



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**PRIME REAL ESTATE** – Construction has begun on an Amazon delivery facility along Interstate 10 and Paseo Del Norte Boulevard. It will be directly across from the West Towne Marketplace in far West El Paso.

## El Paso’s west side attracts two major developments

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – The area around El Paseo del Norte Boulevard and Interstate-10 in far West El Paso keeps growing as construction has begun on an Amazon delivery facility and on a new padel ball complex.

Amazon officials announced recently that plans are to put a \$51.5 million delivery facility on a portion of almost 44 acres of land sold by the City of El Paso for \$18.7 million.

The land, at the corner of I-10 and Paseo Del Norte Boulevard, is directly across from the West Towne Marketplace, where several fast-food outlets and other business enterprises are opening.

Amazon officials reported that the delivery facility will complement their fulfillment center that opened in 2021 near I-10 and Eastlake Boulevard in far East El Paso County. That center processes thousands of Amazon.com orders daily.

About the west side location, Allie Payne, an Amazon spokesperson, said, “We’ve purchased this property with intent of opening a delivery station in El Paso, which would support fast delivery and great service to local customers.”

Local officials expect the facility to create 300 to 500 jobs. However, Payne said that it is too early to provide exact numbers. The company’s eastside fulfillment center has about 2,000 employees, according to the latest figures provided by the company.

The westside Amazon facility will use its Delivery Service Partner (DSP) program to supply vans and drivers for deliveries from its delivery stations, according to company officials.

Through the DSP program, Amazon helps entrepreneurs set up their delivery service, which on average operates 20-40 delivery vans and employs 40-100 van drivers. Drivers are paid an average of \$20.50 per hour, plus benefits, according to the

Amazon website.

Individuals interested in operating a DSP business can apply online with Amazon. El Paso is not yet listed as a program location. However, it also has a Future DSP program for those waiting for a delivery service location to open. The delivery station will be centered at a warehouse where Amazon workers will prepare orders for delivery.

The West El Paso site will include a 160,000 square-foot warehouse and three other buildings for driver amenities, van inspections, and van maintenance, according to a building permit issued to the VanTrust Real Estate development company.

VanTrust purchased the El Paso land and then transferred ownership to Amazon, according to a city spokesperson. The project cost is estimated at \$51.5 million, according to the city official.

Amazon received no city incentives to build the facility. And VanTrust agreed to pay up to \$600,000 for a traffic signal that the city will place where Paseo Del Norte intersects with the planned entry to the delivery station, city officials reported.

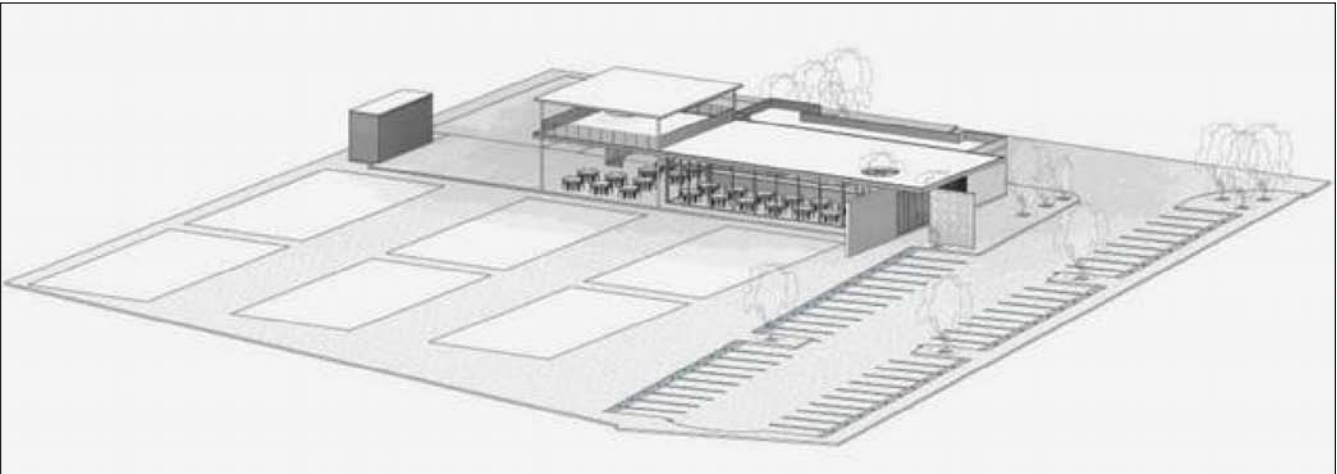
Also coming to El Paso County’s westside is a new padel court development. Padel Paso Properties

plans to develop eight padel courts and a full-service restaurant near the corner of North Resler Drive and Helen of Troy Drive.

