



NEWSBRIEFS

Children

With August being Child Support Awareness Month and the U.S. having the seventh highest child poverty rate among economically developed countries, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2019's *States with the Most Underprivileged Children* as well as accompanying videos. In order to bring awareness to the condition of underprivileged children throughout the U.S., WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 26 key measures of neediness. The data set ranges from share of children in households with below-poverty income to child food-insecurity rate to share of maltreated children. Texas ranked 29th in this report. Other stats:

- New Mexico has the highest child food-insecurity rate, 24.10 percent, which is 2.5 times higher than in North Dakota, the state with the lowest at 9.80 percent.
- Mississippi has the most infant deaths (per 1,000 live births), nine, which is 2.3 times more than in Massachusetts, the state with the fewest at four.
- West Virginia has the highest share of children in foster care, 1.76 percent, which is 6.8 times higher than in Virginia, the state with the lowest at 0.26 percent.
- Texas has the highest share of uninsured children aged 0 to 18, 11.00 percent, which is 7.9 times higher than in Massachusetts, the state with the lowest at 1.40 percent.
- Kentucky has the highest share of maltreated children, 2.21 percent, which is 13 times higher than in Pennsylvania, the state with the lowest at 0.17 percent.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-states-underprivileged-children/5403/> for the full report.

— Diana Polk

Believe it or not

Bad enough if you have to go to the dentist to have a tooth pulled but imagine having to undergo several hundred extractions in one sitting. Dental surgeons in India recently removed a total of 526 teeth from the mouth of a 7-year-old boy. Actually, the mass of tiny teeth was contained in what the surgeons called a “compound odontome,” a benign tumor that had been growing in the child’s mouth for several years.

— John Grimaldi

The most difficult school is the school of hard knocks. One never graduates.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

NICE CHECK – Socorro Independent School District (SISD) Superintendent José Espinoza, Ed.D., third from left, and Council on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development (CREEED) Chairman Richard Castro, fifth from left, are joined by CREEED board members, El Dorado students, and El Dorado teacher Candace Printz, second from left, for a check presentation from CREEED to SISD. The funding is for Accelerated Certification of Teachers El Paso scholarships, that enables educators in the district earn their dual credit teaching credentials. Printz was one of the recipients of the dual credit teacher scholarships.

SISD receives funding to teach dual credit teachers

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Council

on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development presented the Socorro Independent School District (SISD) with \$150,000 to invest on Monday, Aug. 12. This major investment

will be used by SISD to help teachers to earn dual credit teaching credentials though the Accelerated Certification

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Dow named vice president of leadership institute in Austin

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – El Paso native Dr. Pauline Dow was named recently to be vice president of the Holdsworth Center, a prestigious leadership institute for Texas public schools. Dow leaves San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) where she served as the deputy superintendent for academics and school leadership since 2017.

Founded by H-E-B CEO and Chairman Charles Butt, the Holdsworth Center offers world-class leadership development to school districts selected to participate through a generous multi-year investment, according to its website. The Center is named after Charles Butt’s mother, Mary Elizabeth Holdsworth, who taught in a rural Texas school and later was a dedicated philanthropist.

As vice president, Dow will support the center in partnering with school districts over a 5-year period to grow and develop their own pipeline of outstanding leaders. The center currently partners with 13 school districts across Texas that

collectively educate a diverse population of 460,000 students and employ 60,000 staff members, center officials stated.

Bringing more than 30 years of experience in public education to her new role, Dow stated that the opportunity to impact districts across the state was very compelling. “I truly believe widespread, exceptional leadership in every district, campus, and classroom will shape tomorrow’s leaders for the better. I am honored to join an organization that is helping education leaders build an environment where students and teachers thrive,” she said.

“Dr. Dow brings extensive knowledge and experience working in school districts across the state,” said Dr. Lindsay Whorton, president of The Holdsworth Center. “These experiences, combined with her vision and commitment to Texas public schools, will deepen our capacity and enhance our impact as we continue to strive to be of service to Texas educators. We are thrilled that she is joining our team.”

Holdsworth Center’s Board Chair Dr. Ruth Simmons, who is currently president of Prairie View



— Photo courtesy San Antonio ISD

Dr. Pauline Dow, of El Paso, was named recently vice president of the Holdsworth Center, a highly-regarded, Austin-based organization that works with Texas public schools to improve leadership development.

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Canutillo ISD kicks off 60th school year

By Liza Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The only district in the region with back-to-back A-ratings welcomed about 6,200 students this past Monday for the new school year.

Preliminary results from the 2018-19 state accountability report indicates that Canutillo ISD will be the only school district in the El Paso region to earn Exemplary Performance A-Ratings two years in a row from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). And, district leaders are determined to keep the momentum going.

“As we celebrate our accomplishment of back-to-back ‘A’s, we also look forward to a new school year,” Canutillo ISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz said. “We’re going to maintain our top position in the region by focusing on equity and results in student outcomes.”

New leadership will be welcomed as former Canutillo High School assistant principal Christopher Judge was recently named the new principal at Canutillo Middle School. Former Garcia Elementary Principal Jesica Arellano will head Northwest Early College High School. And, Teresa Heimer joins the district as principal at Garcia Elementary.

Committing to safety and security, the District will begin using the Raptor Visitor

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Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore
Aug. 13, 1797: Arnod Bergmann's birthdate. His glowing letters about Texas resulted in waves of Czech settlers.

View from here By Andrew Mangione

Social Security 2100 Act

Social Security and its solvency have long been a top concern for AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) and its nearly 2 million members. Long thought of as a political “third rail,” it is encouraging to see politicians in Washington attempting to address Social Security’s financial viability. Representative John Larson (D–Conn) has put forth “Social Security 2100 Act,” a comprehensive bill designed to strengthen the benefit for years.

