



NEWSBRIEFS

Part-time diet

Kevin Loria writes about health in the publication, Tech Insider, and in a recent article he provided coverage of a new diet with benefits beyond just weight loss, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. “There’s evidence, at least a bit of it, that drastically cutting calories and eating a specific way five days out of the month may actually slow the effects of aging and make people less likely to suffer from illnesses like cancer, heart disease, and diabetes,” reports Loria. During those five days, dieters reduce caloric intake by up to two-thirds. The rest of the month, they eat normally. It should be noted that not a lot is known about the benefits or dangers of such a drastic dietary modification. But research projects are underway.

— John Grimaldi

The Queen’s English

The operation was a success but, blimey, the patient lost her Texas drawl and woke up speaking with a British accent, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. She wasn’t putting it on. Instead, it turns out, it was a very rare case of Foreign Accent Syndrome. It happened at Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital where Lisa Alamia, who has been a dyed-in-the-wool Texan all her life, underwent jaw surgery. Foreign Accent Syndrome was first observed in 1907 by a French Neurologist. Nearly 110 years later, Ms. Alamia is only the 100th documented case of the disorder.

— John Grimaldi

Wanted

A woman is seriously injured by a hit and run driver on El Paso’s Westside. Investigators from the El Paso Police Department obtained surveillance images of the vehicle involved and are asking for the public’s help in identifying the driver responsible for this serious crash through the Crime Stoppers. On the morning of Saturday, July 9, 2016 a woman was riding a bicycle northbound on the 6200 block of North Desert Blvd. near the intersection of Helen of Troy. She was in the right lane when a vehicle struck her from behind. The victim was thrown forward and off of the roadway from the impact. She

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The man that gets ahead is the man that does more than is necessary – and keeps on doing it.

— Quips & Quotes

Socorro neighbors revive crime watch program

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO – “One team one fight!” is the motto of the recently revived Wewoka Neighborhood Crime Watch program. “It is the first Socorro neighborhood to start up a crime watch program again in Socorro in a long time,” said Jesse Montelongo, a 25-year army veteran with two tours in Iraq and the group’s founder. The program was kicked off last April.

According to Montelongo, crime – including break-ins, thefts, vandalism, and graffiti – has increased in the area due to the city’s rapid growth. He said that is why he recommends all citizens take pride in their neighborhoods and communities and make a positive difference by participating in a crime watch program.

Montelongo said that he couldn’t have revived the program without his neighbors. “They deserve the credit; they go to all crime watch meetings and work closely with Socorro police,” he stated.

“We’ve started out meeting in an vacant building that was provided to us with help from the Socorro police department’s crime watch program coordinator,” Montelongo said. He said that the group currently consists of 19 neighbors and 2 retired U.S. Marshals and that they meet once a month.

“We’re the first neighborhood in Socorro in over 10 years to start a new crime watch program, and we have the support of Socorro City Hall and Police Chief Carlos Maldonado,” Montelongo commented.

According to Montelongo, the program has received endorsements from the mayor and city manager of Socorro for its efforts to have the El Paso Electric Company install streetlights around the neighborhoods. Also, “We are proposing speed bumps be installed in eight critical locations in the community,” he stated.

Additionally, “We are working with County Commissioner Vince Perez to help find the funding for six bus shelters which would be installed along Highway 20,

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— Photo courtesy of Jesse Montelongo

ON THE LOOK OUT – Wewoka Neighborhood Crime Watch co-captains Jose Ramirez, left, and Danny Lopez – with some clever cane deployment – unveil the first Crime Watch sign that has been installed in a City of Socorro neighborhood in over 10 years.

Three Fabens Boy Scouts will become Eagles

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

(Publisher’s Note: Against the background of the Summer Olympics, the Courier is running a series of stories about three Boy Scouts in Fabens that have earned the coveted Eagle Scout rank.)

FABENS – Scouting is in the news on two fronts.

Seven Eagle Scouts are adding to the luster of their rank as the young men

compete in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

At least one of them, Ryan Held, has already earned the gold as a part of the U.S. men’s 4X100 freestyle swimming team. Held, who holds the highest rank that a Boy Scout can achieve, now holds a gold medal, the pinnacle of achievement in the Olympics.

On a smaller, but no less important stage in the Lower Valley community of Fabens, a trio of youth from Troop 513 will soon be wearing the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. They are Sebastian Trujillo, 17; Jorge

Gutierrez, Jr., 18; and David Ruiz, 17.

Their required Eagle projects, which will be detailed in future articles, reflect a concern for the community, of giving back to the community. One long-time Scout leader, who asked to remain anonymous, says the Boy Scouts’ efforts have left a lasting gleam of gold throughout Fabens.

Curt Noland, who has been scoutmaster of the troop for 10 years, says their Eagle badges will be presented at an Eagle Court of Honor that is planned for some time in

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Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

Ten tips for becoming a knowledgeable renter

On the hunt for a new apartment? A move can be an exciting opportunity to explore a new area or meet new people. However, competitive rental markets can make it difficult to find a desirable place on a budget.

Keep these ten tips in mind to manage the process like a pro. They'll help you stand out from the crowd, get a good deal, enjoy the neighborhood and manage your rights and responsibilities as a renter.

1. Talk to Other Tenants. Speak with current or past renters to get a sense for the building and landlord. Ask about the neighborhood, noise, timeliness with repairs and any other pressing questions. Consider looking for online reviews of the landlord as well, and research the neighborhood.

2. Upgrade Your Application. Go beyond the basic application requirements and include pictures, references, credit reports and a short bio about yourself and whoever else may be moving in. Try to catch the landlord's eye and show that you'll take care of the property. You can order a free credit report from each bureau (Equifax, TransUnion and

Experian) once every 12 months at AnnualCreditReport.com.

