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— Alfredo Vasquez

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— Danny Cohn

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Vintage fashion is a hot commodity

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Vintage fashions – that is, clothes made long ago with attention to details, with high-quality materials, and produced, often by hand, to last – are steadily finding their way back into El Paso's marketplaces, as evidenced by the turnout at the first Big Thrft Flea Market event. The "i" was intentionally left out of the name.

The Saturday afternoon open market, that was staged recently on the corner of Mesa and Cincinnati streets in the patio bar area of the Good Times at 2626 club, provided about 15 vintage clothes aficionados an opportunity to display their favorite pieces to enthusiastic shoppers. Select tee shirts, blouses, shorts, pants, among other items, that can no longer be found in today's popular retail stores, attracted a steady flow of buyers.

The next Big Thrft Flea Market experience is slated for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, September 7, at the Good Times at 2626 Cincinnati Street. Participants plan to make the flea market a monthly event.

Matthew Martinez, co-owner of the Not Your Mom's Thrft Store in downtown El Paso and organizer of the Big Thrft Flea Market venture, said that vintage clothing has a lot to offer individuals who appreciate well-made attire that is unique, has a story to tell, and at the same time, helps the environment.

Vintage is a term that came from wine terminology, according to experts. Originally from French, the term is used to denote a year or place in which wine of high quality was produced. In a broader view, vintage connotes something from the past of a high-quality and long-lasting

value, especially something that represents the best of its kind.

Subsequently, for the last 20 years, the word, vintage, has been used to depict clothing that was produced during the 1920s through the 1980s and reflects the historical and romantic value of the period. Of course, the most valuable are unworn vintage pieces, especially if they have their original tags. Those pieces are very rare and especially appreciated by true vintage lovers.

Martinez, who opened the Thrft Store in the heart of El Paso's downtown about a year ago, said that he and co-owner Yasmine Al-Harbi are on a mission to make people aware of the valuable service that vintage clothing outlets perform. "It is not just used clothes; there are a lot of high-quality pieces of clothing that have a nostalgic, almost a historically-relevant, aspect about them," he stated.

The popularity of vintage fashion has been growing most recently in metropolitan centers such as Houston, Austin, Phoenix, Long Beach, New York, Boston, and Miami, according to Martinez. And, he said that the El Paso region is steadily attracting attention as another hub for vintage wardrobes distribution.

"Prior to NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) which went into effect in 1993, clothing lines were more about quality over quantity and were made mostly in the U.S.A.; there were no mass production clothing factories, like the ones operating in other countries today. So, almost every vintage piece is unique and a great choice if you want to stand out," Martinez asserted.

Anne Elise Babel, a recent El Paso High School graduate, who sifted with excitement through the assortment of vintage pieces at the first Big Thrft flea market that Saturday morning, said that she really liked all the choices. "I've never seen anything like this. There are all kinds of unique items that no one else has," she stated.

"Vintage clothes is much



— Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

GIVE ME A T – Chris Euzarraga, left, founder of Chris Eazy's Thrft Shop, makes a sale during the recent Big Thrft Flea Market event. Isaiah Walton, a soldier stationed at Fort Bliss, said he found that the vintage clothes market offered amazing bargains. "They have so many really cool, different types of shirts," Walton said.

more than just old, used clothes... It is history, art; they tell stories of those who lived before us," explained Thrft Store co-owner Al-Harbi, who is also a photographer. "What makes vintage clothing authentic is that, first of all, the origin of the piece needs to be prior to 1993; however, age alone doesn't equal vintage. It must be original from a certain time period also, and it must have a demand, i.e. someone is willing to pay for it," she affirmed. "If there is no demand and no one is willing to buy it, then it's age doesn't matter. It has to tie in all three together to be considered the definition of vintage fashion," she added.