Unfortunately, this bill swings and misses. First, Larson’s bill increases the payroll tax on all workers and disproportionately affects lower wage earners. According to Charles Blahous, a former Social Security and Medicare trustee and current Senior Research Strategist at the Mercatus Center, “low income wage earners payroll tax burdens would rise 19%” with the overall payroll tax burden increasing by over 40% over time. Lower income people who may pay no income tax would not be able to escape the payroll tax that everyone who draws a paycheck must remit.

Also, much of that 19% increase on lower income workers would be used to finance expanded benefits for higher income workers. Blahous continues “under current-law, benefits for a retiree in 2050 with earnings of twice the current-law taxable maximum are scheduled to be a full 51% higher than what’s paid to today’s high-income retiree, adjusted for inflation. Most mainstream analysts believe that this benefit growth needs to be moderated, at least for higher-income workers,

to protect Social Security’s finances.” Larson’s bill “would actually increase this growth still further, to 66% by 2050.”

Blahous also uncovered errors in the bill’s method for price inflation that would cause benefit overpayments. Larson’s bill also does not address the fact that Americans are living longer and appreciating more time in retirement. While this is good news, Blahous says that “spending larger fractions of our lengthening lives in retirement reduces the annual income levels we can enjoy, or it increases the funding burdens we face as workers, or both. The Social Security 2100 Act fails to address this growing problem. By 2050, average beneficiaries would spend over 37% of their adult lives collecting Social Security benefits, straining retiree and worker incomes alike.”

AMAC has made Social Security’s solvency a priority since the organization’s inception in 2007. AMAC, working with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, including utilizing portions of bills proposed by former Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX) and current Rep. Larson and combining them with the association’s own well-researched data has crafted a free-market solution. AMAC’s plan, the Social Security Guarantee, assures the benefit’s solvency for generations without raising taxes and includes a savings component, the Social Security Plus. This savings mechanism would allow for all earners to have significant nest eggs

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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 Economía 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.
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- 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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Enough with violent white supremacists

At some point in the late 1960s, you could be forgiven for thinking that the FBI was in charge of the KKK.

It conducted an operation that infiltrated, manipulated and ran the group into the ground. With violent white hate again on the rise, we should take some inspiration – even if the methods can’t be replicated – from the FBI’s past grappling with racist extremists.

If there were any doubt that the country has a white nationalist problem, the shocking attack on an El Paso, Texas, Walmart should remove it. These self-radicalizing freaks, a subset of the broader mass-shooting phenomenon, take inspiration from prior acts of vicious mayhem and cheer high body counts on internet message boards. They are domestic subversives and terrorists, and deserve to be treated as such.

There is no doubt that if we had suffered a string of massacres on our soil carried out by Islamic radicals, we’d do everything in our power to diminish and hopefully eradicate the danger – indeed, we have. The national response to racist extremists should show the same alacrity and resolve, while acknowledging that they represent a different,

more-difficult-to-counter threat than the old Klan.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson told FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to go after the Klan as he had the Communists. Running until 1971 and involving 26 field offices, COINTELPRO-White Hate targeted groups and people deemed violent threats, not their ideology per se.

The effort was comprehensive and no-holds-barred. In his history of the FBI, Tim Weiner writes, “The FBI dangled small fortunes before potential KKK informers, offered outright bribes

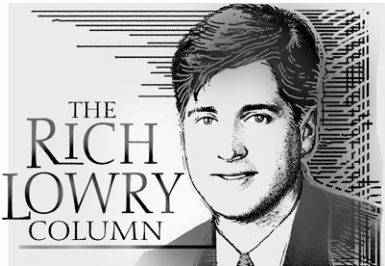
to Klansmen who could serve as double agents inside state and local police forces, planted bugs and wiretaps in Klaverns, carried out black-bag jobs to steal membership lists and (on at least one occasion) dynamite caches.”

The FBI worked to preempt violent acts, and gained an enormous influence over Klan groups. The New Orleans office was so successful at degrading the Louisiana chapter of the UKA that the office’s concern became propping the group up, lest its disintegration loosen the

FBI’s control.

Overall, Klan membership shrank from an estimated 14,000 members in 1964 to 4,300 in 1971. Per Shelton himself, “the FBI’s counterintelligence program hit us in membership and weakened us for about 10 years.”

Of course, the contemporary FBI obviously isn’t going to take over the “alt-right,” nor should we want it to. The abuses of the COINTELPRO programs – the FBI also targeted civil-rights groups and the New Left, among others – became notorious when



