



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Archery, Atl-atl demonstration

Archery and Atl-atl demonstrations are held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., every Saturday, at the El Paso Museum of Archeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. The demonstrations, which are open to the public, are provided by the Citadel of the Southern Pass, the local chapter of the Society of Creative Anachronism for the Archery, and the El Paso Museum of Archaeology. According to George Maloof, El Paso Museum of Archaeology curator, trained and authorized safety marshals are present, so archers are welcome to bring their own recurve and long bows as well (no compound bows are allowed on the range). Also, the museum staff members are on hand to teach visitors how to use the atl-atl on a separate atl-atl range. For more information about the demonstrations, contact Maloof, at (915) 755-4332 or send email to maloofgo@elpasotexas.go

— Alfredo Vasquez

### Family fair

The Horizon High School Communities in Schools Program will host the 2014 Family Fun Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22 at Horizon High School. Participants can learn about social services, receive free health screenings and wellness awareness information. Refreshments, jumping balloons and giveaways will also be available. For more information about the event, please email Elsa Valdez, CIS Parent Educator at www.ciselpaso.net.

— Ytzel Arrunada

### Exercise

The older you get the more you find ways to avoid exercise, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. As one wag put it: the only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, running down their friends, side stepping responsibility, and pushing their luck. But the fact is, the older you get the more you need to exert yourself. You must overcome the inertia of aging and find ways of improving your heart rate and blood sugar levels by developing good exercise habits. Of course, it is important to check with your doctor before beginning any regimen that involves strenuous activities, says AMAC. Exercise is particular good for fending off Type 2 Diabetes and other chronic conditions. In fact, the World Health Organization, which says that a healthy diet, increased physical activity and avoiding tobacco use can prevent 80% of premature heart disease, 80% of type 2 diabetes cases and 40% of cancers.

— John Grimaldi

*Knowledge not put into practice is useless.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Family business thrives in safe market

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – A fourth generation family business, headquartered in El Paso since 1917 and today with subsidiaries in Mexico and Latin America, is making a name for itself in the security products business.

Under the supervision of David E. Saucedo, Sr. and his two sons, David and Maury, the Saucedo Company has grown to be a leader in the state when it comes to providing high-quality products and services. Saucedo Co. family members were presented recently with the Founders Award during the 2013 Texas Family Business of the Year awards banquet held at Baylor University's Bill Daniel Student Center in Waco, Texas.

According to Bill Worthington, director of the Institute for Family Business, the Texas Family Business of the Year awards program recognizes outstanding firms whose families demonstrate a commitment to each other and to business continuity, and who are responsive to the needs of their employees, communities, and industries.

To expand its growing market, the local company recently introduced the INKAS Safe Manufacturing line of ultra-premium safes to the El Paso and Mexico market. INKAS Safe Manufacturing is a Canadian-owned company located in Toronto. INKAS builds ultra-premium, high-security, custom safes for retailers, government agencies, financial institutions, jewelry stores, pharmaceutical chains and personal treasury safes.



— Photo courtesy of Marianna Terrazas

**SECURE** – David Saucedo displays the interior one the company's luxury safes.

"We're excited to partner up with The Saucedo Company in Texas to distribute and market our high-quality Canadian safes. The trustworthiness of their brand and the storied history of their family made our decision to partner a relatively easy one," stated Christopher Kastelic, Sales Executive at INKAS Security Group.

The INKAS Security Group is a global leader in safe manufacturing and armored vehicle manufacturing, specializing in the production of armored sport-utility vehicles, luxury sedans and executive limousines, stated Mariana Terrazas, communications

director for the Saucedo Company.

According to David E. Saucedo II, a fourth generation executive at the Saucedo Company, the company's success is because they responded to their customers demand for the highest levels of security by offering the absolute best safes on the market.

Saucedo stated that by teaming up with the Canadian security group, it will allow them to offer the top of the line products and services. "Protecting the valuables of our customers in an INKAS ultra-premium safe provides them with a level of tranquility that money cannot buy," he asserted.

## Pottery potsherds topic of talk at museum

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Visitors, campers, hikers, who have trekked through any of the numerous outdoor tourist sites in the West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico desert lands and mountains, invariably find undecorated brown pieces of pottery, known as potsherds, strewn around the area.

Anthropologist Dr. David Hill will lead a discussion about these ubiquitous artifacts, referred to by local archaeologists as brownware, beginning at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 16, at the El Paso Museum of Archeology, 4301 Transmountain Road.

Hill, who works for APAC (a heritage management firm in Carlsbad, New Mexico), stated that since these potsherds lack decoration and are often weathered it makes it nearly impossible to establish their source or age; however, he added that by applying analytical techniques such as thin section petrography and instrumental neutron activation analysis it is possible to identify the areas where the brownwares were made.