Padel ball is a racquet sport that is a blend of tennis and squash, which involves scoring with a low-pressure tennis ball and playing on a court with adjacent walls. It has different rules, courts and equipment than pickleball.

Local officials hope the new development represents an opportunity for the region to further its sports tourism market. The company will receive about \$45,425 in tax rebates, including \$27,925 in property tax rebates over a five-year period, a one-time sales tax rebate of \$7,500, and a one-time permit fee rebate of \$10,000, according to recent news reports.

In exchange, Padel Paso Properties will invest nearly \$3.7 million into the development – \$1.375 million in land development, \$1.5 million in new building construction and \$810,000 in personal property. The new sports venue is expected to offer three full-time jobs at an average salary of \$58,000, as well as more than 20 part-time jobs. The development is anticipated to generate over \$258,000 in local tax benefits.



– Image courtesy City of El Paso

**GAME ON** – Padel Paso Properties plans to develop eight padel courts and a full-service restaurant near the corner of North Resler Drive and Helen of Troy Drive on the El Paso County’s west side.



# Jimmy Kimmel’s mistake

Jimmy Kimmel probably didn’t affirmatively lie about the politics of Charlie Kirk’s killer – he just didn’t know what he didn’t know. In the monologue that got him suspended by ABC, the late-night show host averred, “We hit some new lows over the weekend with the MAGA gang desperately trying to characterize this kid who murdered Charlie Kirk as anything other than one of them.”

This was so flagrantly wrong and woefully misinformed that it would have been a firing offense if Kimmel were a journalist. We can assume his defense would be that he’s trying to be Johnny Carson, not Edward R. Murrow, yet he long ago made himself into a quasi-political commentator. The deeper question is, why did Kimmel have no idea what he was talking about, as someone who makes a very good living following the news and trying to make jokes – or at least pointed comments – about it?

Kimmel was presumably misled by the legacy media’s unwillingness to be forthright about Tyler Robinson’s motive and by the obfuscations of Democratic officeholders and progressive commentators. If he thought he was trusting the trusted sources, he made a grievous error.



Because the Kirk assassination doesn’t fit the preferred narrative of a hateful right-winger committing an act of violence – rather, the complete opposite – there hasn’t been a national crisis-level wave of concern about the motive of the suspect and its potential sources.

Instead, much of the press acts as if it is grappling with an epistemological problem of the depth and subtlety that led to the German physicist Werner Heisenberg arriving at his uncertainty principle in the 1920s (it’s impossible to determine both the exact position and velocity of a particle at the same time).

Reporting on the Kimmel imbroglio, The New York Times wrote, “Prosecutors said Mr. Robinson had written in private messages about Mr. Kirk’s ‘hatred,’ but the authorities have not identified which of Mr. Kirk’s views the suspect found hateful.”

Yes, which views could they have been? Kirk’s hateful opinions on how to streamline the licensing for liquified natural gas terminals? On antitrust policy? On how to settle the dispute

See LOWRY, Page 7



## PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

**The West Texas County Courier  
office is closed.**

**The office will open again on  
Friday, October 17, 2025.**

1973  
51  
Years  
2024

WEST TEXAS COUNTY  
COURIER

SERVING ANTHONY, VINTON, CANUTILLO, EAST MONTANA, HORIZON, SOCORRO, CLINE, FAHNS, SAN ELIZABIO AND TORNILLO

**PUBLISHED:**  
Published each Thursday (minimum 50 issues) by Homesteader News, Inc. Office open Monday through Thursday.

**COPYRIGHT:**  
Entire contents © 2025 Homesteader News, Inc. Individual authors retain all rights. Pictures, drawings and written material appearing in the West Texas County Courier may not be used or reproduced without written permission of Homesteader News, Inc.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**  
Letters must not be more than 250 words in length. They should be dated, must be signed and have an address and daytime phone number. Only the name and city will be printed with the letter. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right to edit or reject letters to the editor or other submitted material it considers inappropriate.



**AD DEADLINE:**  
Friday 4 p.m. for the next Thursday.

**CLASSIFIED RATES**  
\$15 for 25 words, \$20 for 40 words. Ad must be in writing and pre-paid. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

**DISPLAY RATES:**  
Open rate — \$40 per column inch. Call for more information or to set an appointment. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

**MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS:**  
Minimum 50 issues for \$50. Delivery via 1st class mail.

**MAIL:**  
15344 Werling Ct.  
Horizon City, TX 79928




Phone: 852-3235

E-mail: [wtxcc@wtxcc.com](mailto:wtxcc@wtxcc.com)  
Website: [wtxcc.com](http://wtxcc.com)

**Publisher**  
Rick Shrum

**Contributors**  
Alfredo Vasquez  
Steve Escajeda



Homesteader  
Est. 1973  
News, Inc.