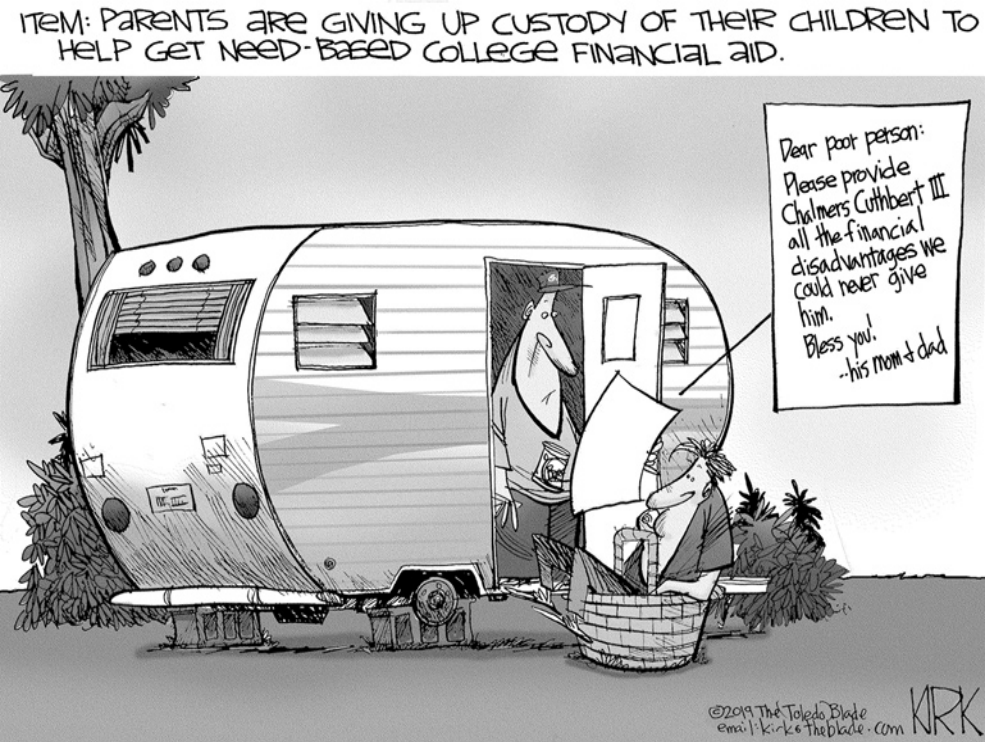
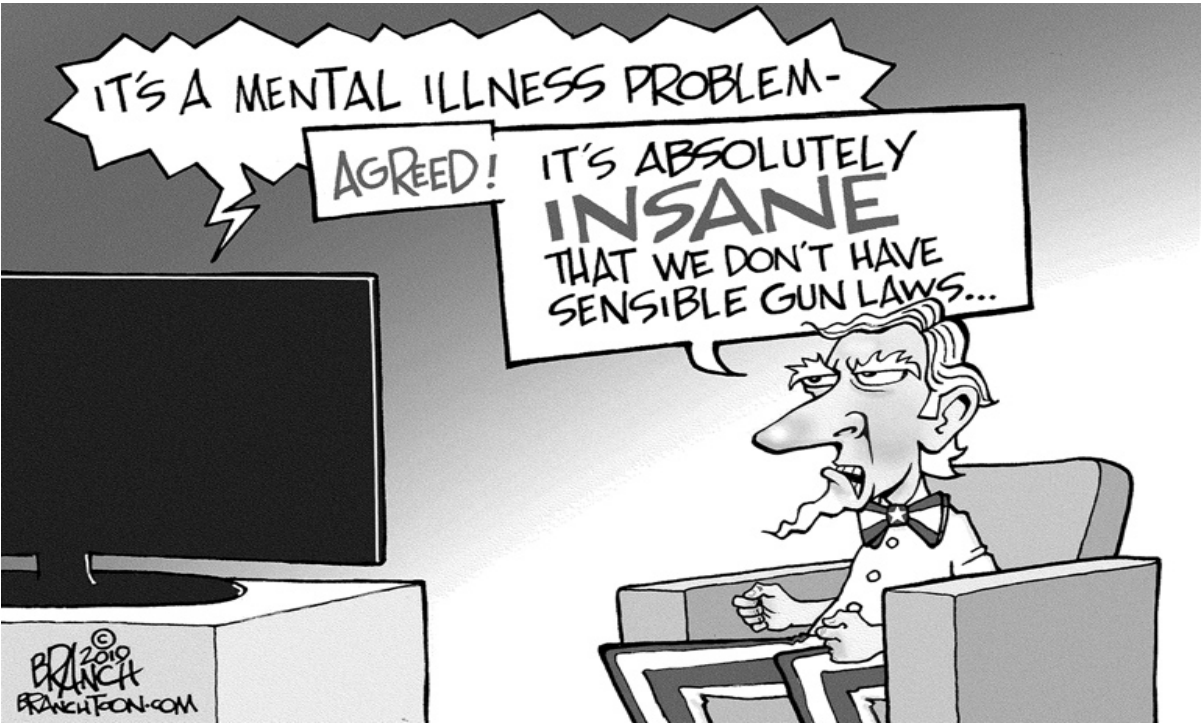
they were exposed in the 1970s.

There are also practical obstacles to the FBI duplicating its anti-Klan work. The Klan was an organization, whereas today’s white supremacists are free-floating haters posting anonymously on the internet.

Yet the FBI needs to be intensely focused on this threat. The bureau should take an intelligence-based approach. It should monitor sewer message boards like 8chan, the forum for white-supremacist propaganda. Posters who cross from First Amendment-protected speech to incitement should be prosecuted. The FBI should interview anyone expressing sympathy with terrorism – just as it does with suspected Islamic extremists – and surveil such persons as appropriate and permitted under the law.

El Paso was an outrage, and surely not the last. We need to react accordingly.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2019 by King Features Synd., Inc.



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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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By Samantha Weaver

- It was French playwright and actor Louis Verneuil who made the following sage observation: "The prime purpose of eloquence is to keep other people from talking."
- With only two known to exist, the rarest U.S. postage stamp is an 1868 1-cent Benjamin Franklin Z-Grill, so called because of the shape that was impressed into the stamp. One of the Z-Grills is in the collection of the New York Public Library, and the other was sold in 1998 for \$935,000. That's not the end of the story, though; in 2005, the same stamp was traded for a block of stamps valued at \$3 million.
- The year 1828 was a sad one for winemakers. For unknown reasons, 80 percent of the bottles of Champagne bottled that year exploded.
- There is a law on the books in Maine that prohibits having your shoes untied in public. I assume that one is not much enforced.

• In 2002, in an effort to be more environmentally friendly, Ireland decided to try to reduce the use of plastic grocery bags by levying a 15-cent tax on each one. It worked, too – use of the bags dropped by 95 percent.

