

NEWSBRIEFS

SEHS 'Honored Ex'

San Elizario High School (SEHS) is asking for nominations to honor one outstanding former student during the 2018 Homecoming celebrations. Nominees must be graduates of SEHS, demonstrate service, professional accomplishments, and must be available to participate in the Homecoming festivities the week of Sept. 24th thru the 28th. All nominations for the 'Outstanding Ex' are due no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11th, 2018. Applications are available in the front office of the high school. Once completed, please submit application to Christine Jaksch, SEHS Assistant Principal, at cjaksch@seisd.net or mail to: San Elizario High School; P.O. Box 920; San Elizario, TX 79849. For more information, please contact the high school at (915) 872-3970.

— Hector Gonzalez

Temporarily closed

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology will not host a presentation for its lecture series in October. The museum will be closed to the public, from September 9 to November 16, due to construction improvement projects.

— Alfredo Vasquez

Finding Bob

Perhaps Bob was frustrated when visitors were not able to find his house. Maybe he'd been missing UPS deliveries. He decided to put up a sign on the main road in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA that read "Bob's House" with an arrow presumably pointing to his residence. Local residents spotted the official looking sign and notified the authorities who were amused but took it down. However, City Manager Jennifer Cervantez said they were impressed by the fact that the sign met all the standards of the Department of Transportation. The unidentified Bob went to a lot of trouble to get it made. So, Cervantez posted a note to him on Facebook informing him that he is not in trouble and that, in fact, he can have the sign back.

— John Grimaldi

Some parents bring their children up, others let them down.

— Quips & Quotes



— Image courtesy of El Paso Museum of Archaeology

In the painting above, artist Michael Hampshire depicts how it might have been when irrigation waters reached one of the Hohokam communities (settlements that flourished in the Chihuahuan Desert region of present day U.S.-Mexico border lands).

Searcy to speak about Casas Grandes ruins

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – About 120 miles south of Ciudad Juarez, the town of Nuevo Casas Grandes is sprawling adjacent to the pre-historic, maze-like remains of Paquime. This archaeological treasure, also known as the Casas Grandes ruins, was a settlement of about 6,000 inhabitants more than 500 years ago. Today, skeletal, adobe clusters that resemble passageways, apartments, temples, and pyramids preserve the village's story.

To better understand the importance of the Paquime site, Anthropologist Dr. Michael T. Searcy has been invited by the El Paso Museum of Archaeology to share his findings in a special presentation slated to start at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 8, at the museum, which is located at 4301 Transmountain Road. The event is free and open to the public.

Searcy, an assistant professor of anthropology and archaeology in the Department of Anthropology at Brigham Young University and director of the New World Archaeological Foundation, stated that he has been investigating prehistoric cultures in the United States' Southwest and Mexico' northern-most settlements for the last decade, in particular the people of the Viejo Period, which dates back to 700 to 1200 AD.

Over the past five years, Searcy, along with co-author Dr. Todd Pitezel, has been working to understand the Viejo period people through survey, excavation, the analysis of artifacts, and even the use of drones to map archaeological sites.

Searcy explained that his most recent

research includes studying the transitions in the social complexity and long-distance interactions among the people of Casas Grandes, where the large city of Paquimé was built sometime after the 11th century AD. Before this time, the anthropologist surmised that there lived a scattered, pithouse-dwelling people in the northwestern region of Chihuahua, Mexico."They were contemporaneous with the Chalchihuites and early Aztatlán peoples to the south and southwest, and the Hohokam and Mimbres societies just to the north," Searcy elaborated.

"New data have led (archaeologists and anthropologists) to develop alternative perspectives on why populations began to grow, aggregate, and eventually build one of the largest cities in the history of the Greater Southwest," Searcy stated.

Searcy's talk is in conjunction with the archaeology museum's 2018 lecture series. For more information about the upcoming presentation, contact Jeff Romney, Director of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, at (915) 755-4332, or send email to Archaeology.elpasotexas.gov.



— Photo courtesy of El Paso Museum of Archaeology

RELIC—Anthropologists believe a scattered, pithouse-dwelling people lived in the northwestern region of Chihuahua, Mexico. They were contemporaneous with the Chalchihuites and early Aztatlán peoples to the south and southwest, and the Hohokam and Mimbres societies just to the north. Above is a Hohokam clay pot estimated to be over 400 years old.

Martinez named SOTY finalist

By Karen Strong
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – Five public school administrators from across Texas were selected as state finalists for the annual Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) award. Sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), the SOTY program has recognized exemplary superintendents for excellence and achievement in educational leadership since 1984. Juan I. Martinez of Clint ISD in Region 19 is one of the finalists.