## Food for thought

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

# Your relationships and second chances

Do you give people a second chance?

The joy of life is usually found in our relationships. Family, friends, co-workers, business partners, military comrades, fellow Republicans or Democrats, fellow church members, recreational buddies, team mates and more. These are the people we know. We spend our time with them.

These relationships engulf our lives. We work, pray, love, succeed, fail, laugh and hurt with these people. While many of these life relationships are fulfilling, often they can be disappointing and negatively impact our lives. An old saying from a country preacher is, “To live there above with those we love will be glory, but to live here below with those we know is a different story.”

Usually, life’s greatest disappointments come from the very people we count on. They are the ones who hurt or disappoint us in some way. There is the marriage partner who fails or hurts us. There is the sibling, child or even parent who may break our hearts. Or, maybe it’s the business partner who stabbed you in the back. It may have been the people at church who judged, condemned and then shunned you. Yet, you figured out that your relationship is with God and not with them. However, if we all have a good relationship with God, he will enable us to help, love and forgive each other. Most of us need a lot of that.

Too often people disappoint us because we have unrealistic expectations. Other people are just like you and me. They aren’t perfect and do dumb stuff just as you and I do. We all have done and said things that disappointed others. None of us are perfect.

Somewhat we have to extend grace to others and hope that they will extend some to us. We all need grace. If you point your finger at someone you will have four pointing back at you.

We will continue on with our acquaintances, friends, relatives and those with whom we work and play. To try to do otherwise means we would have to live in a cave, on a remote island, or up on a hill somewhere in isolation. Possibly, this is where you are in life and where you desire to be, totally separated from everyone. It might work for a while. Especially if you are trying to write a book, finish a project or complete a special task.

The biblical character Joseph had his heart broken by his brothers who betrayed him and sold him into slavery. Years later he saved all of them from starving to death and took care of them for the rest of their lives. His story is one of true grace, forgiveness and taking the higher road with those who had treated him so badly. Most of us would say, “Hurt me once, shame on you. Hurt me twice, shame on me.” Therefore, you will have to contemplate to whom you give a second change

### People know Pueblo for its...



### Famous Hot Salsa?

In Pueblo, the free government information is also hot. Spice up your life by dipping into the Consumer Information Center web site, [www.pueblo.gsa.gov](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov). You can download all the information right away. Sorry, salsa not available through our web site or Catalog.





King Crossword

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
15					16				17			
18								19	20			
			21		22	23		24				
25	26	27			28		29			30	31	32
33					34					35		
36					37				38			
			39	40			41		42			
43	44				45			46		47	48	49
50					51	52	53					
54					55				56			
57					58				59			

- Average Solve Time 24 Minutes

ACROSS

  - 1 Antiquing aid
  - 5 McCourt memoir
  - 8 Alphabet quartet
  - 12 Houston org.
  - 13 "I love," to Ovid
  - 14 Chaste
  - 15 Floor cleaners
  - 17 "Got it"
  - 18 Plum relatives
  - 19 Raw bar mollusk
  - 21 Numbered rds.
  - 24 "Eureka!"
  - 25 River blockers
  - 28 Rich soil
  - 30 Prattle
  - 33 Debtor's note
- 34 Elegance
  - 35 Swiss canton
  - 36 Golfer Ernie
  - 37 Plucked instrument
  - 38 Slightly
  - 39 Brewed drink
  - 41 Bygone jets
  - 43 Jerry of the Grateful Dead
  - 46 Part of 42-Across
  - 50 Sweet sandwich
  - 51 Nike slogan
  - 54 Use a rotary phone
  - 55 Santa \_ winds
  - 56 Part of Q.E.D.
  - 57 "Maureen" singer
  - 58 Abolish
  - 59 Missile shelter
- DOWN

  - 1 Common conjunctions
  - 2 Old France
  - 3 Canadian gas brand
  - 4 Critics, often
  - 5 Eastern path
  - 6 Little rascal
  - 7 Mediocre
  - 8 Gorilla-like
  - 9 Work very hard
  - 10 Manitoba tribe
  - 11 Woodland grazer
  - 16 Rockies hrs.
  - 20 Candied veggies
  - 22 First lady of scat
  - 23 Flies high
  - 25 Conk out
  - 26 MSN rival
  - 27 Highly-
- 29 Nile vipers
  - 31 Football's Parseghian
  - 32 eBay offer
  - 34 Spiced 39-Across
  - 38 Stage comments
  - 40 Paris school
  - 42 Stick with a kick
  - 43 Pantheon members
  - 44 Met melody
  - 45 Slightly open
  - 47 Actress Spelling
  - 48 Iranian money
  - 49 "Beetle Bailey" dog
  - 52 Numerical prefix
  - 53 Melancholy

Answer Page 4



Most smokers take several tries before they quit for good. Each attempt brings you one step closer to success. Visit us online to see how we've helped more than a million people become ex-smokers.

