



NEWSBRIEFS

‘DWI Not So Fun House’

As summer celebrations enter their final weeks, the Texas Department of Transportation is taking its “DWI Not So Fun House” to community events across the state as part of its “Drink, Drive, Go to Jail” campaign. The vintage-style interactive carnival trailer allows the public to experience the dangerous and potentially deadly effects of impaired driving. “Don’t turn your summer fun into a life-changing tragedy by being irresponsible when it comes to drinking and driving,” said TxDOT Deputy Executive Director John Barton. “A safe and sober ride should be at the top of your list when making plans with family and friends. If not, you run the serious risk of being pulled over by law enforcement, being killed or killing someone else. It’s just not worth it.” The “DWI Not So Fun House” allows visitors to see and experience the simulated effects of alcohol on motor skills and driving. Participants wear vision-blurring “drunk goggles” and try to complete simple, eye-hand coordination tasks while being “impaired.” The slowed reaction times and distorted perception are designed to remind Texans about the deadly risks of drinking and driving, and encourage them to always plan for a sober ride. Last summer in Texas, 336 people were killed and 680 were seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes. Texas drivers convicted of DWI face up to \$17,000 in costs, possible jail time, limited career prospects and loss of driver license. In an effort to curb impaired driving, TxDOT’s “Drink, Drive, Go to Jail” campaign is supported by increased law enforcement efforts between Aug. 21 and Sept. 7. TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone;
- Using mass transit;
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home; or
- Staying put.

— Anthony Barranco

SISD scores well

The Socorro Independent School District’s students continued to

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An argument is where two people are trying to get in the last word first.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photos courtesy of Marilyn Guida

NEW DEVELOPMENT? – Grading is already going on behind the Mountain Park neighborhood. Apparently an old graded access road has recently been regraded. Area residents have noticed a bulldozer grading roads in the area from Hondo Pass to McKelligon Canyon, above. This was apparently done to provide access to land surveyors.

Northeast El Paso residents oppose development

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Northeast El Paso residents aired their concerns during a recent Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) meeting held at city offices on Texas Street regarding a proposed housing development that encompasses land that lies adjacent to Castner Range and stretches along the slopes of the Franklin Mountains.

The residents met with OSAB members to convey to city officials that they want the land to remain in its natural state.

About 100 individuals showed up for the meeting. Among them were John Cook, former mayor of El Paso; Carl Robinson, city representative of District 4; Joe Moody, state representative; and Larry Nichols, director of City of El Paso Planning and Inspections Department.

Spearheading the push to gain city officials’ attention about its opposition to the housing development is a group calling itself Save our Sierras (SOS), which is a committee within the Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition (FMWC).

The land to be developed is more than 300 acres between existing homes and Franklin Mountain State Park, located south of Hondo Pass and west of Magnetic and Alabama.

Developer Daniel T. Knapp is proposing residential development in the area that is zoned as planned mountain development. He has already submitted a land study application with the city for the initial 175-acre section that he has named Sierra del Puente.

Knapp’s application for building 319 single family units along with 87 acres of open space was approved by the City Plan Commission (CPC) in February.

Knapp is now interested in submitting a second land study application for developing an additional 135 acres just west of Stony Hill Drive. Plans for this section have not yet been submitted.

The concerned citizens group went to the OSAB meeting because its members are the ones who make recommendations to city council about lands that should be acquired for open space designation. City council, in turn, can use funds from several sources to purchase these lands and convert them into open space

retreats.

Some of these funds can come from the 2012 Quality of Life bonds, which set aside monies for the acquisition of open space. Also, the El Paso Water Utilities has storm-water funds that can be transferred to the city to purchase open space. Additionally, city development regulations contain various incentives to encourage property owners to dedicate land to open space.

During the OSAB meeting’s public comments period, SOS members voiced several issues of concern regarding the adverse effects of the proposed development. They stated that there are numerous homes currently for sale in the area so there is no need for more homes. They pointed out that the proposed development will add to the water shortage in El Paso County and that proposed homes will be built in a flood zone which will create a problem for homeowners downhill of the development.

Furthermore, SOS members asserted that the development will remove wildlife habitat and will force existing wildlife

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SPACE SAVERS – A large group of El Paso residents were in attendance recently at the Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) meeting to voice their opposition to a northeast mountainside development. Although the issue of the development was not on the agenda, they were able to discuss their concerns during the meeting’s public comment period. Overall, the people from the neighborhoods who oppose the development were eloquent and passionate about the importance of keeping this land as natural open space.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 2015 in the Central Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040100/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.366500/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	8.58%	Increase
Debt Service	31.13%	Increase
Total Expenditures	11.12%	Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, tax Code)

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,332,332,028	\$ 1,364,195,532
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 29,813,695	\$ 24,538,931
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,077,013,165	\$ 1,042,080,698
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 25,308,014	\$ 19,718,672

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$190,001,361

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.040100	\$ 0.296500*	\$ 1.336600	\$ 1,316	\$ 7,410
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.045400	\$ 0.366500*	\$ 1.411900	\$ 1,311	\$ 7,612
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040100	\$ 0.366500*	\$ 1.406600	\$ 1,316	\$ 7,612

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 87,980	\$ 86,892
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 72,980	\$ 61,892
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.336600	\$ 1.406600
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 975.45	\$ 870.57
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ -104.88

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.462981. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.462981.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 27,660,806
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,026,068

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Veterans Day vacations

Fighting in World War I ceased between the Allies and Germany at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month: Nov. 11, 1918.

Congress eventually passed an act to commemorate the occasion, calling it Armistice Day, a legal holiday. Eventually it got around to doing it right and renamed it Veterans Day. Unlike Memorial Day, which floats around the calendar as a three-day holiday at the end of May, Veterans Day is always on Nov. 11.

Here’s an idea to celebrate our day this year: Take a vacation. It’s after the summer (higher) pricing and crowds, and it’s before the holiday (higher) pricing and crowds.

Consider one of the resorts in the Sunday River area in Maine. If Mother Nature has provided snow, go skiing. If not, enjoy the pool, restaurants, hiking, fishing, golf and tennis... and peace and quiet.


If you already live in a cold climate and are bracing for

another harsh winter, consider something along the coast of Florida. You’ll find fishing, golf, tennis, water skiing, horseback riding, boating... and beaches.

If travel funds are limited, look for something in your own state. You’ll be able to drive to your destination and still get vacation time for a low cost.

If you’re an active or retired member of the Armed Forces, go online to www.veteransholidays.com and www.afvclub.com and click around the links for Military Vacation Deals and Space-A Stays for \$349 to \$369 for a seven-night week, or call 1-877-772-2322. Be sure to read the fine print for each location you view. Some places don’t allow children or pets. And to get your discount deal price, be sure to book with AFVC, the Armed Forces Vacation Club.

