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Gathering gifts for Operation Christmas Child

USDA program keeps extra COVID-era money for fruits, veggies

By JONEL ALECCIA
AP Health Writer

U.S. agriculture officials proposed changes Thursday to the federal program that helps pay the grocery bills for low-income pregnant women, babies and young children, including extending a bump in payments for fresh fruits and vegetables allowed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The update also adds more whole grains, canned fish and non-dairy options to their shopping carts. The effort is aimed at expanding the number and type of healthy foods available to families who get assistance from the Agriculture Department's program known as WIC, officials said.

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COURTESY PHOTO

On Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, U.S. agriculture officials proposed changes to the federal program that helps pay the grocery bills for pregnant women, babies and young children that includes keeping a bump in payments for fresh fruits and vegetables allowed during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Craig Jones, of Samaritan's Purse, stands next to the ready-to-deliver boxfuls of shoebox gifts dropped off at Courtesy Ford in Globe for the organization's Operation Christmas Child. The gifts were brought in by local churches, other organizations and individuals, and were shipped out on Saturday for delivery.



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"These proposals will promote healthier lifestyles and brighter futures for millions of children," said Stacy Dean, deputy

undersecretary for food, nutrition, and consumer services.

The revisions would make permanent pay-

ments authorized by Congress during the COVID-19 pandemic that increased vouchers for fruits and vegetables to \$25 a month

for children ages 1 to 5 and to \$49 a month for breastfeeding women.

"This increase in fruits and vegetables has really made it attractive for families to have their children in the program longer," said Geraldine Henchy, director of nutrition policy for the nonprofit Food Research & Action Center, who applauded the changes. "Kids really love fruit."

At the same time, the plan would reduce the amounts of some foods, for example reducing or eliminating juice allowed for some recipients. It also reduces the amount of milk and cheese covered under the program, a move that drew immediate criticism from the dairy industry.

"It is unfortunate for WIC participants that the proposed rule would decrease access to dairy products and the unique nutrient profile they provide," the International Dairy Foods Association and the National Milk Producers Federation said in a

statement.

More than 6.2 million pregnant women, mothers, babies and young children participate in the program annually. The federal government currently pays about \$5 billion a year to run the program, which is administered through states and other jurisdictions. The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children provides vouchers to mothers and children who qualify and specifically lists the amount and types of food they can buy.

The proposed changes to WIC would also expand access to whole grains, encompassing foods from different cultures, including quinoa, blue cornmeal and teff, an ancient East African cereal grass. The plan also allows more non-dairy options, including soy-based yogurts and cheeses, and requires lactose-free milk to be included.

"It reflects the fact that different people have different capacities to toler-

ate different kinds of food," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

More canned fish, such as tuna, would be available as well as easy-to-prepare canned beans in addition to dried beans, officials said. The plan would also change the amount of infant formula provided to partially breastfed babies.

Increasing the voucher for fruits and vegetables to \$25 a month during the pandemic has allowed Elizabeth Loya, 28, of Los Angeles, to encourage her 4-year-old daughter, Giselle, to sample new foods.

"She tried Brussels sprouts and, two weeks ago, she tried asparagus," Loya said. "She liked them."

The proposed changes are based on a 2017 report from the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine and the national Dietary Guidelines for Americans. They'll be evaluated after a three-month public comment period.

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Tonto National Monument to participate in Audubon's 123rd Annual Christmas Bird Count

ROOSEVELT – Tonto National Monument invites the public to participate in the National Audubon Society's 123rd Annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022. Visitors will help with the identification and counting of bird species found at Tonto National Monument. All levels of birding experience are encouraged, and this drop-in event is free

and open to the public.

Anyone wishing to participate should meet up with park staff at the Visitor Center any time between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Bird identification guides and data recording materials will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their own binoculars.

The Christmas Bird Count is the nation's longest-running community

science bird project, and the data is used to study long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. This project helps Tonto National Monument by providing an updated species inventory.

For more information please contact 928-467-2241 or tont_information@nps.gov, or visit <https://www.nps.gov/tont>.