We support the quitter in you.  
quitterinyou.org

Archives: [www.wtxcc.com](http://www.wtxcc.com)







CLASSIFIED AD FORM

25 words - \$15 per week; 40 words - \$20 per week

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40

Deadline: Monday, 4 p.m.  
Please print. Send form and  
payment (no cash) to:  
**West Texas County Courier**  
15344 Werling Ct.  
Horizon City, TX 79928

Contact Information:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

To Advertise Call 852-3235

Archives: [www.wtxcc.com](http://www.wtxcc.com)

A	G	E	R	T	I	S	A	B	C	D
N	A	S	A	A	M	O	P	U	R	E
D	U	S	T	M	O	P	S	I	S	E
S	L	O	E	S	O	Y	S	T	E	R
		R	T	E	S	A	H	A		
D	A	M	S	L	O	A	M	G	A	B
I	O	U	C	L	A	S	S	U	R	I
E	L	S	H	A	R	P	A	T	A	D
		T	E	A	S	S	T	S		
G	A	R	C	I	A	N	I	T	R	O
O	R	E	O	J	U	S	T	D	O	I
D	I	A	L	A	N	A	E	R	A	T
S	A	D	E	R	I	D	S	I	L	O

3	+	7	×	9	=	90
-		-		-		
2	+	1	×	4	=	12
+		÷		÷		
8	-	6	×	5	=	10
=		=		=		
9		1		1		

5	4	1	8	6	3	7	2	9
3	6	2	9	7	5	1	8	4
7	8	9	4	1	2	3	6	5
4	9	7	3	5	6	2	1	8
2	3	5	1	4	8	9	7	6
8	1	6	2	9	7	5	4	3
6	7	4	5	3	1	8	9	2
9	5	8	7	2	4	6	3	1
1	2	3	6	8	9	4	5	7

A	P	A	R	T				
	I			H				
S	T	R	E	A	M		O	
						N	I	G
							T	O
								M
P	I	G	L	E	T			
		A			H			
		P	O	S	I	T		
		E				C		

CryptoQuip Answer


Even though both beasts of burden are covered in dense fur, that one is the hairier carrier.

A	R	M	B	A	B	O	R	E	D	O	M	S	O	L	A	R	A	S		
A	R	I	A	S	E	V	A	S	I	V	E	T	R	I	C	O	R	N		
Y	U	R	I	S	E	L	E	C	T	I	O	N	E	S	T	O	N	I	A	
S	T	A	T	E	L	I	N	E	A	C	E	E	L	D	E	R				
		F	R	I	E	S	O	F	F	C	O	L	O	R	Y	O	L	K		
R	E	C	I	T	E	D	P	I	T	I	E	D	V	A	T					
A	N	A	S			H	A	N	D	E	D	C	A	T	E	R	T	O		
Y	O	N	H	A	N	C	O	C	K	S	A	R	I	O	R	B				
E	L	S	B	E	A	U	T	O	H	E	N	R	Y	F	L	U	E			
D	A	T	A	L	O	S	S	A	M	I	N	O	R	A	L	L	E			
			S	E	N	T	E	N	C	E	D	T	O	Y	A	L	E			
W	E	B	E	R	I	C	E	A	G	E	T	A	R	L	E	T	O	N		
A	G	U	A	G	R	A	T	I	A	W	I	L	C	O	R	I	O			
W	A	R		S	O	O	T		Y	E	L	L	O	M	O	L	D			
A	D	J	O	U	R	N		B	A	R	O	N	Y		E	P	E			
		R	B	G		M	O	D	E	L	T		C	U	S	S	E	R	S	
T	H	E	A	V	E	R	A	G	E	Y	O		H	O	L	E	S			
H	O	R	N	E		I	R	E		C	A	N	N	E	R	I	E	S		
A	N	A	G	R	A	M		Y	A	K	O	F	D	I	A	M	O	N	D	S
R	O	S	E	T	T	E		E	V	I	L	O	N	E	S	O	R	E	N	
P	R	E	S	S	E	S		D	E	T	E	S	T	S		O	M	E	N	S



Secure her future. Always seat her in the correct car seat.

Car crashes are a leading killer of children ages 1 to 13.  
For more information visit [safercar.gov/therightseat](http://safercar.gov/therightseat).



# Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Oct. 6, 1927, “The Jazz Singer,” a part-talkie film featuring six songs by Al Jolson, debuted in theaters, marking the end of cinema’s silent film era even though it only contained about two actual minutes of synchronized dialogue.
- On Oct. 7, 1944, several hundred prisoners in the Nazi death camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau revolted and destroyed most of the gas chambers and crematoria in which they were forced to work. A small number of Nazi officers were killed in the struggle, but after a brief escape, the perpetrators were captured and executed.
- On Oct. 8, 1871, the Peshtigo Fire, today considered the most devastating fire in American history, started in Wisconsin, killing about 1,200 people and consuming 2 billion trees. Despite its massive scale, however, the smaller Great Chicago Fire, which began later that night, dominated newspaper headlines over the next days.
- On Oct. 9, 1635, Roger Williams was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony by the General Court of

Massachusetts for protesting the right of civil authorities to punish religious dissension and to confiscate Native American land. He went on to found present-day Providence, Rhode Island, with assistance from the Narragansett tribe.

- On Oct. 10, 1973, less than a year before Richard M. Nixon’s resignation as President of the United States, his vice president, Spiro Agnew, resigned in disgrace, pleading no contest to a charge of federal income tax evasion in exchange for dropped charges of political corruption. He was fined \$10,000, sentenced to three years’ probation, and disbarred by the Maryland Court of Appeals.
- On Oct. 11, 1962, Pope John XXIII convened an ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church for the first time in 92 years, in the hope of bringing a spiritual rebirth to Catholicism as well as fostering greater unity among other branches of Christianity.
- On Oct. 12, 1945, Private First Class Desmond T. Doss of Lynchburg, Virginia, became America’s first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor for outstanding bravery as a combat medic.

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

# El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The EL PASO COUNTY TORNILLO WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2025 on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at 19225 Highland St.,Tornillo, TX 79853. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal:

Eusebio Villa, Jr.  
Loretta Aguilar  
Hector Luna

Jorge Aguirre  
Ariel Lujan  
Alejandro Rodriguez

AGAINST the proposal:

NONE

PRESENT and not voting:

NONE

ABSENT:

NONE


The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.084278/\$100	\$0.080217/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		– \$ 0.004061
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)		– 4.82%
Average appraised value	\$ 109,805	\$ 119,388
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 109,805	\$ 119,388
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 92.54	\$ 95.77
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)		+ \$ 3.23 + 3.49%

### NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

**The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.**



# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Golf legend Jack Nicklaus earned his nickname, the “Golden Bear,” thanks to his size and blond hair. Conveniently, it was also the name of his high school mascot.
- The Statue of Liberty wears a size 879 shoe.
- When Americans moved out of one house and into another in the early 20th century, they would burn all their old dishcloths so that none of the bad energy that had been wiped up in the old house would move with them into their new abode.
- “Horizontal refreshment” was a 19th-century slang term for sex.
- The term “mortician” was invented as part of a PR campaign by the funeral industry, which felt it was more customer-friendly than “undertaker.” The term was chosen after a call for ideas in Embalmer’s Monthly.
- It would take 76 workdays (if you work an eight-hour day) to read every online privacy policy you agree to in an average year.
- Sorry, Scotland: Persians invented bagpipes.
- Walt Disney World is the second-largest buyer of explosives in America, following only the U.S. Department of Defense, but don’t worry – most of them are in the form of fireworks.
- A Canadian police officer named Ward Clapham created a program giving “positive tickets” to people who do good deeds.
- Harriet Tubman was the first woman

to lead a U.S. military raid.

- Great white sharks rarely survive in captivity. Experts suspect the electricity in buildings interferes with the animals’ electrosensory systems, though that hasn’t stopped some aquariums from trying, and failing, to display them.
- Marie Curie remains the only person to earn Nobel Prizes in two different sciences.
- The U.S. postmaster general was in the line of succession to the presidency until 1971.
- The Venus flytrap plant can count – it waits for something to tap its pads twice before they shut.
- Do you like to bowl? So did a lot of folks in 14th-century England, to the extent that King Edward III actually tried to outlaw the game in an effort to redirect the focus of his troops to archery!
- Many if not most people hate those annoying pop-up ads that plague our computers... and you can include their creator, Ethan Zuckerman, in that group. In 2014, he confessed in an article: “I wrote the code to launch the window and run an ad in it. I’m sorry. Our intentions were good.”
- Here’s a little extra justification for those of us who dislike daylight saving time: The practice has been linked to increased heart attacks, strokes, car accidents, workplace injuries, headaches, depressive episodes and even lower SAT scores.
- Instead of mowing the lawn, Google rents goats to eat the grass at its headquarters.