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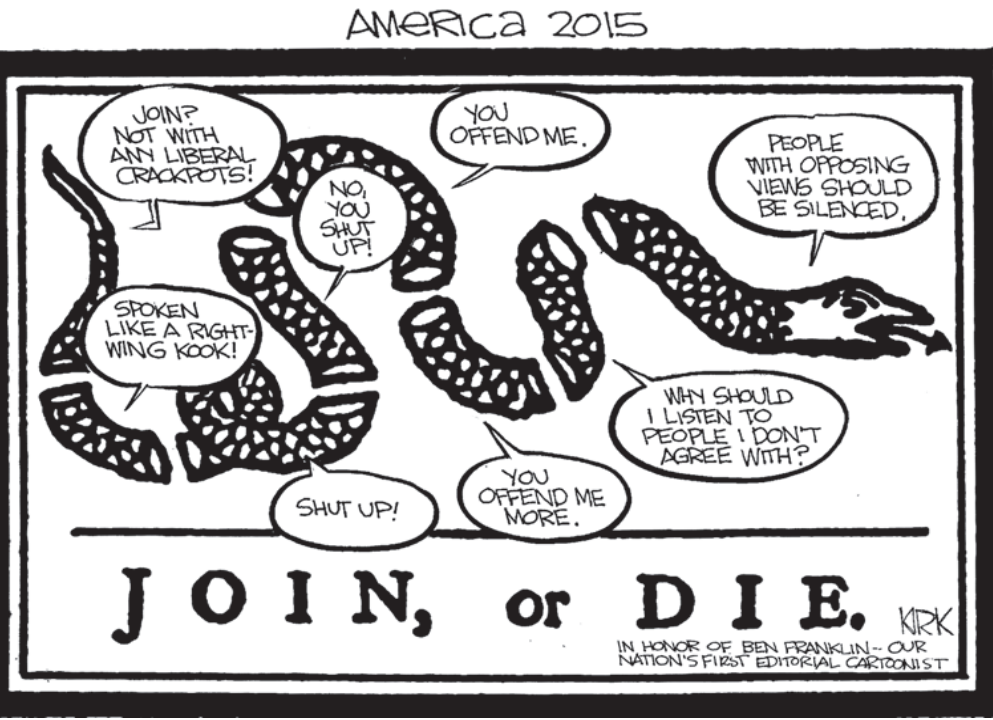
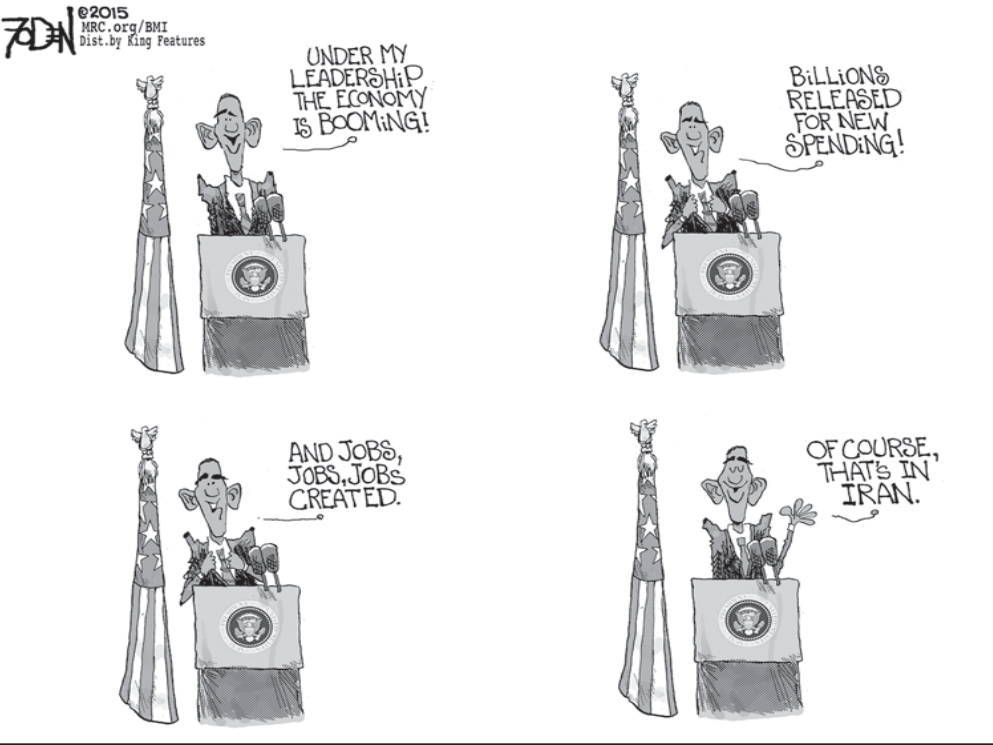
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Canutillo ISD holding late registration

By Shane B. Griffith
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Late registration at schools across the Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) started Monday, Aug. 10 and ends Monday, Aug. 17. Registration for returning students for the 2015-2016 school year is brisk and new student registrations have surpassed initial expectations. The next school year is especially exciting as CISD will open the Congressman Silvestre and Carolina Reyes Elementary School on August 13 as the district’s sixth elementary campus. “The schools in our Northwest and Upper Valley communities feature some of the prettiest campuses, finest teachers and most innovative programs across our region,” said Dr. Pedro Galavíz, Superintendent of CISD. “Late registration

is the final opportunity this year for parents and students to enroll, receive a high quality education and become a part of the Canutillo ISD family. I invite everyone to come out and check us out.” Some of the programs featured at the CISD campuses include 50/50 dual language (English/Spanish), choir and band, Career and Technology Education, state-ranked sports teams, programs that serve children of all abilities, Kids Excel, free breakfast and lunch, involved Parent Teacher Organizations, safe campuses, friendly staff and faculty, highly involved parents, Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) and University Interscholastic League participation. Each campus is different, so please contact the campus of your choice or visit www.canutillo-isd.org to learn

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2015 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #2

This notice concerns 2015 property tax rates for the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 803,612
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 2,060,600
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,864,212
Last year's tax base	\$ 2,864,212,000
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.100000 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,861,712
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 2,845,290,926
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.100577 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 802,770
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 2,845,290,926
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.028214 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.030471 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.064610 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.095081 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 adopts a 2015 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.100577 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2014 taxes by \$70,065.

SCHEDULE A – Unencumbered Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.	
Type of Property Tax Funds	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$ 2,985,738
Debt Service (I&S)	\$ -0-

SCHEDULE B – 2015 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Clint	\$181,687	\$108,505	\$0	\$290,192
District	\$ 15,435	\$ 1,197	\$0	\$ 16,632
Fabens	\$216,463	\$ 77,593	\$0	\$294,056
Montana Vista	\$200,858	\$ 91,088	\$0	\$291,946
San Elizario	\$172,891	\$ 78,084	\$0	\$250,975
Socorro	\$350,763	\$139,820	\$0	\$490,583
West Valley	\$175,068	\$ 75,510	\$0	\$250,578
Total required for 2015 Debt Service				\$ 1,884,962
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$ -0-
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$ -0-
- Excess collections last year				\$ -0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2015				\$ 1,884,962
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2015				\$ -0-
= Total Debt Levy				\$ 1,884,962

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office, located at 221 N. Kansas, Ste. 300.