At their downtown storefront, Martinez and Al-Harbi have accumulated a wide variety of t-shirts including band-tees, rock-tees, and rap-tees, along with caps, pants, jerseys, and hoodies that date back to the '70s, '80s, and early '90s. Martinez said that some of their sales are generated through the store's online website, but that most of their buyers are walk-in customers. "We have been able to establish a large clientele base through an Instagram account, but we still get a lot of high school and college students, military personnel, and tourists who shop at the store," he related.

"One drawback that I have heard from several people is that they don't want to wear anyone else's old clothes," Martinez cited. "So, what do you do when you get vintage clothes? You do the same thing you do when you get new ones, you wash them. That is what we do with all the clothes that we sell. You can give vintage clothing a second life and hold its value if you treat it right," he stated.

Another thing that is important to understand about vintage clothing is that

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OLD SCHOOL – Yasmine Al-Harbi, left, and Matthew Martinez are co-owners of the Not Your Mom's Thrft Store in downtown El Paso. They also organize the monthly Big Thrft Flea Market event. Martinez said that vintage clothing has a lot to offer individuals who appreciate well-made attire that is unique, has a story to tell, and helps the environment... like the two highly-prized t-shirts that the store owners are displaying in the photo above. Al-Harbi holds a classic Metallica band t-shirt that is valued at more than \$500, and Martinez shows off a vintage Boyz II Men rap t-shirt that is valued at about \$350.

Vintage clothing is anything 25 years or older with value, authenticity, and demand.

The ‘New York Times’ should stop whining

The *New York Times*, an organization devoted to gathering and publishing information, doesn’t want people to gather or publish information inconvenient to it.

A group of Trump-supporting operatives has been finding and archiving old social media postings of *Times* employees and other journalists for use in the ongoing brawl between the president and the press.

There’s no indication that this is dumpster diving rather than an effort to scour readily available sources for stupid, embarrassing or offensive things that journalists have said publicly under their own power.

The *Times* broke the news of the campaign in an alarmed-sounding report. It related that “the material publicized so far, while in some cases stripped of context or presented in misleading ways, has proved authentic, and much of it has been professionally harmful to its targets.”

It’s not clear what makes this different from what happens in our public life... every... single... day. Headhunting based on past offenses, real and imagined, is the norm, indeed one of the left’s favored forms of ideological combat.

Nonetheless, the press and its progressive allies act as though the First Amendment is being endangered if journalists apologize for past things

they’ve written or – depending on the decisions of their own organizations – get cashied for them.

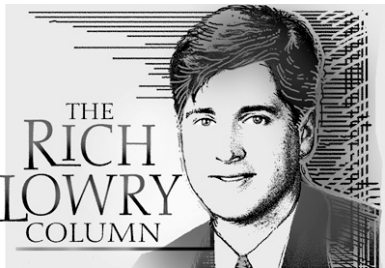
“The goal of this campaign is clearly to intimidate journalists from doing their job,” thundered *Times* publisher A.G. Sulzberger.

A spokesman for CNN went further, saying that when government officials, “and those working on their behalf, threaten and retaliate against reporters as a means of suppression, it’s a clear abandonment of democracy for something very dangerous.”

This is the usual hysteria yoked to the usual foggy thinking. The First Amendment is an important protection of press freedom. Yet nothing in it protects members of the press from criticism, let alone criticism over things they have written. Such criticisms are exercises of free speech in response to other exercises of free speech – i.e., public debate.

If the *Times* and others don’t like the weaponization of foolhardy and untoward social media postings, they can start pushing back against it across the board.