Hill stated that a recent research study, that focuses on the mineralogical and chemical characterization of brownware pottery from sites in Southern New Mexico and West Texas, concluded that brownware ceramics were found to have been produced within two regions, the Sierra Blanca and Capitan Mountains, an area known as the Lincoln County Porphyry Belt,



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**COME AND LEARN** – El Paso Museum of Archeology (located at 4301 Transmountain Road) will host a special presentation by Dr. David Hill, a renowned anthropologist who has studied archeological sites throughout the Southwest. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the El Paso Archaeological Society.

and in the vicinity of El Paso.

During the discussion, Hill will share information about these areas where several distinct sources of pottery were identified. According to the anthropologist, brownware pottery was transported between prehistoric communities in the two mountain zones and to the desert lowlands, with ceramic vessels being transported one hundred miles or more from their points of origin.

Hill's background in archaeology spans 35 years. He has conducted archaeological fieldwork at various sites including the old missions in the El Paso's lower valley and at prehistoric, proto-historic, and Spanish colonial sites across the

Southwest. He has worked on archeological sites in the southern Great Plains, southern Illinois, northern Virginia, and in Jiangxi, China. He has also analyzed ceramic collections from across the United States, from Ecuador, the Caribbean, and from the "Tekta Bernu", a Classical Period shipwreck near Turkey.

Hill earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology from the University of, a Master of Arts degree from Wichita State University, and a doctoral degree at the University of Texas at Austin.

He is also a member of the Sociology

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 2014 in the 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.

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Maintenance Tax</b>          | \$1.040100/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| <b>School Debt Service Tax</b>  |   |
| <b>Approved by Local Voters</b> | \$0.295000/\$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:

|                                   |        |          |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| <b>Maintenance and Operations</b> | -1.38% | Decrease |
| <b>Debt Service</b>               | 0.34%  | Increase |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>         | -1.20% | Decrease |

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

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$ 1,313,528,748   | \$ 1,326,028,366 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 28,325,342      | \$ 29,853,750    |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 1,068,259,936   | \$ 1,076,078,628 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 25,953,259      | \$ 25,306,586    |

\* "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\* \$116,920,915.

\* 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 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Last Year's Rate</b>   | \$ 1.040100             | \$ 0.295000*             | \$ 1.335100 | \$ 1,287                  | \$ 7,211                  |
| <b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b> | \$ 1.043870             | \$ 0.292830*             | \$ 1.336700 | \$ 1,254                  | \$ 7,346                  |
| <b>Proposed Rate</b>  | \$ 1.040100             | \$ 0.295000*             | \$ 1.335100 | \$ 1,253                  | \$ 7,322                  |

\*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  | \$ 89,675   | \$ 88,198   |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 74,232   | \$ 72,810   |
| <b>Last Year's Rate Versus</b>      |             |             |
| Proposed Rate per \$100 Value       | \$ 1.335100 | \$ 1.335100 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence      | \$ 991.07   | \$ 972.09   |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes        |             | \$ -18.98   |

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.348025. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.348025.**

### 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) | \$ 23,965,776 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 2,006,014  |

## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### New health-care bill

Before Congress raced off to vacation in August, senators voted 91-3 to pass the long-awaited, \$17 billion veterans emergency health-care bill.

Here are a few tidbits from the bill:

- Veterans will receive a Choice Card for care, but don't get excited yet. To qualify for this card, a veteran must have served within the past five years, or already be signed up with Veterans Affairs health care. It will be more of an ID/insurance card that gives service information for eligibility. You likely won't be able to take the card to a private doctor unless the care has been approved by the VA.

- If a veteran is given a long wait time for appointments (over 30 days) or lives more than 40 miles from care, he or she will be eligible to get private sector care. That 40 miles is "straight line," aka geodesic distance.

- Veterans who were sexually assaulted will receive care.

- Twenty-seven new clinics will open.

- The VA will hire \$5 billion

worth of new health-care providers.

- Bonuses will be capped at \$360 million per year.

- The VA secretary will be allowed to fire senior VA executives much more quickly.

When they look for incompetents to fire, I hope they aim their lasers at the VA medical center in Kentucky. A veteran collapsed at home and was transported there, where he was hooked up to life support. By the time his wife and family arrived at the hospital, staff told her that her husband was dead. They gave her a specific time of death. Distraught, she asked to see him one more time to say goodbye. What she found was a living, breathing husband with good heart rate and blood pressure who was responding to commands.

*Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to [columnreply2@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply2@gmail.com). (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.*



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## 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 0.006405 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 21, 2014 at 6:30p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928.

The second public hearing will be held on August 28, 2014 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:** Marvin McLellan, Eric Shoppach, Darryl Gelasco, James Bonneau 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 2013 was \$113,890. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$113.89.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** in 2014 is \$113,306. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.093595 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$106.05.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$113.31.

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

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 1.14 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 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 Board Room, 100 S. San Elizario Rd., Ste. N, Clint, Texas 79836.