Name of person preparing this notice: **Maria O. Pasillas, RTA**
Title: **Interim Tax Assessor Collector** Date prepared: **August 4, 2015**

Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

10 reasons why you might be financially stressed

Stress can come from everywhere – career, school, family, relationships, health – and especially money. The American Psychological Association (APA) recently reported that money remains the number one stressor for 72 percent of Americans. In fact, money has led the APA’s annual stress survey since its debut in 2007, the year before the financial crash that took the U.S. economy into its worst slump since the Great Depression.

Are you financially stressed? Here are 10 major signs of financial stress and ways to take action.

1. You wonder if your job is secure. Even though the economy has improved in recent years, employers still cut and reassign workers and make occasional adjustments in pay and benefits. If you’ve spotted changes in other departments or news accounts suggest a shift in your industry, start thinking ahead. Action Plan: Build up your emergency fund to cover six months or more of basic living expenses, update your resume and get organized for a potential job search.

2. There’s no money to save or invest. If meeting basic expenses is a struggle and you have no savings or investments at all, it’s time for a serious review of where your money is going. Action plan: Making a basic budget is the first step to tracking every penny spent. Figure out extras you can cut and set more aside for savings and debt payoff.

3. You have disagreements with a spouse or partner about money. A 2013 University of Kansas study noted that arguments about money are the top predictor of divorce. Action plan: Share information about all debt and legal issues and exchange respective credit reports and credit score data as you plan to solve all money problems together.

4. You are paying bills late. Late payments can hurt your credit score (<http://www.myfico.com>). Action plan: Set up a physical or digital calendar to keep track of payment dates and budget in order to put more money toward debt and eventually savings.

5. You imagine a windfall. Waiting for a bonus, an inheritance or even a winning lotto ticket to ease your financial stress indicates you have a tendency toward financial denial. Action plan: If your current efforts at budgeting, saving money or paying off debt aren’t working,

consider a reality check with a qualified financial advisor.

6. You use your home equity like a cash register. Home equity loans or lines of credit can provide an interest-deductible solution for a variety of important needs, but a down housing market can wipe out your equity. Action plan: Either refinance if you qualify or stop using the line entirely until you can pay down the balance.

7. You’re considering drawing from retirement funds to solve money problems. Think twice before taking out loans against these funds. Interrupting your retirement planning, particularly over the age of 50, can have significant financial consequences. Action plan: Re-budget your finances and seek qualified advice to help you find another solution.

8. Late and overdraft fees are piling up. According to the Pew Charitable Trusts, the average bank overdraft fee is \$35; credit card late fees are similar. Action plan: Schedule bill payments and opt for online billing when possible to save time on mailing. If you have to pay additional late fees, ask your bank or credit card company if it might forgive the fee; many will remove one fee a year.

9. You’re late on student loan payments. It is difficult to have student loans (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>) forgiven, cancelled or discharged (eliminated) in bankruptcy if you can’t pay. Paying late can also hurt your credit score. Action Plan: Seek qualified financial advice that specifically addresses the type of student debt you have and resolve to pay bills on time.

10. Your accounts are disorganized. It’s difficult to reach important financial goals when you really can’t track your finances. Action plan: Get some advice from a trusted friend or a qualified financial professional about how to best organize your accounts and whether online account management may be right for you.

Bottom line: Reducing your financial stress is a healthy decision. Review your money habits and get qualified help if necessary to lessen this burden.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa’s financial education programs.

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NOW HERE’S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

- Soaking window decals with baby wipes will soften the adhesive, allowing you to remove a decal from glass more easily.
- “Potty training can be stressful for both child and parent. We tried many things, but in the end, you have to wait for the child to want to train. One thing that helped keep our daughter motivated was a sticker chart. Be bought all kinds of stickers, and whenever she used the potty, she would get to choose a sticker to put on the chart. We would remark on how many stickers she had and the variety, which made her feel successful!” – D.R. in Iowa

- “Last week, we found my son’s favorite sippy cup half-filled with sour milk under the couch. I washed it very well with hot, soapy water, but it still smelled bad. I stuffed the cup with newspaper pieces and screwed the top back on. The newspaper absorbed the smell. It took about a week, but it’s back in use.” – T.L. in Texas

- “My pup loves to ride in the car, and my car seats love his hair, too. Seems like it’s impossible to get the hair out! A vacuum didn’t work, so my neighbor suggested I use dish gloves. Just put a latex rubber glove on your hand and wipe over seats. A very lightly dampened sponge can work as well.” – P.I. in Washington

- Lotion scent too strong? Purchase a pump bottle of unscented lotion, and remove about a third to a small bottle or even a plastic zipper-top bag. Add your scented lotion, and mix well by shaking the bottle or stirring with a long stick. The scent will be diluted, and you can always add more scented lotion or top off with the excess unscented lotion.

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CryptoQuip Answer

Scarabs, fireflies and ladybugs are becoming wildly popular. I would call it beetlemania.

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice of Special Education Services

Canutillo Independent School district provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the District beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

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: Carey Chambers, Special Education Director, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, or cchambers@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.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados con discapacidades visuales y audivas que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Pública 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Poliza FL explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

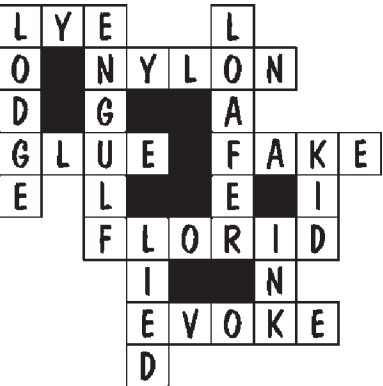
Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Canutillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Carey Chambers, Directora de Educación Especial, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, teléfono: (915) 877-7449,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

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Aug. 28, 1877, Charles Stewart Rolls, co-founder (with Henry Royce) of the Rolls-Royce automobile company, is born in London. In 1900, Rolls reportedly was responsible for changing the national speed limit from 4 mph to 12 mph.
- On Aug. 30, 1918, in Belfort, France, Colonel Arthur L. Conger plants a false operational order for an impending Allied attack in the wastebasket of a hotel where a German agent was on staff. As intended, the order was found and the Germans chose to withdraw from the area.
- On Aug. 26, 1939, the first televised Major League baseball game is broadcast between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. There were only two stationary camera angles: down the third base line, and above home plate.
- On Aug. 29, 1949, in Kazakhstan, the USSR successfully detonates its first atomic bomb. To measure the effects of the blast, the Soviets constructed buildings and bridges, and placed animals in cages nearby. The atomic explosion destroyed those structures and incinerated the animals.
- On Aug. 24, 1958, Maria Teresa de Filippis, the first woman ever to compete in Formula One racing, drives a Maserati in the Portuguese Grand Prix. Her racing career began after two of her brothers made a bet that she couldn't drive fast.
- On Aug. 27, 1967, Brian Epstein, age 32, manager of the Beatles, is found dead of a drug overdose in his Sussex, England, home.
- On Aug. 25, 1984, Truman Capote, author of the pioneering true-crime novel "In Cold Blood", dies at age 59 in Los Angeles. After reading about murders of a farm family, Capote traveled to Kansas to do research with his childhood friend, Harper Lee, who later wrote "To Kill a Mockingbird."