The left-wing organization Media Matters for America exists to publicize (allegedly) controversial statements by conservative media figures toward the end of getting them fired or ushered off the air. If recirculating the past tweets



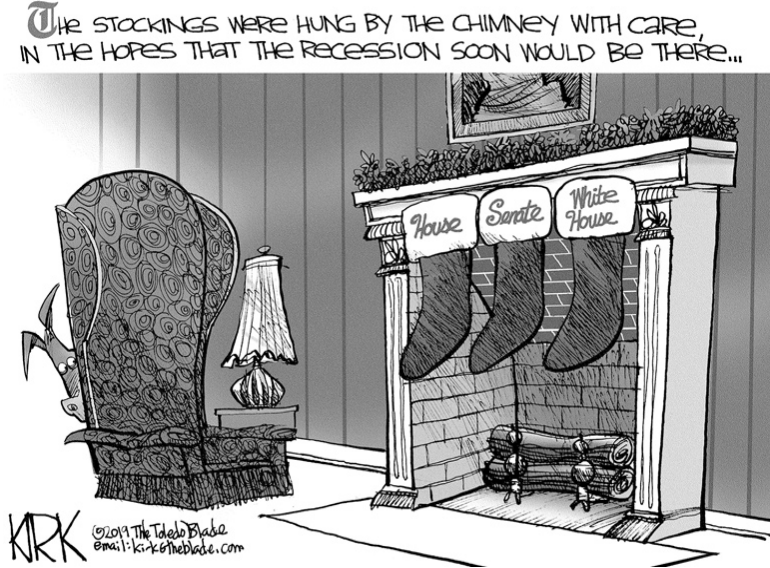
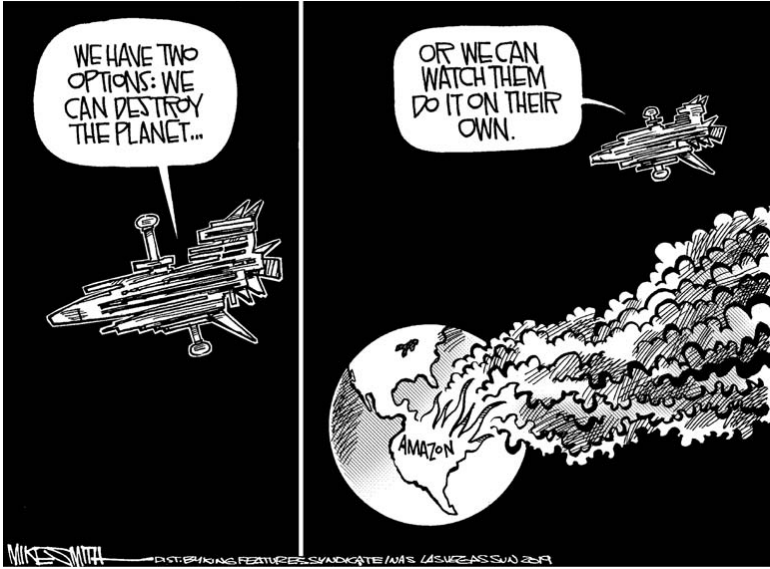
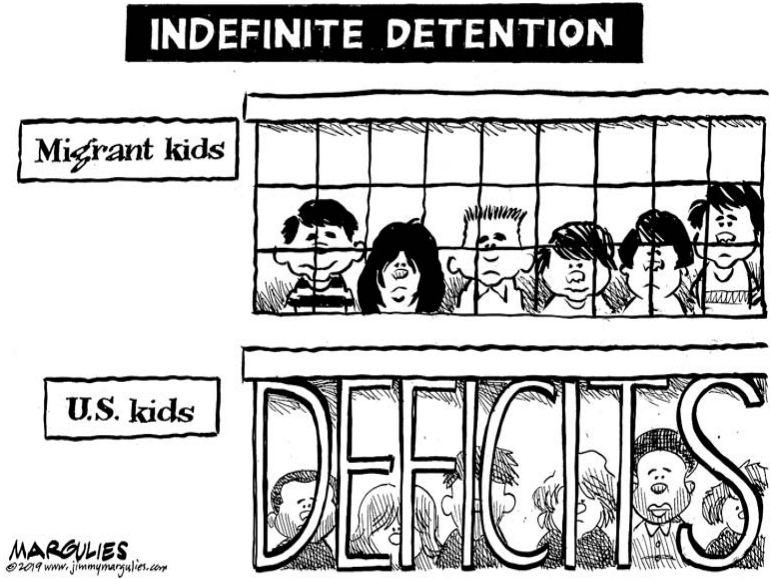
of employees of liberal news organizations is undemocratic, why isn’t the work of Media Matters also dangerously authoritarian?

