



NEWSBRIEFS

Pet cities

With National Homeless Animals Day this last Saturday and over 85 million U.S. pet-owning households projected to spend \$72 billion this year, the personal finance website WalletHub has released an in-depth report on 2018's *Most Pet-Friendly Cities*. In order to determine where Americans' animal companions can enjoy the best quality of life without breaking the bank, WalletHub compared the creature-friendliness of the 100 largest cities across 24 key metrics. The data set ranges from minimum pet-care provider rate per visit to pet businesses per capita to walkability. El Paso ranked 84th in this study. Other stats:

- Columbus, OH has the lowest average veterinary care costs (per visit), \$37.26, which is 2.1 times lower than in New York, NY, the city with the highest at \$79.30.
- Miami, FL has the most veterinarians (per square root of population), 0.3360, which is 88.4 times more than in Newark, NJ, the city with the fewest at 0.0038.
- St. Paul, MN has the lowest monthly dog-insurance premium, \$34.84, which is 2.4 times lower than in New York, NY, the city with the highest at \$83.50.
- San Francisco, CA has the most pet businesses (per square root of population), 0.8546, which is 23.8 times more than in Newark, NJ, the city with the fewest at 0.0359.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/most-pet-friendly-cities/5562/> the report.

— Diana Polk

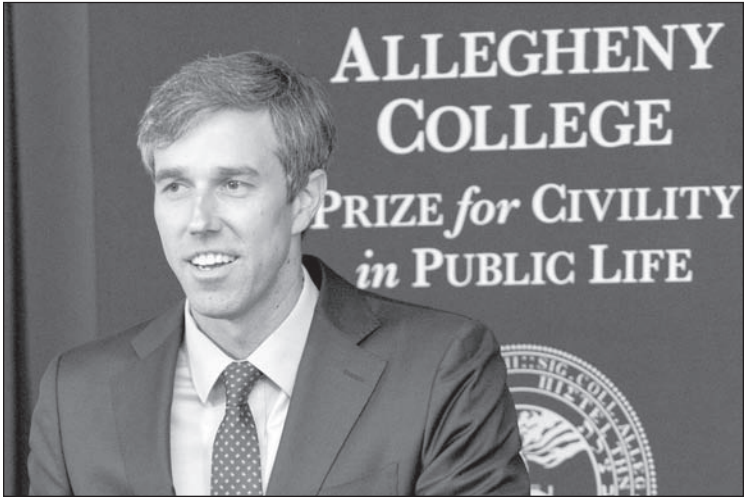
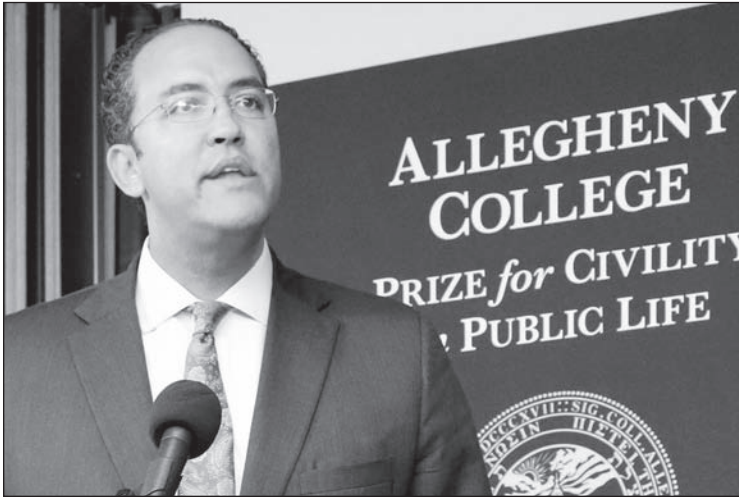
Amish Uber

Uber, the ubiquitous car service has made its presence known throughout the U.S. Its presence is so pervasive that it prompted an Amish man to start a buggy-for-hire service in St. Joseph, MI, which boasts the sixth largest Amish populations in the U.S. Timothy Hochstedler, who started what is believed to be the nation's first on call horse-drawn taxi service, charges a flat rate of \$5.00 per ride. As he described his start up to reporters: "Uber is hot right now, so we have the Amish Uber." Problem is that if you want a ride in Hochstedler, you can't use an app on your smart phone to call him. His is Amish, after all, and so he adheres strictly to Amish customs. In other words, you'll have to flag him down if and when you see him.

— John Grimaldi

Beware of the man that knows the answer before he understands the question.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photos courtesy of the office of each Representative

CORDIAL COLLEAGUES – Allegheny College has awarded the Prize for Civility in Public Life annually since 2011, each year selecting two public figures "who have demonstrated steadfast civility throughout their career or have shown authentic, courageous civility at an important moment in time." Texas' U.S. Representatives Will Hurd (left) and Beto O'Rourke (right) were the 2018 winners for their more-than-24-hour trip to the nation's capital that they took after winter weather canceled their flights in January.

El Paso congressmen honored for civility

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Allegheny College, established in 1815 in Meadville, Pennsylvania, is one of the nation's oldest liberal-arts colleges with a long tradition of passionate but civil intellectual debate. Deeply troubled by the rise of incivility in U.S. politics, and its negative impacts on political participation, particularly among young people, the College created the Civility Prize in 2011 to highlight and reinforce the unheralded public figures who advance civility in public life, according to the school's website.

Since its inception, the Allegheny

College Prize for Civility in Public Life has recognized public figures that argue passionately but respectfully for their beliefs. The Prize seeks to honor public figures that have demonstrated steadfast civility throughout their career or have shown authentic, courageous civility at an important moment in time.

Previous winners include political journalists David Brooks and Mark Shields, in recognition of their longstanding record of civil commentary, in 2012.

In 2013, the College awarded the Prize to Senators Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, and Lindsey Graham, a Republican, for their efforts to exemplify civility while leading debate in some of the most

contentious issues of our time.

The "Women of the Senate" were honored in 2014 for banding together to help end a government shutdown and creating a more civil climate in Washington, D.C.