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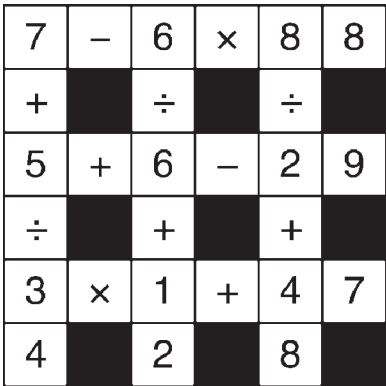


STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted 18th-century German scientist, philosopher and satirist Georg Christoph Lichtenberg who made the following sage observation: "It is almost impossible to carry the torch of truth through a crowd without singeing somebody's beard."
 - Sometimes looking at local ordinances can make you wonder what inspired lawmakers to pass such laws. For instance, in Florida it's illegal to wear nothing but liquid latex while in a public place.
 - The lyrics to that favorite Irish ballad "O Danny Boy" were actually written by an Englishman.
 - Famed comedic actor Charlie Chaplin was born in England, but at the age of 19 he came to the United States as a performer with the prestigious Fred Karno company. Interestingly, Stan Laurel, of Laurel and Hardy fame, emigrated to the U.S. at the same time, as part of the same company – as Chaplin's understudy.
 - In a recent survey of pet owners, nearly half of all respondents said that the best description of their relationship with their pet would be "soul mate."
 - Sardinia, the second-largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, also is an autonomous region of Italy. If you ever decide to vacation there, keep an eye out for "casu marzu," a cheese that's produced locally. Whether you're keeping an eye out in order to sample it or avoid it depends on whether or not you have an appetite for adventurous eating. The makers of "casu marzu" deliberately introduce into the process the larvae of a particular cheese fly. Though the cheese is sometimes cleaned out before it's served, it's often presented in its original state, wriggling maggots and all.
- Thought for the Day: "There is nothing more dangerous than a government of the many controlled by the few."
– Lawrence Lessig

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 26, 2015 in the Administration Building, 19200 Cobb Ave. Tornillo, Texas 79853. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.090100/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.213600/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	2.77%	Increase
Debt Service	8.41%	Increase
Total Expenditures	0.93%	Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	<u>Preceding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 76,505,763	\$ 79,176,244
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 1,305,773	\$ 437,846
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 62,499,831	\$ 62,433,353
Total taxable value**** of new property**	\$ 1,263,985	\$ 420,285

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$10,846,996

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operation</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.213600*	\$ 1.303700	\$ 658	\$ 6,797
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.000900	\$ 0.003150*	\$ 1.004050	\$ 705	\$ 9,386
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.213600*	\$ 1.303700	\$ 659	\$ 9,396

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 44,274	\$ 47,176
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 28,507	\$ 22,176
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.303700	\$ 1.303700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 371.65	\$ 289.10
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (82.52)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.303700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.303700.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$7,835,640.90
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 390,326.07

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2015 in the Central Office Board Room, 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas 79838. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.290300/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	0.68%	Decrease
Debt Service	7.01%	Increase
Total Expenditures	6.33%	Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, tax Code)

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 223,784,174	\$ 241,599,026
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,912,333	\$ 2,822,945
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 168,430,396	\$ 166,186,709
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,851,033	\$ 2,710,690

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$29,075,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.221900*	\$ 1.261900	\$ 837	\$ 8,186
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.035540	\$ 0.238250*	\$ 1.273790	\$ 977	\$ 8,419
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.290300*	\$ 1.330300	\$ 1,033	\$ 8,486

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 54,237	\$ 54,311
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 39,237	\$ 29,311
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.261900	\$ 1.330300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 495.13	\$ 389.92
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (105.21)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.330300. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.330300.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,989,558
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 113,702

Development

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onto less land. As it is, they said, this area is seeing more wildlife because the west side of the Franklins is being developed.

“Development will require dynamite which will shake and potentially damage existing homes nearby,” stated Judy Ackerman, an SOS member. “Additional development will add to the ‘heat island’ effect of the city, and traffic will increase in the existing neighborhood where the ground is unstable,” she claimed.

Ackerman noted also that area homeowners have already been warned to buy flood insurance due to the potential damage from storm-water and that their property value will probably decrease.

Concerns were also expressed about the impact that the new neighborhoods will have on the nearby schools, such as Edgar Park Elementary and Chapin High, which they said are already overcrowded.

Because SOS members’ issue was not on OSAB’s agenda for that meeting, board members listened attentively but were unable to take any action.

Former mayor Cook suggested that the SOS group talk to city representative Robinson about putting this issue on an upcoming city council meeting agenda so that city staff can address the details of the development.

Representative Moody also suggested that each member on the open space board should speak to the city council member who appointed him or her about this issue.

OSAB Member Jim Tolbert said that the concerned residents came to the right place to address open space with a storm-water function, which applies to this property. He said that this much support of the people gets attention and that he will speak to city council member Claudia Ordaz, who appointed him to OSAB, about this issue.

Katrina Martich, chair of the OSAB, thanked the individuals for attending and said that it was nice to see the public interest in open space because at most of their meetings only a few members of the public are in attendance.

For more information about the on-going dispute, visit Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition website at www.iloveparks.com/fmwc/who.htm.

Public Notice Village of Vinton, Texas United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Loan Grant Application

The Village of Vinton is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Rural Development Loan Grant Application to the United States Department of Agriculture. The application request is for Phase 1 of a public water system for the Village of Vinton. The application will be available for review at the Village of Vinton City Hall after August 7, 2015, during regular business hours and on the Village of Vinton’s website, <http://www.vintontx.govoffice2.com>

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. on August 20th, 2015, at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton, Road, Vinton, Texas, in regard to the submission of the application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the construction of a municipal water system.

The Village encourages citizens to participate and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Jessica Garza, Village Administrator at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915) 886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

*Madeleine Praino, Mayor
Village of Vinton, Texas*

Briefs

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perform well and show growth under the state’s new accountability system, with all schools meeting the standard on all components and earning a total of 120 distinction designations for outstanding performance in student achievement, student progress, and postsecondary readiness, as reported by TEA. “We are proud of our students who continue to shine and show great improvement year-over-year. Their success is a direct reflection of the hard work of our school leaders, teachers, and parents,” said Dr. José Espinoza, SISD Superintendent of Schools. “I am very proud of Team SISD for working side-by-side to achieve these great results.” Five campuses earned every distinction designation: Mission Early College High School, Sgt. Roberto Ituarte Elementary, Robert R. Rojas Elementary, Elfida P. Chavez Elementary, and H.D. Hilley Elementary. Eastlake High School and SPC. Rafael Hernando III Middle School earned six of seven possible

distinctions for secondary schools. Loma Verde, Benito Martinez, Sierra Vista, Dr. Sue A. Shook, and Vista Del Sol elementary schools earned four of five possible distinctions for elementary campuses. Even though the state lowered the number of possible distinctions awarded this year, Team SISD campuses earned 25 more designations in 2015 over 2014.

– Christina Flores-Jones

Booze cruise, Japanese style

A Japanese distiller is taking its brew to new heights, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. Suntory, which produces a whisky it calls “slightly east of scotch,” is scheduled to send a batch to the International Space Station soon. Some experts already call the beverage the world’s best whisky but Suntory wants to see if zero gravity ageing can improve the brew. Suntory will bring a portion of the experimental whisky down to earth within a year and leave the rest of the samples in orbit for another year.