• Sir Christopher Wren, who designed the famous London landmark St. Paul's Cathedral, was an astronomer, not an architect. His other achievements included developing a method for calculating eclipses and devising a way to measure the rings of Saturn.

• Back in 1935, the owner of the Chicago Cubs baseball team predicted that night games were "just a fad." He wasn't much of a prognosticator, it seems.

Thought for the Day: "It is easier to lead men to combat, stirring up their passion, than to restrain them and direct them toward the patient labors of peace."
– Andre Gide

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Moments in time THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Aug. 12, 1964, British author and journalist Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond, the world's most famous fictional spy, dies in England. His novels about the debonair Agent 007 were based in part on Fleming's real-life experiences. The first Bond book, "Casino Royale," was published in 1953.

• On Aug. 13, 1902, German engineer Felix Wankel, inventor of a rotary engine, is born in Germany. Wankel reportedly came up with the idea for a new type of internal combustion gasoline engine when he was 17 years old.

• On Aug. 14, 1945, an official announcement of Japan's unconditional surrender to the Allies is made public to the Japanese people. Even though Japan's War Council had submitted a formal declaration of surrender on Aug. 10, fighting continued. In fact, two days later, a Japanese submarine sank two American ships.

• On Aug. 15, 1979, "Apocalypse Now," the acclaimed Vietnam War film directed by Francis Ford Coppola, opens in theaters. It told the story of an Army captain who is sent into the Cambodian jungle to kill a U.S. Special Forces colonel who has gone AWOL and is thought to be crazy.

• On Aug. 16, 1920, Cleveland Indians shortstop Ray Chapman is struck in the temple by a ball pitched by Carl Mays of the New York Yankees. He died 12 hours later. It was the only death as the result of a pitched ball in major league history.

• On Aug. 17, 1877, though only a teenager, Billy the Kid kills his first victim, an Arizona blacksmith. Just how many men the outlaw killed is uncertain. Billy himself reportedly once claimed he had killed 21 men.

• On Aug. 18, 1992, celebrated Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird retires. Bird entered the NBA in 1979 and was named Rookie of the Year after leading the Celtics to a 61-21 record.

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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 deshabilitades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años de edad, incluso niños que asisten escuelas privadas. Este proceso se llama Busca del Niño, y todos los estudiantes elegibles pueden recibir servicios, sin costo bajo el Acto de Individuales con Incapacidades (IDEA). Para información adicional, favor de comuníquese 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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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, age or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Fabens Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Gilbert Alarcon, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, TX 79838. Phone: (915) 765-2600. Fax: (915) 764-3115.

Notificacion Publica

Es la norma de conducta de el distrito escolar de Fabens prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o deshabilidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

El distrito escolar de Fabens esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificadas por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendado, el Título IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, como enmendado, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975 como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilitades.

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuníquese con Gilbert Alarcon, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, TX 79838. Phone: (915) 765-2600. Fax: (915) 764-3115.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 29, 2019 in the Central Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.068350/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.236600/\$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	7.42%	Increase
Debt Service	5.74%	Decrease
Total Expenditures	5.78%	Increase

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

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,800,856,539	\$ 1,956,929,072
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 50,941,218	\$ 64,560,699
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,355,266,847	\$ 1,483,382,955
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 47,613,571	\$ 60,484,222

* "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* \$164,676,634

* 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	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.236600*	\$ 1.406600	\$ 1,559	\$ 8,310
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.009010	\$ 0.650370*	\$ 1.659380	\$ 2,033	\$ 8,339
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.068350	\$ 0.236600*	\$ 1.304950	\$ 1,725	\$ 9,320

*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	\$ 96,274	\$101,868
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 71,274	\$ 76,868
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.406600	\$ 1.304950
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,002.54	\$ 1,003.09
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 0.55

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 Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.323692. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.323692.

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)	\$ 45,113,249
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5,400,033

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

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Maintenance Tax	\$1.068300/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.270000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	8.6923%	Decrease
Debt Service	71.1027%	Increase
Total Expenditures	1.00%	Decrease

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

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 282,857,783	\$ 308,467,208
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 5,235,612	\$ 1,873,859
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 203,107,688	\$ 214,608,621
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 4,873,630	\$ 1,596,080

* “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* \$26,653,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.157800*	\$ 1.327800	\$ 1,559	\$ 9,924
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.068300	\$ 0.270000*	\$ 1.338300	\$ 1,380	\$10,123
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.068300	\$ 0.270000*	\$ 1.338300	\$ 1,301	\$10,940

*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	\$ 80,869	\$ 81,052
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 46,173	\$ 48,415
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.327800	\$ 1.338300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 613.0850	\$ 647.9379
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 34.8529

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 Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.338300. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.338300.

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)	\$ 2,233,727
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 396,707

A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF ANTHONY, TX

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Anthony will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING at 6:00 p.m., September 26, 2019, at Town Hall, in the Town Council Chambers, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, TX 79821. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.

Those unable to attend are invited to submit their views

in writing to the Town of Anthony, TX, Attn: Benjamin C. Romero Jr., 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, TX 79821. Town Hall is accessible for handicapped persons. Handicapped persons in need of special assistance to attend the hearing are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944, forty eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of the budget are available for review at 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, TX 79821.

Norma Gonzalez
Town Clerk

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CISD

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Management System. The system will better allow staff to screen all outside visitors in schools to provide a safer environment for students and staff.

In conjunction with LOKDOWN, an Emergency Communication Application built for organizations to use during a time of crisis, the District is focusing on safety. It provides staff with a simple and easy to use “app” on their phones or computers that allows them to communicate with administrators, crisis teams, and authorities in real-time during an event.