3. Understand Your Lease. The lease may list the rent amount, terms of the security deposit, guest policies and other crucial details. Read it carefully and ask questions if you don't understand something. State laws regarding rent control or other regulations can impact your situation as well. If you can afford one, you could hire a lawyer to review and explain the lease.

4. Negotiate the Terms. You can't always negotiate lower rent (it's worth trying), but there may be flexibility when it comes to the security deposit, parking spaces, administrative fees, or the lease's length.

5. Learn Your Rights. Protect yourself by learning about your rights as a renter. They can vary by state, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a directory with links to tenants' rights websites for each state.

6. Do a Walkthrough. Walk through the apartment with the landlord, look for damages and document anything you find. You'll thank yourself later when

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For more information please
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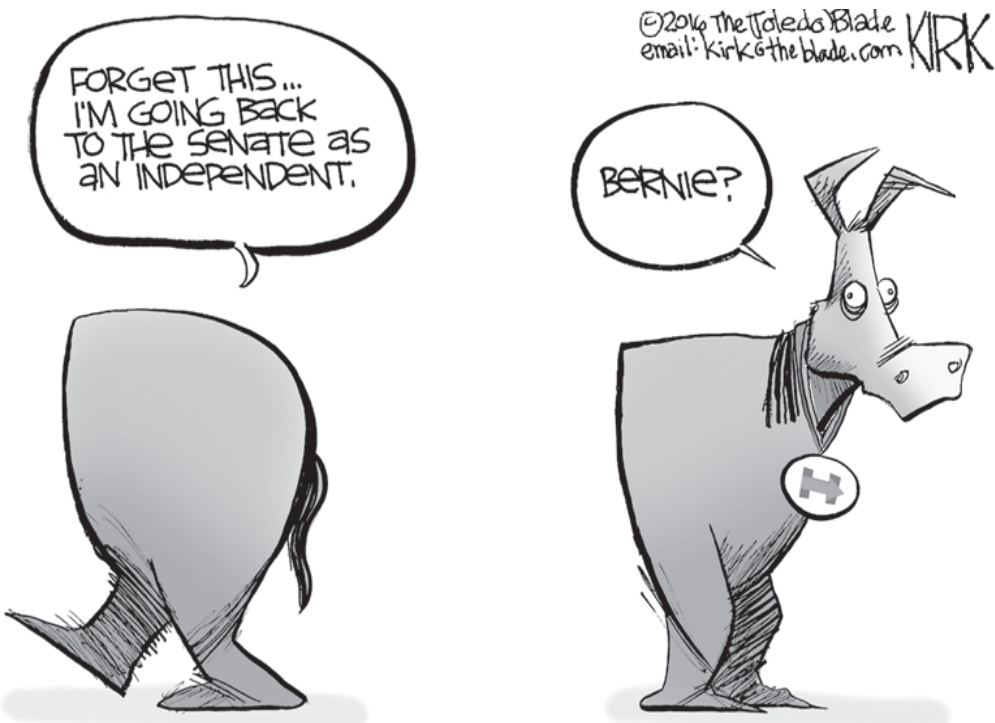
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By Pat Randleel

Clint ISD election still open for filing

While the world is holding its breath waiting to see who the next president of the United States will be, my concern focuses on the Clint Independent School District (CISD) Board of Trustees. On the same day –November 8, 2016 – that many of you will be voting for a president there will be three positions to vote for on this school board. As many of you may know, I have served on this board for the last eight years as the only member not from the Clint High School feeder pattern area. I have chosen not to seek reelection. Along with my seat there are two others up for this election. These positions are currently held by long-time board members Fred Martinez and Mary Macias.

I have been a proponent of changing the status of our District from an at-large to a single member form. As of the date of this writing, no change has been made in this status although several attempts were made. Therefore, in order to have equal representation from all areas of the District, members of the Horizon and Montana Vista communities need to seek and win the three seats up for election in November 2016.

What does it take to be a board member? The qualifications according to policy BBA (legal) are:

- Be a United States citizen;
- Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- Have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising

probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;

- Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- Be a resident of Texas and the district for the period of time described by Tex. Const. Art. XVI, Sec. 14 (a person must have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the district for six months immediately preceding the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate’s application for a place on the ballot); and
- Be registered to vote by the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate’s application for a place on the ballot.

However, what I think is the most important qualification is that the persons have a genuine and heartfelt concern for the educational needs and wellbeing of all the students enrolled in CISD, as well as the nearly 1,500 employees of the District.

As stated earlier, the next CISD Board of Trustees election will be held on November 8, 2016. The deadline to File Applications for Place on the Ballot is August 22, 2016. Candidate Packets can be picked up at the CISD Administrative Building located at 14521 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Packets are also available on the CISD website. Go to www.clint.net, Board of Trustees, Board Election Information, Board Member Election 2016.

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received serious injuries that required hospitalization. She saw a red colored SUV fleeing from the scene after she was struck. Investigators were able to locate video showing a red SUV passing the area at the time of the crash. The vehicle is seen traveling northbound on N. Desert Blvd. Investigators are certain that someone knows who the driver of the SUV involved in this crash is. Anyone with information on driver responsible for this serious crash is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word “CRIME1” (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you

can qualify for a cash reward.

– Javier Sambrano

Selfie elbow

The mating of the cell phone and the digital camera sparked a craze as users by the millions started taking pictures of themselves all over the world. But, the Association of Mature American Citizens reports that taking “selfies,” as they are called, can be dangerous. Posing for these modern day self-portraits requires users to extend their arms in an awkward manner causing a condition identified as “selfie elbow” if you take too many snaps of yourself. Some young users become addicted to the practice and regularly take 10, 20 or 30 selfies a day. Orthopedic surgeon Ayan Roy says “a bent elbow with the palm pointing inward is enough to put pressure on the elbow extensor muscles. It eventually leads to tendinitis which causes the swelling and pain.”