Thought for the Day: “A good example has twice the value of good advice.”  
– Albert Schweitzer

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

# To Advertise Call 852-3235

## Archives: [www.wtxcc.com](http://www.wtxcc.com)



# The NFL should stop outsmarting itself

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

The NFL season is underway; temperatures are going down and the autumn and winter holidays are right around the corner.

And everyone is a little bit happier because of it – especially with the football part.

We’re a month into the season and things are going along smoothly, but smoothly doesn’t mean perfectly.

There are still a few things the NFL should improve. Like actually penalizing a team when the play clock reaches zero; or quit going to the “under further review” monitor for three of four minutes for plays that are so obvious it should take no more than 20 seconds.

Another thing the league should re-consider is getting rid of a certain play.

I’ll explain.

The first thing the NFL does to any play that succeeds over 90% of the time is make it harder.

Remember the extra point? It got to where kicking the extra point wasn’t even anything you thought about. You kicked it, you made it, seven automatic points.

What did the NFL do? They moved the kick farther away making it a 33-yard attempt instead of the usual 20.

And it worked, a little bit. In the five years before the change, NFL kickers were good on approximately 99% of their extra-point tries.

Since 2015 when the extra yardage was added, kickers have been good

Send Your  
News To:  
wtxcc@wtxcc.com

about 95% of the time. That’s not a huge difference, but we do see more misses than we used to.

Anyway, every time something starts to work too well, the league immediately looks for ways to slow it down.

And that brings us to the “play,” the dreaded tush push. I still feel silly calling it the tush push. Football names include “the bomb” or “the blitz” or “the shotgun.”

But the “tush push” is now the most controversial play in the league. You know the tush push, where the Philadelphia Eagles (the only team that runs it) are looking at a 4th-and-1 situation and all the linemen cram together at the line of scrimmage and plow forward while the backs behind the quarterback push him forward for a couple of yards.

It’s funny, it wasn’t that long ago that it was illegal to push your own teammate forward from behind to help him gain any yards.

But now it’s legal and the tush push

is successful 96% of the time.

Before the start of this season the NFL owners held a vote to put the tush push behind us (pun intended). They needed 24 votes to get rid of it. The vote was only 22-10 so the tush push goes forward.

But now there’s another problem with the play. Other NFL teams are complaining that the Eagles’ lineman are consistently taking off early, moving before the ball is actually snapped to the quarterback, giving them a running start.

With the mass of humanity surrounding the ball on both offense and defense, it’s hard for the officials to see when the ball is snapped, and the Eagles are getting away with it.

That isn’t just my opinion, the NFL is on record saying that this has happened several times and all they can do is try to officiate it better.

Really? That’s it? That’s like me telling my 9-year-old granddaughter, who wants to dunk a basketball, to simply try and jump higher.

Because the play is boring as heck, because officials can’t tell when the ball is snapped and sometimes can’t even tell where to correctly spot the ball, the play should be outlawed.

They can solve everything by making it illegal to push your teammate from behind, like it used to be.

Other things that are keeping the NFL from being perfect are the expansion of games being played out of the country.

Don’t get me wrong; I’m not anti-foreign countries. But I am anti-getting up at 7 a.m. on a Sunday morning to watch the game from Germany or Italy or Spain.

And the NFL could cool it on carrying more and more games on Netflix, Hulu, Prime, Paramount and YouTube TV.

This is not the best time to ask your fans to spend even more money while the price of gas and groceries are where they’re at.

Get rid of all these changes and the NFL will be nearly perfect.

## Senior moment By Matilda Charles

# Seniors and social media

The list of scams against seniors keeps getting longer and longer. Just when we have a handle on the various types of fraud, here come new ones. But there’s one area where we do have some control: social media.

One place I’ve always been concerned about (and therefore have never joined) is the small neighborhood social media chat groups. So much gets talked about, and people generally feel safe because, after all, they’re chatting with their neighbors. But you never really know who’s watching online. And you never really know what small piece of information could be the one that puts you at risk – especially if a thief has been following the group and assembling your innocent chat as clues.

Beware what you say online. If you announce on social media that you’re about to take a vacation, that’s a clue to a thief that your house will be empty at a certain time. Or if you announce online that you’ll be joining an art class every Tuesday morning, or if you post your unlisted

phone number in reply to someone’s question, etc.

Another place that’s jam-packed with information is newspaper funeral notices that are posted on social media. The “survived by” information is gold for thieves. With those names, plus the date and time of the funeral, thieves know when a house is likely to be empty.

Friend requests are another source of concern with social media. Beware, and be selective. Be certain you know who you’re letting in.

Never click a link in social media, or anywhere else. Just don’t. You don’t really know where it goes.

Before you take your first step into social media, be certain you know how it works. Get good advice on how to fix your privacy settings so you’re not as vulnerable.

Remember: Seniors are targets.