– John Grimaldi

Registration

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about the specific program and parent involvement offerings. The following documents are required for new student registrations: two proofs of residency, child’s immunization record, parent/guardian

identification, child’s birth certificate, child’s social security number, school records, proof of income (only for Pre-K eligibility verification). For a complete list of campus-specific late registration dates, times and campus locations, please visit: <http://www.canutilloisd.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=52997&pageId=3299290>.

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VILLAGE OF VINTON, TX

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Qualifications

The Village of Vinton is seeking proposals to provide the following services:

1) The Village of Vinton seeks the services of qualified planning consultants, urban designers, and multi-disciplinary firms or teams to conduct and assist in the development of a comprehensive master plan, together with a new Unified Development Code (UDC), including zoning, land use, subdivision, and other development-related ordinances. Statement of Qualifications are due September 2, 2015, 4:30 pm

(Mountain Time Zone). Selection is expected by October 6, 2015.

2) The Village of Vinton is seeking an environmental engineering firm to provide services necessary to prepare and submit a Voluntary Compliance application, plan site remediation and activities in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Statements of Qualifications are due September 2, 2015, 4:30 pm (Mountain Time Zone). Selection is expected by September 15, 2015.

The full RFQ can be obtained at Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821, on the website at <http://www.vintontx.gov>

[govoffice2.com/](http://www.vintontx.gov) under the OPPORTUNITIES page or via email to Jessica Garza, Village Administrator, jgarza@vintontx.us.

The Village of Vinton, Texas is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer.

Madeleine Praino Mayor

WTCC: 08-13-15
08-20-15

VILLAGE OF VINTON, TX

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m., August 25, 2015, at City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas. The purpose of the public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear

and testify at the hearing regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget

Those unable to attend are invited to submit their views in writing to the Village of Vinton, Attn: Mayor Madeleine Praino, 436 E. Vinton Road. City Hall is accessible for handicapped persons. Handicapped persons in need of special assistance to attend the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Secretary at (915) 886-5104, forty eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of the budget are available for review at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821.

Jessica Garza Village Administrator

WTCC: 08-13-15

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM. on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 in the Board Room in the Central Administration Building, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas 79932. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.360000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	2.44%	Increase
Debt Service	0.21%	Decrease
Total Expenditures	2.15%	Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	<u>Preceding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 2,501,496,384	\$ 2,657,071,870
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 59,428,831	\$ 76,442,183
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,675,029,819	\$ 1,768,899,496
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 56,592,603	\$ 72,883,066

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$103,010,279.20

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operations</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.530000	\$ 4,593	\$ 5,268
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.156970	\$ 0.361840*	\$ 1.518810	\$ 4,641	\$ 5,567
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.530000	\$ 4,675	\$ 5,588

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 149,274	\$ 152,022
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 134,032	\$ 126,669
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.530000	\$ 1.530000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,050.69	\$ 1,938.04
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (112.65)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.530000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.530000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 8,297,922
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,586,391

A sporting view

By Mark Vasto

Don't cry

On Friday, July 31, 2015, the world – America certainly – was a very different place. We were a world that seemed to have lost its heroes.

The month had started off reasonably well. Serena Williams won Wimbledon, one month after

winning the French Open. Zack Johnson won the 144th Open Championship at St. Andrews, Scotland. The women's national soccer team won the World Cup in decisive fashion. We even won the Pan-American Games.

Off the field, South Carolina finally ceded the Civil War, and thanks to NASA, we now know more about Pluto than we know

about Idaho and South Dakota. Good news was coming out of the technology sector and job market.

Then we fell down the stairs. Shootings in movie theaters. Routine traffic stops turned into horror flicks, speed traps became death traps, and a campus policeman in Cincinnati had more firepower than Marines at our

recruiting centers in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The guy who used to teach me Picture Pages while he lectured Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids, who introduced me to New Coke, pudding on a stick and Lisa Bonet, admitted he's a serial rapist.

Universal laws of physics teach us that for every action there must be an equal and opposite reaction. American exceptionalism requires more than that, however. We like to turn things upside down, too. So we made sure that July was the month that had actual crying in baseball. It happened when a shortstop learned during the middle of an inning, with millions of people watching, that he had been traded. And get this – he was crying because he DIDN'T want to leave the Mets.

The guy who wants to be our next commander-in-chief insulted an American war hero and POW, and the only military experience he had was time served as an owner of the New Jersey Generals. Then he surged in the polls.

We passed toy gun legislation that is tougher than our actual gun laws because we're afraid our kids pretending to play cops

and robbers may actually get shot and killed by a real cop who may mistake him as a real robber.

We learned that we have dentists in America more lethal than adult male lions. The King of the Beasts is now thought to be friendlier and safer than some Midwestern oral hygienists. Time was, dentists used to just badger us into flossing. Maybe now, we'll start to take that with a little more seriousness.

Then, everything changed on a Saturday. The first weekend in August took what we thought had left us – the hero – and made things right. Wilmer Flores will now forever be remembered as the King for a Day in Queens when the trade falls through, and he responds by hitting the game-winning, walk-off home run.

And out of Brazil, a bantamweight named Rhonda, and from inside New Jersey, where a horse with a misspelled name answered the clarion call: You can still have sports heroes. Don't cry.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Public Notice

Canutillo Independent School District

Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Arts; A/V Technology and Communications; Agriculture Science Technology; Business Management and Administration; Exploring Careers; Career Preparation; Health Science; Information Technology Education; Finance and Education Training; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; Hospitality and Tourism; and Marketing, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Admission to these programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and Career and Technical Education programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Martha Carrasco, (915) 877-7423, mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Cary Chambers, (915) 877-7449, cchambers@canutillo-isd.org, at 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

Aviso al Público

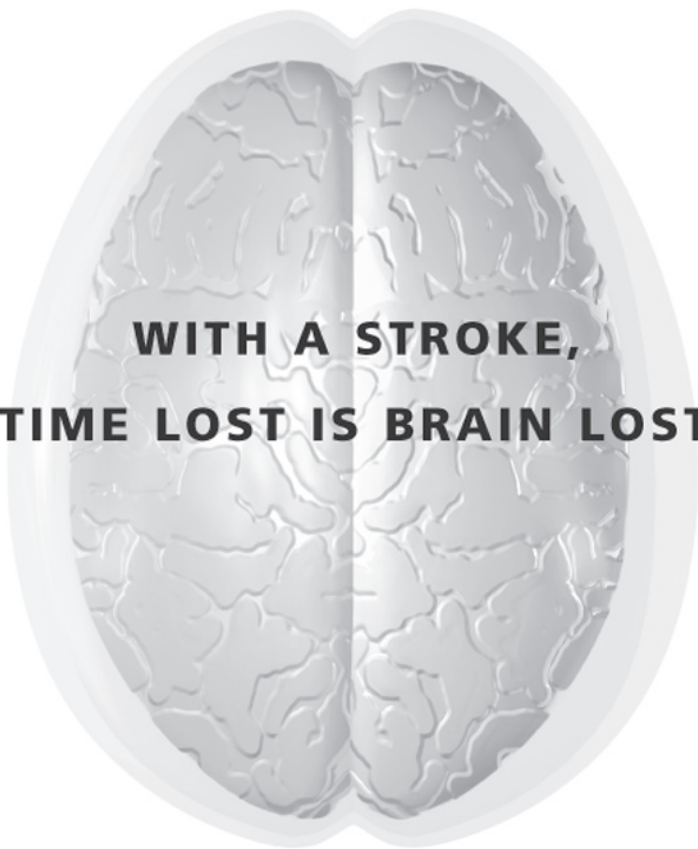
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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo ofrece programas de Educación en Carreras Técnicas y Vocacionales en las siguientes ramas: artes; tecnología y comunicación arte y visual; ciencias en tecnología agrónoma, administración y gestión empresarial; exploración de profesiones; ciencias de salud; tecnología informativa; finanzas; estudios en leyes, seguridad publica y correccionales; hospitalidad y turismo; mercadotecnia; y ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM, por sus siglas en inglés).