Crafternoon at Globe Public Library

Do you have unfinished projects you want to work on? Would you like to spend time with friends who are also working on something? Want to do a mystery craft? Every Friday at 3 p.m. we will have something for you. Everything from bullet journaling and card-making to painting and needlecraft, you can work on it here. We are working on bullet

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The No-Host social time will begin at 4 p.m. Dinner, a mouthwatering New York Strip steak and all the fixins', will be served at 5:30 p.m. To round out the evening, join in the fun and merriment of bidding

on a variety of live and silent auction gift items, and dance the night away to your Western favorites with Bob Bigando and the Tumbleweeds. For more information, visit our website at www.GCCGA.com.

Space is limited, so make your reservations early. For reservations and information, contact the Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce at 928-425-

4495 by Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022. Cost is \$40 per person, payable at either the Chamber of Commerce (cash/check) or at the door the night of the event (check, cash or credit card). Dinner is sponsored by Jill Wilson, Farm Bureau Financial Services.

So mark your calendars and reserve today. We hope to see you there.

Adult (18+) board game night

Globe Public Library is hosting an after-hours board game night for people 18 years old and up on November 29, December 6

and December 20 starting at 5 p.m. These are cooperative or competitive board games that use strategy. If you have a favorite you

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Globe Active Adult Center News

Hello from the Globe Active Adult Center. The center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving Holiday. We serve biscuits and gravy Wednesdays from 7:30-9 a.m., for \$3 per bowl. Our activities include Walking Club and games Mondays at 8 a.m., stretch & flex Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., bingo Wednesdays and Fridays 9-11a.m., ceramics Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and crafts Fridays at 9 a.m. For benefits assistance, call the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens at 1-800-293-9393. Lunch served Monday thru Friday at 11:45 a.m. 60 and over is \$2.50 per meal, under 60

\$5 per meal. We are located at 579 S. Broad St.; our phone number is 928-425-9030.

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Holiday
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Friday, November 25 Thanksgiving Holiday
CLOSED

Monday, November 28 Walking Club/Games 8 a.m.

Chicken Tetrazzini, Zucchini, Cauliflower, Garlic Bread, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, November 29 Video Exercise 8:30 a.m./Stretch and Flex 9:30 a.m.

Bean Burro, Spanish Rice, Green Beans, Tortilla,

Banana Pudding

Wednesday, November 30 Biscuits & Gravy 7:30 a.m./Bingo 9 a.m./Ceramics 9 a.m.

Beef Goulash, Mixed Veggies, Spinach Salad, Wheat Bread, Mixed Fruit

Menu—All meals 2% milk

The Globe Active Adult Center is sponsored by the Older Americans Act, AZ DES Division of Aging, Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Gila County and the City of Globe. Globe Active Adult Center does not discriminate regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Christmas with Elvis returning to Miami Library

The Miami Memorial Library is pleased to announce the Second Annual Christmas with Elvis at the library, on December 3 at 4 p.m.

This concert is presented by the Friends of the Miami Memorial Library. There will be a \$5 donation at the door.

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Annual Read-On Express coming Dec. 10

The Copper Basin Coalition and its partner agencies will be hosting the Annual Read-On Express on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the old train depot in downtown Globe. The goal of this event is to promote the importance of early literacy in our community. Early literacy refers to the development of skills students need in order to transition from learning to read, to reading to

learn. These skills include vocabulary, phonics, language and numeracy, to name a few. Early literacy gives students the foundation they need to learn and grow.

Free books and crafts will be provided at the event along with information from many resources in the community, an opportunity to have a story read to them, visit with Santa, ride a train around the property, receive milk

and a cookie and many more fun things.

The Copper Basin Coalition is excited to host this event and is looking for community organizations, businesses, agencies and groups to participate. If you are interested in hosting a booth or participating, or if you have questions, please contact Julie Craig at Arizona Youth Partnership, JulieC@azyp.org or (928) 961-0426.

Carlota Copper donates to food bank



ANDREA JUSTICE/ARIZONA SILVER BELT

Employees from Carlota Copper Company donated a large haul of food to the Gila Community Food Bank last week as part of an employee competition. Pictured from left to right are Trish Robertson, Kathy Binigar, Renea Shaffer and Kenny Smith.