Martinez serves a population of about 11,500 students. He has been in education administration for 24 years and has served as superintendent of Clint ISD for five years. The committee noted Martinez’s sense of accountability for the district’s success and his view of his role as one of service. The committee also noted the district’s Cradle to College program through which the district reaches out to new parents with gifts to start their child off on the right foot. Martinez earned his bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, and

doctorate from The University of Texas at El Paso. The state selection committee, which interviewed regional winners August 24-25 in Austin, targeted such issues as advocacy, accountability, the importance of the various roles in a school district, and the district’s relationship with the community. Candidates are chosen for their strong leadership skills, dedication to improving educational quality, ability to build effective employee relations, student performance, and commitment to public involvement in education. Superintendents from any of the

state’s local school districts are eligible for nomination by their school boards. Local nominees are submitted to a regional selection committee, which chooses one nominee to send to the state selection committee. The other 2018 finalists are :

- Mark Porterie, Port Arthur ISD, Region 5
- Tim Harkrider, Willis ISD, Region 6
- Kenneth Border, Shallowater ISD, Region 17
- Brian Woods, Northside ISD, Bexar County, Region 20

The 2018 Superintendent of the Year will be announced September 28 at the TASA/ TASB Convention in Austin.



Juan I. Martinez

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger T. Moore

Aug. 26, 1902: Water well drillers find oil instead on W.T. Waggoner's ranch. He said, "Oil, hell! I need water for my cattle!"



Segovia returns to San Eli ISD

By Hector Gonzalez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Dr. Rogelio Segovia is excited to return to San Elizario ISD as an associate superintendent. He previously served as assistant principal at Ann M. Garcia-Enriquez Middle School for over five years with outstanding teachers and staff. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Psychology, a Masters in Counseling, a Masters in Educational Leadership, and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction/Educational Leadership. He is a former special education teacher, assistant principal, and elementary and secondary principal with 20 years

of experience. His professional mission as an educator is to ensure that the needs of all students, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, are placed at the center of the decision-making process so that they receive the world-class education they deserve. Segovia understands that his responsibilities go beyond any contractual obligation. He has always strived to ensure that teachers understand that they must defend all students’ dignity, create learning spaces that are safe, creative and fun for all students and that their professional relationships with students are sacred. The base of his accomplishments is his wife of 17 years, Judith Haydee, and he asserts that his engine and



Rogelio Segovia

motivation are his two wonderful children, Anna Zophia and Joaquin Lorenzo.

Tornillo ISD superintendent meets with community

By JL Silva-Smith
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO – Tornillo Independent School District (TISD) is a District of Innovation and an Early College District. On Wednesday, Aug. 22 TISD hosted its first Evening with the Superintendent. All parents and community member were invited to listen to Superintendent Rosy Vega-Barrio talk about the great things occurring in the District. She took this opportunity to introduce Rodrigo Portillo who will be serving as the new Assistant Superintendent. She also shared information about some of the initiatives that the district is implementing to offer students and teachers new educational journeys that will help the district grow academically. She highlighted programs such as Breakfast in the Classroom, Masters for Our Success in Tornillo or MOST,

Dual Credit, 1:1 Technology Initiative, PBIS and Energy Bus, and the newly formed partnership with Western Tech (WT) that will allow Tornillo High School (THS) students to take classes at WT to earn an Associate Degree in areas such Diesel Mechanics, HVAC, and Nursing. Parents and guests had the opportunity to visit different booths that highlighted the various Career and Technical Education Programs at THS. Other programs within the district such as the new AmeriCorps VISTA Programs were also presented. Vega-Barrios also covered the district’s rating. TISD received a letter grade of a B. That placed the district in 4th place in the region and only one point away from being tied for second place according to the new TEA Accountability System. She attributed such success to the teamwork of all stakeholders working together in the District.

She encouraged parents to continue supporting the schools and pushing their children to take advantage of the wonderful learning opportunities the district is offering. Prior to this event, there was a College Signing Ceremony with Allan Sharpe, the President of WT, and several program directors for the 23 students who will be attending WT. Parents were given a variety of presentations from students from all the district campuses while enjoying refreshments and door prizes. This is the first of a monthly series of meetings that Vega-Barrios has planned for the current school year. She plans to keep the community informed about all the new programs the district has embarked on and get input and feedback from parents and community members.

José L. Silva-Smith is an assistant principal in Tornillo ISD.

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How to lose to Trump in one easy step

John Brennan may not know it, but he is acting in a drama scripted and produced by Donald J. Trump.

As Eli Lake of Bloomberg perceptively observed, President Trump isn't trying to silence Brennan by revoking his security clearance, as the former CIA director's defenders insist, but elevate him as a foil.

Trump couldn't hope for a better poster boy for the so-called deep state than a former CIA director

who immediately began to sound like a commentator for MSNBC upon leaving government – and, indeed, signed up as a commentator for MSNBC.

It has been the usual practice of former top intelligence professionals to keep their political opinions, and especially their wild-eyed rants, to themselves. They understand that, having been entrusted with some of the most sensitive powers of the United States

government, they should show forbearance and restraint lest they undermine the reputations of their institutions.

Brennan has had no such compunction. Granted, he's acted under provocation. Trump has goaded him on Twitter and launched extraordinary broadsides against the work of U.S. intelligence agencies.

Trump often sounds like the guy popping off down at the end of the bar, and he's transformed

Brennan into the guy down at the other end of the bar.


Advantage: Trump. The president always benefits from the fact that his brand depends on violating norms, whereas if his opponents are baited into violating norms in return, they diminish themselves and their cause.