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20						21								22						
23					24									25						
26												27	28			29				
				30						31	32	33				34				
35	36	37						38							39					
40								41						42				43	44	45
46					47	48	49						50					51		
52					53					54	55	56					57			
58					59					60							61			
				62					63							64				
65	66	67					68						69					70	71	72
73							74					75						76		
77							78					79						80		
81				82				83	84	85							86			
				87				88							89	90	91			
92	93	94					95						96							
97							98					99						100	101	102
103						104			105	106	107	108								
109									110								111			
112									113								114			



Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

From Page 2

over Kashmir? (The Times did note that Robinson’s mother told prosecutors that he’d moved left over the last year and become more “pro-gay and trans-rights-oriented.”) On CNN the other night, Kaitlan Collins had a testy exchange with Ted Cruz during which she insisted: “We don’t have a motive yet. We don’t know yet, we’re waiting.” This after the charging document was released that details how Robinson told both his parents and his gender-transitioning boyfriend that he killed Kirk because of the influential activist’s hate. “I’m saying,” Collins explained, when pressed by Cruz, “that law enforcement has not put a specific motive.” This is true – depending on how you define “specific” – but law enforcement has made it obvious that Robinson killed Kirk for ideological reasons, and everything points to Kirk’s opposition to the trans agenda being a prime motivator. There is no need to be pettifogging about

this. It’s a little like in the aftermath of the assassination of Martin Luther King, leaving open the possibility that James Earl Ray might have killed the civil rights leader for his views on the doctrine of substitutionary atonement. But it’s nearly impossible for the media to process the concept of “pro-trans militancy,” let alone violent pro-trans militancy, so they prefer to mumble and look at their shoes. An ABC reporter even characterized Robinson’s text messages to his boyfriend after the assassination as “very touching” (before apologizing). It’s doubtful if, in 1963, journalists had found a loving note from Lee Harvey Oswald to his wife Marina that they would have been similarly moved. What, when, where and why are supposed to be foundational questions in journalism. In this case, though, that last question is too awkward, so the coverage has lacked frankness. Jimmy Kimmel apparently made the mistake of thinking it was authoritative and complete.

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

Tendon should be examined by surgeon

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 69-year-old, very active male. My left Achilles tendon severed two years ago, but it was surgically repaired. I had an 8-inch incision that has totally healed, with the exception of one small area about the size of the lead of a pencil. It’s 3 inches above my heel. This small area would close up for a few days, then reopen with small amounts of off-white fluid oozing from the little hole. Sometimes I apply Iodosorb, which keeps the area dry for a while. But, for whatever reason, showers seem to make the incision release fluid. I apply a bandage over the wound for most sporting or exercise events, just so that it doesn’t get rubbed by the top of my shoe. Is there any solution to this, or do I just have to live with it? – R.M.



The Achilles tendon is a thick, tough piece of connective tissue between the calf muscles and the heel bone. It can rupture under extreme trauma (often sports injuries), in people who have weakness of the tendon, or due to treatment with antibiotics that are in the quinolone class, such as ciprofloxacin. When repairing the tendon, the surgeon uses sutures or wires to put it back together. A residual wound defect is quite concerning to me. The foreign material in the tendon is at a high risk for infection. It’s possible that there is an infection, which led to a fistula (an abnormal connection) between the tendon. I definitely recommend going back to see the surgeon. They may want to do further testing (possibly imaging) to see if there is any evidence of an infection in the repaired tendon.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I’m a 63-year-old man in generally good health. Recently, we moved into a new home with a pool. When I floated on my back, I noticed a 6-by-2-inch bulge from my breastbone to my navel. I contacted my doctor, who said it was rectus diastasis. I researched online, and there doesn’t appear to be anything that can be done to correct it. Apparently, it doesn’t pose a serious problem. Am I correct that I should just live with it? – G.B.

Correct. The left and right halves of your abdominus rectus muscle (your “abs”) are normally connected in the middle by tough fibrous tissue. Instead of them being held tightly together, they can be separated by a centimeter or so (called congenital rectus diastasis) in some people. Sometimes, the muscles can also separate during adulthood when people’s abdomens start to get larger, whether it’s through pregnancy, weight gain or other reasons. The area can bulge out with increased abdominal pressure. Nothing needs to be done, and although there are elective cosmetic surgeries to correct it, I’ve never had a patient want one. Most of the time, I make the diagnosis when I’m doing an abdominal exam, and the patient isn’t even aware that they have it. (Or they think that everyone has it.)

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). ©2025 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

† AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION.  
of Texas

YOUR Gift  
IS A WAY  
TO CONQUER  
LUNG DISEASE

Find out how you can help ...