Upcoming community meetings for Supervisor Humphrey

Tonto Basin Community Meeting, Dec. 6, 2022 at 5 p.m., Tonto Basin Chamber, State Route 188 & Rattle-

snake, Tonto Basin, AZ
Roosevelt Community Meeting, Dec. 12, 2022 at 1 p.m., Roosevelt Resort,

348 N. Stagecoach Trail, Roosevelt, AZ
KQSS Radio Spot, Dec. 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.



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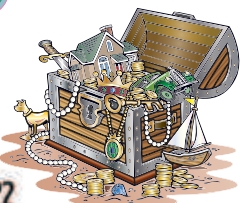
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Kids' clubs meet at Globe Public Library

Globe Public Library has many clubs that kids 8 and up can join. These clubs meet once a month on Fridays at 2 p.m.

The First Friday of the Month is Lego Club. This club gets together to build. There is a monthly theme. The December 2 theme is winter. You can build anything that you think about when you think of winter.

The Second Friday of the Month is Kids' Cooking. These cooking activities vary from fun and

simple to the science of cooking and baking. December 9 we will be doing Holiday Favorites. Bring your holiday favorites to share if you want. We will be making some of our favorites. If you bring a favorite to share, please bring the recipe.

The Third Friday of the Month is Game Group. This group plays games. The games are selected by those who come to play. We have several that the kids can choose from. We

have card games, board games and beyond.

The Fourth Friday of the Month is STEM Club. We are currently doing Galaxy Quest in honor of the NASA Artemis Program. December 23 we will be Astro Adventurers. We will be playing a game where the goal is to expand our influence in our solar system by collecting resources and adding spacecraft to our fleet. We will learn about the resources needed for space exploration and where they could be found. In addition, we will explore the implications of space travel on human health in this interplanetary adventure.

If you want to help come up with ideas and plan activities, the Youth Advisory Committee is the place for you. This group is for kids 10 and up. They meet on the third Friday at noon. We have lunch and make plans. Most recently the Youth Advisory Committee planned and carried out an Escape from Azkaban Escape Room. On December 16, they will be looking at programs for 2023. Join us for lively conversation and lunch. Please RSVP to (928) 425-6111.

These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Globe Public Library and the United Fund of Globe-Miami.

Betty Jean Beneteau Rayes

Betty Jean Beneteau Rayes, 89, passed on Nov. 12, 2022. A lifetime Globe-Miami resident, Betty's life was her family, church and community. Her career in community service started at the Miami YMCA the day after graduation from MHS. She spent the next 30 years as the YMCA's business manager/executive secretary and as a volunteer in many other community organizations. In 1968, as the volunteer manager of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, she was instrumental in negotiations with the NBA's newest franchise, the Phoenix Suns, to play its very first NBA exhibition game in, of all places, the Miami High School Gym. At Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament



Church in Miami she taught catechism classes, and served on numerous committees, including the Finance Committee for more than 40 years. Betty was an outstanding student and athlete in high school. After high school she took up bowling and soon was recognized state-wide as one of the top women bowlers. She bowled 61 years in Globe-Miami leagues

and in the Valley. She won many titles, participating in 55 state tournaments and 10 national W.I.B.C. tournaments. In 1983, Betty married Nick Rayes and became an important part of the Rayes family. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Nick Rayes, her mother and father, Aline Mary Beneteau and Roland Maurice Beneteau, and her brothers George and Roland Beneteau. She is survived by the four Rayes children, Louis, Doug, Emily and Neil, plus 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 4, 2023, at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Miami, Arizona.

Dolores Marie Dale

Dolores Marie Dale, of Globe, Arizona, passed away in her home on Nov. 12, 2022.

She was the loving mother of three children

and four stepchildren, and a loving grandmother to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dolores loved the music scene and was just an all-

around fun person. She will be missed by many.

Services will be a private family affair.

Masons' Clothe a Child

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 at 8 a.m. White Mountain Lodge #3 F & AM will hold the annual Dave Johnson Clothe a Child at Bealls Outlet west of Walmart. We will buy clothes for approximately 24 children ages 5 to 10. We will seek the assistance of Destiny and Globe school teachers to select 12 children from Globe and 12 children from Destiny.

This program has been

held every year for over 56 years. Dave Johnson was a longtime supporter and upon his passing asked that donations be made to Clothe a Child. The program operates on donations and any are appreciated. Make donations to White Mountain Lodge #3.

Bealls Outlet assists the program by opening the store one hour before normal opening and giving discounts on purchases.

Volunteers help the children pick clothes and more volunteers are always needed. The program is a charitable tax exempt 501(c)(10).