– John Grimaldi

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By John Grimaldi

Liberals seek repeal of abortion limitations

Just when you thought pro-abortion activists couldn't get more extreme, the left is now calling for repeal of the Hyde Amendment, which bars the use of federal funds for abortions except under exigent circumstances.

"The liberals want Americans to suspend their religious beliefs to accommodate abortion under all circumstances and to be ready to pony up their tax dollars for abortions on demand, whether they like it or not," said Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens.

"In fact, they managed to include repeal of the Hyde Amendment in the Democratic Party Platform for the 2016 Presidential Election, making it official."

A very recent survey on federal funding for abortions shows that the majority of the country is against federal funding for abortions. Sixty-two percent of the 1,000 people who were polled gave it a thumbs down vote, including many who call themselves pro-choice. Marist researchers said that 45 percent of those who identify as pro-choice and 44 percent of Democrats surveyed said they were against the use of federal funds for abortions.

The Marist research also showed that almost 80 percent of respondents would restrict abortions to the first three months of pregnancy.

"Yet the Democratic Party is seeking to force them and the rest of us to accept the extreme left turn it is making in their attitude toward abortion. We shouldn't forget that an abortion is really the killing of an unborn baby," said Weber.

It is interesting to note that Barbara Carvalho who oversees the Marist Poll said that "the majority of Americans in favor of abortion restrictions has been consistently around 8 in 10 for the better part of a decade." She also pointed out that while "self-identification as pro-life or pro-choice can vary substantially from year to year, the support for restrictions is quite stable."

Weber describes himself as "thoroughly pro-life" when it comes to the topic of abortion "and I believe in what mainstream America believes: that the First Amendment is inviolable. I believe that all Americans have the right to put into practice their religious beliefs and 36 years ago the Supreme Court upheld that right in its decision in the case of Harris v. McRae. The nine justices in that case ruled that the right to have an abortion does not include the right to force other people to pay for it through their tax dollars. The blatant decision by the leaders of the Democratic Party to include repeal of the Hyde Amendment in its 2016 Platform is an infringement of my right to remain true to my beliefs and it is an infringement on the rights of all Americans, whether pro-choice or pro-life."

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Scouts

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September once necessary paperwork is completed.

Once they receive the badge, they will join an elite fraternity of Boy Scouts.

Kelly McMurphy, assistant Scout Executive for the El Paso-based Yucca Council, BSA, says nationally only 4 percent of its Boy Scouts achieve the rank. Eighty-five earned Eagle last year in Yucca Council, and 35 have attained that rank so far this year. The three Scouts from Troop 513 will make it 38.

Asked about his role in the singular achievement of three boys earning Eagle at the same time, Noland explains simply that he “leads by example; I work with them.” He then adds that he asks himself the question. “What can I do to be a better leader?”

Next: Cleaning up a cemetery ravaged by vandals.

Finance

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you move out and ask for your full security deposit back.

7. Consider Renters Insurance. Renters insurance costs about \$15 to \$30 a month for a policy that covers \$50,000 worth of losses. It reimburses you if your belongings are stolen, damaged or destroyed by a covered cause, such as a fire. The insurance also helps pay for legal fees if, for instance, someone sues after getting injured at your home.

8. Make Your Own Repairs. Prior to signing the lease, ask if you can take on some of the maintenance responsibilities in exchange for reduced rent. You could offer to handle and pay for basic upkeep, such as replacing lights or smoke detectors, and making minor repairs.

9. Pay Attention to Bills. Evaluate which bills you’ll pay in addition to the rent, such as gas, heat, water, electricity,

trash, Wi-Fi or parking. A more expensive apartment that includes these can save you money overall.

10. Talk to Your Landlord. Hiding financial trouble helps no one. Talk to your landlord and ask for an extension if you can’t make rent. Good tenants can be hard to come by, and your landlord will likely prefer open communication and a late check to being left in the dark.

Bottom Line: Being an informed renter is especially important in a competitive rental market. Take simple steps to improve your rental and money management skills and you’ll benefit for years to come.

This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It’s always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.

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 0.002647 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 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928.

The second public hearing will be held on August 25, 2016 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, Gerardo Sanchez and Eric Shoppach
- AGAINST:

NONE
- PRESENT and not voting:

NONE
- ABSENT:

Marvin McLellan and James Bonneau Montoya

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** in 2015 was \$114,825. Based on last year’s tax rate of \$0.099959 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$114.77.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** in 2016 is \$116,481. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.097353 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$113.39.

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 \$116.48.

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

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2** 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 8.56 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 18, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 Board Room, 100 S. San Elizario Rd., Ste. N, Clint, Texas 79836.

The second public hearing will be held on August 25, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 Board Room, 100 S. San Elizario Rd, Ste. N, Clint, Texas 79836.

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

- FOR:

Elvia Schuller, Michael Diaz and Adrian Santana
- AGAINST:

NONE
- PRESENT and not voting:

NONE
- ABSENT:

William Adler and Rick Avalos, Jr.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2** last year was \$78,230. Based on last year’s tax rate of \$0.095081 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$74.38.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2** this year is \$79,810. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.094595 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$75.50.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$79.81.