The District is marking 60 years since its establishment in 1959 and is committed to find opportunities to grow and excel.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **W** equals **F**

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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available to them at retirement.

Before considering tax increases, AMAC advocates that Congress implement key structural reforms like those proposed in the Social Security Guarantee and evaluate their efficacy for long-term solvency. If after a five-year evaluation period additional tax increases are needed to financially stabilize Social Security, the Commissioner may accordingly advise the benefit's Trustees and the President.

Part of the equation to achieve Social Security solvency in AMAC's plan is to make an adjustment for newly retired, higher wage-earning workers by

tying their benefit's growth to the rate of inflation, which is lower than the average wage index the Social Security Administration currently uses for its calculations.

Over the past several years, AMAC has had productive discussions with lawmakers, including members of powerful congressional committees, regarding Social Security's sustainability and how the Social Security Guarantee can improve and perpetuate it. The preservation of this benefit is vital to keeping the promise made not only to workers over eight decades ago, but to the future wage earners of America -- our children and grandchildren.

Andrew Mangione is Vice President of AMAC.

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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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Town of Horizon City

In an effort to provide a safe, healthy and clean environment the Horizon City Code Enforcement Department asks that all residents please follow property maintenance requirements. Visit www.horizoncity.org for complete Ordinance requirements about the following topics and more:

• **Yards and Trees** – keep yards, including parkways and gutters, clear of weeds and debris; trees shall be trimmed to maintain proper clearance;

• **Stagnant Water** – items such as tires shall not be stored on properties in order to prevent mosquito growth; up to 5 tires may be brought to City Hall;

• **Outdoor Storage** – do not store indoor furniture/appliances outside;

• **Illegal Dumping** – violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law;

• **Vehicle Parking** – only allowed on approved parking surfaces; do not park on yards;

• **Garage Sales** – maximum of 4 per year with a permit; and

• **Signs** – illegally placed signs will be removed; contact City Hall for further clarification.

Notice of Violation

Individuals or property owners must comply with a Notice of Violation.

If the property is not brought into compliance, the City may request a court order that would give the City authorization to access the property and correct the violation; all associated costs will be billed to the property owner.

Call 915-852-1046 with any questions and/or to report violations.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2019 in the W.E. Neill Service Center, 19210 Cobb Avenue, 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\$1.016500/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax

Approved by Local Voters\$0.384300/\$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 Operations8.70% Increase

Debt Service3.71% Increase

Total Expenditures8.23% Increase

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

Preceding Tax Year

Current Tax Year

Total appraised value* of all property\$96,870,608\$104,886,329

Total appraised value** of new property**\$1,973,511\$1,628,306

Total taxable value*** of all property\$75,989,152\$83,694,900

Total taxable value**** of new property**\$1,811,398\$1,429,874

* "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* \$17,428,797.55

* 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\$1,083\$10,991

Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service\$0.972005\$0.147403*\$1.119408\$924\$11,293

Proposed Rate\$1.016500\$0.384300*\$1.400800\$1,116\$12,578

*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\$68,904\$75,242

Average Taxable Value of Residences\$36,014\$41,928

Last Year's Rate Versus

Proposed Rate per \$100 Value\$1.400800\$1.400800

Taxes Due on Average Residence\$504.48\$587.33

Increase (Decrease) in Taxes\$82.84

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 Voter-Approval 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 voter-approval 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)\$7,864,088

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)\$229,800

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Dow

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A&M University and former president of Smith College and Brown University, stated, “Holdsworth was founded on the belief that every child is entitled to a quality education made possible by outstanding principals and teachers who work tirelessly on their behalf. Dr. Dow’s passion for the promise of public education, her notable track record and highly collaborative leadership style made her an ideal candidate to further advance our mission.”

Upon leaving San Antonio ISD, Dow

thanked Superintendent Dr. Olivia Hernandez for her bold leadership in the school district. “We must honor our students’ cultural and linguistic treasures. It takes bold leadership to go from two to 49 dual language campuses in an urban district,” Dow asserted.

Prior to joining San Antonio ISD, Dow served as chief instructional officer for North East ISD and as chief academic officer for Austin ISD. In each of these roles, she led broad stakeholder teams in developing a shared vision for excellent and equitable student results, and helped implement that vision across curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Dow’s educational career began in

the El Paso region, where she spent 14 years as a bilingual teacher and central office administrator in San Elizario ISD, Ysleta ISD, and Canutillo ISD. She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in history and education, and a doctoral degree from The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). She is also a recipient of the Gold Nugget Award for the College of Education and Dissertation of the Year Award from the El Paso university.

Additionally, Dow is a former fellow of the W.K. Kellogg National Leadership Program, a multi-disciplinary program that fosters a global perspective on human and social issues. Dow stated that much of

her research, training, and methodology were born and nurtured during the three-year fellowship experience, which enabled her to travel to more than a dozen countries to explore new interdisciplinary pathways, develop a broader knowledge and experience base, and challenge her perspectives on pressing issues of national and international concern.

As Holdsworth’s new VP, Dow will be home-based in Austin, where the center is scheduled to open a 44-acre lakefront campus on the shores of Lake Austin in 2020. The new campus will serve as a permanent home for public school educators to learn, reflect, and grow, stated Holdsworth officials.

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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 2019 on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, 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, Jose Ramirez, Thelma Quinonez and Israel Martinez, Jr.**

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..216952/\$100	0.203764/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– 0.013188/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 6.08%	
Average appraised value	\$ 69,307	\$ 72,385
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 69,307	\$ 72,385
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 150.36	\$ 147.49
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	– \$ 2.87	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	– 1.91%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 0.005778 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928.