Breakfast will be served for all volunteers at the Masonic Temple, 180 N. Broad St., third floor, following the clothes purchases.

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Karaoke Club

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Holiday Closures

Globe Public Library will be closed from November 24 through November 27 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on November 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Globe Public Library will be closed on December 10 for staff training. We will reopen on December 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Globe Public Library will also be closed from December 24 through January 2 for Winter Holidays. We will reopen on January 3 at 8:30 a.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

Issac Nitta sings karaoke at the Globe Public Library.

Besh Ba Gowah presents Festival of Lights

The City of Globe's Besh Ba Gowah Archaeological Park and Museum presents the 34th annual Festival of Lights is Saturday, Dec. 3 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The festival creates a beautiful scene and wonderful combination of the Southwest holiday tradition of the lighting of the luminaria and the artistry of Native American cultural presentations. This year's festival will feature 4,000 real candle luminarias illuminating the archaeological park's partially reconstructed 800-year-old Salado Culture ruins. Guests are encouraged to walk among the luminarias and feel the magic of the season. The glowing of the luminarias creates a dramatic backdrop for cultural presenta-

tions by the internationally renowned Yellow Bird Productions and the Chi'Chino Spirit O'Odham Dance Group. Presentations will run periodically throughout the night until the festival concludes.

The Besh Ba Gowah Museum will be open to visitors for the duration of the event, and guests are welcome to view the exhibits and browse the unique items available in the gift store.

The event will also have food trucks offering a variety of delicious treats and local specialty merchandise vendors.

Admission to the event

has always been free, although non-perishable food donations are encouraged in support of the Gila Community Food bank.

Parking for the event fills up fast, so free shuttle services run every 15 minutes from 4 p.m. until the last call at 9 p.m. Shuttle parking is located at the Train Depot in downtown Globe, located at 230 S. Broad St.

Besh Ba Gowah Archaeological Park and Museum is located at 1324 S. Jesse Hayes Rd. in Globe. For more information, contact the museum at 928-425-0320 or visit globeaz.gov/besh-ba-gowah-archaeological-park-and-museum.

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NASA's mightiest moon rocket lifts off 50 years after Apollo

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's new moon rocket blasted off on its debut flight with three test dummies aboard Wednesday (Nov. 16), bringing the U.S. a big step closer to putting astronauts back on the lunar surface for the first time since the end of the Apollo program 50 years ago.

If all goes well during the three-week, make-or-break shakedown flight, the crew capsule will be propelled into a wide orbit around the moon and then return to Earth with a Pacific splashdown in December.

After years of delays and billions in cost overruns, the Space Launch System rocket thundered skyward, rising from Kennedy Space Center on 8.8 million pounds (4 million kilograms) of thrust and hitting 100 mph (160 kph) within seconds. The Orion capsule was perched on top

and, less than two hours into the flight, busted out of Earth's orbit toward the moon.

"It was pretty overwhelming," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "We're going out to explore the heavens, and this is the next step."

The moonshot follows nearly three months of vexing fuel leaks that kept the rocket bouncing between its hangar and the pad. Forced back indoors by Hurricane Ian at the end of September, the rocket stood its ground outside as Nicole swept through last week with gusts of more than 80 mph (130 kph). Although the wind caused some damage, managers gave the green light for the launch.

An estimated 15,000 people jammed the launch site, with thousands more lining the beaches and roads outside the gates, to witness NASA's long-awaited sequel to Project Apollo, when 12 astronauts walked

on the moon in 1969 and 1972. Crowds also gathered outside NASA centers in Houston and Huntsville, Alabama, to watch the spectacle on giant screens.

Cheers accompanied the rocket as it rode a huge trail of flames toward space, with a half-moon glowing brightly and buildings shaking as though hit by a major quake.

"For the Artemis generation, this is for you," launch director Charlie Blackwell-Thompson called out, referring to all those born after Apollo. She later told her team: "You have earned your place in history."

The liftoff marked the start of NASA's Artemis lunar-exploration program, named after Apollo's mythological twin sister. The space agency is aiming to send four astronauts around the moon on the next flight, in 2024, and land humans there as early as 2025.