The *Times* may say that it won’t be “intimidated” by pressure over past postings, but it has readily surrendered to such pressure from the left. The paper pulled the plug on its hiring of tech writer Quinn Norton last year when it emerged that she had tweeted offensive terms about gays and blacks, albeit sardonically.

The hounding of conservatives isn’t considered beyond the pale; it’s considered sport. Much of the left would be rendered practically mute if it weren’t braying for people to be fired.

I think it’s a bad idea for either side to rummage through old social media postings and writings looking for firing offenses. But the rules of this game were established by the left long ago. It should either change them – or stop whining.

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



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By Samantha Weaver

- It was American poet and playwright Edna St. Vincent Millay – the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, by the way – who made the following sage observation: “A person who publishes a book appears willfully in public with his pants down.”
- It’s often been said that necessity is the mother of

invention – and for good reason. Here’s an example: The idea for the original pull-top can originated when the inventor was at a picnic; he had forgotten to bring a can opener, so he had to use a car bumper.

- If you live in Georgia, you need to watch that wagging tongue: In that state it’s illegal to spread a false rumor.
- According to cetologists, an adult right whale requires 400,000 calories a day to survive. These scientists who specialize in whales also note that the mainstay of these

mammals’ diet is a flea-sized crustacean called a copepod.

- If you’re right-handed, studies show that you tend to wash your left hand more thoroughly than your right hand. Reverse that if you’re a leftie.
- A study of 28 women found that screaming has a therapeutic effect on the physiology of the body. After bouts of screaming, the test subjects showed slower heart rates, lower blood pressure and lower body temperature.
- Those who study such things

– and who, evidently, have way too much time on their hands – claim that there are 108 stitches in a baseball.

- If you take into account all the sales in the world, there are approximately 50 Bibles sold every minute.
- There were no domestic cats in North America until they arrived with voyagers from Europe.
- You’ve probably noticed that St. Pauli Girl beer has on its label the image of a buxom blond beauty. You probably aren’t

aware, however, that the beer was named after the St. Pauli neighborhood of Hamburg, Germany – a notorious red-light district. So while you may think the lovely image is that of a simple serving girl, it’s not out of the question that the lady’s occupation may have been somewhat less savory.

Thought for the Day: “For disappearing acts, it’s hard to beat what happens to the eight hours supposedly left after eight of sleep and eight of work.”
– Doug Larson

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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 1:00 P.M., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. 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 Borrett, Jorjorian-Raynal, Newsom, Esparza and Limon**

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 of value)	0.75/\$100 Adopted	0.75/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 271,403	\$ 277,482
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 271,403	\$ 277,482
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,035.52	\$ 2,081.12
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ \$ 45.60 + 2.24%	

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.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 3

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 9:00 A.M., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. 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 Alcocer, Haddad, Dyer and Boswell**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Vacancy**

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 of value)	0.75/\$100 Adopted	0.75/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 171,328	\$ 182,996
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 171,328	\$ 182,996
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,284.96	\$ 1,372.47
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ \$ 87.51 + 6.81%	

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.

Miners open football season on a positive note

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Every new college football season brings with it the hope that this year will be better than last year.

Or in the case of the UTEP Miners, better than the last two years.

The Miners went 0-12 a couple years ago and were just 1-11 last year. For you math majors out there, that’s a 1-23 record over the last two disappointing campaigns.

And that lone victory was in Houston against Rice last season. UTEP hadn’t won a game in the Sun Bowl in 1,007 days.

Well, everything finally changed last Saturday night when the Miners held on to knock off Houston Baptist 36-34 in the friendly confines.

And it’s true, Houston Baptist plays in a lower division and had only won two games over the last two years themselves. And those two wins were over lower-division schools.