Es la política del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo el no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, género, discapacidad o edad en los programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

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


Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Título IX, Martha Carrasco, al P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7423, correo electrónico: mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org, o el Coordinadora de la Sección 504, Cary Chambers, teléfono (915) 877-7449, correo electrónico: cchambers@canutillo-isd.org, al 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.



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For additional information regarding the Canutillo Independent School District policy of nondiscrimination contact: Executive Director for Human Resources, (915) 877-7423, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, TX 79932.

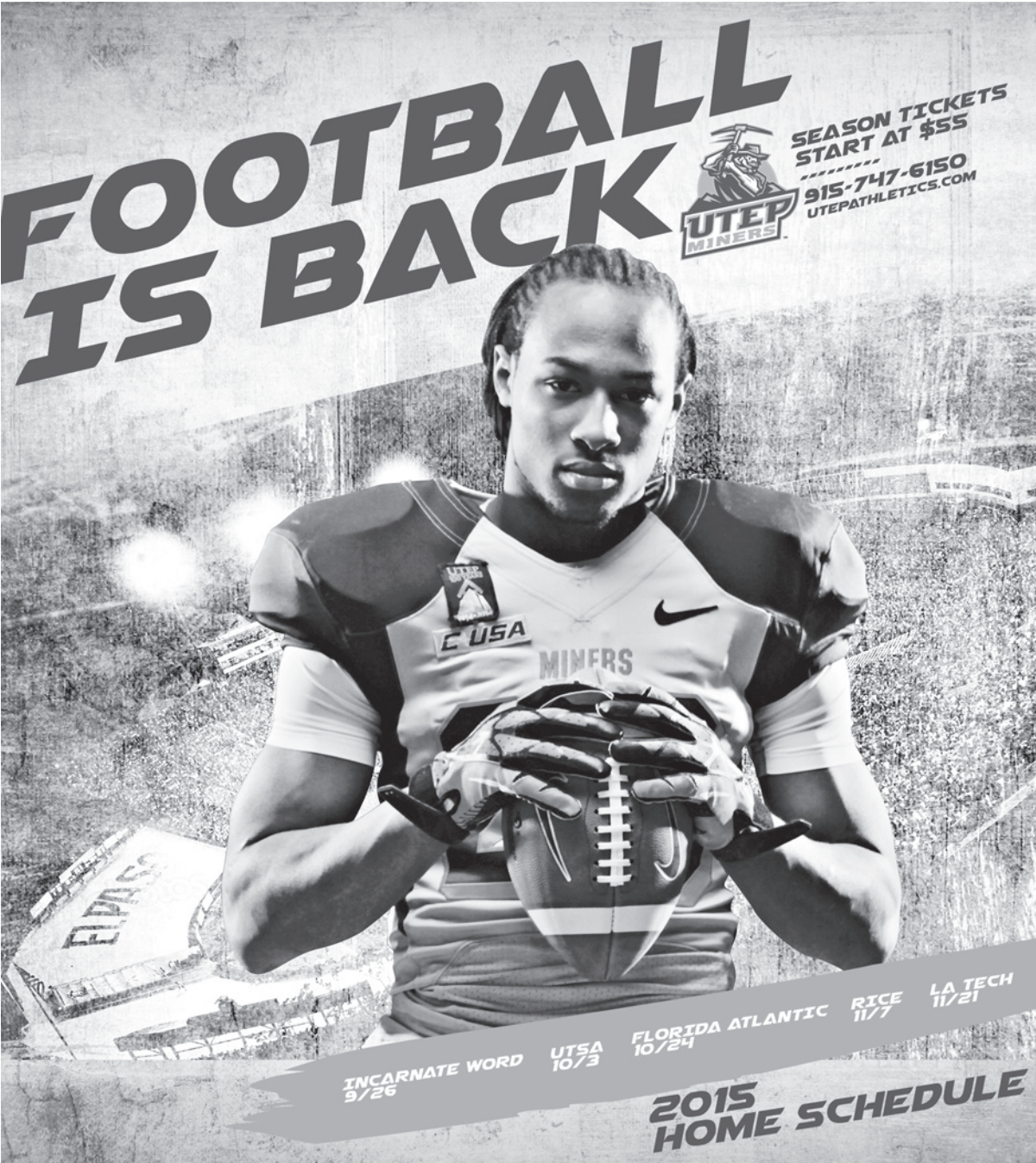
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Floyd already maneuvering around Miner roster losses

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The UTEP basketball team had one of those up-and-down weeks that help turn a coach’s hair silvery white.

It started off with the bad news concerning 7-footer Matt Willms and point guard Omega Harris.

Willms, who has been plagued by leg problems since he got here, suffered another setback and will now miss the entire 2015-16 season because of those same injuries.

Willms has shown glimpses of being a viable big man from time to time, but overall, because of his lankiness and lack of strength, has struggled to hold his own against other rugged big men.

Don’t get me wrong, Willms is a big body that will be missed. The biggest problem for him is that he never seems to have the time to get bigger in the gym because he’s always nursing an injury.

No one questions Willms’ heart and work ethic. He always gives it his best when he’s out on the court.

As for Harris, his work ethic in the classroom can certainly be questioned.

The sophomore-to-be will miss the first semester of games in 2015 because of much more selfish reasons – he didn’t do

what he had to in the classroom.

That is inexcusable.

Any point guard has to have the ability to lead the team. Not just with his physical talents but with the real estate between his ears.

And it’s apparent that Harris chose to follow his heart and not his head.

There’s no doubt that Harris loves the game of basketball and plays it very well, but there are other aspects of the game, as in life, which he has to respect as well – like commitment, integrity and responsibility.

Once he learns that all those are just as important as playing the game of basketball, there’s no telling how successful he can be.

Those were the two setbacks coach Tim Floyd had to deal with.

The week took an upward swing when the Miners signed 6-foot-10 forward Brodricks Jones, who had committed to San Diego State, but backed out.

It’s about time UTEP was on the receiving end of one of those transactions instead of losing them, like a certain individual who now plays at UCLA.