The 322-foot (98-meter)

SLS is the most powerful rocket ever built by NASA, with more thrust than either the space shuttle or the mighty Saturn V that carried men to the moon. A series of hydrogen fuel leaks plagued the summertime launch attempts as well as countdown tests. A fresh leak erupted at a new location during Tuesday night's fueling, but an emergency team managed to tighten the faulty valve on the pad. Then a U.S. Space Force radar station went down, resulting in another scramble, this time to replace an ethernet switch.

"The rocket, it's alive. It's creaking. It's making venting noises. It's pretty scary," said Trent Annis, one of the three men who entered the blast danger zone to fix Tuesday night's leak. "My heart was pumping. My nerves were going. But yeah, we showed up today."

Orion should reach the moon by Monday, more than 230,000 miles (370,000 kilometers) from Earth. After coming within 80 miles (130 kilometers) of the moon, the capsule will enter a far-flung orbit stretching about 40,000 miles (64,000 kilometers) beyond.

The \$4.1 billion test flight is set to last 25 days, roughly the same as when crews will be aboard. The space agency intends to push the spacecraft to its limits and uncover any problems before astronauts strap in. The mannequins — NASA

calls them moonequins — are fitted with sensors to measure such things as vibration, acceleration and cosmic radiation.

Nelson cautioned "things will go wrong" during this demo. A few minor issues already have cropped up in flight, although preliminary indications were the boosters and engines performed well.

"There's definitely relief that we're underway," mission manager Mike Sarafin told reporters. But he added: "I personally am not going to rest well until we get safely to splashdown and recovery."

The rocket was supposed to have made its dry run by 2017. Government watchdogs estimate NASA will have spent \$93 billion on the project by 2025.

Ultimately, NASA hopes to establish a base on the moon and send astronauts to Mars by the late 2030s or early 2040s.

But many hurdles still need to be cleared. The Orion capsule will take astronauts only to lunar orbit, not the surface.

NASA has hired Elon Musk's SpaceX to develop Starship, the 21st-century answer to Apollo's lunar lander. Starship will carry astronauts back and forth between Orion and the lunar surface, at least on the first trip in 2025. The plan is to station Starship and eventually other companies' landers in orbit around the moon, ready for use whenever new Ori-

on crews pull up.

Reprising an argument that was made during the 1960s, Duke University historian Alex Roland questions the value of human spaceflight, saying robots and remote-controlled spacecraft could get the job done more cheaply, efficiently and safely.

"In all these years, no evidence has emerged to justify the investment we have made in human spaceflight — save the prestige involved in this conspicuous consumption," he said.

NASA is waiting until this test flight is over before introducing the astronauts who will be on the next one and those who will follow in the footsteps of Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

Most of NASA's corps of 42 active astronauts and 10 trainees were not even born yet when Apollo 17 moonwalkers Gene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt closed out the era, 50 years ago next month.

"We are jumping out of our spacesuits with excitement," astronaut Christina Koch said Tuesday.

After a nearly yearlong space station mission and all-female spacewalk, Koch, 43, is on NASA's short list for a lunar flight. So is astronaut Kayla Barron, 35, who finally got to witness her first rocket launch, not counting her own a year ago.

"It took my breath away, and I was tearing up," Barron said. "What an amazing accomplishment for this team."



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Winter Group Art Show taking submissions

Calling all artists, makers and craftsmen! The Miami Arts Commission (MAC) has announced the Winter Group Art Show and open call for art. The Winter Group Art Show is an open-call art show that benefits the Miami Arts Commission. The call for art is open to artists around the world, but the commission is working hard to have a

strong showing from artists in Globe-Miami and other Copper Corridor communities. If you or someone you know is an artist, don't hesitate to submit work and spread the word! Artists of all ages are encouraged to submit up to three pieces of art. Submissions can be for sale or not. A portion of all sales benefits MAC's community art programs. The

Winter Group Art Show will be on view from December 10-February 5 at The Jim Coates Gallery and Miami Art Works on Sullivan Street in Miami. An opening reception will coincide with Miami's Second Saturday event on December 10 and go into the evening with live entertainment, art activities and refreshments. Submissions can be dropped

off now through December 8 at Miami Art Works (509 Sullivan St., Wed-Sun 11-5), but late submissions will be accepted. For more information or to inquire about artwork pickup, contact the Miami Arts Commission through email at miamilocoartsfestival@gmail.com, social media, or a visit to Miami Art Works. Miami Arts Commission is a 501(c)

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cornbread stuffing. **Start prep work a few days before Thanksgiving** Take some stress out of Thanksgiving by cutting all vegetables and/or preparing some dishes a few days early. Label and organize prepared ingredients by recipe and store in the refrigerator. Make extra room in the fridge by removing nonessential items and placing them in a cooler with ice and cleaning out any old food or condiments. Plan your table settings and label which bowls and other serving dishes will be used for which items. This will make it much easier to set the table on Thanksgiving.