In a notorious tweet, Brennan accused the president of “nothing short of treason” for his craven performance at a joint press conference with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki.

This was the first time on record that a prominent elected official ever committed treason – which usually involves giving away the nation's secrets or compromising intelligence assets – at a public event extensively covered by the international media.

What did Brennan mean by his charge? He apparently doesn't know. Pressed by Rachel Maddow of MSNBC, Brennan explained, incoherently, that “I said it was nothing short of treasonous. I didn't mean that he committed treason.” Oh. Asked point-blank if he thinks that the president is serving the Russian government, he said that “I scratch my head a lot,” not the usual standard for alleging that someone committed a capital offense.

Brennan's conceit has made him the ideal target for Trump,



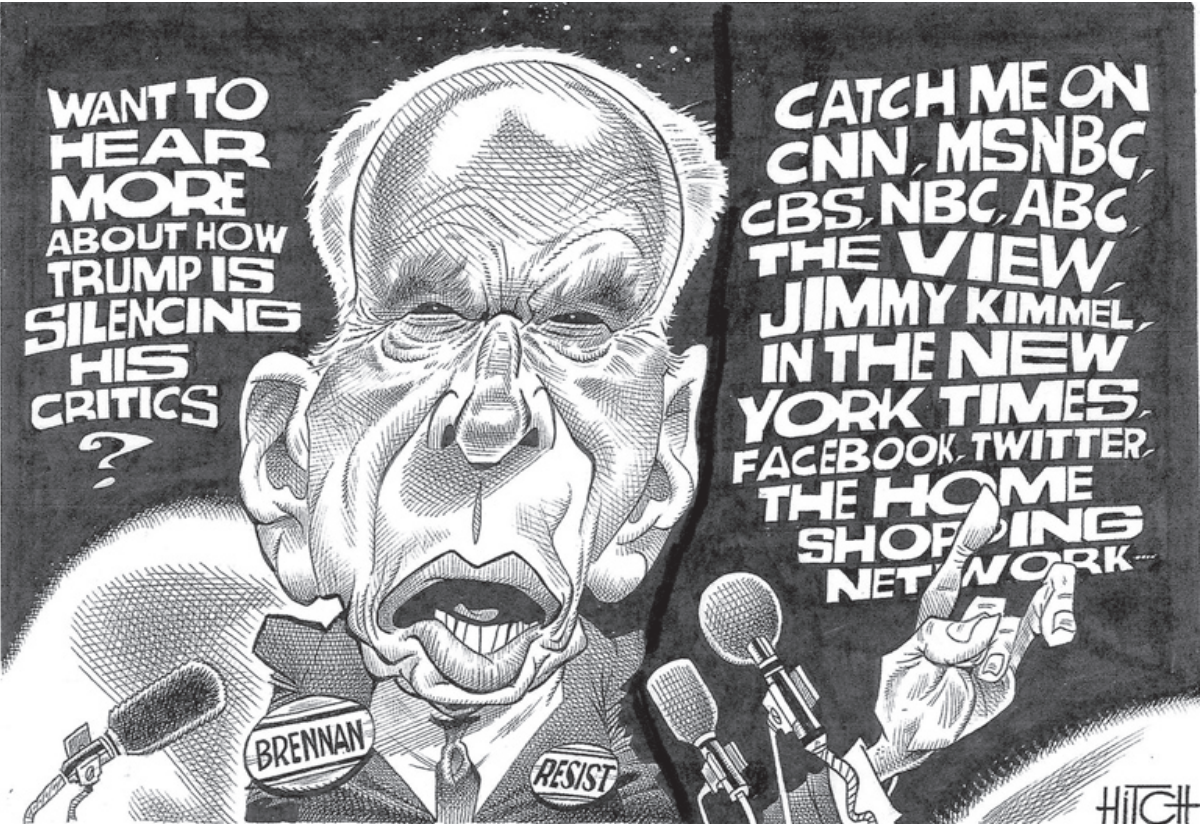
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since even some of the former intelligence officials who oppose the revocation of his security clearance are uncomfortable with how he has conducted himself.

The president's adversaries may consider this unfair, but the institutions Trump targets are best-served by not responding in kind. If the president says that the press can't be trusted because it's so biased, the press should react by being less biased rather than more. If he says that he's being undone by a deep state conspiracy, former intelligence officials should be more restrained rather than less.

Brennan either doesn't understand this dynamic or doesn't care. He has threatened a lawsuit, and Trump has welcomed one. The president is happy for a war with the most unhinged representative of the intelligence community at hand, and John O. Brennan is playing his role flawlessly.

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





– Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

Business Instructor Stephen Stiles, standing left, and Information Technology Instructor Ismael Salas standing right, presented 66 students with a banner commemorating their business Office Technology certification.

Fabens students receive tech certification

By Denise Peña
Special to the Courier

FABENS – On Thursday, August 23, Fabens High School recognized the 66 students who received their Business Office Technology certification this May through iCEV Multimedia. Students earned their certification by completing

15 online curriculum models over the course of a year and achieving a passing score on the final 100-question certification exam. The certification addresses topics such as computers, operating systems and networking, telecommunication, business documents, web and business ethics and the Microsoft Office Suite.