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

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 25, 2016 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	3.91%	Increase
Debt Service	-3.89%	Decrease
Total Expenditures	2.91%	Increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,366,245,793	\$ 1,414,497,616
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 24,440,362	\$ 28,042,707
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,035,952,809	\$ 1,078,749,621
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 19,309,304	\$ 23,380,688

* “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* \$184,573,267

* 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	\$ 0.366500*	\$ 1.406600	\$ 1,424	\$ 8,141
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.058030	\$ 0.508860*	\$ 1.566890	\$ 1,434	\$ 8,043
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040100	\$ 0.366500*	\$ 1.406600	\$ 1,297	\$ 7,889

*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	\$ 87,854	\$ 88,835
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 61,979	\$ 63,000
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.406600	\$ 1.406600
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 871.80	\$ 886.16
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 14.36

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.

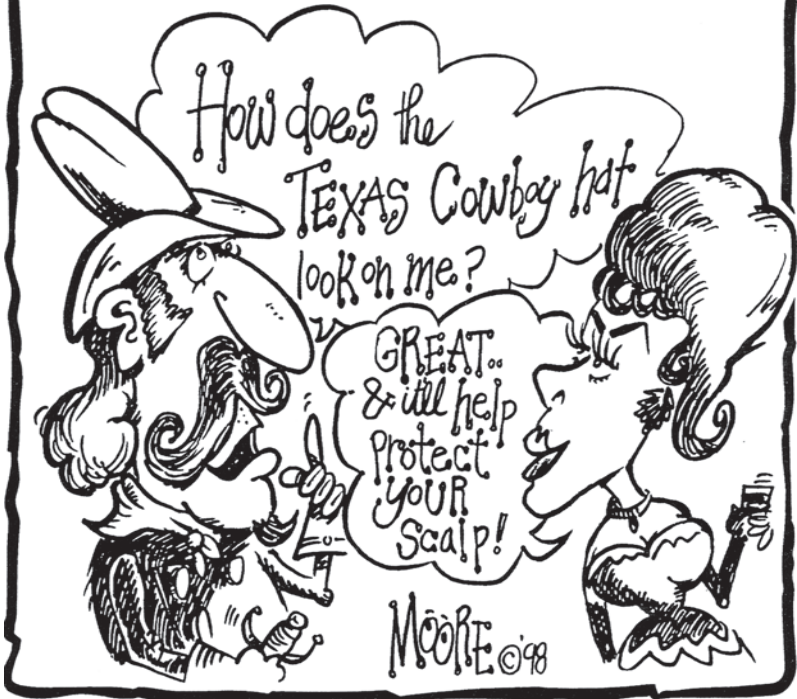
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.417768. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.417768.

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)	\$ 32,368,088
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 9,453,743

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger T. Moore
August 8, 1865 – General Armstrong
Custer leaves for tour of duty in Texas.



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.

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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.

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

• It was English Victorian author Samuel Butler who made the following sage observation: “Words are like money; there is nothing so useless, unless when in actual use.”

• Martha Jane Canary – better known as Calamity Jane – was a noted frontierswoman in the late 19th century. She defied expectations of women by refusing to wear dresses, becoming a scout and fighting against Indians in the West. As one contemporary commenter observed, “She swore, she drank, she wore men’s clothing. She was 50 years ahead of her time.”

• Those who study such things say that two-thirds of a shark’s brain is dedicated to detecting and sorting out odors.

• In his 1510 book “The Adventures of Esplandian,” Spanish author Garci Rodriguez de Montalvo wrote of an island peopled entirely by Amazon-like women, and he called it California. When Spaniard Francisco de Ulloa was exploring the west coast of North America, his initial surveys of the Baja Peninsula

led him to believe the land was an island, so the region was given the name of the mythical place: California.

• In Mongolia, it’s common to put salt in one’s tea before drinking it.

• If you’re a fan of nature documentaries, you’ve doubtless seen footage of Africa’s Serengeti, site of the world’s largest terrestrial mammal migration. If you’ve see images of the place, you won’t be surprised to learn that in Maasai, the word “Serengeti” means “the place where the land runs on forever.”

• You’ve probably heard of John Steinbeck’s celebrated novel “Of Mice and Men,” but you probably didn’t know that it was almost titled “Something That Happened.”

Thought for the Day: “Do you wish the world were happy? / Then remember day by day, / Just to scatter seeds of kindness / As you pass along the way.”

– Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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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: Y equals T

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FEAR

By: rj johnson

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DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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

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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., Wednesday, August 24, 2016 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

\$0.310700/\$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	5.00%	Decrease
Debt Service	0.91%	Increase
Total Expenditures	0.94%	Increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 79,067,098	\$ 86,029,883
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 562,260	\$ 4,851,139
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 61,747,342	\$ 68,210,977
Total taxable value**** of new property**	\$ 487,941	\$ 4,446,178

* “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* \$10,148,996

* 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	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.213600*	\$ 1.303700	\$ 723	\$ 9,455
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.310700*	\$ 0.315900	\$ 1,004	\$ 9,428
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.310700*	\$ 1.400800	\$ 824	\$ 9,395

*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	\$ 47,852	\$ 49,545
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 22,115	\$ 22,829
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.303700	\$ 1.400800
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 288.31	\$ 319.78
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 31.47

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 1.1.400800. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.1.400800.

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)	\$8,359,065.25
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 353,384



– Photos courtesy of Jesse Montelongo

BUS SAFETY – The Wewoka Neighborhood Crime Watch group wants to make bus stops safer and put six new shelters at existing sites.

Watch

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Alameda Avenue. We had a lady killed on that road five months ago at a bus stop in front of the neighborhood,” Montelongo said. He said that Commissioner Perez was given evidence showing the unsafe and inhumane conditions the elderly and handicap residents endure because of the poorly situated bus locations.