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Simplify this year's Thanksgiving dinner by following these easy steps.

Pick the menu early Don't leave menu planning and shopping to the last minute. Decide what you'll be cooking in addition to turkey several weeks before the big day. Select two or three side dishes, preferably items that can be prepared in advance and then reheated on Thanksgiving. These can include a baked macaroni-and-cheese casserole, mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, and a

Serve batched cocktails It can be challenging and expensive to have a full bar for guests. Mulled wine, hot

cider and punches are ideal ways to service a crowd looking for delicious spirited drinks. **Create simple centerpieces** Use seasonal sights for your centerpieces or place settings. These can include small squashes, gourds, cit-

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Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends and reflect on one's blessings. In 2022, Canadian Thanksgiving takes place on October 10, while Americans celebrate on November 24. In anticipation of these holi-

days, here are some interesting facts about the Thanksgiving celebration.

1. American Thanksgiving is largely modeled on a 17th century harvest feast shared by the English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe.

2. Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October. It is based on European harvest festivals.

3. The National Turkey Federation says around 45 million turkeys will be eat-

en on Thanksgiving, which equates to about 720 million pounds of turkey being consumed (with the average turkey size being 16 pounds).

4. The Butterball hotline answers roughly 100,000 calls every year on its turkey question hotline.

5. In 1953, the Swanson company overestimated the number of frozen turkeys it would sell for the holiday season by 26 tons. Rather than waste the meat, Swanson sliced it up, repackaged it and created the first frozen TV dinners.

6. Thanksgiving in America may be older than many recognize. While Thanksgiving is largely tied to the 17th century settlers, the National Parks Service says in 1565 Spanish settlers in St. Augustine (now Florida) celebrated by having a meal to which

they invited the native Seloy tribe. The Spanish served pork stew, sea biscuits, red wine, and garbanzo beans. Some say the Seloy contributed turkey, venison and maize.

7. Thanksgiving didn't become a civic holiday until Abraham Lincoln made it one after the Civil War tragedy. Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday on October 20, 1864.

8. The Pilgrims did not refer to themselves as "pilgrims." They used the word "separatists" as they were separating themselves from a larger belief system.

9. In addition to Canada and the United States, Grenada, Liberia, the Philippines, Saint Lucia, and the Netherlands celebrate their own versions of Thanksgiving.

10. Each year, the Ameri-

can president "pardons" a turkey from slaughter on Thanksgiving. This tradition dates back to when Abraham Lincoln's son was upset that his family's turkey was going to be killed for Thanksgiving dinner.

11. According to the U.S. Calorie Control Council (CCC), an average American may consume 4,500 calories and 229 grams of fat on Thanksgiving Day.

12. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is an annual tradition. People line the parade route in New York City or tune in to watch the parade on television. It originated in 1924 and the famed balloons were added in 1927.

13. Apple pie is the pie of choice for Thanksgiving, even though pumpkin pie is prevalent this time of year.



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We all go through troubling times, and it's easy to get disheartened when that happens. But the Bible teaches that even during periods of challenge and adversity, we can respond correctly. Today's passage tells us to rejoice. This doesn't mean we're to be glad about the hardship, but we should rejoice because we're protected by God for the eternal glory that awaits us in heaven.

Another reason for joy is that trials are designed to produce endurance and spiritual maturity in us (James 1:2-4). God wants us to hang in there so we can derive the full benefit of whatever lesson He has in mind.

Our heavenly Father also uses trials to prove to His children that their faith is genuine (1 Pet. 1:7). When we persevere through each difficulty, our faith is

tested and refined, reassuring us of our salvation.

As we learn that God brings benefit from our adversities, we'll begin to face challenging times with confidence, knowing He always has our best interest in mind. This leads to joy, because we know He is building our endurance, purifying our heart, and making us people with unshakeable trust in Him.