In 2015, in recognition of Allegheny's bicentennial celebration, noted historian Douglas Brinkley helped choose former Montgomery, Alabama Police Chief Kevin Murphy for taking off his badge and giving it to Congressman John Lewis, a Democrat from Georgia, as an act of contrition for the police department's treatment of Lewis in 1961 during the civil rights movement.

In 2016, the Prize went to Vice President Joe Biden and Senator John McCain, in recognition of powerful moments of civility during modern presidential campaigns.

In 2017, the sixth annual Allegheny College Prize for Civility in Public Life was awarded to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the family of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, honoring "a friendship grounded in mutual respect for the intellectual integrity and love of country that each brought to service on the Court."

And this year, El Paso Congressmen Beto O'Rourke, a Democrat, and Will Hurd, a Republican, were awarded the Prize for Civility in Public Life for a cross country road trip the pair took last year and dubbed it the "bipartisan road trip".

After flights from Texas to Washington, D.C., were canceled because of bad weather, O'Rourke and Hurd decided to rent a car and drive the 1,600 miles from San Antonio to the nation's capitol to cast votes on pending legislation.

On the road, O'Rourke and Hurd discussed everything from music and their families to political issues like foreign policy and whether a wall should be constructed on the border between the United States and Mexico.

The two itinerants broadcast their

San Eli ISD and Western Tech partner up

By Hector Gonzalez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Western Technical College (WT) and the San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) have taken their Partners in Education relationship to an entirely new level.

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, this partnership is set to change the future of Career and Technical Education in El Paso and possibly the entire state of Texas.

This partnership between WT and SEISD will give San Elizario High

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— Photo courtesy of San Elizario ISD

ALL SMILES – San Elizario ISD and Western Technical College have formed a partnership to train San Eli High School students in the the air conditioning field. From left are Michael Rodriguez, CTE Coordinator for SEISD; Dr. Meza-Chavez, SEISD Superintendent; Allan Sharpe, Westen Tech President; and Victor Sanchez, Director of High School Recruitment for Western Tech. Meza-Chavez and Sharpe display the agreement.

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Fabens Independent School District Public Notice of Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of the Fabens Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

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Elizabeth Warren’s lie

Elizabeth Warren [D-MA] is a condemnation of America as branching out. fundamentally racist.

The Massachusetts senator, The U.S. criminal justice who has made a career of unfairly system is obviously a legitimate maligning bankers and other topic of debate. But the contention alleged capitalist malefactors, that U.S. law enforcement is is now smearing the criminal a product of racial hatred is a justice system, too. paranoid lie.

In a speech at a historically The basis of the racism charge black college in New Orleans, is the obvious disparities in the she declared that “the hard numbers. Blacks are 13 percent of truth about our criminal justice of the population, yet they account system: It’s racist... I mean front for 38 percent of state prisoners, to back.” and for more than roughly 30 percent of fatal police shootings.

Her riff is a sign that the The driver for mass Democrats are going to leaven incarceration, we are always told, their lurch toward socialism with



is a racist war on drugs. But this is a myth. In his book “Locked In,” John Pfaff notes that at its height in 1990, the share of state prisoners serving time for drugs was just 22 percent. The proportion fell to less than 16 percent in 2014. So you could release all drug offenders and still leave mass incarceration intact. And you wouldn’t just be releasing black prisoners – 33 percent of white inmates in state prisons are drug offenders,

It is true that the incarceration rates for drug offenses are much higher for blacks. This may be a product of enforcement bias, or other factors such as whites are more prone to use private, as opposed to open-air, drug markets.

The biggest reason for the overall disparity in incarceration is different rates of offending. Blacks account for about 50 percent of homicides. It’s not that the police are simply making up these crimes. The numbers for violent crime accord with reports from crime victims of the race of their assailants.

The same applies to police shootings. Joseph Cesario, a professor of psychology at Michigan State University, writes that “the differences in involvement in criminal situations between black and white citizens fully explains the population-level disparity in fatal police shootings.”

Now, it’s entirely fair to argue that different rates of offending are a function of the vestiges of racism, and that it is urgent to pursue criminal justice reform given how the status quo affects black families and communities. But the idea that we are living in a latter-day apartheid South Africa, with a system designed to jail and immiserate blacks out of sheer maliciousness, is contemptible, poisonous and wrong.

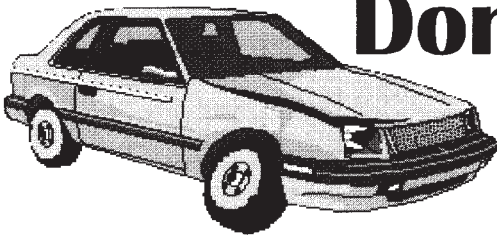
It is telling that Elizabeth Warren is going there. There are two reasons. One is that she has a Bernie Sanders problem: She is a white politician who has overwhelmingly devoted herself to economic issues. She needs to play identity politics catch-up. Two, in reaction to Donald Trump, the left is embracing a sweeping indictment of America as undemocratic and racist at the core.

Warren’s performance shows that the party is prepared to consider no critique of America too radical or out of bounds.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2018 by King Features Synd., Inc.

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Lower Valley Water District Public Notice

The LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT is proposing to amend its rate order to include the following new charge: Provisional Rate, billed monthly (see Provisional Rate Schedule).

The LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on the proposed monthly Provisional Rate on Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 6:00 PM., at 1557 FM 1110, Clint, Texas 79836.

The governing body of the LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT proposes to use revenue attributable to the monthly Provisional Rate to balance the budget.