But sometimes in life – a win is a win, and you’ll take them whenever you can get them.

The Miners came into the game as a 17-point favorite, but found themselves down 28-20 midway through the third quarter. At that point, you can imagine

what everybody in the Sun Bowl was thinking, “Oh no, here we go again!”

But the Miners were able to recover and eek out the two-point win.

The fact that UTEP was able to keep it together and take the victory was one thing, but an even better sight was in the Sun Bowl stands.

Yes, the stadium has looked better; because of the renovation going on there are sections that are fenced off, there are the scares of not-yet-completed construction on the south side, and there are some obstructed views depending on where one sits.

But at least they were sitting. After a

season in which the Miners averaged just over 9,000 fans a game, last weekend’s contest saw over 34,600 fans squeeze their way into the stadium.

And not only were the fans treated to an exciting 36-34 affair, they enjoyed a grand halftime show with the UTEP marching band, youth cheerleaders from all over the city and several mariachi bands and folklorico dancers from around the area.

The Sun Bowl turf was a sea of colors and music and motion. In other words, the evening was a three-hour party that followed all the pre-game tailgating festivities.

Let’s put it this way, when was the last time you saw enough people at a UTEP

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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 4

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 4 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Friday, September 13, 2019, at 9:30 A.M. (CDST), at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. 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 Jackson, Rodriguez, Romero and Lascurain**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Director Macias**

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 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.*

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 10:30 A.M., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. 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 McLean, Alonzo, Juarez, Lascurain and Sanchez**

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 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	\$ 192,490	\$ 193,215
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 192,490	\$ 193,215
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,443.68	\$ 1,449.11
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 5.43	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 0.38%	

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.

Vintage

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it is fluid. Every decade brings forth new items that fit into this category. It is also important to understand that all vintage will eventually become antique. Clothing 100 years old or more is classified as antique, which means a piece remains stylish through time; in other words, it does not reflect the era in which it was made but rather transcends all eras.

So next time, you want to add classy clothes to your wardrobe, consider vintage. Look for shops that have vintage in the name or description. In vintage stores, you will find a curated collection of pieces and a knowledgeable owner to help you. “I added the phrase, ‘Not Your Mom’s’, and spelled Thrft without the ‘i’ to distinguish my store from second-hand shops, where you will mainly find just old clothes,” Martinez pointed out.

To view Not Your Mom’s Thrft Store collection of vintage clothes, visit its website at thriftstore.com, or visit them at the store, which is located on the first floor of the International Building, at 222 Texas Avenue.

Miners

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football game to do “the wave?”

The point is that El Pasoans were having a fun time at a UTEP football game on a Saturday evening.

Sure, the Miners didn’t look like a team that was going to finish this season with a miraculous winning record – far from it – but there’s no doubt they’re moving in the right direction.

I know, there are some who may say that the only direction the Miners can go is up. But they showed they can both run and

throw the football by putting up over 500 yards of total offense.

Will they be able to put up those kind of numbers against the Texas Tech’s, Nevada’s and Louisiana Tech’s of the word? Most likely not.

But for the Miners to simply win a game, win a home game, win a home game that gives them a winning record on the season (1-0), is tons better than what locals fans are used to.

This actually looks like a team that can break through and win about four games. And thought that would still be a losing 4-8 record, after winning just one of their previous 24, it would

be a monumental step toward a winning future.

New athletics director Jim Senter and coach Dana Dimel are not just trying to win games, they’re trying to change the whole culture of UTEP football.

Watching the football, the fun the fans were having, and the increased number of tailgaters before the game, it looks like the experiment is on the right track.

Of course, the real cure for any football program is winning games.

