Discapacidad intelectual, en el habla, sordera, ceguera, trastornos emocionales, impedimentos ortopédicos, autismo, heridas al cerebro otros trastornos de salud o especificos a las discapacidades del aprendizaje por los cuales necesitan atención especial educativa o los servicios relacionados. Si usted vive en el Distrito escolar independiente de Canutillo, favor de llamar a la oficina de Servicios de educación especial (915) 877-7450 email: SPED@canutillo-isd.org para más información.

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- **Be Wary of Permit Requests:** If a builder or remodeler asks you to obtain construction permits yourself, this is a significant red flag. It may indicate they are not properly licensed or have previously run into trouble with local authorities. Always have the contractor obtain

“Consumer vigilance is our strongest defense against fraudulent schemes. Our office is here to help residents navigate these challenges and ensure they have the information needed to make informed decisions and protect them,” said El Paso County Attorney Christina Sanchez.

- **Contact Law Enforcement:** Call your local law enforcement agency, such as the El Paso Police Department (915-832-4400) or El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915-

For questions or additional information, please contact the County Attorney's Office at (915) 273-3238.

“We are just getting started, and I’m eager to hear from you,” the commissioner said, and encouraged all interested individuals to contact his office, at commissioner2@epcounty, to get more information and updates. “Let’s get to work together!” he added.



- On Oct. 2, 1965, during a football game between the University of Florida Gators and the Louisiana State University Tigers, UF players tested a new sports drink

• On Oct. 5, 1892, the infamous Dalton Gang attempted a daylight robbery of two Coffeyville, Kansas, banks simultaneously. After someone recognized a member and spread word of the crime, the townspeople ran for their guns and surrounded the two banks, then took justice into their own hands, killing all but Emmett Dalton, who, incredibly, survived prison and eventually ended up as a Hollywood screenwriter.

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Ascarate Park over the next several years, according to Stout. Along with the funds

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similar to poet T.S. or
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- Before an NHL game, hockey pucks are frozen to make them glide more

- In 2009 a pigeon named Winston raced Telkom, South Africa's largest ISP, to see which one could deliver 4GB of data to a location 60 miles away the fastest. By the time Winston arrived with the 4GB flash drive, Telkom had transmitted only 4% of the data.

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– Mark Twain

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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. WQ0013441001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 60,000 gallons per day via subsurface disposal by means of rapid infiltration/evaporation. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal area located at 3490 Ascencion 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 Office, 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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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/
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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.

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For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at

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Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

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All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at

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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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300 North Kenazo Avenue, Horizon City, Texas 79928, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el Permiso No. WQ0013441001 de disposición de aguas residuales para autorizar la disposición de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 60,000 galones por día mediante una disposición subsuperficial por medio de infiltración/evaporación rápida. La planta de tratamiento de aguas domésticas residuales y el área de disposición están ubicados en 3490 Ascencion Street en el Condado de El Paso, Texas 79938. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 29 de agosto de 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:

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AVISO
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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.**

COMENTARIO
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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.

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Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todos 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.

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Si presenta la petición para 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 anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y su distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; explicar cómo y por qué el

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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.**

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en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

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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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Netflix series on the Cowboys is a must watch

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

If you’ve been a Dallas Cowboys fan for a number of years, your favorite memories are probably of the 1990’s teams that won three Super Bowls in four years.

And if you’re an older guy like me, you probably think back about the good old days of Tom Landry and Roger Staubach and those Cowboys’ teams that won two Super Bowl in the 1970s.

Either way, if you’re a lover, or a hater, of the Dallas Cowboys, period, you should check out the Netflix documentary “America’s Team, The Gambler and his Cowboys.”

The documentary looks very similar to the Chicago Bulls’ “Last Dance” docudrama that featured Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Phil Jackson and the rest of Daaa Bulls that won six NBA titles in eight years.

The America’s Team 8-part series tells the story of the Dallas Cowboys, from the last few years of the Tom Landry era, through the purchase of the team by Jerry Jones, through the title years of the 1990s, to today.