PROVISIONAL RATE SCHEDULE

Residential, Monthly Fee	Amount
Water _____	\$7.00
Wastewater _____	\$6.00
Solid Waste _____	\$1.00
Processing Fee _____	\$1.50
Total _____	\$15.50

Commercial, Monthly Fee	Amount
Water _____	\$7.00
Wastewater _____	\$6.00
Solid Waste _____	\$1.00
Processing Fee _____	\$1.50
Total _____	\$15.50

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SISD tech grant gives more laptops to students

All Salvador H. Sanchez middle school students to get personal digital device

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

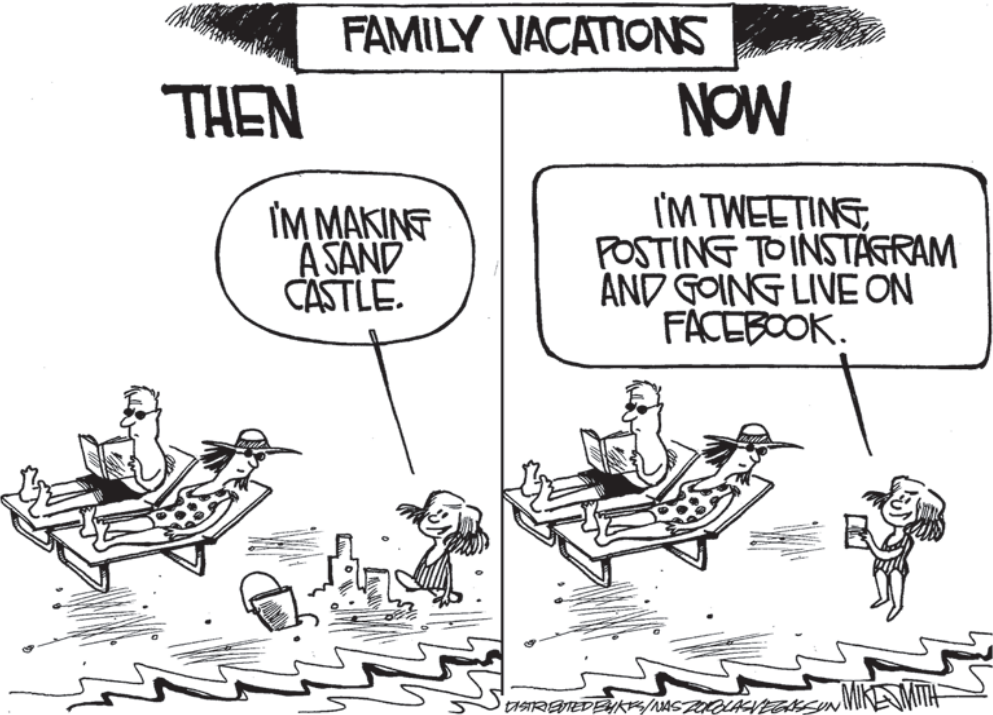
EL PASO COUNTY – The Socorro Independent School District has been awarded the 2018-2019 Technology Lending Grant by the Texas Education Agency to provide more students access to high-quality digital resources and courses.

The \$150,000 grant has allowed SISD to expand its Digitally Nurturing Academics 1:1 program (one student to one laptop) to sixth-grade students at Salvador H. Sanchez Middle School, making it the first middle school in the district to give 100 percent of its students personal laptops for 24/7 access to digital learning.

“We are very excited to be the first middle school to provide laptops to every student,” said Iris Jimenez, the school principal. “All of our students will have the opportunity to experience and engage in blended learning through the many technology tools that are available to them.”

Along with the laptops, students at the school will have access to 65 hot spots

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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 10 of El Paso County

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo Del Este Municipal Utility District No. 10 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at the offices of Inframark, LLC, 12350 Montwood Drive, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or 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.

FOR the proposal: Directors Luis Ortega, Greg Spence, Jr., Martin N. Lettunich and Antonio Gallardo

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: Director B.D. Reynolds

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)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 194,709	\$ 195,278
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 194,709	\$ 195,278
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,460.32	\$ 1,464.59
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 4.27	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 0.29%	

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.



By Samantha Weaver

• It was British Prime Minister Winston Churchill who made the following sage observation: “A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.”

• There are lots of sports fans out there, and a lot of sports to enjoy: football, basketball, soccer, baseball, hockey... olive oil wrestling? OK, maybe there aren't a lot of oiled wrestling events here in America, but in Turkey it's the national sport. Kirkpinar, as it's known there, has been popular since the Ottoman Empire. The Turkish town of Edirne has been hosting the annual tournament since 1361.

• If you do much printing, you might not be surprised to learn that if you figure out the cost by volume, printer ink costs far more than Dom Perignon champagne or Chanel No. 5 perfume.

• The name of Alcatraz Island – famed location of a high-security prison that's now a tourist attraction – comes from the Spanish “Isla de los Alcatraces,” or “Island of Pelicans.”

• The murre, a bird found in the Arctic, actually dives into the water and swims to catch the small fish that comprise its diet. Interestingly, its eggs aren't like those of any other bird in the world: The whites are blue, not white, and the yolks are bright red.

• Those who study such things claim that the oceans eventually will dry up – in about a billion years or so.

• The Transportation Security Administration banned cigarette lighters on carry-on luggage between 2005 and 2007. During that time, TSA screeners confiscated 22,978 lighters every day. Safe disposal of those lighters cost the taxpayers approximately \$4 million every year.

Thought for the Day: “In this world there are only two tragedies. One is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it. The last is much the worst.”
– Oscar Wilde

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• On Aug. 27, 1955, the first edition of “The Guinness Book of Records” is published in Great Britain. The book was intended to be given away for free in pubs to promote the Guinness brand; however, it became so popular that the Irish brewer started selling it.

• On Aug. 28, 1996, Charles, Prince of Wales and heir to the British throne, and his wife, Princess Diana, formally divorce. In 1981, nearly 1 billion television viewers in 74 countries tuned in to witness their marriage ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

• On Aug. 29, 1962, American poet Robert Frost leaves for the Soviet Union. The goodwill tour was sponsored by the U.S. State Department in an effort to thaw Cold War relations.

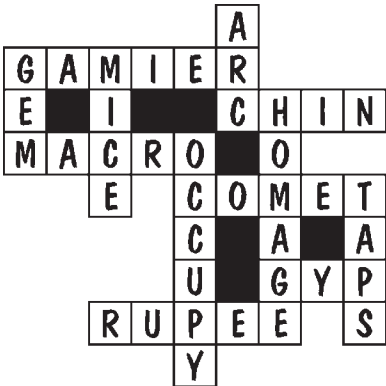
• On Aug. 30, 1983, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Colonel Guion S. Bluford becomes the first African American to travel into space following lift off aboard the space shuttle Challenger. During their six days in space, the Challenger crew launched an Indian communications satellite.