Who knows if the Miners will turn last Saturday’s momentum into a habit. But at least for one El Paso night – it was a victory for all.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 8

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 8 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Friday, September 13, 2019, at 10:30 A.M., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. 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 Quiñones, Silva, Spurlin and Touchstone**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Director Contreras**

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 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	\$ 163,531	\$ 173,291
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 163,531	\$ 173,291
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,226.48	\$ 1,299.68
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 73.20	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 5.97%	

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.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Friday, September 13, 2019, at 11:30 A.M. (CDST), at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. 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 Bustamante, Lascurain, Owen, Grenier and Zuniga**

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 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	\$ 187,246
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	\$ 187,246
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ N/A	\$ 1,404.35
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	\$ 1,404.35	
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.

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



Confusion over women’s heart attack symptoms

DEAR DR. ROACH: My question is about symptoms for women’s heart attacks. I have always heard that symptoms for women can be much different from men’s. Instead of the chest-clutching, sharp pain that men can have, I have read that women’s symptoms can be any of these: heartburn or indigestion; pain in the jaw, neck, shoulders, back, one or both arms; fatigue and troubled sleep; dizziness and nausea; or extreme anxiety. Are you KIDDING me? I am a healthy, active 63-year-old woman. I have had all of these symptoms at one time or another. If I acted every time I had one of these symptoms, I would be at the doctor’s office every day. How is one to know which symptoms to take seriously and act on immediately, and which to wait a few days to see if it is temporary? – J.



I have seen many letters similar to yours. The confusing problem is that it’s true: In women, heart attack symptoms and the symptoms of angina before a heart attack can include all of those vague symptoms. The same is true of men as well, although it’s more likely for women than for men to have symptoms other than the classic left-sided chest discomfort (people are much more likely to describe angina as “discomfort” or “pressure” than “pain”).

So your question is entirely valid: How do you know when to take common symptoms seriously? The first thing I would say is that the greater your risk for heart disease, the more seriously you should take any symptom. Age, family history of heart disease, high blood pressure and cholesterol, lack of regular physical exercise and diabetes are among the most important risk factors.

The second thing I would say is to take new symptoms seriously. If you never get heartburn, for example, then heartburn at age 63 should prompt concern.

Third, context matters. Symptoms such as nausea or jaw pain that occur with exercise – even carrying a bag of groceries or walking up stairs – is definitely a reason to talk to your doctor.

Most women don’t know that heart disease remains their No. 1 killer, far outstripping breast cancer (or any cancer). Both women and men need to take even vague symptoms seriously,

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Super Crossword

- TRACK STARS ACROSS**

1 1995-96 CIA director John

7 Seat of Johnson County, Kansas

13 Dah’s counterpart in Morse code

16 Ungar of poker

19 African antelope

20 Mink’s relative

21 Actress Jennifer

23 Nebraska-based insurance company [1935]

25 Panther

26 “I’ve Got a Crush”

27 Bean high in protein

28 “Wide _ Sea” (Jean Rhys novel)

29 Desires

31 Summons for speeding, say [1948]

35 Foofaraw

36 Like granola

37 Up to the time when

38 Chicago-to-Tampa dir.

39 Sharp items with eyes [1956]

43 Bond part

47 Day, in Chile

48 “Seats sold out” sign

49 Mood of an environment

53 Cloud layer

57 Being attacked
- [1946]

61 Funny Margaret

62 Water, in Chile

64 “_ you one”

65 Ventriloquist

66 Egg layers in coops

68 Refittings of cars’ motors [1955]

73 Fluids with antibodies

74 Writer Asimov

76 Comical Idle

77 Water pit

79 Racer Jarrett

80 Having recognized the value of one’s own conscious being [1978]

84 Artist’s mixing board

86 Amber wines

87 “You betcha”

90 “Angie” actor

91 Ollie’s buddy

92 Executive arm headed by Antonio Guterres, for short [1973]

99 Acer or Asus products

102 Touch base on a fly

104 Easy throws

105 Gp. backing arms

106 “Just Shoot Me!” actress [2005]