The second public hearing will be held on August 28, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 Board Room, 100 S. San Elizario Rd, Ste. N, Clint, Texas 79836.

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

- FOR:** William Adler, Pamela Padilla and Adrian Santana
- AGAINST:** NONE
- PRESENT and not voting:** NONE
- ABSENT:** Elvia Schuller and Jerry Knotts

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2** last year was \$76,794. 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 \$76.79.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2** this year is \$77,435. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.104603 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$81.00.

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 \$77.44.

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

## Public Notice

### Canutillo Independent School District

#### Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Arts; A/V Technology and Communications; Agriculture Science Technology; Business Management and Administration; Exploring Careers; Career Preparation; Health Science; Information Technology Education; Finance and Education Training; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; Hospitality and Tourism; and Marketing, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Admission to these programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Canutillo 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.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability 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.

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and Career and Technical Education programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Martha Carrasco, (915) 877-7423, mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Cary Chambers, (915) 877-7449, cchambers@canutillo-isd.org, at 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

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Es la política del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo el no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, género, discapacidad o edad en los programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

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Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Título IX, Martha Carrasco, al P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7423, correo electrónico: mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org, o el Coordinadora de la Sección 504, Cary Chambers, teléfono (915) 877-7449, correo electrónico: cchambers@canutillo-isd.org, al 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• A newspaper reporter once asked General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Forces during World War II and later president of the French Fifth Republic, if he was happy. De Gaulle replied, "What do you take me for, an idiot?"

• If you're like a million other Americans, you admit to drinking Coke for breakfast.

• The next time you're planning a trip to Indiana, keep in mind that in that state it is illegal to talk behind a person's back or engage in "spiteful gossiping."

• It's been claimed that prodigy William James Sidis had the highest IQ ever recorded (though any record of the test has been lost). At the age of 18 months, he was reading The New York Times; by the time he was 8, he had taught himself Latin, Greek, French, Russian, German, Hebrew, Turkish and Armenian and had invented his own language he called Vendergood. At the age of 11 he became the youngest person to enroll in Harvard University, and when he was 12 he lectured the Harvard Mathematical Club on four-dimensional bodies. He graduated cum laude at 16.

• If you wanted to circle the equator with one-dollar bills, it would take 257,588,120 of them.

• In 1889, a magazine called The Literary Digest made the following prediction: "The ordinary 'horseless carriage' is at present a luxury for the wealthy, and although its price will probably fall in the future, it will never, of course, come into as common use as the bicycle."

• Before Charlton Heston became a famous actor, he earned cash by serving as an artists' model – and posed in the nude.

Thought for the Day: "When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before."  
– Mae West

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Laure Searls

## Searls is named Master Trustee

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Canutillo Independent School District Trustee Laure Searls has earned the designation of Master Trustee. She joins an elite group of school officials who are equipped with the tools and knowledge to be effective education leaders.

Searls earned the designation after completing the yearlong Leadership TASB program organized by the Texas Association of School Boards. Master Trustee is the highest designation recognized by the Texas Association of School Boards. "We are elated to have Mrs. Searls recognized in such a wonderful manner," said CISD Board President Rachel Quintana. "She represents everything that is good about our District, and we are certain that her new skills will help us move CISD forward."

Leadership TASB is an exclusive program that selects only a handful of candidates each year to participate in the intensive training. Only about 700 trustees in all of Texas have ever received the title of Master Trustee. Searls said she was happy to have participated in Leadership TASB, especially because she was able to host one of the training sessions in El Paso and Canutillo.

"We face some unique challenges along the Border, but we also are leading the way in education," she said. "I was happy to share with my fellow trustees from throughout Texas, a glimpse of the good work that is happening in our schools here in CISD and the El Paso region."

## Pottery

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and Anthropology Department at Metropolitan State University of Denver, where he teaches a course in anthropology and museum studies.

The presentation, which is sponsored by the El Paso Archaeological Society, is free and open to the public. For more information, contact George Maloof, El Paso Museum of Archeology director, at 915-755-4332 or send email to maloofgo@elpasotexas.gov.

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## CryptoQuip Answer

The married couple didn't believe in their wedding vows, so I suppose it was much "I do" about nothing.

# Back to school vaccinations

By Dusty Warden  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Back-to-school season is here. It's time for parents to gather supplies and back packs. It's also the perfect time to make sure your kids are up to date on their vaccines. To celebrate the importance of immunizations throughout life – and make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need – Immunize El Paso is proudly participating in National Immunization Awareness Month.

Failure to comply with Texas vaccination requirements may result in a child being denied entry into school. Throughout the month of August, Immunize El Paso will be canvassing every corner of El Paso County well as expanding the operating hours of both their Eastside and Downtown clinics.

“Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by CDC’s immunization schedule is one of the

most important things parents can do to protect their children’s health – and that of classmates and the community,” said Danny Acosta, Director for Immunize El Paso. “If you haven’t done so already, now is the time to check with us to find out what vaccines your child needs.”

All El Paso area schools require children to be current on vaccinations before enrolling to protect the health of all students. Today’s childhood vaccines protect against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, including polio, measles, whooping cough and chickenpox. When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk and can spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

All school age children need

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## Finances By Jason Alderman

### Credit 101 for college freshman

To parents with a freshman entering college this fall: You’re probably expecting to shell out major bucks for tuition, room and board and a million other necessities over the next few years. But before you send your kid off, make sure you share one gift likely to steer him or her along the road to financial security – a sound understanding of how credit works.

You probably learned the hard way yourself that young adults encounter many unfamiliar expenses – and temptations – upon entering college or the workforce. So it’s important to help your kids avoid early financial missteps that could damage their credit for years to come.

The first step in managing personal finances is mastering the basic checking account and debit card. A few tips you can pass along:

Look for a bank or credit union that charges no monthly usage fee, requires no minimum balance and has conveniently located ATMs so you don’t rack up foreign ATM charges.

Enter all transactions in a check register or in a budgeting tool like Mint.com and review your account online at least weekly to verify when deposits, checks, purchases and automatic payments have cleared.

Avoid writing checks or making debit card transactions unless your current balance will cover them – such transactions often clear instantly.

A good way to build sound credit is to demonstrate responsible credit card use. But people under age 21 must have a parent or other responsible adult cosign credit card accounts unless they can prove sufficient income to repay the debt. So how can parents help their kids begin building a credit history if they can’t open their own account? A couple of alternatives:

- Make them an authorized user on one of your accounts. They’ll get their own card and you can usually restrict the amount they’re able to charge. Authorized users are not

legally responsible to pay balances owed – that’s your responsibility, so tread carefully.

- You can add them as a joint account holder to a new or existing account – preferably, one with a small credit limit. Joint account holders are equally liable to pay off the account.

- Just remember, any account activity, good or bad, goes on both your credit reports, so careful account monitoring is critical.

If your kids haven’t yet demonstrated financial maturity they may not be ready for an unsecured credit card or loan. Other alternatives include:

- A secured credit card, where users can charge up to the amount deposited to open the account. Purchases are charged against the account’s revolving credit limit. As they pay off the balance the available credit rises, just like a regular credit card. After a period of on-time payments, ask the lender to convert it to an unsecured card, or to at least add an unsecured amount to the account.

- A prepaid debit card, where you load the card with money in advance and they use the card for purchases or ATM withdrawals. You monitor account activity online or by phone.

- With each, fees and restrictions may apply so shop around for the best terms.

If you need help educating your kids about personal financial management, a good resource is *What’s My Score* (www.whatsmyscore.org), a financial literacy program for young adults run by Visa Inc. It features a comprehensive workbook called *Money 101: A Crash Course in Better Money Management*, which can be downloaded for free.

Bottom line: Getting your kids off on the right foot, credit-wise, can make all the difference to their future financial health.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in the Central Office Board Room, 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas 79838. **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.

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Maintenance Tax</b>          | \$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| <b>School Debt Service Tax</b>  |   |
| <b>Approved by Local Voters</b> | \$0.221900/\$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:

|                                   |       |          |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| <b>Maintenance and Operations</b> | 0.89% | Decrease |
| <b>Debt Service</b>               | 0.27% | Decrease |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>         | 1.16% | Decrease |

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

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$ 214,514,666     | \$ 222,594,466   |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 1,504,043       | \$ 1,868,473     |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 154,485,800     | \$ 167,653,316   |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 1,393,447       | \$ 1,681,836     |

\* “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\* \$23,755,000

\* 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 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Last Year’s Rate</b>   | \$ 1.040000             | \$ 0.221900*             | \$ 1.261900 | \$ 838                    | \$ 8,351                  |
| <b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b> | \$ 1.040770             | \$ 0.227000*             | \$ 1.267770 | \$ 885                    | \$ 8,236                  |
| <b>Proposed Rate</b>  | \$ 1.040000             | \$ 0.221900*             | \$ 1.261900 | \$ 887                    | \$ 8,241                  |

\*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  | \$ 53,543   | \$ 54,232   |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 38,543   | \$ 39,232   |
| Last Year’s Rate Versus             |             |             |
| Proposed Rate per \$100 Value       | \$ 1.261900 | \$ 1.261900 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence      | \$ 486.37   | \$ 495.07   |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes        |             | \$ 8.70     |

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.261900. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.261900.**

### 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) | \$ 2,446,072 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 129,925   |

# Kugler's sophomore season holds promise for the Miners

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

This week marks the start of the “real” Sean Kugler era at UTEP.

Kugler, the second-year coach of the Miners, and his players are at Camp Alpine getting ready for the 2014 season.