• On Aug. 31, 1888, the first known victim of London serial killer “Jack the Ripper” is found murdered in the city's impoverished Whitechapel district. At least four more women were found murdered in similar fashion over the next few months. In 1892, with no leads found and no more murders recorded, the Jack the Ripper file was closed.

• On Sept. 1, 1928, Robert Pirsig, author of “Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance,” is born. Despite being rejected by more than 120 publishing houses, his 1974 book became a cult classic, selling more than 4 million copies over the next 25 years.

• On Sept. 2, 1945, aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, Japan formally surrenders to the Allies, bringing an end to World War II.

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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 29, 2018 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	4.92%	Decrease
Debt Service	0.09%	Increase
Total Expenditures	4.45%	Decrease

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	\$ 93,775,935	\$ 96,383,807
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 546,756	\$ 1,973,511
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 73,897,650	\$ 76,054,803
Total taxable value**** of new property**	\$ 512,746	\$ 1,835,068

* "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* \$18,570,997.55

* 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	\$ 0.310700*	\$ 1.400800	\$ 912	\$10,423
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.106400	\$ 0.790640*	\$ 1.897040	\$ 1,495	\$10,541
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.310700*	\$ 1.400800	\$ 954	\$10,470

*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	\$ 65,939	\$ 68,706
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 31,994	\$ 36,106
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.400800	\$ 1.400800
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 448.17	\$ 505.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 57.60

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 1.400800. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 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)	\$ 7,115,150
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 289,829

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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 13.25 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax 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 23, 2018 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 30, 2018 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: Mike Diaz, Jacqueline Butler, Mike Barnes and Rick Avalos, Jr.
AGAINST: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: NONE
ABSENT: Adrian Santana

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2** last year was \$82,766. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.092349 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$76.43.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2** this year is \$89,695. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.088301 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$79.20.

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 \$89.70.

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

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Haciendas del Norte Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on August 28, 2018 at 13931 Sagebrush Circle, El Paso, Texas 79938 at 7:00 pm. Your individual taxes may increase or 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.

FOR the proposal: Joseph McCandless, Daniel Diaz, Ed Brown, David Lincoln and George Gibson
AGAINST the proposal: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.219710/\$100	0.211492/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	(\$0.008218)	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	- 3.740%	
Average appraised value	\$ 205,875	\$ 213,832
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 205,875	\$ 213,832
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 452.33	\$ 452.25
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	- \$ 0.08	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	- 0.02%	

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.

Civility

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conversations from the road using Facebook’s live video feature, prompting more than a dozen of their colleagues in Congress to pick up the phone and give them a call, including U.S. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

The congressmen’s road venture also caught the eye of Facebook’s chief executive officer. “This is a great use of Facebook Live for civic engagement,” Mark Zuckerberg wrote in a comment on the video.

The congressmen’s road trip – amplified through Facebook and Periscope –

received national attention. The move inspired those following along on social media to share words of encouragement for the congressmen and gave a sense of hope for those navigating through this challenging political climate, with one commenter on Facebook noting, “This gives me faith for our country.”

Allegheny College President James H. Mullen, Jr. presented both lawmakers with the award at the National Press Club in July. “Their spontaneous demonstration of civility restored hope for many who have forgotten that political adversaries can discuss difficult issues with respect and civility, and that partisan jousting does not require demonization- and even can be engaged with joy,” Mullen said in a statement.

O’Rourke, grateful to receive the Prize for Civility in Public Life and speaking with the Allegheny College students in attendance for the presentation, stated that it was clear that “we need to come together as Texans, as Americans to get after the big, bold, important work ahead of our country.”

At the same presentation, Hurd stated, “We can disagree without being disagreeable. We must be able to, so that the competition of ideas that has powered this great experiment called America continues to work.”

After the award ceremony, Hurd and O’Rourke both gave brief remarks. Hurd discussed what he learned about O’Rourke during the trip, including his taste in music and his love for donuts.

More importantly, he said he learned that, “way more unites us as a country than divides us.”

“It’s pretty wild that millions of people actually tuned in and watched two guys driving a car,” Hurd said. “But for those 36 hours- 36-hour trip, 31 hours in the car and 29 hours live streamed – we actually weren’t a Republican and a Democrat. We were just two dudes trying to get to work.”

O’Rourke has represented El Paso in Congress since 2012, but he is not seeking re-election. Instead, the Democrat is challenging U.S. Senator Ted Cruz for his seat.

Hurd is in a heated race against Gina Ortiz Jones, the Democratic candidate, for Texas’ 23rd Congressional District, in this November’s election.

Lower Valley Water District
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at 1557 FM 1110, Clint, Texas 79836. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	David Estrada, Henry Trujillo, and David Carrasco	
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE	
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE	
ABSENT:	Rosalinda Vigil	

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)	\$0.185095/\$100 Adopted	\$0.161167/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$0.023928	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 12.93%	
Average appraised value	\$ 78,775	\$ 86,563
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 78,775	\$ 86,563
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 145.81	\$ 139.51
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	– \$ 6.30 – 4.32%	

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 water 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.

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 2018 on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 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 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.

FOR the proposal:	Magda C. Flores, Juana Gutierrez, Barbara C. Telas and Jose Ramirez	
AGAINST the proposal:	Thelma Quinonez	
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE	
ABSENT:	NONE	

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.132882/\$100 Adopted	0.216952/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	+ 0.080470/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	+ 63.27%	
Average appraised value	\$ 62,079	\$ 69,445
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 62,079	\$ 69,445
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 82.49	\$ 150.66
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ \$ 68.17 + 82.64%	

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.

by Jo Ann Derson

- If you often wake up in the morning with a neckache, try a new pillow. You can get them with cooling gel inserts,

or ones designed especially for side sleepers or in ergonomic shapes. There must be one that will help you wake up refreshed.