111 Protest type

113 Tree expert

114 Christmas party
- quaff

115 Chicago air hub

117 Machine on a skating rink

118 Event won by the horses at the ends of eight answers in this puzzle

123 Up for debate

124 Lipton drink, informally

125 Actress Driver

126 Booming jet of old, briefly

127 Suffix with

25-Across

128 Quagmire

129 Actor Liam
- DOWN**

1 Lose luster

2 Tall bird

3 Thus far

4 Razz

5 Potters’ materials

6 Saintry glow

7 A bit amiss

8 “When I Need You”

singer

9 Long _ the law

10 Cookie batch, often

11 Snarky laugh

12 Socrates’ H

13 Buddhist leader

14 Like neon

15 New York county

16 Equilibrium

17 Trunks

18 Not finished

22 Petty fight
- 24 Eke _ existence

28 Phys., e.g.

29 Existed

30 Sweet drink

32 Map nos.

33 Opal ending

34 Dol. divisions

36 Model railroad size

40 Lupino of old Hollywood

41 Naldi of old Hollywood

42 “How _ Want It” (#1 hit for 2Pac)

44 “The Detour” channel

45 French river

46 Honey drinks

49 Realms

50 Guitarist Ted

51 Table wine

52 Big online investing site

53 Deep divide

54 “La Mer,” translated

55 President after Jimmy

56 Part of SPF

58 Sibling of a nephew

59 Two, in Chile

60 “That’s icky!”

63 “_ just a number”

67 Bank boxes

69 Like the verb “lie”: Abbr.

70 Game with matchsticks

71 Baby wolf

72 Stings
- 75 “I Am _” (Jenner’s reality show)

78 Supplication

81 Clerical title

82 Dreams

83 Tincture

85 Incus’ organ

88 Pastoral poems

89 Grads’ event

92 Sheepskin boot brand

93 “Rapa _” (1994 film)

94 Wrench, to a Brit

95 Kindle download

96 ER trainees

97 Moviedom’s Meyers

98 Bronzy

99 Some statue sites

100 Gem measures

101 Yield (to)

103 Home pest

107 Rips off

108 Sprang forth

109 Congested cavity, often

110 Terra _ (tile material)

111 The Beatles’ “Sexy”

112 “Fame” star Cara

116 Choir melody

118 Basinger of “Batman”

119 _friendly

120 _ in “crossword”

121 Yearbook bit

122 Deep longing

Answer Page 8

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15		16	17	18
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Health

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especially if the symptoms are new, exertional or if the person has several risk factors. As a primary-care doctor, I'd rather see my patient for her concerns that symptoms may be heart disease than see her in the ICU with a heart attack.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have diverticulosis. At one time I was told not to eat nuts. I have since read that eating nuts is OK. What is your take? Also, are chia seeds safe? – E.M.

There are two answers to this question. The first comes from clinical research, and a very large trial showed that nut and popcorn consumption tended to

protect against diverticulitis and diverticular bleeding. This may be due to the high fiber content, recommended in people with diverticula. So most experts allow their patients with diverticulosis to eat nuts and seeds, including chia seeds.

The second is practical experience. If someone has had clinical diverticulitis after eating nuts and seeds, especially if it happens repeatedly, it makes sense not to do so.

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.

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: X equals P

ZH XLRXCL CRKL CZKZFB ZF
OEZDZTI WXWEDSLFDT, Z
BALTT DIWD TIRACQ OL
DLESLQ "ZFHCWDAWDZRF."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

1					3	8		
	9			8			6	
		2	9		4			5
		5		2			7	1
2			3			4		
	4				6			8
	7				2		1	
4			7					3
	8	6		3		2		

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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A cure for hepatitis C



by Freddy Groves

Hepatitis C is one of those illnesses you can have for years and not know it – until it starts damaging your body. Untreated hepatitis C can lead to cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver, brain damage, liver disease and liver cancer, and it can take decades to show up. Until recently it has been nearly impossible to cure.

The Department of Veterans Affairs now says in a press release that it has cured 100,000 veterans with hepatitis C.