I wasn’t sure what to expect when I started watching, but I was pleasantly surprised at how it covered not just the wins and losses, but also a lot of the uncomfortable controversies surrounding the organization.

Of course, the star of the show is “The Gambler” in the title, Cowboys’ owner Jerry Jones.

We all know that Jerry Jones is a billionaire, but the series shows how

the Jones family, and Jerry himself, got to be as rich as he’s become.

What really intrigued me the most was the dynamic between Jones and his head coach Jimmy Johnson. It spends some time telling the story of when Jones and Johnson were teammates in college at Arkansas and how they won the national championship together.

Of the players who were highlighted, naturally a lot of time was spent on the triplets, Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin.

Another player who was focused on a lot was defensive end Charles Haley, who was featured as much for his weird behavior as for his play on the field.

There were many things about the Dallas Cowboys in the documentary that didn’t exactly make them look like America’s Team. Things that were a little vulgar, things that were a little sleazy, and things that were just plain illegal.

But that’s what made this documentary so appealing. It gives

the viewer a behind-the-scenes look at the very good and the very bad of the world’s most valuable sports franchise.

I don’t want to give away any spoilers, but you’ll find out whether it was Jerry Jones or Jimmy Johnson who caused their separation. You’ll find out whether or not Troy Aikman enjoyed playing for Barry Switzer. You’ll find out what the heck the White House was.

And you’ll also see which Cowboy star came to within a whisker of spending 20 years in prison.

There’s no doubt that this series will bring back memories of when the Cowboys were constantly one of the best teams in the league.

Some younger fans may have a hard time imagining that in their first 35 years of existence, the Cowboys had gone to eight Super Bowls and won five of them.

All they know is that over the last 30 years, Dallas hasn’t even played in the NFC championship game to have

a chance to get to the Super Bowl.

But if you youngsters want to know what it feels like to spend years as the big dog on the NFL block - watch this series.

You’ll also see commentary from guys like Steve Young and Nate Newton and Jerry Rice and Barry Switzer and Deion Sanders. Heck, even former president George Bush makes an appearance.

When you watch this, there will be times you’ll cheer, there will be times you’ll boo, and there will be times you’ll feel a little icky.

But that’s what makes “America’s Team” so great. They don’t hold back anything.

As for Jerry Jones, it’s difficult to say whether he comes off as a hero or a villain.

His ego may think that he is totally responsible for those Super Bowl winning teams. If so, then he has to be the one to blame for the last 30 years.

Watch the series and make up your own mind.

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Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Know the signs of senior abuse

Sometimes it takes watchful eyes to keep seniors safe. Whether it’s physical, emotional or financial abuse, or any other kind, those who come in contact with seniors can look for signs that all is not well.

In banking, if you spot a senior who seems distressed and who repeatedly takes large sums of money out of an account (or changes his or her routine), that senior might be a victim of abuse or a scam. (Seniors, don’t use the drive-up teller window. Go inside so staff can get to know you. Sign a new signature card every six months so your handwriting sample is current.)

If you spot personality changes in a senior, the cause might be physical – or it might be a result of abuse. Ask what’s going on. If a senior who used to dress immaculately is now wearing the same clothes for days in a row, ask. If a senior is no longer as sociable or doesn’t participate in previous activities, ask. If you spot bruises or injury, ask.

In a caregiver or hospital situation, you might see lack of care or physical abuse. A neighbor who’s had relatives move in might suddenly change his or her routines. At home, the senior might be denied food or medicine or mail.

If you want more information to help seniors, go online to the National Center on Elder Abuse (ncea.acl.gov) or call 855-500-3537. Learn about the signs of abuse and what you can do when you suspect it’s taking place. Check eldercare.gov, or call 800-677-1116. You’ll find information on getting help for housing, in-home services, long-term care, nutrition... and abuse.

Seniors, if you think you’re being abused in any way, call the police. You don’t have to put up with abusive treatment.