- “I save the Tyvek envelopes from Federal Express and other mailings to make cheap, sturdy aprons for my children’s art projects. The material is really durable, and it doesn’t cost me a thing, so I can throw it away without washing if I

have a mind to.”
– A Reader via email

- “It’s time to clean the window screens again, but this year I busted out my small shop vacuum to clean them without having to remove the screens from the window itself. It did a pretty good job and was easy to port around the house.”
– D.L. in Pennsylvania
- “I had a super-cute sock

with a hole in the toe, and although I didn’t want to wear it, I wanted to keep it. I snipped the foot portion off and now use it as a bottle warmer or a condensation catcher, depending on what is in the drinking vessel. It’s easy to slip on, and works like a charm.”
– A Reader via email

- Back to school hack: A little lemon juice on a cotton swab can help “erase” highlighter marks on glossy paper.
- Clean your air ducts in one fell

swoop by removing the grates and lining them up on a sheet outside. I use my driveway, but you could use a deck or patio. Lay the sheet flat, then line the grates up. Scrub with a brush and soapy water, then use a hose to rinse. The sheet keeps ground dirt off the grates, and the water goes right through the sheet. Let dry and replace.

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Fabens Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The Fabens Independent School District has the following instructional arrangements and services available to eligible students.

1) Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD), 2) Inclusion Program, 3) Content Mastery, 4) Resource, 5) Transitional Learning Class (TLC), 6) Program for Academic and Vocational Skills (PAVS), 7) Vocational Academic Program (VAP), 8) Fundamental Living Skills (FLS), 9) Behavior Development (BD), 10) Homebound, and 11) Speech Therapy.

In addition to providing the above instructional arrangements for special education students, the district also provides the following additional services to eligible students:

1) Teacher for the Visually Impaired, 2) Physical Therapy, 3) In-home Training, 4) Occupational Therapy, 5) Counseling Services, 6) Physical Education, 7) Transportation, 8) Extended School Year Services (ESY), 9) School Health Related Services, 10) Adaptive Assistive Devices, 11) Psychological Services, 12) Visual Itinerant Specialist, and 13) Auditory Impairment Specialist.

Services are provided to identified auditory and visually impaired children 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 child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Jorge Saenz, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 697/821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 765-2690.

El Distrito Escolar de Fabens SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens tiene las siguientes disposiciones y servicios de instrucción disponibles para los estudiantes elegibles.

Programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), 1) Programa pre-escolar para niños con discapacidades, 2) Programa de inclusion, 3) Salón de apoyo, 4) Clase de recurso, 5) Clase de trancisión de aprendizaje, 6) Programa de habilidades academicas, y vocacionales, 7) Programa académico vocacional, 8) Habilidades fundamentales de la vida, 9) Desarrollo del comportamiento 10) Clase en el hogar, y 11) Terapia del habla.

Además de proporcionar los arreglos educativos anteriores para estudiantes de educación especial, el distrito también ofrece los siguientes servicios adicionales a los estudiantes elegibles:.

1) Maestro para estudiantes con problemas visuales, 2) Terapia física, 3) Entrenamiento en casa, 4) Terapia ocupacional, 5) Servicios de consejería, 6) Educación física, 7) Transportación, 8) Servicios del año escolar extendido, 9) Servicios de salud relacionados con la escuela 10) Dispositivos de ayuda de adaptación, 11) Servicios psicológicos, 12) Especialista itinerante visual, y 13) Especialista en discapacidad auditiva.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como desabilitados audible y visualmente 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 publica 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Poliza FL explica 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 Fabens que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Jorge Saenz, Director de Educación Especial, P.O. Box 697/821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 765-2690.

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SISD grant

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for access to digital instruction materials off campus. The devices can be checked out for five days during the school year and as often as needed in the summer. Students will have the laptops in their possession every day, all year long.

“This will be my first laptop ever,” said Katia Chaidez, sixth-grade student. “I’m very happy because I will be able to learn new skills, gain knowledge, and get ahead.”

Students say the personal learning devices will prepare them for high school, where they also have portable computers for students at all grade levels.

“I feel excited about getting a laptop because I can learn more about technology and it makes learning fun,” said Aaron Sanchez, a sixth-grader at Sanchez Middle School. “It will prepare me for high school and college.”

The DNA 1:1 program started in 2014 with freshmen at Socorro

High School receiving laptops to use for 24/7 learning. The DNA program and conversion to digital learning has expanded every year since the launch.

This year, all students at Socorro and Pebble Hills high schools received a laptop. Seventh- and eighth-grade students at SPC. Rafael Hernando III Middle School, eighth-grade students at John Drugan School, Socorro Middle, Sun Ridge Middle and Ernesto Serna School also were given laptops for the 2018-2019 school year.

The district will continue to expand the DNA program for all students at every high school and continue growing the middle school program, as well.

“Technology contributes to student success,” said Miguel Moreno, instructional technology coordinator. “SISD has always played a role in ensuring students have equitable access and resources to technology to prepare them for college and careers. We level the playing field for students with diverse backgrounds and needs.”

Fabens Independent School District Public Notice - Child Find

The Fabens Independent School District has a duty to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities ages 3-21 who reside within the district, including those attending private schools. This process is called Child Find, and all eligible students may receive services, at no cost, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). For additional information, please contact Jorge Saenz, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 697/821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2690.

Noticia Pública En Busca de Niño

El distrito escolar independiente de Fabens tiene que identificar, localizar y evaluar todos los niños con deshabilidades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 anos de edad, incluso niños que asisten escuelas privadas. Este proceso se llama Busca del Nino, y todos los estudiantes elegibles pueden recibir servicios, sin costo bajo el Acto de Individuales con Incapacidades (IDEA). Para información adicional, favor de comuniquese con Jorge Saenz, Director de Educación Especial, P.O. Box 697/821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2690.

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Reducing suicides with firearm security



by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently held a Gun Safety Matters Challenge to explore new ways of securing firearms and reducing the number of veteran suicides. Of the 20 veterans who die each day by suicide, over 60 percent use a firearm. The goal of securing firearms is to build in a break between the temporary impulse and the access to a gun.