In the past, treatment involved daily pills and weekly shots for a year, and even that had a low cure rate with bad side effects. Now the new treatment is a pill a day, with fewer side effects, and it

takes just weeks. But that's only if you know you have it. The VA said recently that it has tested 85 percent of veterans who either have hepatitis or are at risk.

Hepatitis is a blood-borne disease with a long list of possible routes of transmission: sharing drug needles, getting a tattoo, sharing a toothbrush, blood-contaminated wounds, blood transfusions before 1992, contact with blood if you're in the medical field... and those injector guns they used to give vaccines back when we went into the service.

Those injector guns have been a big bone of contention, one they've known about for a very long time. Miniscule drops of blood splatter back into the injector, waiting for injection into the next patient. Now the VA has to admit that the injector guns are "biologically possible" as a means of transmission.

Even if you've never shared

drug needles or gotten a tattoo, you could have hepatitis C and not know it. The rate of veterans who have it is five times the civilian rate.

To learn more, go online to www.hepatitis.va.gov. And contact the VA and ask for the test. Don't wait.

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• "If you have to put a lid over something that is likely to stick to it, try giving the inside of the lid a very light coating of vegetable oil. I do this when I am transporting dip to a potluck. Vegetable oil has no flavor, really, and it's just enough to let the lid come off without taking the top layer with it."

– J.A. in Florida

• "I use an ice-cube tray to freeze leftover coffee so I can use it for iced coffee. It's great because the coffee doesn't water down – it just gets richer. I save broth this way, too. Last week I pulled out a couple cubes of what I thought were broth to thin my leftover chili. Turns out they were coffee cubes, and the flavor was really good! I was surprised enough that I had to share."

– R.F. in Virginia

• Here's a great way to make waterproof matches for camping. Light a candle or use a wax melt in a warmer. When the wax is good and melted, get a box of matches ready (preferably strike-anywhere matches, but strike on box works, too). Dip each match head into the melted wax and set aside on a piece of parchment until dry and hardened.

• You can use a light mist of 1/4 vinegar and 3/4 water to polish chrome bath and kitchen fixtures. Spray and buff smudges away.

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

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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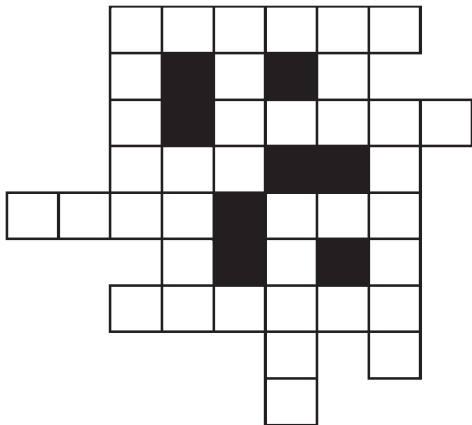
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LUF
♥ DULNOE
♥ ERDFE
♥ EPLA
FOYDIM
♥ PMA
NUEM
DONUM
♥ DDA
FPULUC
♥ DAMLE
PDMU



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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DEUTCH	OLATHE	DIT	STU
IMPALA	FERRET	ANISTON	
MUTUAL	LOFOMAHA	LEOPARD	
ONYOU	SOY	SARGASSO	
WANTS	TRAFFIC	CITATION	
ADO	OATY	UNTIL	SSE
SEWING	NEEDLES	ATOM	
DIA	SRO	AMBIENCE	
STRATUS	UNDER	ASSAULT	
CHO	AGUA	IOWE	EDGAR
HENS	ENGINE	SWAPS	SERA
ISAAC	ERIC	SUMP	NED
SELF	AFFIRMED	PALETTE	
MADE	IRAS	YEP	REA
STAN	UNSE	CRETARIAT	
PCS	TAGUP	LOBS	NRA
LAURAS	ANGIACOMO	SITIN	
ARBORIST	NOG	OHARE	
ZAMBONI	KENTUCKY	DERBY	
ATISSUE	ICETEA	MINNIE	
SST	ESS	MORASS	NEESON