Plans are to also help other neighborhoods in Socorro start crime watch programs, Montelongo said. “We have to watch out for each other. It takes a lot of team work. I could never have done it on my own. The credit goes to the crime watch community and the Socorro police department’s great

response time in preventing crime. We’re growing and getting training, and we are inviting guest speakers to give us crime prevention classes,” he stated.

“Initially, I thought I could start and run a crime watch program on my own; however, I was wrong. If it weren’t for my neighbors, this crime watch program would have been a failure,” Montelongo added.

The Wewoka Neighborhood Crime Watch boundaries encompass the community around Ernesto Serna Elementary School and Alejo Estates including the streets of Tanton, Middle Drain, Wewoka, Nooch, Wellettka, Chisolm Trail, and Passmore.

For more information about the Wewoka Neighborhood Crime Watch program, call Montelongo at (915) 373-8440.



DON'T MESS WITH SOCORRO – Litter is a problem and the Wewoka Neighborhood Crime Watchers will be looking out for people that litter.

El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2016 on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 Office, 117 E. Main St., Fabens, Texas 79838. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change the in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Mario Aguirre, Magda C. Flores, Barbara C. Telas and Juana Gutierrez**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Jose Ramirez**

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.134155/\$100	0.132882/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$0.001273/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 0.95%	
Average appraised value	\$ 52,622	\$ 53,037
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 52,622	\$ 53,037
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 70.60	\$ 70.48
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	– \$ 0.12	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	– 0.17%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Notice of 2016 Tax Year
Proposed Property Tax Rate
for Town of Anthony, TX

A tax rate of \$0.568433 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of TOWN OF ANTHONY, TX. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of TOWN OF ANTHONY proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of funding increased debt service requirements.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.568433 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR’S TAX RATE	\$0.461985 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.458617 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.568433 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for TOWN OF ANTHONY from the same properties in both the 2015 tax year and the 2016 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that TOWN OF ANTHONY may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount= (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Maria O. Pasillas, RTA
CITY OF EL PASO Tax Assessor-Collector
221 N. Kansas, Suite 300
El Paso, TX 79901
915-212-0106
citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov
www.elpasotexas.gov/tax-office

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM at 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821.

Second Hearing: August 29, 2016 at 6:00 PM at 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821.

WTCC: 08-11-16

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Who pays the bill for emergency care?

The last thing you need in a medical emergency is to stop to wonder who’s going to pay for it if you go to a community hospital. Unfortunately, depending on the details, it might be the veteran who pays. Earlier this year, Dr. Baligh Yehia, a top community-care official at the Department of Veterans Affairs, testified before the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs about the sorry, inconsistent state of the VA’s system of reimbursing for emergency medical services. One statistic: In one calendar year, 30 percent of the 2.9 million emergency-room claims were denied. This totaled \$2.6 billion in medical bills that were kicked back to the veteran. Specifically:

- 98,000 claims denied because it was decided it wasn’t an emergency;
- 320,000 claims denied because it was decided another insurer should pay;
- 89,000 claims denied because they weren’t filed fast enough; and
- 140,000 claims denied because it was decided that a VA hospital was available.

Before an emergency occurs, get familiar with the specifics of who pays for what. Go online to VA.gov and search for Non-VA Emergency Care. You’ll get a long list of files. Scroll around and look for Fact Sheet 20-02. Print out some of the information and keep it in a file.

Know exactly how far you are in miles from the nearest VA hospital or emergency clinic, and whether it’s reasonable to go that far in an emergency.

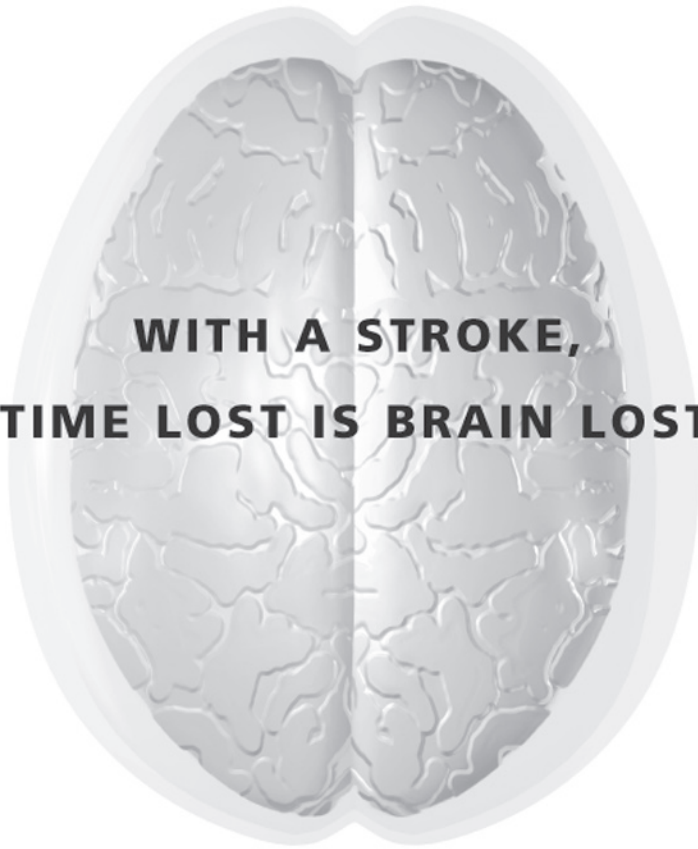
Know the difference between urgent and emergency care, because the VA won’t pay for urgent care.

If you go to emergency care and are later admitted, the VA may insist you be transferred to a VA hospital or they won’t pay the bills. Be clear on whether your emergency is due to service-related or non-service-related conditions.

You have 72 hours to notify the VA that you’ve gotten community emergency care.