The device, per instructions for the Challenge, should allow firearms storage with voluntary prevention control, either by the veteran or a family member or friend. The device should be inexpensive, suitable for use in a home, and easy to implement. It also couldn't impede access to the weapon should it be needed for emergencies or recreational shooting.

The challenge winner is a device that requires two people present to gain access to the firearm. It's called the

DuoBox. It was developed by a team of MIT grad students who'd also been in the Navy. The device physically requires two people to open, but also has a 30-minute delay feature that can be used by one person. It will be field tested late this year after they secure prototype funding. Read about it here: www.jamesdysonaward.org/2018/project/duobox/

Second place went to a holster safe that requires fingerprint authentication. It's called the VARA Firearm Security Response. The VARA corporation is currently seeking funding.

Third place went to a phone app called Sentinel. With the app, veterans can call a friend and use Bluetooth to unlock the firearm. It also has a time-lock feature.

If you're a veteran who's having suicidal thoughts, pick up the phone. Call the Veterans Crisis Line 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. Or you can talk online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or send a text to 838255.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore
July 6, 1923: Dr Pepper is officially incorporated. It was concocted in 1885 in Waco. Of course, in Texas, all soft drinks are called "cokes".

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Programs at Fabens ISD

- 1) Fabens Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Home Economics, Business Education, Drafting, Graphic Arts, and Automotive Technology. Admission to these programs is based on courses offered, age appropriateness, class space available, and individual graduation plans.
- 2) It is the policy of Fabens 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.
- 3) It is the policy of Fabens Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age 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.
- 4) Fabens Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator / Section 504 Coordinator: Gilbert Alarcon, P.O. Box 697/821 NE "G" Avenue, (915) 765-2600.

Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnologia de Fabens ISD

- 1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens ofrece programas programas vocacionales en Carrera y Tecnología en Economia Domestica, Educación de Negocios, y Mecánica. La admisión a estos programas se basa en registrado en la escuela de Fabens y completar los requisitos necesarios.
- 2) Es norma de El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.
- 3) Es norma de El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens no discriminar por motivos raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.
- 4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.
- 5) Para más información sobre sus derechos y procedimiento para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX / Coordinador de la Sección 504: Gilbert Alarcon, P.O. Box 697/821 NE "G" Avenue, (915) 765-2600.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Red Sox want to make some history while winning AL East

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There’s no doubt that giddy fans all over the country are getting ready for the start of football season.

High schools, colleges and the pros are busy practicing on fields all over the United States, preparing for what they hope will be a season to remember.

This is the time of year when everyone is getting tired of the heat and looking forward to cooler autumn nights, which of course brings with it the sounds of crashing shoulder pads, referee whistles and marching bands.

But let’s not forget that Major League Baseball is still going on and while teams are positioning themselves for playoff spots, one team is positioning itself for a little history.

The best regular season in MLB history (in the current 162-game format) was recorded in 2001 when the Seattle Mariners went 116-46. They won 71.6 percent of their games that season.

Rather quietly, that record is in jeopardy of being broken this season. And I don’t mean one of those “there’s an outside kinda, sorta, chance.” I mean this team looks this could be the one of the best in history.

The Boston Red Sox were expected to be in a tough fight with the New York Yankees in the American League East all season long.

And they are in a tough fight. But instead of it being with the Yankees, the Red Sox are in a fight with history.

Going into last weekend, Boston had compiled a record of 82-35. That’s a winning percentage of 70.1.

For the Red Sox to claim the best record ever, they’d have to go 35-10. That means they’d have to win 77 percent of their last 45 games.

Sounds impossible, does it?

Well, maybe not, over their previous 45 games, the Red Sox have gone 34-11.

So that tells me that it’s definitely possible.

And that could be a very good thing for the Red Sox because going for the record could keep them sharp and focused for the playoffs.

The fact that they are so far ahead of every other team, including the Yankees, could cause them to lose focus while they wait for the playoffs to start.

While the Red Sox will easily be the best team going into the playoffs, the decision on who will be the American League MVP will be is going to be more difficult.

The battle is between two players and you’ve probably already guessed it – they both play for the Red Sox.

As of last weekend, outfielders Mookie Betts (.352) and J.D. Martinez (.332) were one and two in batting average in all of baseball.

Betts is also second in runs scored, sixth in hits, 10th in stolen bases, second in on-base percentage and first in slugging percentage.

Martinez is third in runs scored, second in hits, first in home runs, first in runs batted in, sixth in on-base percentage and second in slugging percentage.

Like I said, it will be very difficult to choose from this potent one-two punch.

But they aren’t the only two players on the team. Boston is also getting great contributions from their other outfielder, Andrew Benintendi, who is batting .303 and ranks fourth in runs scored, 12th in hits and 13th in stolen bases.

Shortstop Xander Bogaerts is also having a great season with 100 hits, 17 homeruns and 72 runs batted in.

To put it mildly, the Red Sox are a run-scoring machine that, unless they suffer any key injuries, doesn’t look like they can be stopped by any pitching staff.