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Giving thanks

By DR. DAN MORTON

Contributor

Yesterday I conducted a memorial service for a dear friend. The funeral was held almost a year ago, but the headstone was finally placed and this gave a unique opportunity for family and close friends to gather and share their feelings of his absence.

I began by saying, "I have but one regret of having met Frank Adams and that is that it came so late in our lives." I continued with my thoughts of those special qualities as a friend and the times we spent together working on a project or just chatting about life. With the immediacy of his passing a year ago, it was now an opportunity to share feelings with one another.

This has also served as a reminder of those we hold dear, our inner circle of those whom we may see and talk to every day, but haven't taken the time – even a moment – to say "Thank You!" It should not take a funeral to open up our hearts and minds and express how important our friends are.

As I go about my daily routine, I try to say a sincere

"thank you" to the check-out clerk at the grocery store, the mail carrier, the police officer or the firefighter. Sometimes it may take a moment to stop and speak to them, but it will make their day and give yours a boost. Some areas have begun this as a movement to recognize those who have made or are making a difference. Perhaps you are one.

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Down to its last panda, Mexico ponders what could come next

By **FABIOLA SÁNCHEZ**

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Xin Xin, the last panda in Latin America, is not your average bear. A native of Mexico, she's the only remaining member of a diaspora descended from giant pandas China gifted to foreign countries during the 1970s and 1980s.

Mexico's Chapultepec Zoo is one of only two zoos that houses pandas

without the direct supervision of the Chinese government. That era may soon end after more than 50 years because Xin Xin, the granddaughter of pandas gifted by China, is childless, in menopause and, at 32, very old.

It could be the end for pandas in Latin America altogether if Mexico's government balks at the price of a new panda.

Xin Xin is a second-generation Mexican-born panda, tracing her lineage to

Pe Pe and Ying Ying, who arrived at the zoo in 1975. They were part of China's early "panda diplomacy," a period when the charismatic animals were gifted to countries around the world. In 1984, China ended panda gifts, switching to a policy of high-priced loans.

This history has made Mexico one of a few countries able to keep locally born panda cubs. Since 1985, the loan program has required that zoos return any cubs to China.

After Shuan Shuan's death, Mexican officials began speaking with China's ambassador. China now loans giant pandas for between 10 and 15 years at a cost of \$1 million annually, meant to support panda conservation in China.

The austere administration of Mexico President Andrés Manuel López Obrador appears unlikely to agree to this price. "Another arrangement will definitely have to be found, but it will depend a lot on the will and necessities of both countries," said Fernando Gual, director of Mexico City Zoos and Wildlife Conservation.

Xin Xin's own interests are more down to earth. She passes the time relaxing in a hammock and padding tranquilly around her enclosure looking for bamboo. Sometimes, her trainer also hides her favorite treat, red apples.

Watching Xin Xin, Gual smiled as he remembered the July 1, 1990 morning when her mother Tohui surprised everyone at the zoo by giving birth to a four-ounce Xin Xin, far from the camera that recorded her movements 24 hours a day.

"It's impossible not to have an attachment to these animals,"

Gual said. "We saw most of them being born here." Tohui was the second panda ever born outside China, and the first to survive infancy, living to age 12. Pop star Yuri released a song expressing the city's pride and excitement.

The life expectancy of a giant panda in the wild is about 15 years, but in captivity they have lived to be as old as 38. Decades of conservation efforts in the wild and study in captivity saved the giant panda from extinction, increasing its population from fewer than 1,000 at one time to more than 1,800 today in the wild and captivity.

Mexico's remarkable success makes it one of only two zoos to run a panda program outside the control of the Chinese government, according to the Congressional Research Service. The other is in Taiwan, which received two pandas in 2008 in exchange for a pair of endangered sika deer.

Eight pandas have been born in Mexico, of whom five survived to adulthood. Decades of study at the Chapultepec Zoo have yielded extensive knowledge, as well as genetic material — cryogenically preserved semen and ovarian tissue — that scientists here hope will allow them to continue assisting in the pandas' conservation even after Xin Xin is gone.

Carlos Cerda Dueñas, a researcher at the Monterrey Institute of Technology who has studied panda diplomacy, said that Mexico's strategic importance could encourage China to make a deal, but that López Obrador's preference for austerity could make reaching an agreement "very difficult."

China's suspended new panda loans for a time during the COV-

ID-19 pandemic, but the government of President Xi Jinping recently revived it, sending a pair of pandas to World Cup host Qatar.