The curriculum will be offered again this year with the goal of increasing the number of students earning their certification. “We eventually want to expand on the certifications offered as well,” CTE facilitator and IT instructor Ismael Salas said. “With an industry certificate in hand by graduation, our students can enter the workforce with a competitive edge.”

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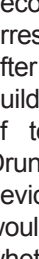
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Moments in time

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- On Sept. 10, 1897, London taxi driver George Smith, 25, becomes the first person ever arrested for drunk driving after slamming his cab into a building. In 1936, a professor of toxicology patented the Drunkometer, a balloon-like device into which people would breathe to determine whether they were inebriated.
- On Sept. 11, 1857, Mormon guerillas, stoked by religious zeal, murder 120 emigrants at Mountain Meadows, Utah. The conflict with the wagon train of emigrants apparently began when the Mormons refused to sell the train any supplies.
- On Sept. 12, 1972, William Boyd, best known for his role as Hopalong Cassidy, dies at age 77. By 1950, American children had made Hopalong Cassidy the seventh most popular TV show and were madly snapping up cowboy hats and six-shooters.
- On Sept. 13, 1916, author Roald Dahl ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "James and the Giant Peach") is born in South Wales. In World War II, he became a Royal Air Force fighter pilot and was shot down, suffering serious injuries. He saved a piece of his femur and later used it as a paperweight in his office.
- On Sept. 14, 1955, Little Richard records "Tutti Frutti." The racy lyrics, however, needed changes to pass the censors. Once those were made, the song was recorded in 15 minutes.
- On Sept. 15, 1931, the Philadelphia Athletics beat the Cleveland Indians to clinch their third-straight American League pennant under legendary manager Connie Mack. Mack made a career of developing star players and then, once the players' talents had peaked, selling their contracts for a profit.
- On Sept. 16, 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Selective Service and Training Act, which required all male citizens between the ages of 26 and 35 to register for the military draft.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Scott Adams, best known as the creator of the "Dilbert" comic strip, who made the following observation: "Give a man a fish, and you'll feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he'll buy a funny hat. Talk to a hungry man about fish, and you're a consultant."
- According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word that has the largest number of different meanings is "set"; it takes 26 pages to detail them all.
- As fall approaches, here's some good news: Except for the queens, all wasps die in the autumn.
- There are those who feel that we should adopt the metric system of measurement, claiming that our current system is outdated and archaic. To go truly archaic, though, we could start measuring things in flags, baronies, falls, roods, townships and hides. Yes, those are actual terms of measurement. They equal, respectively, 25 square feet, 4,000 acres, 342 square feet, a quarter of an acre, 36 square miles and 10 acres.
- Do you suffer from misoneism? Quite a few people these days seem to; it's a hatred or fear of change or innovation.
- Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, it's estimated that Americans eat a whopping 818 hot dogs *every second*.
- In 1938, Fortune magazine published a prediction that, in hindsight, turns out to have been rather egregiously off the mark: "Few scientists foresee any serious or practical use for atomic energy. They regard the atom-splitting experiments as useful steps in the attempt to describe the atom more accurately, not as the key to the unlocking of any new power."

Thought for the Day: "Should you shield the canyons from the windstorms, you would never see the true beauty of their carvings."

— Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

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CryptoQuip Answer

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Healthy eyes are critical for a child’s learning

By Dr. Linda Chous
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – August marks back-to-school season and Children’s Eye Health and Safety Month[SW1], an ideal time to get your child’s eyes checked.

Good eye health is important, in part because 80 percent of what children learn is through their eyes. The American Optometric Association recommends that a child’s first comprehensive eye exam should occur between 6 months and 12 months, again at age 3 and before entering school at age 5 or 6. However, despite these recommendations, more than one-third of Americans incorrectly believe children should receive a first comprehensive eye exam at age five or later, according to a recent UnitedHealthcare survey.

The inability to see clearly can affect a child’s physical, emotional and social development, which in turn can affect academic and athletic performance and, ultimately, self-esteem. Many times children are unaware and won’t complain if their vision isn’t normal, so it’s important to look for possible signs of vision problems. Also, it’s important to remember that a school’s vision screening is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam. Vision screenings at school usually focus on measuring acuity levels and can miss common conditions such as poor eye alignment, focusing problems and farsightedness.

As you plan back-to-school shopping, class orientation and any needed immunizations, schedule an appointment for your child to receive a comprehensive eye examination, especially if he or she experiences any of the following:

Difficulty hitting or catching a ball: If your child regularly misses or drops the ball, it’s possible that vision impairment might be affecting hand-eye coordination. This could also be due to a lazy eye, otherwise known as amblyopia. Amblyopia is when one eye is favored over the other, which can affect depth perception, making it difficult to assess objects in front of you.

Squinting while reading or watching television: Ask your child if the text or screen is blurry or if reading gives them a headache. A “yes” answer could indicate an underlying vision problem.