Fact Sheet 20-02 will outline all this, and more.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 23, 2016 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 tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed 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)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value** of all property	\$ 2,650,284,235	\$ 2,788,641,513
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$ 76,402,744	\$ 125,475,267
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$ 1,754,010,017	\$ 1,849,733,399
Total taxable value**** of new property***	\$ 72,739,340	\$ 119,718,282

* All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.
** “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* \$ 98,563,124

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.530000	\$ 4,713	\$ 5,197
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.172709	\$ 0.373278*	\$ 1.545987	\$ 4,856	\$ 5,381
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.530000	\$ 4,816	\$ 5,381

*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	\$ 152,423	\$ 153,436
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 127,099	\$ 128,274
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.530000	\$ 1.530000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,944.61	\$ 1,962.59
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 17.98

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)	\$ 9,880,207
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,475,127

WTCC: 08-11-16

Miners may have a chance to find their way home

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Dorothy said it best at the end of the Wizard of Oz, when she clicked her heels together three times and uttered those soothing words, “there’s no place like home.”

Though she managed to have some memorable adventures with her new friends, she knew that no place could quite match the comforts of home.

That’s pretty much the way it is in the world of sports. Every team plays better at home and every player feels a little uncomfortable away from the friendly confines.

The same can be said about the UTEP Miners.

Oh, I know they tend to play better at home and struggle more on the road. That’s true about every team.

But in this case I’m talking about conference affiliation.

Ever since UTEP was unceremoniously shown the door out of the WAC in 2005, it has been languishing in Conference USA. Of course those schools that kicked

UTEP out got together to form the new Mountain West Conference.

In the WAC, the Miners felt at home tangling with familiar family members like New Mexico and BYU and Colorado State and Wyoming and Air Force and Hawaii and UNLV.

Since then, the Miners have felt more like invited guests in unfamiliar settings, taking on the likes of Florida International and Old Dominion and Middle Tennessee and North Texas and Florida Atlantic and Western Kentucky.

Let’s face it – it’s hard for UTEP fans of any sport to get excited about the big UTEP-Florida Atlantic matchup.

There are no natural rivalries because El Paso fans know nothing about the teams the Miners are facing. The C-USA schools are too far away and they have the sex appeal of a KISS tribute band.

And Dorothy was right – there is no place like home.

That’s why El Paso sports fans’ ears perked up when it was learned that there is a slight possibility that the Miners could find there way back home again.

The thought is that the Big-12 is ex-

panding by two, or maybe four teams.

The consensus is that Houston, Cincinnati and BYU are the leading candidates to join the conference. The rumors also include UConn, Memphis, Central Florida and Colorado State.

It appears that the American Athletic Conference will be hit hard because that’s where five of those rumored schools reside.

The big questions are which schools will make the move, will any Mountain West schools leave to join the Big-12 or fill in vacant slots in the AAC, and if so, will UTEP be chosen to fill any possible vacancy in the MWC?

A lot of dominoes have to fall in a certain way at a certain time for the Miners to get their wish of retuning home. But as we all saw with the birth of the El Paso Chihuahuas, things certainly can fall into place.

The whole idea of the UTEP Miners asking to be taken back by a former girlfriend that once left them for another seems a little unsavory.

But it wouldn’t be the first time two foes came to the realization that they are actually better together than apart.

It’s a much better fit for UTEP geographically, it’s much better financially and it would do wonders with fan attendance. Fans don’t just want to cheer on their own team – they want to get all over a dreaded rival.

The Miners have no rivals in C-USA. To the average UTEP fan, they’re just playing a bunch of nondescript teams.

The chances of UTEP changing conferences depends on how many teams the Big 12 expands to.

First of all, this may boggle your mind a bit, the Big-12 consists of only 10 teams. Don’t ask. Whether the conference expands to 12 teams or even 14 is still up in the air.

Of course the more teams that transfer, the better chances for the Miners to do the same.

Reacquainting themselves with those old MWC rivals would only be enhanced when you throw in teams like Boise State, Fresno State and San Diego State.

You’ve got to know that Tim Floyd and Sean Kugler and Keitha Adams and Bob Stull are all clicking their heels together and uttering those five special soothing words.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

End of an error

If we needed any further evidence that baseball is, once again, metamorphosing into a different era, this season’s trade deadline was all the proof needed.

While all major sports do the same – basketball recently saw

the addition of the three-point line, football killed the kickoff return, tennis now allows limited coaching, boxing switched to 12-round fights and hockey added the shootout – no other sport has fiddled with its secret sauce as often as baseball.

What exactly constitutes an “era,” you may be asking? Well, in Boston, that’s how they pronounce the word “error,” as in “Nomah shouldn’t be chahged with an era on that play!” Those in the English-speaking parts of the country generally see an “era” as beginning with a readily identifiable change in culture. Baseball, probably due to its fan base’s love of statistical

scrutiny, seems to revel in this sort of unofficial, much-written-about classification system.

Let’s see... there was the deadball era, the spitball era, the Babe Ruth era, the integration era, the World War II era, the expansion era, the year of the higher mound (not an era, but a noticeable blip on the timeline), the free-agent era, the designated-hitter era, the cocaine era, the steroid era, the “Moneyball” era and now this era.

What do we call this era? The 100-plus mph bullpen era? The infield shift era? The Chachi Arcola Republican Convention Speech era? The search for stars? While the league has its share

of superstars, if Bryce Harper, Giancarlo Stanton or Clayton Kershaw walked past you at the Kwik-E Mart, 95 percent of the population would not recognize them, I’d wager (but not on the game if I was a manager).