China is Mexico's second most important trade partner, behind the United States, and China's government has been working to expand its influence in Latin America. The possibility of leaving the region without any pandas could be leverage for Mexico.

What is not in doubt is the drawing power of the pandas.

At the Chapultepec Zoo there is a panda museum displaying photographs of the animals over the years, plaster casts of their footprints, bits of panda hair and dozens of children's drawings. Shuan Shuan's last birthday piñata is there too.

But Xin Xin is the real attraction. She got a birthday piñata, shaped like a panda and stuffed with apples and carrots, on July 1.

On a recent day, Juan Vicente Araya of Costa Rica marveled at Xin Xin, alongside his family.

"When we decided to travel to Mexico, from the oldest to the youngest, everyone at home came with the dream of being able to see a panda," Araya said, as he patted the head of his young son, who was playing with a stuffed panda his parents bought him on the visit.

Araya, who works for a U.S. company, said the first thing his group of family and friends did after arriving in Mexico City from Costa Rica was to go to the zoo to see Xin Xin.

"In Latin America we don't have a lot of opportunities to see a panda," he said. "The truth is it was worth it for us to come from Costa Rica. We're very excited to meet her."

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You have an energy to release this week, Aries. But you are not sure if the world is ready for you. Don't expect the same reaction from everyone when you interact.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Something in your life that seems ordinary on the surface can turn into something that is rather special. Taurus. Keep your eyes peeled for every possibility.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, all of the fanfare you are about to receive can make it

seem like you are the most popular person on the planet. Revel in the attention while you have it.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Sometimes the less traveled path can take you to some pretty special places, Cancer. Don't be so quick to rule out opportunities that are right in front of you.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Start evaluating personal habits that may be holding you back, Leo. Upon closer examination, you may discover that there are some things you can easily change for

the better.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, much to your relief, your hard work could start paying off very soon. It has been a long time coming, so enjoy any rewards that come from your efforts.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Consider a partnership that falls into your lap, Libra. It may provide you with some new social and business connections. There's a lot of opportunity coming down the pike.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, it is alright to desire some quiet, but too much excitement is surrounding you lately for things to settle down just yet. Ride this wave a little longer.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

A week full of possibilities and positivity lies ahead for you, Sagittarius. The only question is, "what are you going to do with it?" Bring a friend for the ride.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, no matter how much work you have on your plate, rest assured that you have all of the

resources available to get things done successfully.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

The stars are interested in showering you with plenty of love right now, Aquarius. This could be one of the most enjoyable weeks you've had in quite a while.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Romance could bloom this week if you are interested, Pisces. You also may be able to solidify an existing relationship.

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Wrap up this app at your holiday cocktail party

Cocktail parties feature prominently on social schedules each holiday season. Such get-togethers are convenient because the foods and beverages served are designed to be small and portable. That can save any holiday host time in the kitchen.

There may be plenty of prepared foods in the grocer's freezer that can be served for gatherings, but the taste of easy, homemade offerings can mingle with the time-savers when guests arrive. "Bacon-Wrapped Goat Cheese Stuffed Dates" are an easily prepared appetizer that pairs sweet with savory. Even better, these morsels are delicious served warm

out of the oven or can be eaten at room temperature when late-arriving guests stroll in.

Wrap up cocktail party spreads with this recipe, courtesy of "Spectacular Spreads: 50 Amazing Food Spreads for Any Occasion" (Rock Point) by Meagan Brown.

Bacon-Wrapped Goat Cheese Stuffed Dates

Makes 16

16 pitted dates

8 thin slices bacon, halved

4 ounces creamy goat cheese

Toothpicks

Hot honey, for garnishing

Chopped fresh parsley, for garnishing

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a rimmed baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

If your dates are not already pitted, slice the dates lengthwise on one side, but not all the way through, to create an opening. Remove the pit.

Using a teaspoon measure, fill the cavity of each date with a heaping teaspoon of the goat cheese and then gently press the sides together to close a bit.

Wrap each date with a half slice of bacon and secure with a toothpick. Arrange the bacon-wrapped dates on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 15 to 20 min-



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utes, turning the dates halfway through so the bacon is evenly cooked. Transfer

the bacon-wrapped dates to a serving platter and drizzle with the hot honey.

Garnish with the parsley. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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