Kugler had a rough go of it in his first year, but in reality, he had almost no chance of winning.

He was saddled with players from the Mike Price era, he had to bring in his own staff and he had to introduce a whole new philosophy to the team.

There aren't many coaches who win anywhere with that much change in such little time.

But if there is a silver lining in last year's 2-10 season – it's the fact that it doesn't carry over to 2014.

Everything is new, everyone is optimistic and everyone has a chance to win the Conference USA championship.

Well, not according to the media members covering the league, who picked the Miners

to finish dead last in the conference's West Division.

But realistically, can you blame them?

The Miners started the 2013 season on a bad note and finished it in even worse fashion.

UTEP lost five of its last six games. That's not overly shocking in itself – but when you consider that all five losses were by 31 points or more – it paints a rather bleak picture.

But the best thing going for the 2014 version of the UTEP football team is its consistency.

There's an old saying that goes like this, familiarity breeds contempt. But in the case of the Miners, “familiarity” is a very good thing.

The team has all their coaches back and that means that the philosophies haven't changed. The players will do things the same way they did last season.

Hopefully better!

But the fact that nothing new has to be learned, that the players all know the system, is a tremendous advantage over what they went through a year ago.

Naturally, the biggest responsibility rests on the shoulders of quarterback Jameill Showers, who enjoyed watching most of the Miners

games from two venues – from the sidelines and on his back.

Due to an undersized offensive line, Showers spent a lot of the time running for his life. Sometimes he wasn't able to get away.

He played in only seven games a year ago. This season his chances of staying on the field and enjoying things on his feet are greatly enhanced by an offensive line that will average about 310 pounds.

So if anybody asks you where the beef is, you can point toward University Avenue.

The absolute best thing about the Miners will be the running game with the return of two excellent backs. Aaron Jones and Nathan Jeffery should help an offense that averaged only 21 points a game.

The Miners were used to averaging at least 35 points a game under Mike Price. If Jones and Jeffery have the kind of season that's expected of them, it will open up things for the passing game.

Of course under Price, the Miners could score 35 points. Unfortunately they would also give up 45.

The biggest question of all is will the

defense be able to stop anybody?

Last year's defense was right where El Pasoans have come to expect it to be, near the very bottom of the national standings. UTEP's defense ranked 107th out of 123 teams.

To make things even worse is the fact that the offense ranked 103rd.

If the Miners can learn how to tackle and keep a guy from turning an 11-yard completion into a 65-yard touchdown scamper, that would be a huge step in the right direction.

One of my favorite teams to watch is the Stanford Cardinal. They rely on the running game, throw enough to keep the defense honest and the first downs coming, and they play a very nasty brand of defense.

It looks to me like that is what Kugler is trying to build at UTEP.

He's already changing what average lineman at UTEP looks like. But even more, he's trying to instill an attitude of hard work, responsibility, unity and sacrifice.

They say that a big key to winning is mental.

If the players really buy into Kugler's philosophy – they've turned a corner.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Sports history's greatest hits

What were the top moments in sports history?

That question presented itself amid a round of coffee and doughnuts one morning. It had to be an iconic moment, something that was replayed in the highlight reel of your mind. In no particular order, the argument was made for the following:

#### 1. Babe Ruth's called shot

Footage of the moment, an at-bat against the Chicago Cubs during a World Series, actually exists.

Regardless of whether you believe he called the shot or not, the moment has become the de facto standard for mimicry in sports. Everyone who has ever swung a baseball bat has at one time or another, pointed to the stands.

#### 2. The Miracle on Ice

This is self-explanatory. The story of the 1980 U.S. Men's Hockey team and their gold medal-winning ways has everything you want in a story, even the foil, the Russians. It's an underdog story, and it comes

packaged with Al Michael's timeless call: “Do you believe in miracles? YES!”

Also, it's a cautionary tale: Herb Brooks, the men's head coach, will forever be remembered as wearing that ridiculous bell-bottom, scotch-plaid suit during the game. Incidentally, the win over the Russians was not the gold-medal game; it was a semifinal, and Team USA won gold over Finland in the finals. (Brooks wore a classic blue suit in that game... figures.)

#### 3. The Hail Mary and The Immaculate Reception

Today, football is considered the national pastime, supplanting baseball. This is directly attributable to the on-field battles between the

Chuck Knoll's Pittsburgh Steelers and the Tom Landry's Dallas Cowboys. The exploits of Roger Staubach, Terry Bradshaw, Franco Harris and Tony Dorsett were not only riveting to watch, they inspired sports writers to coin phrases. Staubach's profession of faith to a reporter after launching a last-minute, desperation pass to win was the precursor to Tim Tebow's touchdown genuflect and is now a part of football cannon.

While “The Hail Mary” pass entered the lexicon and the playbooks in ways the unplanned Bradshaw to Harris via Fuqua “Immaculate Reception” never can, those who remember how every primetime television show featured “The Dallas Cowgirls” and their relevance, understand just how integral these two teams are to American culture as a whole.