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APPROPRIATE TIME

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14 Evil being

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31 _ Cruces

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42 Singer Duane or Gregg

44 Steel-gray element

47 Jazz guitarist with 20 Grammys

51 Dessert named for soprano Nellie

53 Big online brokerage

54 Took off

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57 Brilliance of success

58 Makes diluted

59 Social-climbing whiz kid

61 Letterman's rival, once

63 Recognize

64 Actress Kosarin or skater Ivanova

66 Yule songs

68 Clumsy sorts

72 1950s-'70s legal drama

76 Hitter in a horseback sport

78 Besides that

79 False name

81 "Hamilton" face-off

82 Grassland

83 "Sula" author

85 Athlete like Simone Biles

88 Miss Daisy player

90 Eyeliner flaw

93 "La Cage aux Folles" actor Tognazzi

95 Rooney or Kate of film

96 Warship with two banks of oars

97 What letter carriers carry

100 Grass cutter with an engine

102 Epoch of the first horses

103 Entraps

105 Meg of "I.Q."

106 Genetic helix

107 Little sister of Bart and Lisa

109 Poet Pound

111 Sit-up targets

114 Mexican inn

117 Divan, e.g.

119 Like smooth orange juice

122 "Yeah, that's about right"

126 Newspapers, magazines, and such

128 As a result of

129 Huge heads

130 Shredded

131 Newsy notes

132 Fable writer

133 Pond critter

134 Henchman helping Hook

135 Appropriate time to solve this puzzle?

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7 Pago Pago's place

8 Aircraft that can land on snow

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10 "Alley _"

11 Docs' gp.

12 Rosh _

13 Auto racer Al

14 Full of gloom

15 Formerly, archaically

16 Insect-repelling pellet

17 Dollar bill

18 And not

24 Dojo activity

26 Windy month

29 With 45-Down, bad sign

33 "Sort of" suffix

35 Piece of gig gear

36 Baton-waving director

38 Actor Idris

39 Coup d'_

40 Govt. agent

41 Morning warning for sailors

43 Rival of Uber

45 See 29-Down

46 "Don't lose your head"

47 Where pooches get pampered

48 Close behind, as a dog

49 Judges evaluating cases, e.g.

50 City on the Rio Grande

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55 Tic-_toe

59 Element with a 235 isotope

60 Knock sound

62 J.D. Salinger title girl

65 Somalian-born supermodel

67 Long-used maxim

69 Totally original

70 "I want some grub!"

71 Obedient dog, at times

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75 Big Apple team, on

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77 Longtime Nissan model

80 "So yummy!"

84 Algerian port

86 Neck's scruff

87 Had as its source

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90 Went fast

91 Earth orbiter

92 Those who've broken free

94 Dashboard fuel indicator

96 Journalist Gumbel

98 Air Force officer

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104 Home: Abbr.

108 Guys writing jingles, say

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111 Poet W.H. _

112 Airship type

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115 Bus driver for Bart and Lisa

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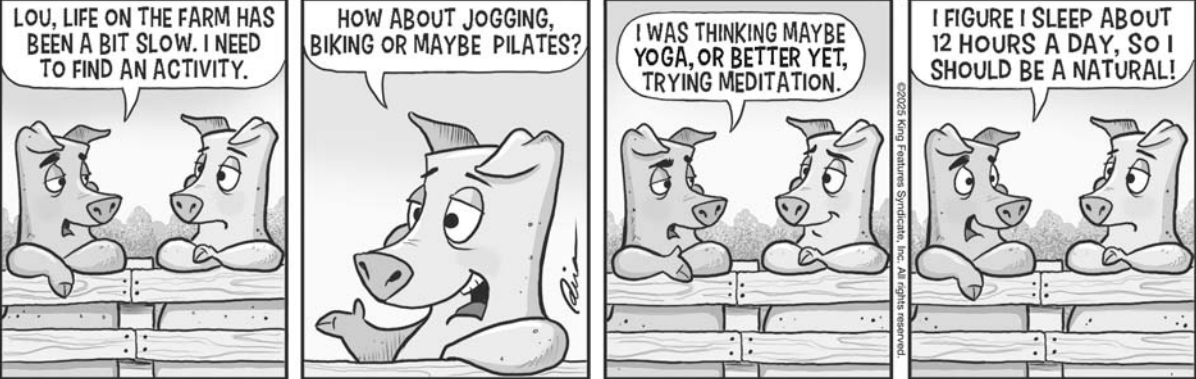
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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

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Founding figures, said exactly the same thing.