Baseball is in great financial shape, or so we are constantly being told. Still, the game has some major-league flaws. The fact that an entire state can’t watch a Yankee game due to a fight with a cable company is abhorrent. The fact that a single exhibition game that managers don’t play to win can control home-field advantage for the season is a tragedy.

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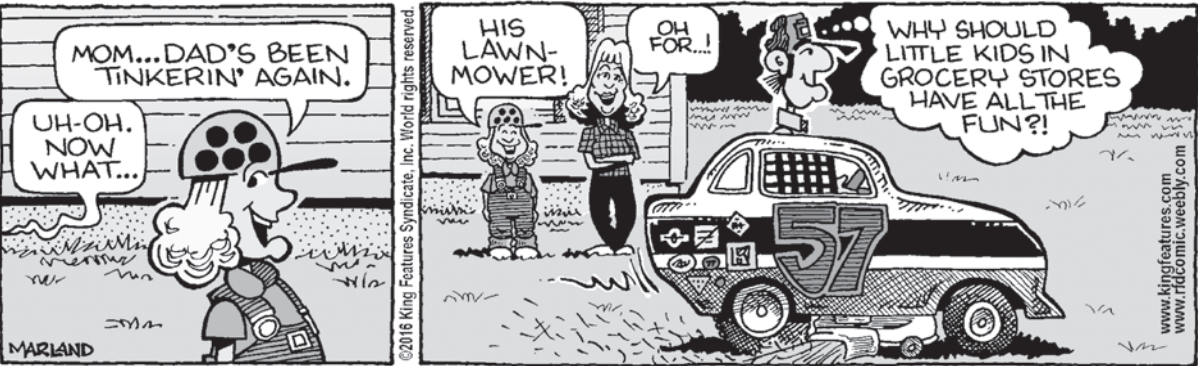
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Your good health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an 86-year-old woman with three doctors battling over my vitamin D level for many years. I am 59 inches tall and weigh 95 pounds. I play nine holes of golf three times a week. I have always been a poor eater, so I get little nourishment from food. I drink 3 ounces of scotch every evening with chips. That's my nourishment. I've beaten lung cancer and recently had skin cancer surgery in my ear. The vitamin D situation never goes away, and the doctors keep changing my meds. One of the doctors claims that my vitamin D count is almost toxic (my blood levels of vitamin D are 121 from my rheumatologist and 145 from my internist), and I have been taken off any meds with vitamin D in them, but it's still high. I am feeling OK now and want to forget the whole matter of the vitamin D level. Your opinion would be appreciated. – Anon.

calcium level. By the time your letter is published, your vitamin D levels should have returned to normal. If they haven't, it's time to look for a rare cause, such as sarcoidosis, where occasionally the abnormal cells can make vitamin D. The booklet on sodium, potassium and mineral discusses the importance of these and other substances to our health. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 202W, 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: My mother was diagnosed a few years ago with macular degeneration (both wet and dry). Is this disease hereditary? What can I do to prevent myself from getting this disease? – K.

I admire your spirit for life, even if I don't agree with your diet. I have seen only one case of vitamin D excess in my career. It is very rare if people are taking less than 4,000 IU of vitamin D daily, so I suspect you were taking much higher doses at some point. When I hear that multiple doctors may have been taking care of you, I worry that more than one was prescribing high doses of vitamin D. There also have been cases of manufacturing errors and excess fortification of milk, but these are quite rare.

Vitamin D is normally stored in the liver, with the fat cells becoming a second reservoir. The toxicity of vitamin D is due to high calcium levels, which can cause confusion, nausea and vomiting, and muscle weakness. Toxic levels can be treated with short-term prednisone, but that isn't necessary unless there are symptoms or a dangerously high

There does seem to be an increased risk in people with a family history. Several studies have shown that vitamins, especially B vitamins, can reduce risk by a third or so. Since a combination of zinc and vitamins A, C and E was shown to help reduce progression of macular degeneration, many experts recommend it for prevention as well.

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) 2016 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

- TOOLING AROUND**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Divine one
- 4 Chew on
- 8 Part of UPI
- 13 "Yeah, and?"
- 19 Gilbert and Sullivan work
- 21 Try to swat
- 22 Operate a 767, say
- 23 Tool with a large bony projection?
- 25 "La Isla _" (1987 Madonna hit)
- 26 Freshwater polyp
- 27 Clucking bird
- 28 Eye, in Versailles
- 30 Mined rocks
- 31 On a tool's upper surface?
- 37 Oomph
- 40 Roadside assistance gp.
- 41 Odd one out
- 42 Bazaar sight
- 43 Tool given as a peace offering?
- 47 Czarina, e.g.
- 50 Glittery rock
- 51 _ Jacinto
- 52 Jamie of old sitcomdom
- 54 Sutcliffe or Erwin
- 55 Trade sanction
- 58 Hit a cartoon dad with a tool?
- 63 Trendy resort
- 64 State south of B.C.
- 66 Ending for million

- 67 Alert at sea
- 68 Add-on accessory for a tool?
- 76 "The Big Read" org.
- 77 Ham's father
- 78 Mode or king preceder
- 79 Remind over and over
- 81 Male bovine using a tool?
- 87 Hurriedly
- 90 "Be there _ sec"
- 91 Glen
- 92 Owns
- 94 Speak to the masses
- 95 Get a steal at a store
- 98 Use a tool on some Heinz products?
- 102 Disintegrate, as cells
- 103 Sees in the distance
- 106 " _ out!" (ump's call)
- 107 Before
- 108 Priciest tool?
- 113 "Permit Me Voyage" writer James
- 114 "Mike & Mike" airer
- 115 Taoism's _ -tzu
- 116 Crude-carrying ship
- 120 Venetian island
- 122 Statement upon locating someone's lost tool in the dark?