The second public hearing will be held on August 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

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

FOR: **Bill Mayberry, Jose Berumen and Gerardo Sanchez**

AGAINST: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **NONE**

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** in 2018 was \$128,344. Based on last year’s tax rate of \$0.100000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$128.34.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** in 2019 is \$136,791. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.094222 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$128.89.

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 \$136.79.

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

SISD

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of Teachers (ACT) El Paso scholarship program. The funding is part of CREEED’s commitment to increase educational advancement for all El Paso students, and ensure more students are prepared to

pursue and obtain a college degree. SISD will use the donation to maintain its Operation College Bound efforts to ensure all students are prepared for college, careers, and beyond by giving more educators the opportunity to earn credentials to teach dual credit courses and further develop their instructional knowledge

and skills. “We are honored to receive the ACT El Paso dual credit scholarships to support more SISD teachers in their professional growth,” said SISD Superintendent José Espinoza, Ed.D. “The scholarships will

enable Team SISD to continue its laser-sharp focus on college and career readiness by strengthening our highly qualified and effective teaching force and expanding opportunities for our students to take dual credit courses in high school.”

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by
Jo Ann
Derson

- Yet another use for a microfiber cloth: Keep one in your vehicle to dust the dashboard or remove smudges from your windshield.
- “Plastic containers with a serving spout can be used for more than fruit juice and sweet tea! Mine fit a full bag of flour or sugar, and if I open a hole in the bag right where the spout is, I can pour what I need out without even removing the top. Admittedly, it works better for sugar than for flour, but it still makes baking goods easy to store.”
– T. in Arkansas
- “Our family loves to make our own pizza, and we purchase dough from a pizzeria. On pizza nights, I pick up the dough first thing on the way home from work and let it sit in a bowl in the car while I pick

up the kids and drive home. It takes about 45 minutes, so it’s risen nicely while we’ve been on the go.”
– E.F. in New York

- If you have stainless steel appliances, you might want to try a simple furniture polish to get those surfaces shiny and smudge free. You can use most any commercial spray-on polish, applied with a clean, lint-free rag.
- Peg racks mounted low on the wall near an entranceway can make a swell shoe rack. Hang shoes from pegs by the heel. It’s a great way to keep your daily walkers up off the floor!
- Bring a binder clip and a zip-top plastic bag with you on a flight, and you can put your phone in the bag and clip it up on the seat in front of you for easy viewing. A gallon-size bag, two binder clips and a small bungee work for a tablet.

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2019 King Features Synd., Inc.

Public Notice Fabens Independent School District 504 Child Find

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.

Public Notice 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.

Brown a problem for Raiders, from head to toes

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The old adage, “be careful what you wish for, you just might get it,” reminds everyone to take the time to evaluate their choices before it’s too late.

Sometimes the biggest, or the shiniest, or the most expensive, isn’t always the best.

Sometimes the seduction of the “impulse-buy” is too strong. Maybe the “grass is greener on the other side” attitude leads us toward acquiring something because we just don’t have it at the time.

Whatever the circumstance, once in a while we make the wrong decision based on what we think we can’t do without, rather than what is best for us.

The same holds true in the sports world.

Often times, teams will over-spend for players with big names and big personalities, in the hopes that it will increase fan interest and attendance.

It’s always a gamble, and way too often we see teams eventually regret their decisions. In retrospect, they realize they paid for a brand, instead of a player.

Take the Oakland Raiders for example. They’ve struggled the last few seasons and are desperate to turn things around. After all, they are one of the true storied franchises of the NFL, like the Cowboys, Steelers, Packers and Patriots.

The Raiders are like the Yankees or Dodgers in baseball, or the Celtics and Lakers in basketball, the league is just better when those elite franchises are doing well.

But in their attempt to get back among the upper echelon of the NFL, the Raiders may have fallen for one of those “impulse buys.”

Former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown has been one of the best pass catchers in the league for nine years. But the Steelers will be the first to say that with all that talent, came a disruptive attitude.

Brown was routinely late for meetings and games and lived off campus during

training camp.

Then last season, Brown became incensed on the sideline in week 2 against Kansas City. That next week, he tweeted “trade me let’s find out” to a former Steelers staffer who wrote that Brown should thank quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for his production.

So when Brown failed to show up for work the final day of practice before Pittsburgh’s last game of 2018, they decided that enough was enough.

Both sides announced that Brown would be traded. And guess who Brown was traded to... the Raiders.

The Raiders knew that Brown was going to come with some baggage, but every team believes they have the magic formula to fix a player.

The Raiders thought they knew the answers – they didn’t.

Brown has already been a pain for the Raiders, from head to toes... literally.

First, there was the bizarre story about Brown going to France to undergo cryotherapy, otherwise known as cold therapy.

The only problem was that he didn’t wear the proper footwear while in the chamber, causing his feet and toes to suffer from frostbite.

The condition has slowed his ability to practice with the team, which has

frustrated his new coaching staff.

But as strange as that Antonio Brown story seems, it’s nothing compared to the latest.

Now the diva wide receiver is saying that he may never play football again ... because of his helmet.

Because of the many stories in recent years concerning football and concussions, the NFL has ramped up its technology for safer helmets.

The whole idea is to build a safer helmet that will help protect players from those nasty headfirst collisions.

And studies show the league has been successful in that venture. In fact, helmet designs that are 10 years old or older are now forbidden.

But Brown loves his old helmet and refuses to switch over.

He says he will never play another game without his old helmet.

I’ve heard of babies and their “blanky,” but this is ridiculous.

Brown and his representatives are currently trying to get the NFL to change their rules for him.

Who knows how much more of this coach Jon Gruden will take? I guess it’ll all depend on what Brown does on the field.