Jones is one of those guys who can run the court with ease, pull down a rebound and put it in the basket, but at around 200 pounds, like Willms, has got to put some meat on those bones.

Jones will probably be expended to fill the void left by Vince Hunter, who left UTEP early to pursue an NBA career. But don’t expect the same kind of tough muscling-other-guys-out-of-the-way style that Hunter had.

Jones is about 40 pounds away from that. But he could be that kind of force in a couple years.

Maybe the best news of all came from a very unexpected source.

To make way for all the recent changes on the UTEP roster, a scholarship had to be made available but the Miners were out of them.

Fan favorite Tevin Caldwell graduated from Americas High School with the dream of playing division-1 basketball somewhere... anywhere.

Caldwell started his college basketball career at smaller schools like Northern New Mexico and Cochise College, before walking on to UTEP a couple years ago.

He showed plenty of heart and just enough talent for Floyd to redshirt him last year because the coach knew he’d be needed this year.

And because of his patience and selflessness, Caldwell was rewarded with a scholarship for this coming final year at UTEP.

But as you probably have learned by now, Caldwell is not the kind of person who tends to put himself first.

Recently, Caldwell gave back his scholarship so that the Miners could have everyone signed and ready to go for this season.

Caldwell’s actions should become a rallying cry for the upcoming season. Imagine what a group of young guys can accomplish if they all put the team ahead of themselves.

And not just with their mouths alone, but like Caldwell, with their actions.

Hopefully Omega Harris, and the rest of the Miners, will take notice of this and run with it.

And hopefully, Tim Floyd is back to growing his regular hair color.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 0.000041 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928.

The second public hearing will be held on August 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR:

Darryl Gelasco, James Bonneau
Montoya and Gerardo Sanchez
- AGAINST:

NONE
- PRESENT
and not voting:

NONE
- ABSENT:

Eric Shoppach and Marvin McLellan

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 in 2014 was \$113,506. Based on last year’s tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$113.50.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 in 2015 is \$114,732. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.099959 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$114.68.

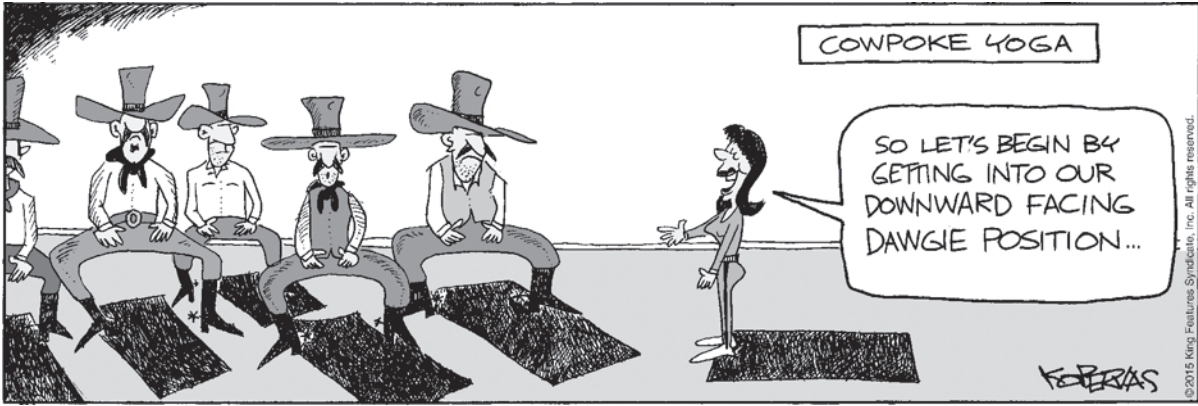
If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$114.73.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

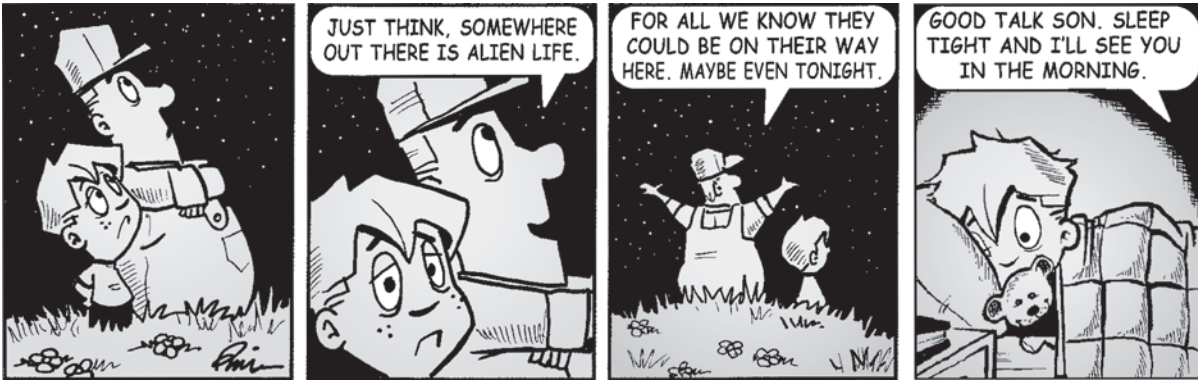


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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



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Your good health By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEARDR. ROACH: My daughter was diagnosed with Lyme disease. I'm from Michigan, in a county with open spaces and lots of animals. Probably a tick caused it. Are there doctors who treat this disease in our area? Lots of people in this area have it. — P.A.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria, *Borrelia burgdoferi*, which in turn is spread by the black-legged deer tick, *Ixodes scapularis*. I checked with the health department in Michigan and found that there has never been a reported case from your county. That doesn't mean it's impossible – you are not far from some counties in western Michigan where Lyme disease is known to be present. It's possible your daughter traveled, or it's possible she is the first case in your county.

Most cases of Lyme disease start with a characteristic rash, sometimes with fever or other symptoms. It can be treated effectively, in the vast majority of cases in early stage, with oral antibiotics, such as doxycycline.

An infectious-disease expert can help confirm the diagnosis and make sure she is properly treated.

“Dizziness” is a very nonspecific term. It can mean vertigo, which is a sensation of movement when there isn’t any; lightheadedness, such as we can all get sometimes when standing too quickly; or a disorientation that can happen when blood sugar is low. Meniere’s disease is a cause of true vertigo, often with ringing in the ears and hearing loss.

Shuffling of the feet is a red flag for Parkinson's disease. Dizziness is a common if not universal symptom in people with Parkinson's. However, only a thorough history and physical exam can make the diagnosis. If your regular doctor hasn't been able to help, you might see a neurologist, who is an expert in making diagnoses about neurologic symptoms such as dizziness. There are many possible causes.

The booklet on vertigo explains this disruptive condition in detail and outlines its treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 801W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 85 and in good health, except for dizzy spells. It was said that I have vertigo, but I do not believe this to be the case. Meclizine is of no help. The symptoms are worst when I close my eyes: When I do, I feel like may fall. Other symptoms are shuffling of feet, dizziness and dizziness on standing too quickly. Is it possible I have Meniere's disease? – A.T.H.

DEAR DR. ROACH: You wrote about the health benefits of nuts. Does roasting them matter? A friend says they need to be raw. — A.