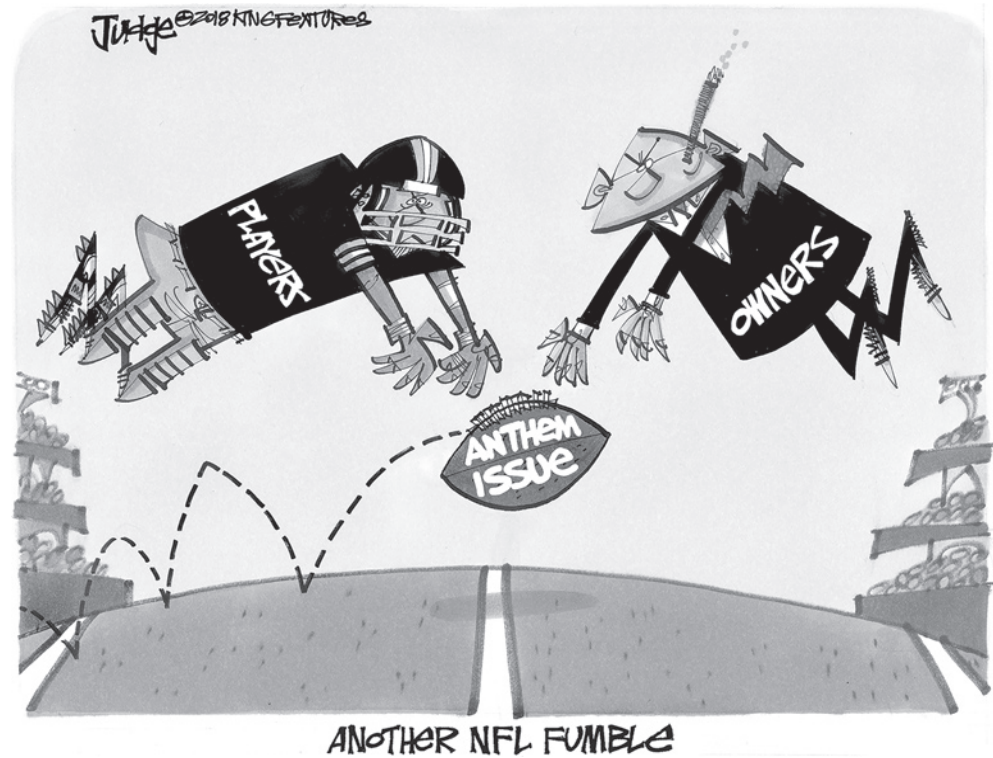
Now before you Red Sox fans start celebrating too early, just remember that the 2001 Seattle Mariners didn’t win the World Series that season. They didn’t even play in the World Series that season.

The Mariners were beaten by the Yankees in the playoffs four games to one.

And there’s a very good chance that the Yankees will also make the playoffs this year, which could make things very interesting at the end.

But until then, it will be fun to see whether the Red Sox can set a new record.

And though the odds are statistically not in their favor – I wouldn’t bet against them.



Super Crossword

BIRD-LOVING CELEBRITIES ACROSS

1 Small packages

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15 Bamboozle

19 Sea-related

20 Bit of 19-Across flora

21 Brew barrel

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23 Bird-loving "Hud" Oscar winner?

25 Bird-loving former Argentine first lady?

27 Hip-hop's Snoop _

28 Speed skater Eric

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31 Bird-loving "Show Boat" composer?

34 With 111-Down, put in reserve

36 Fit to be ingested

39 Invoice fig.

40 Ending for Saturn

41 More ghostly

44 Hersher of the mound

45 Butte relative

47 Circle's lack

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52 Seize with a certain tool

54 URL-starting letters

56 Old Russian

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57 Bird-loving Rolling Stones frontman?

61 Hones

62 Certain PC readout

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66 Iris feature

69 In name only

71 Twirled

72 Bird-loving host of "The Tonight Show"?

75 O'Hara plantation

76 "Madame" of wax

78 Insightful

79 Popular dorm dish

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81 Free of dirt

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86 Fleece

87 Violinist Hilary

89 Humorist Bombeck

90 Bird-loving "Lethal Weapon" co-star?

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96 Final Four gp.

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101 Is grinning

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105 Even a bit of

106 Cinnamon gum brand

109 Snow-capped peak

110 Bird-loving "Santa Baby" singer?

113 Like pixies

115 City on the Rio Grande

117 "That's not for _

say"

118 Bird-loving "Que Sera, Sera" singer?

121 Bird-loving "White Christmas" songwriter?

125 Boastful

126 Lyrical poem

127 Call for

128 Ceramic casserole dish

129 Pull along

130 Lie-down

131 "Jane _"

132 Tainted

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1 Soda

2 Campus life

3 Witty replies

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5 Mind-boggler

6 Required driving doc.

7 Philos., e.g.

8 Cafe patron

9 "Eine _

10 "Goodness!"

11 Carrier of a demo case

12 U.S. prez with Mamie

13 Charges (up)

14 Showing awe

15 Superficially plausible

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18 Most priests

24 In the lead

26 Concealed

29 No, to Hans

31 Road tie-up

32 Kagan of justice

33 Hint of color

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37 Maui wreath

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48 "War is hell" general

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73 Lofty goals

74 Toon frame

77 Like sore muscles

79 Dreamy sleep phase

82 Luring smell

84 Resign, as a position

85 Like Joyce and Yeats

86 Mimicking a mad dog

87 Phone service providing aid

88 "How _ you?"

90 Pat

91 Radio host Shaprio

92 Nation of West Africa

93 Repulsive

95 Actor Zac

97 Actress FitzGerald or Stasey

98 Basketballer Walker or painter Watteau

99 Positive vote

102 Pitcher Tom

104 Shutterbug's equipment

107 Flunking grades

108 Medium-hot mustard

111 See 34-Across

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120 "Indeedy"

122 Some sporty autos

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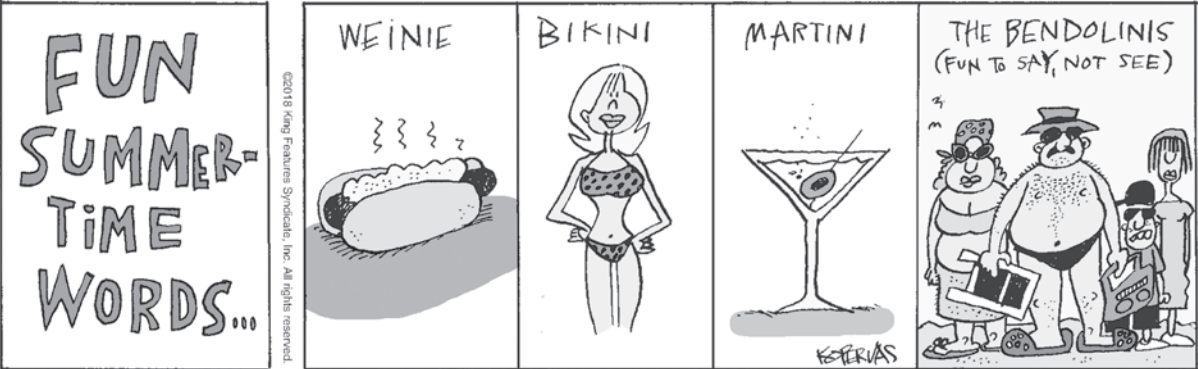
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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Bodybuilder son takes steroids

DEAR DR. ROACH: My 23-year-old son is a bodybuilder, and much to my dismay, he takes steroids. I know he takes testosterone, and I don't know what else. How will this affect him? – Anon.