That is if his feet ever heal... it may be too late for his head.

Notice of 2019 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for Village of Vinton

A tax rate of \$0.799563 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of VILLAGE OF VINTON. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of VILLAGE OF VINTON proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of maintaining a balanced budget and funding the water and sewer projects.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.799563 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR’S TAX RATE	\$0.752445 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.767923 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.823280 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for VILLAGE OF VINTON from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

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

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

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

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

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El Paso, TX 79901
915-212-0106
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www.elpasotexas.gov/tax-office

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

First Hearing: August 22, 2019 at 6:30 PM at City Hall located at 436 East Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821.

Second Hearing: September 3, 2019 at 6:30 PM at City Hall located at 436 East Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821.

WTCC: 08-15-19

Archives: www.wtxcc.com

Notice of 2019 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for Town of Anthony, TX

A tax rate of \$0.659614 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of TOWN OF ANTHONY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.659614 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR’S TAX RATE	\$0.650200 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.659614 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 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE
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property tax amount= (rate) x (taxable value of your
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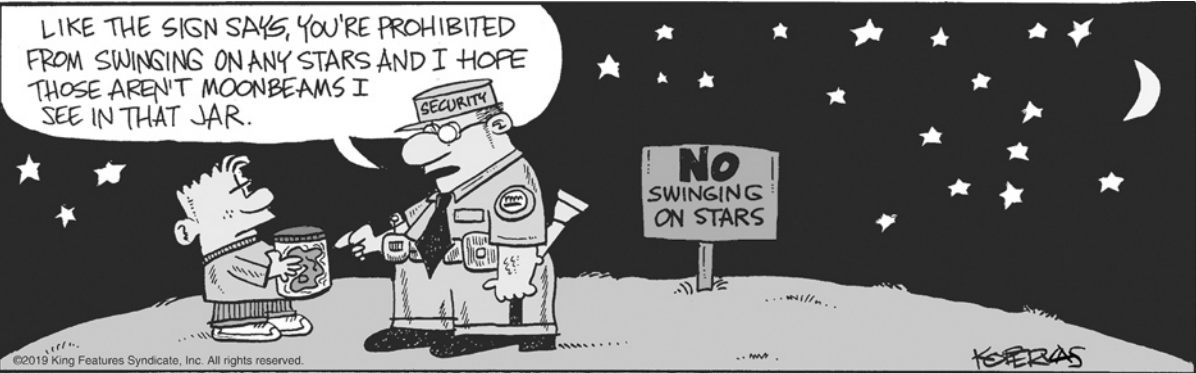
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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



(A music pun: Frank Sinatra / “Swinging on a Star” / 1964)

AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



When specialists disagree

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a snowbird who uses two different cardiologists for my health, and I am devoted to both of them. However, they have conflicting advice. I have coronary artery disease and had three stents placed in New York. I am an active 86-year-old woman who walks at least a mile daily and does light weights. My lab results are all normal. I take a daily baby aspirin and Plavix. I've done well with them. My Florida doctor wants me to discontinue the Plavix and take just the aspirin, but my New York doctor thinks I should keep the Plavix forever. I honestly don't know the right course of action. – S.T.M.



Both aspirin and Plavix (clopidogrel) work by decreasing the activity of platelets, the specialized blood cells that start to form clots. They have been shown to reduce blockages of stents, which hold open blood vessels that have been unblocked via a catheter in the heart. There are several different types of stents, and some of them have medications embedded in them, which release slowly over many months. These “drug-eluting” stents require using both aspirin and clopidogrel for a longer period of time.

There is some debate about how long to continue these medications, but I have not read any recommendations to continue them for more than 30 months. A study (the DAPT trial) used exact information about the person and the type of stent to make predictions about balancing risks, and the results of the study showed that in your case, using both aspirin and clopidogrel would reduce heart attack risk slightly, but at an increased risk of bleeding. Nonetheless, some cardiologists will continue both medications in some patients if there are no problems.

It sounds like your New York cardiologist may have more knowledge about the stent, as it was performed in New York, so I would try to get the two of them to reach a consensus. There may be something about your particular case that warrants long-term treatment with these medications.

DEAR DR. ROACH: A few years ago, Johns Hopkins produced an article stating that possibly being hard of hearing and doing nothing about it could lead to Alzheimer's disease. Is that study still valid? – S.S.

It's been almost 30 years since a link between hearing loss and dementia was first published, and recent research has confirmed this link. It now seems clear that hearing loss increases the rate of

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Super Crossword

- MAGAZINE ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY ACROSS**

1 Warlocks

8 Missus' counterparts

15 Impetus

20 Sinister look

21 Is an affront to

22 Castro, e.g.

23 First page in a news magazine?

25 Pee Wee of old baseball

26 Bewilder

27 Starchy pudding foodstuff

28 Give fizz to

29 QED's center

33 Auto variety

36 Have no subscription to a humor magazine?

38 Otter relative

40 Apple variety

42 "Hawaii Five-O" nickname

43 Business magazine shared by a mother, a father and their kids?

47 Gazing

51 Resin used in adhesives

52 Heady quaff

53 Snitch

55 Novelist, e.g.

56 Garr of the screen

57 Billy Joel's " _ It Goes"
- 59 Trailways fleet unit

61 Small bay

62 Classic Fords

64 "I demand to see that financial magazine!"?

69 "You _ kiddin'!"

71 Pen-filled attraction

72 Saintry ring

73 Celebrity magazine that's not a special issue?

79 Diminished

84 Old salts

85 _ carte menu

86 Firetruck noise

88 Eat supper

89 Bests

92 Hence

95 "Sheesh!"