Issues watching 3D movies: 3D movies require eyes to work together as a team to process information, so difficulty viewing 3D content can be a sign of underlying vision issues. After watching a 3D movie, look to see if your child feels any discomfort or dizziness, or is unable to process 3D content.

Also, watch for digital eye strain, which is caused by prolonged use of computers, smartphones or tablets, and can cause symptoms such as sore, tired, watery or dry eyes, headache, or sore neck, shoulder or back. Help your child practice healthy vision habits by keeping computer screens at least 30 inches away

from their eyes; resting their eyes every 20 minutes; and blinking frequently to avoid dry eyes. Practice the 20/20/20 rule: every 20 minutes, take 20 seconds and look at something 20 feet away.

In addition, a comprehensive eye exam can uncover other health conditions not usually associated with the eyes, including multiple sclerosis, diabetes, high blood pressure, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis,

elevated cholesterol and Crohn’s disease. Make an appointment for your child now as part of this year’s back-to-school routine. Together with your child’s eye doctor, you can help make sure your child is ready for school and ready to learn.

Dr. Linda Chous is the chief eye care officer for UnitedHealthcare.

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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. (CDST), at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 6101 West Courtyard, Building One, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78730. 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 Holford, Roark, Mills and Mellenbruch**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Director Covington**

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 |
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| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | 0.75/\$100 | 0.75/\$100 |
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | \$ 0.00/\$100 | |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–) | 0.00% | |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ N/A | \$ N/A |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions) | \$ N/A | \$ N/A |
| Average residence homestead taxable value* | \$ N/A | \$ N/A |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ N/A | \$ N/A |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) | \$ 0.00 | |
| and percentage of increase (+/–) | 0.00% | |

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*.

**This District has no residence homesteads.*

Notice of 2018 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for Town of Anthony, TX

A tax rate of \$0.650200 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of TOWN OF ANTHONY.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.650200 per \$100 |
| PRECEDING YEAR’S TAX RATE | \$0.663664 per \$100 |
| EFFECTIVE TAX RATE | \$0.650200 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 2017 tax year and the 2018 tax year.

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

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After a year of turmoil, the Miner’s future starts Saturday

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It’s here. It’s finally here.
After seeing a coach quit in the middle of the season. After seeing an old coach come out of retirement to guide them the rest of the way. After seeing an athletic

director call it quits. After seeing a new athletic director say things aren’t as bad as they look. And after seeing a team go through its worst season ever.
It’s finally here.
The UTEP Miners open the 2018 season this Saturday at the Sun Bowl against the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks, out of Flagstaff AZ, and the Big Sky

Conference.
Most of the time there’d be no enthusiasm whatsoever for a team coming off a winless season, but things are different here.
Because of the optimism of new athletic director Jim Senter, and the hiring of former Kansas State offensive coordinator Dana Dimel as head coach, UTEP fans believe a change for the better is upon them.
Of course, after going winless there’s no other thing to do but to improve. Unless they repeat what they did last year.
And some people out there think the Miners will do just that.

Take the biggest sports show on earth for example.
ESPN recently came out with a story that ranked the Miners as the worst team in the country. And why not, coming off an 0-12 season with a lot of the same personnel – what would anyone think?
In fact, they said that last year’s top team, Alabama, and the bottom team, UTEP, are expected to repeat this season.
Ouch, that kind of disrespect is sinking down to Rodney Dangerfield territory.
But when I speak to some UTEP fans they are at least comfortable in the fact that the Miners will start 1-0 with an easy victory over NAU this weekend.
“Wait just a second,” I tell them, just because this Arizona has the word “Northern” in front of it, don’t for a second believe that this is going to be an opening night “gimme” for the Miners.
Yes, Northern Arizona will play other smaller name schools like Eastern Washington, Missouri State, Southern Utah, Idaho State, Weber State, Northern Colorado, Cal Poly, UC Davis, Sacramento

State and North Dakota this season, but don’t let that fool you.
Northern Arizona was 7-5 a year ago and enjoyed a six-game winning streak at one point in the season. They finished 6-2 in the Big Sky, just a game out of first.
Their leading rusher, Cory Young, is back. The senior gained 784 yards and led the team with eight rushing touchdowns.
UTEP is going to have to come up big in the secondary if they’re going to slow down junior quarterback Case Cookus.

Cookus had an outstanding sophomore season, connecting on 58 percent of his passes (275-474) for 3,413 yards, including 22 touchdowns and just six interceptions. He threw for over 284 yards per game.
The Lumberjacks averaged over 30 points a game last season and that offense will be a great test for the UTEP defense, which is considered by far the strength of the team.
There’s the other side of the equation as well, the Miners have got to win this game if they are going to convince the fans that better things are on the way.
I mean let’s be honest here, Northern Arizona and UTEP shouldn’t belong on the same field with one another. A big school like UTEP should be a heavy favorite against little NAU.

But in the college football world, UTEP’s got a big credibility problem, and probably a self-confidence problem.
The only way to fix that is to go out and win their opener at home like they’re supposed to.
No one outside of El Paso believes the Miners are going to be any better than

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 conducted public hearings on August 23, 2018 and August 30, 2018 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 from the properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 13.25 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year’s tax rate of \$0.092349 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,028,475.