Whereas Tim Kaine hears someone say our rights come from God and thinks of the writings and thought of, say, the Ayatollah Khomeini, the philosophical basis of the idea is found in the work of John Locke, one of the greatest Enlightenment thinkers. Locke grounded his liberalism in an understanding of mankind as possessing inherent God-given rights and dignity.

The power of this idea is that in a conflict between our rights and laws impinging on them, the laws must give way. Kaine’s view that rights come from the government implies that the state gets to decide whether or not and to what extent we have rights. The American project, though, is based on the belief that it is the duty of government to respect preexisting rights, and if a government tramples on them, it has failed and is illegitimate.

The abolitionists used this view to great effect in the 19th century. Even though the

government had decided that it was permissible for one class of people to enslave another, the abolitionists believed that this was an offense against God. Enslaved people had a natural right to liberty that couldn’t be erased.

So, Kaine must have a beef with the likes of William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. He presumably would have gone ballistic over Garrison’s conviction that the “right to enjoy liberty is inalienable. To invade it is to usurp the prerogative of Jehovah.” Rather than a warrant for theocracy, the Garrison view supported the extension of rights. As he put it, “wherever there is a human being, I see God-given rights inherent in that being, whatever may be the sex or complexion.”

Kaine’s outburst shows how progressives have an allergy to God in any context other than a personal one, and how it isn’t just schoolchildren who are ignorant about our history and system of government. Is it too much to ask that a U.S. senator know a little bit about our heritage?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. ©2025 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Choice of hip replacement surgery comes down to trust

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband is 72 years old and on a waiting list for a hip replacement due to severe osteoarthritis. The surgeon he was referred to is quite young, has been performing anterior minimally invasive hip replacements for five years, and does about 250 per year. Originally we had asked to be referred to a different surgeon who has 30 years of experience, but we were told that older surgeons, although very experienced, do not do this procedure. Instead, they tend to do what they were initially trained to do, which includes cutting through muscle and tendon to access the hip. Apparently this causes a lengthier recovery period. What are your thoughts on this? – D.M.



In general, I do not recommending telling a surgeon which specific type of surgery to perform. You place yourself in the surgeon’s hands and expect to be treated to the best of their expertise. Depending on your particular issues, one type of surgery may be better than another, but only a surgeon can decide this.

I reviewed the published literature on minimally invasive surgery versus conventional surgery. Not everyone is a candidate for the minimally invasive procedure. There are some benefits to the minimally invasive surgery such as less postoperative pain, reduced hospital stay, and less blood loss.

However, there has been no consistent benefit shown for infection rates and complications such as dislocation or fracture near the prosthesis. There also isn’t evidence of any revision of the procedure. Some studies have suggested a higher rate of nerve injury with the minimally invasive procedure.

Since there are some short-term but no proven long-term benefits to the minimally invasive procedure, I advise you to find a surgeon you trust and listen to their recommendation for the right procedure in your husband’s case.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a couple issues with my bladder and a sleep aid. I am an 81-year-old male in fairly good health. I have a difficult time getting back to sleep after getting up to empty my bladder. My solution for this was to take a melatonin tablet after each trip back to bed. This seemed to help. However, I researched melatonin online and found that some people, my wife included, can get nausea and stomach cramps from using it. While this does not happen with me, I’m wondering if taking 3 mg per night could be harmful to me, given the reaction my wife gets. – J.T.M.