#### 4. Ali defeats Foreman

Ask anybody who the greatest fighter of all time was, and you'll

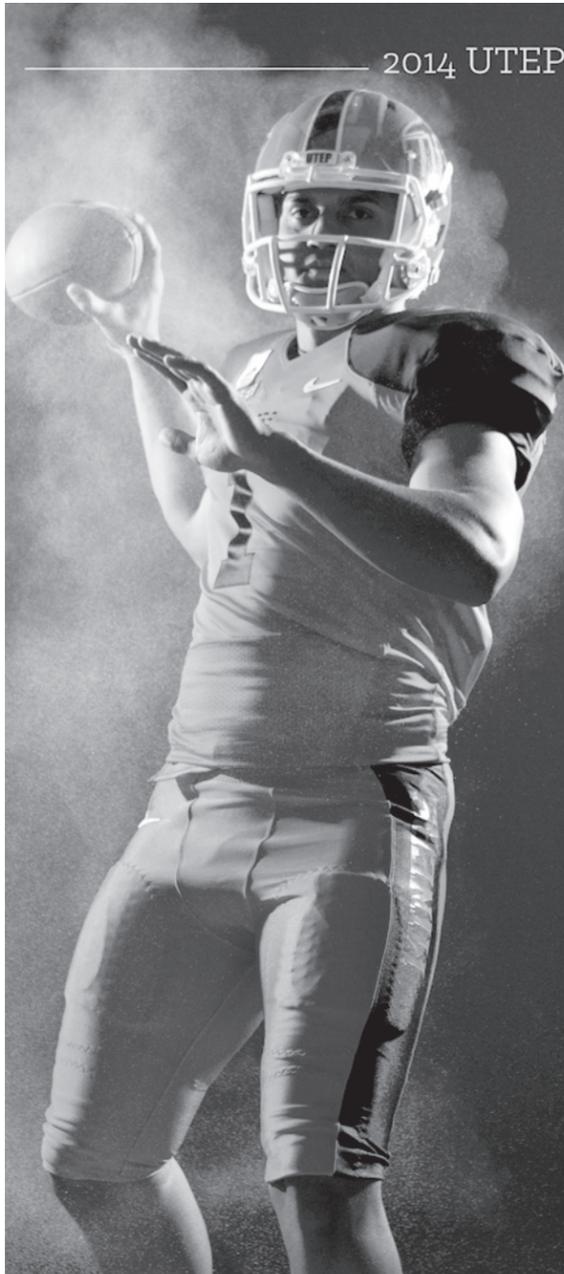
get various answers. Ask anybody who the greatest heavyweight-boxing champion of all time was, and you will get Muhammad Ali. Though he was at his peak in 1966, his fights with Cleveland Williams and Sonny Liston merely showcased his skills.

A decade later and after a landmark Supreme Court case regarding the Vietnam War, clearly diminished in skills, Ali beat the guy who everyone thought was unbeatable in George Foreman. Unfortunately for Foreman, who made zillions off of his entrepreneurial skills (Foreman Grill, anyone?), he will always be remembered as the foil, the erstwhile “dope” in the hit me until you get so tired I knock you out “rope-a-dope” strategy that Ali employed.

Next week: More greatest moments.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

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# Comix

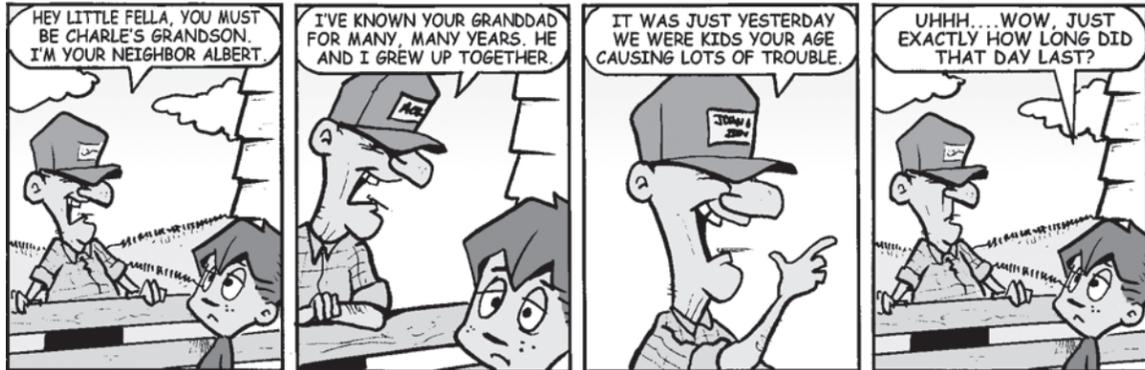
## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