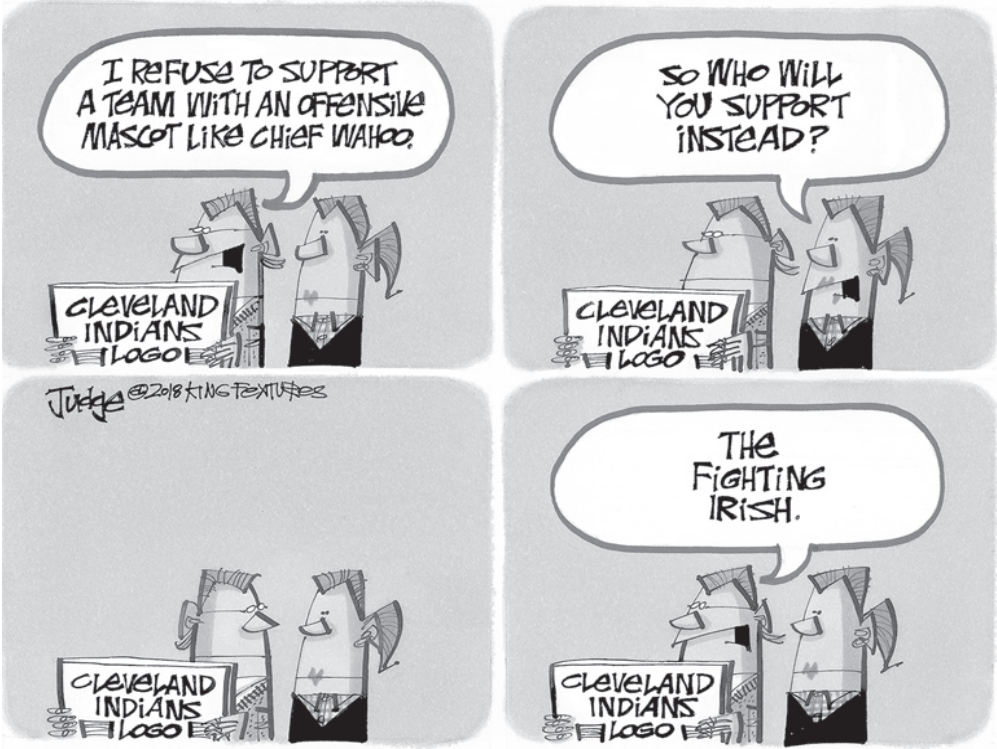
The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,421,711.

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The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 6, 2018 at 100 S. San Elizario Rd. Suite N, Clint, Texas 79836 at 6:00 PM.

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of funding capital improvements and purchasing a new pumper.

WTCC: 08-30-18 and 09-06-18



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| LEGAL | hearing regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget | attend the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Secretary at (915) 886-5104, forty eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of the budget are available for review at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821. | POSITION OPEN |
| VILLAGE OF VINTON, TX | | | Accountant for SNRA Commodities, Inc. in El Paso, TX. REQ: BS in Accounting with Min. 1 year work experience. To apply: ATTN: Rochelle Schittino, 6320 La Posta Dr., El Paso, TX 79912. |
| PUBLIC NOTICE | Those unable to attend are invited to submit their views in writing to the Village of Vinton, Attn: Mayor Manuel Leos, 436 E. Vinton Road. City Hall is accessible for handicapped persons. Handicapped persons in need of special assistance to | Andrea N. Carrillo Village Administrator | WTXCC: 08-30-18 |
| A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m., September 11, 2017, at City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the | | | |

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The September 27 and October 4, 2018 issues will go to press on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Thursday, September 13, 2018.

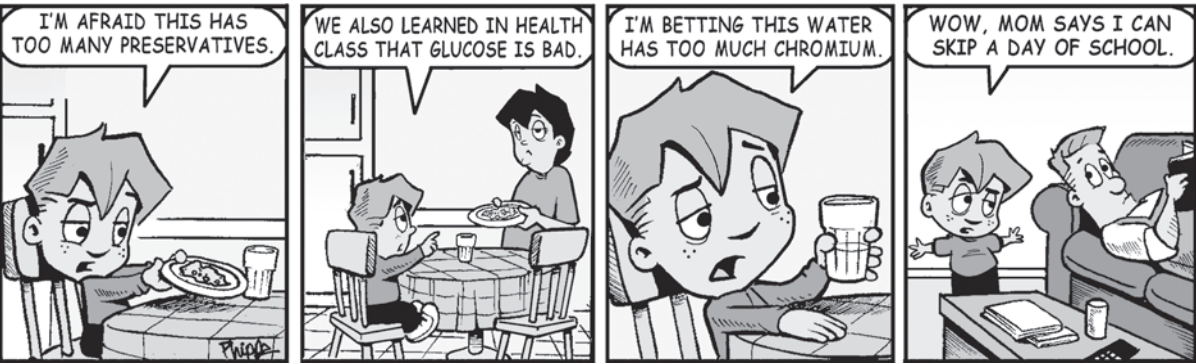
The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Wednesday, September 19, 2018. The office will open again on Monday, October 8, 2018.