The data showing improved heart disease rates in people who eat nuts looked both at raw nuts and roasted. Many roasted nuts include more salt than you want,

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Super Crossword

X-TENSIONS ACROSS

- 1 "Get _ case!"
6 1980s Chrysler
line
10 Walk
15 Stockpile
19 Writer _ Boothe
Luca
20 Top-grade
21 Say hi, in modern
slang
22 Baa maids?
23 Jungle guy who
loves high points?
26 Corn-on-the-cob
units
27 Farming prefix
28 Italian gold
29 Input info
30 Formal letter
32 System of pontiffs
35 Plea from an
allergic person to a
pair of gloves?
37 Christmas quaff
38 Piebald pony
39 Auld lang _
40 Fan setting
41 Period of constant
change?
44 Wrap-up
46 Derby, e.g.
49 "I'll do it"
50 V precursors
53 Young baby
57 Request that one
attend
61 Glassware for a
burial urn?
64 serif

- 67 Seized vehicle,
often
69 Actress Talbot
70 Eye narrowly
71 From _ Z
72 Luxury watch
moving counter-
clockwise?
75 "... _ penny
earned"
76 Numerous
78 Swamp plant
79 Mermaids' realms
80 Preowned
81 Take sailor Drake
for oneself?
84 Edifice tops
86 Altar boy
87 Letter-shaped
hardware bit
89 "... it!" (cry upon
arrival)
93 Copy cats
94 Miami loc.
97 Writer Haley
holding a grudge?
101 Down dinner
104 See 106-Down
107 Swimmer Janet
108 Family guy
109 Cuban
revolutionary who
loves cereal?
113 Twinkling
115 Part of EDT
116 Jethro _
118 Alias letters
119 "... _ it
Memorex?"
121 Stud money
122 Chem lab reaction

all over again?

- 126 Hershey toffee bar
127 "Milk" co-star
Hirsch
128 Old music halls
129 "It pleases me!"
130 "Baseball Tonight"
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131 Kinds
132 Hawk's home
133 Ecstasy

DOWN

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2 It may hold Old
3 Glory
4 Admiral who
5 captured New Orleans
6 in 1862
7 4 Old U.S. postal
8 mascot
9 5 "Pro" vote
10 6 Pop's _ and the
11 Waves
12 7 Joint emcees
13 8 Prop- or hex-
14 ender
15 9 Part of ROM
16 10 1982 Pryor/
17 Gleason comedy
18 11 First hit for the
19 Police
20 12 Boat wood
21 13 Meek as _
22 14 Biblical lion's den
23 survivor
24 15 Tilting board
25 16 Be in store
26 17 Vivacity
27 18 New Jersey
28 county west of Hudson

- 24 "I swear it!"
25 Water lily leaves
31 _ Poke (candy on a stick)
33 Church
projections
34 Anchor
36 Finger count
37 Grid org.
42 Dec. 25
43 Bad-check abbr.
45 Genetic helix
46 Actor Ed
47 Not anxious
48 Classified notice, e.g.
51 Hip (to)
52 Harvard or Yale: Abbr.
54 City in Texas
55 German
automaker
56 "Science Guy" of PBS
58 "H.R. Pufnstuf" producer Sid or Marty
59 _ Aviv
60 "Fidelio," e.g.
62 Summers, in Sedan
63 Seen less
64 Respectful bow
65 Immediately
66 "Some other time"
68 Plow team
72 Classic theater name
73 Domino's shape: Abbr.
74 _ Tomé and Prince

- 77 Salt, in Sedan
80 Plebes' sch.
82 Mediator, for short
83 Dell creation
85 Initial
88 " yellow ribbon ..."
90 Belgian king who
abdicated in 2013
91 Frameworks over
oil wells
92 Lead-in for
skeleton
95 Tyler of 'Jersey
Girl'
96 Poet France
98 Handheld plug-
and-play diversions
99 Delivers a lecture
to
100 Seminal '40s
computer
101 Nonresident doctor
102 Survey info
103 Tank topper
105 Main points
106 With 104-Across,
1/24 of a foot
109 _ and desist
110 Actor Tom
111 Prevent, in law
112 Opponent
114 " _ the Girls I've
Loved Before"
117 Writer _ Hubbard
120 Patsy Cline's " _
Got You"
123 Dunk
124 Lyric verse
125 Lead vein

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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

Early Texas pioneers drank lots of coffee believing it prevented fever and chills... must've had side effects !



GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I will rely on Medicare when I retire. Can you explain the different parts of Medicare?

A: The different parts of Medicare cover your specific needs. There are four parts, all of which work in tandem to deliver healthcare services.

- Part A (hospital insurance): Hospital insurance helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility (following a hospital stay), some home health care, and hospice care.
- Part B (medical insurance): Medical insurance helps pay for doctors' services and many other medical services and supplies that hospital insurance doesn't cover.
- Part C (Medicare Advantage plans): If you have Medicare Parts A and B, you can join a Medicare Advantage plan. Private companies offer Medicare Advantage plans which are approved by Medicare. These plans generally help you pay the medical costs not covered by Medicare Part A and B.
- Part D (prescription drug coverage): Prescription drug coverage helps pay for

medications doctors prescribe for treatment.

Q: Can I receive Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits at the same time?

A: You may be able to receive SSI in addition to monthly Social Security benefits if your Social Security benefit is low enough for you to qualify for SSI. Whether you can get SSI depends on your income and resources. Resources are things that you own—other than your home—such as additional property, vehicles, or anything else you could exchange for cash. If you have low income and few resources, you may be able to supplement your Social Security benefit with an SSI payment. You can find out more about SSI at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/ssi.html.

Q: I'm retired, and the only income I have aside from my Social Security retirement benefit is from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Are my IRA withdrawals considered "earnings?" Could they reduce

my monthly Social Security benefits?

A: No. We do not count non-work income, such as annuities, investment income, interest, capital gains, and other government benefits, and they will not affect your Social Security benefits. Most pensions will not affect your benefits. However, your benefit may be affected by a government pension from work on which you did not pay Social Security tax. If you have wages or self-employment income and you are under your full retirement age, this income may affect your benefit amount. For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us toll free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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: W equals L

YNJCJSY, PXCHPWXYH JBL

WJLRSEOY JCH SHNKQXBO

FXWLWR AKAEWJC. X FKEWL

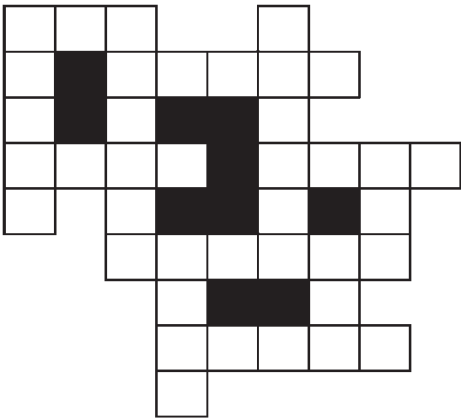
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♥GLOED
♥ELDI



Answer Page 5

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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Health

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and some roast in unhealthy oils. Look for dry-roasted and low or no salt.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2015 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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