96 Artist Max

97 Started to wake

99 Inherit a fashion magazine?

102 Concerning the kidneys

104 Rainbow flag

105 Carpenter's gun, perhaps

106 Post-it stuck in a page of a wellness magazine?

110 Back of a 45 record

113 Harper of "Far North"

114 First game of the season
- 115 Artsy NYC district

117 Pilaf base

119 Ties together

120 Drop a health magazine in a filled bathtub?

127 Map feature

128 Having two complete chromosome sets

129 Pyrenees principality

130 Prescient types

131 Has ill will for

132 Pays a visit
- DOWN**

1 Fly trapper

2 " _ been there"

3 First of two sharp turns

4 Former ring king

5 Tear apart

6 Ruling house

7 Capture

8 Sty resident

9 Aliens' ship

10 Closest buds, briefly

11 Antiseptic solution brand

12 British architect

13 Astronomer Halley

14 Cleveland-to-Akron dir.

15 Many a TSA employee

16 Its capital is San Juan
- 17 At right angles to the keel

18 Haile Selassie disciple, informally

19 Jabbed with a bent leg

24 Novelist Buntline

28 Nixon's veep Spiro

29 Lacking vigor

30 Got as profit

31 Knight suits

32 Friend of Alice Kramden

34 In a new way

35 Trail mix bit

37 Faucet

39 Actor Ron

41 Stick (out)

44 Engine part

45 Antiquated

46 Dresden's river

48 "Bring _!"

49 Campbell of the screen

50 _ Poupon

54 Certain Christian

57 Laos' home

58 Be seepy

60 _ Na Na

63 Shared PC system

65 Wine and dine, maybe

66 Janitors' tools

67 Flair

68 Unruly bunch

70 Gun lobbyists' gp.

73 Great Plains natives

74 Have a hissy

75 Eins, zwei, _...
- 76 "OK, you win!"

77 Picnic place, in Paris

78 Ceilings

80 Not clumsy

81 Prickly feeling

82 Follows as a result

83 Hinders

87 Penlight-wielding doc

90 Advance exams

91 Madrid Mr.

93 Links target

94 Texter's "Yowza!"

96 Longoria of the screen

98 " _ Kapital"

100 Diminish

101 Minimal bit of cash

103 Nielsen of "Airplane!"

106 "Ora pro _"

107 Share a view

108 Jittery

109 Purls, e.g.

111 Deep anger

112 Aria queens

116 Have way too much, for short

118 Prefix with spore

120 Prez on a dime

121 Quarry

122 Places for forks: Abbr.

123 Best

124 CPA hirer

125 Sky sphere

126 Call of dissent

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in the Board Room in the Central Office Building, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas 79932. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.068350/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.360000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	1.93% Increase
Debt Service	1.91% Increase
Total Expenditures	1.92% Increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 3,104,585,010	\$ 3,349,674,878
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 128,171,362	\$ 160,753,924
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 2,273,355,960	\$ 2,447,594,554
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 113,606,231	\$ 139,058,832

* “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* \$90,395,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.530000	\$ 5,835	\$ 4,990
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.087670	\$ 0.301310*	\$ 1.388970	\$ 5,401	\$ 5,158
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.068350	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.428350	\$ 5,790	\$ 5,406

*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	\$ 167,402	\$ 171,404
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 141,141	\$ 145,316
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.530000	\$ 1.428350
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,159.46	\$ 2,075.62
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (83.84)

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 Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.428350. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.428350.

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)	\$ 18,673,091
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,086,269

A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.

Blue Water vets gain Agent Orange benefits



by Freddy Groves

It passed! H.R. 299, known as the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, is now Public Law 116-23. It extends disability benefits to Blue Water Navy veterans who were presumed to be exposed to Agent Orange between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. It will take effect on Jan. 1, 2020 when the VA will begin processing claims.

Here are some of the specifics you need to know:

- If you were on a vessel within 12 nautical miles of the Vietnam or Cambodian coasts, you may be eligible for presumption of exposure.
- You also may be eligible if you have any of the diseases previously connected with Agent Orange: AL amyloidosis, chloracne or similar acneform disease, chronic B-cell leukemias, diabetes mellitus Type 2, Hodgkin lymphoma, ischemic heart disease, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Parkinson’s disease, early-onset peripheral neuropathy porphyria cutanea tarda,

prostate cancer, respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea) and some soft-tissue sarcomas.

• If you applied for AO disability and were turned down, file again. Eligible survivors should also file. If you’re age 85 or older and you are ill, your claims will be processed first.

We can thank in part the Institute of Medicine, which was asked years ago to determine whether shipboard veterans could possibly have been exposed to AO, and if so, how. The answer was in the water distillers that converted sea water into water used on the vessel for showers, coffee, laundry, etc. They called it a “plausible pathway of exposure.”

To determine if you’re eligible for benefits, go online to www.va.gov and put Blue Water Veterans in the search box. Look for the first link, titled Agent Orange Exposure in Vietnam Waters (Blue Navy Veterans). You also can contact your Veteran Service Office or call the VA at 800-827-1000. And keep an eye on www.bwnvva.org, the Blue Water Navy Association website.

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decline in brain function by 30% to 40%, independent of other risk factors. Put another way, people with mild hearing loss had double the risk of dementia in 10 years; those with moderate hearing loss, triple the risk; those with severe hearing loss had five times the risk of dementia compared with people of normal hearing and the same age. The brains of people with hearing loss are more likely to atrophy as well. Of course, not everybody with hearing loss develops dementia, and people with normal hearing can.

There is some, but not

conclusive, evidence that hearing aids protect the brain from dementia in people with hearing loss. However, it is clear that hearing aids can improve social functioning, well-being and some measures of memory. Despite this evidence, many older people with hearing loss do not get it treated.

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. (c) 2019 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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