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



Should you switch to alkaline water?

DEAR DR. ROACH: With everyone drinking a lot of water during the summer, I noticed that the water depot where I fill up my gallon jugs supplies water in different ranges of alkalinity, from 8-10. This seems to be a new venture for the depot. The owner sells the alkaline water from inside the store and claims the benefit of this water is to neutralize the acidity of the many products we eat daily. He suggests that one might start by taking water with a pH of 8 or stronger, then dilute it to one's requirements. The purified water involves reverse osmosis so the company reintroduces calcium, magnesium and potassium to bring it up in value. Do you have any comments on alkaline water being consumed during this hot summer season? – B.A.



I recently have seen much confusion about acid and alkaline consumption. By adding a base to water, you raise the pH, making it more alkaline. You can do this at home simply by adding a bit of baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) to your water – you don’t need to buy alkaline water. Calcium carbonate is a common antacid. Calcium, magnesium and potassium are all elements we need, so in that respect, the alkaline water you are talking about is better than the sodium you would add to water with baking soda. However, the important point is that under normal circumstances your body does not need any help in maintaining pH or in neutralizing acid. The body’s systems are able to maintain pH under almost any dietary condition. Alkaline water is not necessary for health.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 90 years old, physically and mentally in good health. Fourteen years ago, I had a triple bypass, which was very successful. Since then I have had trouble with my blood pressure. The low always runs between 50 and 70, which is fine, but the high side is between 150 and 190, which is not good. My doctor has me on amlodipine and hydrochlorothiazide. Is there any way to lower the high pressure without also lowering the low side? My doctor does not want to increase the dosages because it would keep me tired all the time. – J.B.

High systolic blood pressures in the elderly often are due to very stiff blood vessels. Since you have coronary artery disease, I think it’s likely that you have calcium in your large arteries,

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Super Crossword

- GRAIN SUBSTITUTES ACROSS**

1 Back muscles, informally

5 Future doc's program

11 Edison rival Nikola

16 Flat-fixing gp.

19 "Out of Africa" writer Dinesen

20 French playwright Jean

21 Made from a certain wood

22 Coffeehouse dispenser

23 Cereal grain for a special event?

26 Found groovy

27 "Goodbye, mon ami"

28 Forever, seemingly

29 Canonized woman of Fr.

30 Little tales

31 Paid up

33 Sleep with a cereal grain on one's blanket?

37 Augustus' son-in-law

41 Shoulder decoration

42 Performing in a film

46 "Unh-unh!"

48 Fierce fire

51 Easily seen cereal grain?

55 Skill in darts

56 Plaster the roof of
- 57 See 85-Down

58 _fi

59 Pagan religion

61 Car roller in winter

64 Person threshing a cereal grain?

68 "Good for life" pet food

69 "Spanglish" actress Tea

70 Plenteous

71 Using a cereal grain as fuel?

75 Final chance to order a drink

79 Newspaper sections

80 Pro in first aid

81 Body design, briefly

82 Sills solo

83 " _ in Black"

84 Have a boxing match in an arena covered with a cereal grain?

90 Carroll of "All in the Family"

93 Puzzle cube inventor

94 Old TV dog

95 _ oxide (laughing gas)

98 Word-for-word

100 Response after being gifted with a cereal grain?

103 Charms

108 Roof feature

109 _ rule

110 See 5-Down
- 113 Wild fight

114 Dream Team's land

115 Useful material for processing a cereal grain?

120 Rocker Vicious

121 Pop/rock singer Mann

122 Layered eye part

123 DVR option

124 Timeline segment

125 Muscle woe

126 Starts using

127 Glimpsed

DOWN

1 Cash in Turkey

2 Whisper for the audience

3 Implied

4 Clay target

5 With 110-Across, NFL all-star game

6 Like many gory films

7 Comeback?

8 Expression

9 Right fielder

10 Final mo.

11 On the nose

12 Soften

13 Do moguls

14 Zodiac sign

15 TV's Jillian

16 Channel in a recording studio

17 West Indies vacation isle
- 18 Inner turmoil

24 University in New Orleans

25 Long-running CBS show

30 Unshackled

32 Like custard

33 Nonclerical

34 Toe feature

35 Desert sight

36 Polar drudge

38 Combined

39 Pan relatives

40 Letter before omega

42 Basic lesson

43 French city

44 Nirvana, e.g.

45 It "blows no good"

47 Ship again

49 Friendly

50 Epps of films

52 Like Vikings

53 Brazilian palm berry

54 Short while

59 Float easily

60 Thick polar coverings

62 New Mexico resort

63 Unruly tyke

64 Less dry

65 Clod buster

66 Great anger

67 _ and hers

69 Gyro meat

71 Singer Perry

72 Gp. for Iran

73 City near Lake Tahoe

74 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
- 75 Hanukkah pancake

76 Olympic god

77 Leslie Caron musical film

78 Behind

81 Razz

84 Israeli dance

85 With 57-Across, easily attached patches

86 Whopper

87 Kimono sash

88 Gusto

89 Sub meat

91 Evening, in some ads

92 To the _ degree

96 Arbitrary decrees

97 Methodology

99 Soften

100 Employ anew

101 PLO's Arafat

102 Clodhopper

104 Goes soft

105 Iran-Contra figure North

106 Superman portrayer

107 Determined to do

110 Born and _

111 Quarterback Graham

112 Thrash

115 Ford fluid

116 Put tears in

117 " _ believer!"