Testosterone has many bad long-term effects, and he really should stop it. As a resident, I took care of a seemingly very healthy, very muscular 30-year-old man with terrible heart failure due to a heart attack. Many similar reports have led to suspicion that steroids taken for bodybuilding increase risk of heart attack and even sudden death. There appear to be many other long-term effects, including neuropsychiatric effects of anger and aggressive behavior. They also may reduce sperm count and affect fertility.

I don't know what else he may be taking, but I would strongly urge him to evaluate all supplements carefully.



DEAR DR. ROACH: I was a healthy female until I had an injury to my back. I experience pain and tingling in my right side, going down the back of my right leg. Sitting is especially painful, as is standing in one place for too long. Now the pain has started in my left side also. I have tried chiropractors, acupuncture, physical therapy, epidural shots and pain pills. I also had two laminectomies (decompression surgery on the spinal canal) on L4/L5 last year, with no relief from the pain. Upon seeing another neurosurgeon, I have been told that I have some large Tarlov cysts (1 cm). There does not seem to be a great amount of information about these on the internet, plus I am not sure what information out there is accurate. One doctor on the internet is all about having surgery on them. The neurosurgeon I am seeing does not want to do surgery just yet. He says that surgery does not always bring about pain relief. Can you share some information about these Tarlov cysts and what can be done for the continued back and leg pain? Dealing with this for several years has caused much emotional distress and depression. – F.H.

Tarlov cysts, also called perineurial cysts, occur along the lining of the spinal cord and nerve roots. In one study, in 500 people with MRI scans, 23 had Tarlov cysts, but only five had any symptoms from them. In this study, the cysts were drained by a needle, which relieved the pain, although the pain usually

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EVEN WHEN IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

NEVER GIVE UP
UNTIL THEY BUCKLE UP.

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came back as the cysts refilled with fluid.

I agree with your neurosurgeon that surgery on these does not

guarantee success. Since you have had two surgeries and multiple types of therapies that haven't worked, I can understand your frustration. It might be worth talking to the neurosurgeon about a trial of draining the cysts to see if that

helps the symptoms. The booklet on back problems gives an overview of the causes and treatments for the most-common back maladies. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 303W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Enclose a check or money order for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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) 2018 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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Fabens Independent School District
SECTION 504 SERVICES

The Fabens Independent School District provides the following educational services/options to identified disabled students who reside within the district.

- ◆ Child find activities to notify students with disabilities and their parents of the their rights and the district's obligation to provide a free, appropriate public education.
- ◆ Referrals to Sections 504 when it is believed the students have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and the students are in need of educational accommodations.
- ◆ Procedural safeguards under Section 504.
- ◆ Evaluations of students to determine eligibility for the Section 504 program, and periodic re-evaluations or more often as needed.
- ◆ A manifestation determination evaluation.
- ◆ Placement into the Section 504 program, which means the student may receive:
 - ✓ individually planned accomodations in the regular classroom,
 - ✓ health services from the school nurse,
 - ✓ accommodations regarding access to any part of the campus, or
 - ✓ assistance in reading for students with dyslexia in a reading program which meets the state's standards for a dyslexia reading program.
- ◆ Special education services are available to Section 504 students, if the students qualify for one of the specific disabilities under special education.
- ◆ Nondiscrimination protections of 504.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact Jorge Saenz, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 697/821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2690.

SERVICIOS DE LA SECCION 504

El distrito escolar independiente de Fabens provee los siguientes servicios/ opciones educacionales a los estudiantes con discapacidades identificados que residen dentro del distrito.

- ◆ Actividades para encontrar a niños para notificar a los estudiantes con discapacidades y a sus padres de sus derechos y de las obligaciones del distrito a proporcionar una educación publica que sea gratuita y apropiada.
- ◆ Referimientos a la Sección 504 cuando se cree que el estudiante tiene una discapacidad mental o fisica que limita substancialmente una o mas actividades vitales importantes y los estudiantes necesitan modificaciones en su educación.
- ◆ Derechos legales garantizados bajo Sección 504.
- ◆ Evaluaciones de estudiantes para determinar si califican para el programa de la Sección 504, y re-evaluacion por lo menos cada tres anos.
- ◆ Una evaluacion de determinacion de manifestacion.
- ◆ Colocación dentro del programa de la Sección 504, lo que significa que el estudiante puede recibir:
 - ✓ adaptacionces en el salon de educación regular planeadas individualmente,
 - ✓ servicios de salud por la enfermera de la escuela,
 - ✓ cambios que garanticen el acceso a cualquier parte de la escuela,
 - ✓ ayuda en lectura para estudiantes con dislexia en un programa de lectura que cumpla con los requisitos que pide el estado a un programa de lectura de dislexia.
- ◆ Se ofrecen servicios de educación especial a los estudiantes Sección 504, si los estudiantes califican para una de las discapacidades especificas bajo educación especial.
- ◆ Proteccion contra la discriminacion 504.

Si usted desea más información o conoce a niños con discapacidades que no estan recibiendo servicios educativos, por favor comuniquese con Jorge Saenz, Director de Educación Especial, P.O. Box 697/821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2690.

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.

	+		+		23
-		+		÷	
	x		x		15
x		x		+	
	-		x		10
16		18		13	

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 5 5 6 8 9

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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: N equals C

CKLP JG RGXO UGHDR NLHH
L NGXAHOPO HEPPOW GU
TOCMGWT NLPR?
PKO DEPPOT NLMGGJHO.

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Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact Jorge Saenz, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 697/821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2690.

Aviso de Identificación de
Estudiantes Incapacitados
Bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con Jorge Saenz, Director de Educación Especial, P.O. Box 697/821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2690.