Although melatonin is generally safe, it can cause some side effects. In addition to the stomach cramps, people have reported vivid dreams or nightmares, short-term depression, dizziness, and headaches. A few people find the medication helpful enough that they are willing to live with these side effects, but many people will give up and try a different treatment for sleep.

If melatonin isn’t causing you any side effects, then it is likely safe for you. Many people use melatonin, and although long-term safety has not been proven in trials, it is increasingly unlikely that any long-term adverse effects haven’t been discovered.

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
October 5, 1899: Ned Green drives the first car in Texas from Dallas to Terrell. He averages 6 mph.

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: M equals T

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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Unions are out at the VA



by Freddy Groves

One wonders how this was allowed to happen in the first place: Last year the VA paid out \$45 million to employees who were working for federal unions instead of being at their jobs.

But no more. Not only are most of them no longer employed at the VA, but the ones who are still employed have been directed to be on the job – and that \$45 million is going back into the VA coffers to be used on veteran services.

A month ago the VA terminated the union bargaining agreements for most of those employees, canceling the contracts that had kept VA managers in a stranglehold and unable to hire and fire as they wanted and needed.

To get an idea of how the unions operated (to the detriment of the VA), the VA was forced to pay out \$134

million to former employees who had been fired for misconduct (which included harassment and patient abuse). Unions opposed the MISSION Act, which had a direct impact on veterans getting health care. And unions were against whistleblower protections.

Nurses alone were paid \$1.25 million for doing union business instead of taking care of patients. VA employees were paid for working 750,000 hours doing union business instead of doing their jobs at the VA. Others being paid for doing union business included attorneys and pharmacists.

Over 187,000 square feet of VA property had been used by the unions, for free, for union business, as well as over 2,000 pieces of equipment such as computers and phones. In one VA medical center alone the unions had used 7,500 square feet of office space, 3,500 square feet at another and over 2,000 square feet at nearly a dozen other VA facilities.

Following the VA’s example, several other

government agencies have followed suit and terminated their contracts with unions. Those include the Health and Human Services, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Homeland Security.

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• If you get a gray-colored film on your utensils after they come out of the dishwasher, try cleaning them with a cream of tartar paste. Additionally, clean out the filter regularly.

• “I love my blender and use it all the time, but I don’t always have time to clean the blades properly when I’m in a rush. There is a spot under the blades that I find it hard to clean if my smoothie gets dried on. I have found a way to clean it now, though, with rice! A couple of spoonfuls in the otherwise clean blender, and the rice buffs any residue right off. I even use the rice powder in a homemade facial mask that makes my skin feel great!” – D.W. in Oregon

• Have you nailed down your holiday shopping list yet? Many find it distasteful to see Christmas and other holiday items out so early, but studies show that the earlier you start, the less you spend. Likely because you are not rushed and are able to take advantage of sales and to shop smart.

• Use cola to marinate your meat! The acids in the soda pop make meat nice and tender before cooking, and sugar can actually give you a nice caramel flavor on the outside too. You can use a cola bath for meat on the grill or search cookbooks or internet sites for great slow-cooker recipes.

• “If your cat regularly has issues with hair balls, try giving it a teaspoon of olive oil a day. Mine loves it and will lick it right off a saucer, but you could drizzle it over food too. It’s better than butter, because it’s good fats not bad.” – Y.E. in Missouri.

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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.

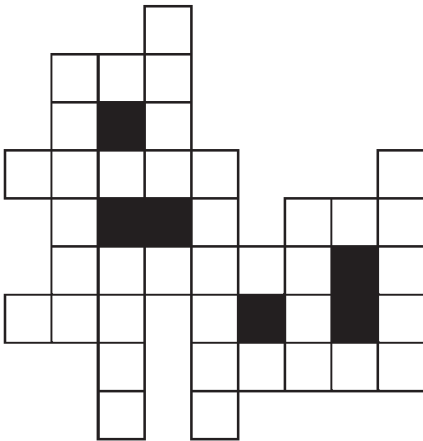
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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