LARRY WAS RAISED BY WOLVES AS A BOY

KOPERVAS

## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



## Your good health By Keith Roach, M.D.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** For the past eight months, I have had a twitch in the inside of my right ear. I can hear it twitching, and I can feel it. It seems to get worse when I talk on the phone (it's my phone ear), but sometimes I wake up with it twitching. It feels like when your eye twitches, only it's inside my ear. I could liken the movement to a snapping of fingers. It's more a vibration than a crunch. I do hear a sound when it happens, similar to when you get water plugging up your ear. So it plugs/unplugs with each twitch. I have gone to my general practitioner for help. He referred me to an ear specialist. They did a hearing test, which I passed with flying colors. Other than that, they didn't have any solution to my problem. It is very bothersome and seems to be getting worse. I think it may be stress-related, but I don't know what to do to make it stop. Can you help me? – P.C.

88 years old, recently switched her medicine for hypertension from timed release, which she has been taking for 10 years, to one that is not timed release, because the timed release was too expensive. I'm worried. Has she compromised her health by doing this? Her cardiologist gave her the go-ahead. – J.R.

In my opinion, timed-release versions for high blood pressure are preferable to non-timed-release because the level of the medication in the blood can go up and down to a greater degree with the regular-release formulation. However, it does depend on the medication, and her cardiologist knows more than I do about her particular situation.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Because of my knee replacement, I am recommended to have four amoxicillin 500-mg tablets before a dental procedure. I am concerned about taking 2,000 mg every time. Is it too much? – C.C.H.

This sounds like a spasm of one of the muscles that control the tension of the eardrum, the tensor tympani and stapedius muscles. These muscles protect our ears, to some extent, from loud noises. Just like you can have a spasm or twitch in your eye muscles – or indeed any muscle – these muscles cause a unique sound sensation in the ear when they repeatedly twitch with high frequency. The plugging/unplugging sensation is likely the Eustachian tube, which controls the pressure in the ear, opening and closing.

Amoxicillin is a very safe medication, and a single dose of 2,000 mg is standard for people who require treatment to prevent infection. The major concern is allergy, so anyone with a documented history of reaction to penicillin-like drugs should get an alternate medication.

The bad news is that I don't know of anything to make it stop. The good news is that it won't affect your hearing. Very rarely, it can be a sign of a nerve or muscle disease, but it is likely a normal phenomenon that many people have but few notice and articulate it as well as you have.

*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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com), or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My mother,

## Super Crossword

- ARRIVING AT THE POINT ACROSS**
- "Take a Chance on Me" band
  - Like the reading on a thermometer
  - "Ad \_ per aspera" (Kansas motto)
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  - 2007 horror film sequel
  - Abbr. ending a math proof
  - Surgical cleaning pad
  - Near
  - Web site ID
  - Uranus, e.g.
  - Meditate over
  - Greek tycoon
  - Onassis
  - Track official
  - Prized seafood catch
  - Bird feed bit
  - Tool storage building
  - "There's no \_ sight"
  - Land in le Pacificque
  - Person from Madrid, say
  - How soup or soda is often sold
  - Test ban topic

- Behaving brainlessly
- "V.I.P." star Anderson
- Everybody in the group, in the South
- Bic Clic \_
- Record over
- Painter Picasso
- Bartók and Fleck
- Kitchen plastic wrap
- Depressed, as the economy
- Perfect places
- Tortilla treats
- Severe pang
- Divulge
- Lake fish
- "\_ Place" (1990s show)
- \_ alla Scala (Milan opera house)
- Med student's hands-on workplace
- Kind of fruit pie
- "From the beginning," in music
- Jonathan Swift, e.g.
- Obituary info
- Actor \_ Zimbalist Jr.
- \_ de plume (literary aliases)
- Person from Madrid, e.g.
- Totally docile
- Pyromaniac
- Hot tub site
- Pop singer

- Belinda
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- 108 She-pig
- 109 Flip \_ (decide by chance)
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- 115 Online voice calling service
- 116 Region of Spain
- 117 Pill bottle specification
- 118 Tetley drink
- 119 Curvy letters
- 120 "Man alive!"
- 121 Part of BFA
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  - Paid the penalty (for)
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  - Trial subject
  - John Quincy \_
  - Chastising person
  - Climb up
  - Tall, swift, slender dog
  - One of 10 that go down in a strike
  - Five-time Pro Bowl wide receiver
  - Andre

- Vindicating
- Like some diamonds and jaws
- Catcher Yogi
- Do improv
- The woman
- Flip-flop's kin
- Pursuer of Moby Dick
- Jay who jests
- Take \_ view of
- Armor\_ (some naval vessels)
- Org. that protects pets
- Speechless
- Have \_ (make merry)
- "To Live and Die \_" (1985 film)
- Pal, in Nice
- "The Voice" network
- Tarzan's pals
- Actress Reid
- Actor Epps
- Small plateau
- Of computers
- 1990s cardio fad
- "\_ Home for Christmas"
- Sacks in war
- "Dawson's Creek" role
- Ring-shaped island
- Iraqi seaport
- Single out
- Kind of flour
- Treasured