- 127 Expose by being a fink
- 128 "It's _!" (quitter's cry)
- 129 Getting set to propose
- 130 Gauge
- 131 Did it wrong
- 132 Cries noisily
- 133 Thing, in legalese
- DOWN**
- 1 Artist Vincent van _
- 2 Grand Ole _
- 3 Skillful feat
- 4 Gain access to
- 5 Final degree
- 6 From _ Z
- 7 Missile parts
- 8 Observable occurrences
- 9 Divest (of)
- 10 JFK posting
- 11 Remove, as a branch
- 12 Canonized fifth-cen. pope
- 13 Weasel's kin
- 14 _lacto-vegetarian
- 15 Gain the support of
- 16 Quality of a yeti or a yak
- 17 Certifies
- 18 Bedevil
- 20 _avis (wonder)
- 24 With 110-Down, post-tax revenue
- 29 Buries
- 32 _ chi ch'uan
- 33 Solo in films

- 34 Followers of omicrons
- 35 Pre-CIA gp.
- 36 "The Racer's Edge"
- 37 Printing units
- 38 Free from obligation
- 39 Big cheese
- 44 Rx overseer
- 45 Plop lead-in
- 46 Informal turnaround
- 48 X-ray alternative
- 49 Earth lighter
- 52 Flowerless office plant
- 53 Match milieu
- 56 Yankees manager
- Joe
- 57 Lofty verse
- 59 Quite manly
- 60 My, in Milan
- 61 Pithy saying
- 62 Follower of chi
- 65 Void legally
- 69 Call a halt to
- 70 Barely visible
- 71 Tune penner
- Porter
- 72 TV's Linden
- 73 71-Down, collegiately
- 74 Cut-rate
- 75 Talk nonstop
- 80 Ducks' kin
- 81 Bro's counterpart
- 82 Comparable things
- 83 Members of an elite U.S. force
- 84 Rolls with holes

- 85 Shaped with a certain cutting tool
- 86 Penn of "Epic Movie"
- 88 Ad _
- 89 Boat built by 77-Across
- 93 Knowing glances
- 96 Parsons of "Roseanne"
- 97 96-Down's "Roseanne" role
- 98 Fish by letting the bait bob
- 99 Clergyman's subj.
- 100 JFK Library architect
- 101 Deep anger
- 104 Lying face-up
- 105 Try to separate out, as gold
- 108 One of the von Trapp daughters
- 109 Time on end
- 110 See 24-Down
- 111 Riatas, e.g.
- 112 Many a sunlit ledge
- 117 Lion's den
- 118 Suffix akin to -trix
- 119 Partner of rules, briefly
- 121 Lean-_ (sheds)
- 123 Locale of Sp.
- 124 U-turn from WNW
- 125 Game akin to crazy eights
- 126 Civil War southerner

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: What is the benefit amount a spouse may be entitled to receive?

A: If you’re eligible for both your own retirement benefit and for benefits as a spouse, we will always pay you benefits based on your record first. If your benefit as a spouse is higher than your retirement benefit, you will receive a combination of benefits equaling the higher spouse’s benefits. A spouse generally receives 50 percent of the retired worker’s full benefit, unless the spouse begins collecting benefits before full retirement age. If the spouse begins collecting benefits before full retirement age, the amount of the spouse’s benefit is reduced by a percentage based on the number of months before he or she reaches full retirement age. For example, based on a full retirement age of 66, if a spouse

begins collecting benefits:

- At age 65, the benefit amount would be about 46 percent of the retired worker’s full benefit;
- At age 64, it would be about 42 percent;
- At age 63, 37.5 percent; and
- At age 62, 35 percent.

However, if a spouse is taking care of a child who is either under age 16 or disabled and receives Social Security benefits on the same record, a spouse will get full benefits, regardless of age. Learn more by reading our Retirement publication at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10035.html.

Q: How do I get a copy of the form, Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs?

A: If you wish to apply for *Extra Help* with Medicare prescription drug plan costs, we recommend

you use our online application at www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020/. Meanwhile, you can view a sample at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. There, you can also find instruction sheets in many different languages to help you understand the English application. Soon, the online application also will be available in Spanish. If you prefer not to fill out this application on the Internet, you can call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to ask for a paper application. Also, you can make an appointment at your local Social Security office to apply for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call our toll-free TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Q: I am a single mother and

I get Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Can my daughter receive SSI benefits based on my SSI?

A: No. SSI benefits are based on the needs of the individual and are paid only to the qualifying person. There are no spouse’s, children’s, or survivors benefits. However, if your daughter is disabled, she might be eligible to receive SSI benefits. To learn more about SSI benefits, read our publication on the subject at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html.

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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

Sports

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seven-game championship series is moronic.

One thing is clear, however: We are moving out of the boring “on-base percentage is the best statistic there is” phase. Unless it’s Rickey Henderson, nobody spends hundreds of dollars to go see a baseball game and root, root, root for the home team to walk. Thankfully, Ned Yost and the Royals freed us from that oppression. They did this by developing a strong farm system that taught fundamentals stressing movement... great defense, speed and hits, backed by a lights-out bullpen. Now that’s baseball worth paying to see.

It’s been a little over 40 years

since George Steinbrenner ushered in the free-agent era by signing Catfish Hunter. At this year’s trade deadline, Hal Steinbrenner’s fire sale of five veterans, the surefire impending release of A-Rod and lack of extension talk for Mark Teixeira in order to shore up an anemic farm, signaled another change: the big-trade era, perhaps?

I’m personally in favor of austerity because no matter what, a few things will never change for baseball: Good pitching beats good hitting, you can’t catch a ball hit out of the park and the team with the most runs wins.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

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.

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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.

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