118 " _ pro nobis"

119 Pas' mates

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Health

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which make them unyielding to the degree that the rush of blood from the heart drives the pressure up very high. It may be impossible to lower the pressure without causing symptoms, so I understand your doctor’s concerns and position.

When I think about treating blood pressure, I think more about trying to prevent bad outcomes (like stroke and heart attack) than just treating a number. There is good evidence that ACE inhibitors, like ramipril, reduce heart attack risk in people with

known risk factors, so I might try a very low dose to see if it helps the blood pressure without making you feel fatigued or lightheaded.

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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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: J equals P

HMEKIDM B KL K DQIVGJKC
CGQ GKJJMXD VQ HM HBS
KXA DVZQXS, AQ JMQJYM
EQXDBAMZ LM K GMWVF YMWVF?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Benefits application now in Spanish



by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs is now offering a Spanish version of the application to receive benefits. Hispanic Americans have been very much part of the U.S. military, going all the way back to the Civil War. In World War II, Hispanic Americans were nearly 5 percent of the military that fought overseas. Hispanic women were very much a part of it as well, serving in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) and Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Services (WAVES). The benefits application produced by the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans can help all Hispanic vets claim the benefits to which they’re entitled. Today there are 1.5 million living U.S. military veterans, but only half a million of them are enrolled in VA health care. This application will help expand the range of service and benefits they get. To apply, go

online to www.vets.gov/health-care/apply or call 877-222-VETS (877-222-8387) between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. At the same time, if you are Hispanic American and hope to work for the VA itself, there are programs in place to help you get there. The VA Hispanic Employment Special Emphasis Program has policies to promote diversity, identify barriers and ensure equal consideration when it comes to promotions and training. For a recruitment video in Spanish, go online to www.diversity.va.gov/vids/player.htm?v=ad-spa.flv. You’ll need the Flash plugin to view it. The VA’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion has more information at www.diversity.va.gov/programs/hispanic.aspx. Check out the many links, including those to universities, Hispanic organizations and the outreach and retention plan, which outlines their strategies. Note the Hispanic participation rate; the VA wants to raise that. You can contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at (202) 461-4131.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★
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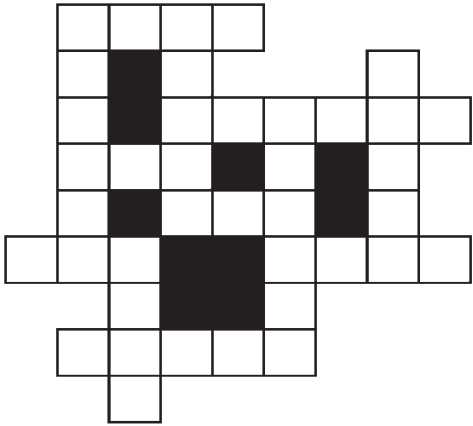
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- TRALEM
- ♥ DILGE
- ♥ ELBO
- IMPAGE
- ♥ DMI
- ♥ EGED
- MUHBT
- ♥ IHP
- HOLTEA
- ♥ TEDBI
- ♥ USGM



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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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- Whenever I’m at the dollar store, I make sure to pick up an assortment of general purpose greeting cards. People really love to get snail mail. There’s just something about a colorful envelope addressed to you sitting in the mailbox that makes you smile. So I send cards for special occasions and often for no reason at all. The cost – \$1.50 for card and postage – is small compared with the joy they bring.
- “Make a pincushion for pointy tools in the shop: Glue a piece of rigid foam to a plywood base for stability. Then just stab screwdrivers, needle nose pliers and the like right into the foam for easy and secure access. This also works to keep drill bits in place.”
– T.F. in Virginia

- To clean your coffeemaker and your drain in one fell swoop, brew up a pot of hot vinegar water. Simply add equal parts white vinegar and water to your coffeemaker and brew for a cycle. In the meantime, add a cup of baking soda to your drain. When the pot is done brewing, pour it slowly down the drain. Then run another cycle of plain water through your coffeemaker. Nice and fresh!
- When is the last time you cleaned your natural bristle brush? These brushes are essential for redistributing oil from the scalp to the end of the hair, but they need a bath regularly to get rid of old oils and scalp cells. Use a plain shampoo or mild soap, and rinse thoroughly. Be sure not to soak a wood-handled brush, as it can compromise the wood.

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Sports

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they were in 2017. But though it may have been painful for a lot of El Pasoans, we saw what the NMSU Aggies accomplished in one year – a winning season, an exciting brand of football, and their first bowl appearance in 57 years. The most exciting thing about failure is the chance for redemption, the chance for success. And for the Miners, that chance in finally here.