[www.texaslung.org](http://www.texaslung.org)

When you lose someone dear to you — or when a special person has a birthday, quits smoking, or has some other occasion to celebrate — memorial gifts or tribute gifts made for them to your local American Lung Association help prevent lung disease and improve the care of those who suffer from it.

1-800-LUNG-USA





**Moore Texas by Roger MOORE**  
October 10, 1982: The Fire Ant Festival is born in Marshall, TX. The annual festival is held the 2nd Saturday of October.

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: C equals B

RZRS GWPMIW CPGW CRYTGT  
PJ CMFQRS YFR UPZRFRQ LS  
QRSTR JMF, GWYG PSR LT GWR  
WYLFLRF UYFFLRF.

Answer Page 4

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

The VA health and benefits mobile app



by Freddy Groves

The VA Health and Benefits mobile app is very well done, and having the app can make it a lot easier for veterans to manage VA business directly from a phone or tablet. Many apparently agree, because by this summer there were over 3 million downloads of the app and 1.4 million use it every month.

There are several tools in the app, with the one for health care possibly being the most valuable. With the health care tool, you can send (and receive) secure messages to and from your health care team, see your appointments and put them on your calendar, get your records for vaccines and refill your prescriptions.

The benefits tools portion of the app can help you review your claim and

appeal status, submit more evidence for your claims and check your disability rating.

The payments tool will let you see the payments the VA has sent you and update your direct deposit information.

If you have VA-related travel (mileage only) claims, you can now do that right on the phone. Coming soon: lab and test results viewable right on your phone.

But the tools aren't the only things you'll find on the app. Being able to show your status as a veteran can come in handy if you're in a store that gives a discount to veterans – you'll have the proof right there on your phone. You can locate the VA facilities near you and quickly access the VA's crisis line. You'll have secure sign-in with fingerprint or face recognition for access.

For more info about the app, see [mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-and-benefits](https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-and-benefits). You'll find the download links for both iOS and Android. On that page you'll

also find a few short videos done by veterans who talk about their experiences with the app. If you want more information about the app, put "VA benefits app" in a search engine.

If you need help with the app, call 800-698-2411. They're available 24/7.

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.



• Medication labels can fade, so when you get yours, put a piece of clear tape over the instructions. This way, you'll always be able to read the instructions.

• "During the holidays (the height of baking season for me), I keep a large plastic saltshaker filled with flour and a bit of dry rice. The rice helps the flour to shake out without getting clumped up, and I use it to dust cake pans, rolling pins, kneading boards, etc." – W.F. in Canada

• "I use a black permanent marker to 'erase' scuff marks on my black heels. I only wear them a couple of times a year, so I have to make them last. It works." – R.E. in Minnesota

• "Stack pucks in the holes of a cardboard soda six-pack carrier. Tell your coach. And to keep them bouncy, store them in your freezer (as long as your mom says it's OK)." – via e-mail

• Keep the fog off your glasses by cleaning them with shaving cream. It will prevent mist-ups when you come in from the cold.

• Flat paint will show fewer defects in a surface than glossier paint, experts say. When refinishing a piece of furniture or a wall that has seen better days, try to stay with a finish that's less light-reflective.

• To ripen a green tomato, wrap it in a sheet of newspaper or place it in a paper bag. It can then be left on the counter for several days to ripen.

• Save your citrus peels and dry them. You can use them for kindling in your fire. They contain flammable oils, and they smell pretty good, too.

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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

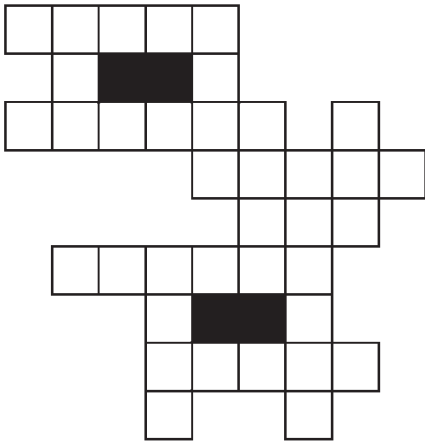
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!  
Answer Page 4

	+		×		= 90			
-		-		-				
	+		×		= 12			
+		÷		÷				
	-		×		= 10			
=		=		=				
9		1		1				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.



- HMO  
♥ RASMET  
TAPRA  
♥ EGPA  
GEPILT  
♥ MTO  
HNTA  
STOIP  
♥ TPI  
GHITCO  
♥ GHITN  
♥ EMTI



Answer Page 4

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

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.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	4			6		7		9
3					5		8	
		9	4			3		
		7	3	5		2		
2			1					6
	1				7		4	
6	7			3		8		
		8	7					1
	2				9		5	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

Answer Page 4

◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.