- "\_ Brute!"
- Standard
- High-hatter
- Stuff in guns
- Ill-behaved
- Actress \_ Alicia
- Figure on a \$1 coin
- Prop's place
- Preoccupy
- Harper of "Ishtar"
- Unsolved crime
- With 96-Down, rum cocktail
- Grads' dance
- Tree "arm"
- Blend
- Jetson boy and others
- Mexico's Calderón
- Actress Ella
- See 85-Down
- Gifted talker
- Approach and confront
- City of ancient Egypt
- "Plus" item
- Bit of pollen
- Carpet nails
- Distrustful
- Scottish cap
- Little horse
- Asian "way"
- E-I link
- CD\_ drive

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2014 in the Board Room in the Central Administration Building, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas, 79932.

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

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

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Maintenance Tax</b>          | \$1.170000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| <b>School Debt Service Tax</b>  |   |
| <b>Approved by Local Voters</b> | \$0.360000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)     |

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

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value** of all property    | \$ 2,485,582,751   | \$ 2,479,825,775 |
| Total appraised value** of new property*** | \$ 96,049,848      | \$ 59,174,310    |
| Total taxable value**** of all property    | \$ 1,636,214,235   | \$ 1,658,920,508 |
| Total taxable value**** of new property*** | \$ 78,323,590      | \$ 56,416,529    |

\* All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$107,274,990

\* 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 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Last Year's Rate</b>   | \$ 1.170000              | \$ 0.320000*             | \$ 1.490000 | \$ 4,277                  | \$ 5,126                  |
| <b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b> | \$ 1.176590              | \$ 0.376120*             | \$ 1.552710 | \$ 4,363                  | \$ 5,268                  |
| <b>Proposed Rate</b>  | \$ 1.170000              | \$ 0.360000*             | \$ 1.530000 | \$ 4,330                  | \$ 5,268                  |

\*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  | \$ 146,881  | \$ 148,569  |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 131,881  | \$ 133,569  |
| <b>Last Year's Rate Versus</b>      |             |             |
| Proposed Rate per \$100 Value       | \$ 1.490000 | \$ 1.530000 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence      | \$ 1,965.00 | \$ 2,044.00 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes        |             | \$ 79.00    |

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.530000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.530000.**

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 11,127,532 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 3,893,350  |

## Vaccines

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vaccines. For example, children who are 4 to 6 years old are due for boosters four vaccines: DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis), chickenpox, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella and polio). Older children, like preteens and teens, need Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), MCV (meningococcal conjugate vaccine) and HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccines when they are 11 or 12. Addition, yearly flu vaccines are recommended for all children 6 months and older.

Parents can find out more about

the recommended immunization schedule where to find the closest outreach clinic by visiting [www.immunizeelpaso.org](http://www.immunizeelpaso.org) or by phone at the numbers below.

**Downtown:**  
 Tillman Health Center  
 222 S. Campbell, Basement,  
 79901  
 533-3414  
 Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. - Noon; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Eastside:**  
 1580 George Dieter, Ste 102,  
 79936  
 857-2474  
 Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
 3rd Saturday Monthly: 9 a.m. - Noon

## 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.

|    |   |    |   |    |    |
|----|---|----|---|----|----|
|    | - |    | x |    | 18 |
| ÷  |   | -  |   | x  |    |
|    | + |    | x |    | 12 |
| +  |   | x  |   | -  |    |
|    | - |    | x |    | 10 |
| 12 |   | 14 |   | 19 |    |

**DIFFICULTY: ★★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 5 6 6 7 9

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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: P equals D

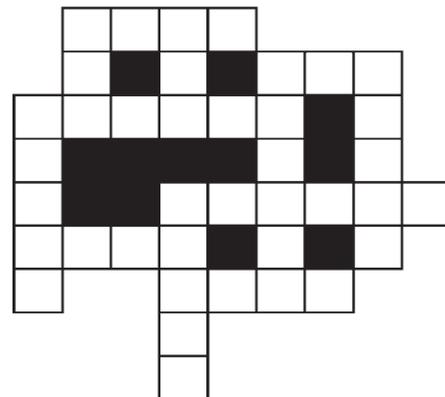
NBY IHQQJYP EAZVWY PJP'DN  
 OYWJYRY JD NBYJQ SYPPJDT  
 RASF, FA J FZVAFY JN SHF  
 IZEB "J PA" HOAZN DANBJDT.

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- OWM
- HAWTER
- MELFA
- ♥ LOFW
- FLYEMS
- ♥ AWS
- ♥ AHSM
- ♥ WETRO
- EFI
- YESFIT
- SWEHO
- ♥ ASFO



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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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