



NEWSBRIEFS

Seniors drive need for public transportation

A diverse population of Americans lives in the nation's suburbs ranging from young families to retired baby boomers, notes the Association of Mature American Citizens. But it wasn't always like that. The suburbs were the creation of builders catering to GIs returning from World War II. There weren't very many retirees moving out to commuter communities then. Today, however, more and more seniors live in the suburbs and those communities have to make accommodations for them. The American Public Transportation Association says the "rapid growth in the number of older people in the United States during the coming decades will lead to greatly increased needs for expanded and enhanced public transportation services."

— John Grimaldi

Russian bot escapes

It appears that Russia's Promobot, a robot that looks a lot like Frosty the Snowman, according to the Chicago Tribune, may be headed for the junk heap, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. The recalcitrant cyborg has escaped from the Promobot lab in the city of Perm twice and its creators now say it may not make its public debut at an international expo in September as planned. "I think we might have to dismantle it," declared Oleg Kivokurtsev, one of the itinerant robot's chief engineers.

— John Grimaldi

Cell phone blindness

Be careful should you receive a middle-of-the-night cell phone call, warns the Association of Mature American Citizens. The New England Journal of Medicine reported recently that if you are not careful you might experience "transient smartphone blindness." The Journal said that if you just roll over and use one eye to check your smartphone, it could cause temporary blindness in that eye. It's a harmless phenomenon, says the Journal, but it can be disconcerting.

— John Grimaldi

The war against microaggression

America's institutions of higher

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Knowledge becomes wisdom only after it has been put to practical use.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

OVER THE TOP — Construction is currently underway on the new overpass, above, that will take the new Aguilera International Highway over Texas Highway 20 (Alameda Avenue) to Interstate-10. The international highway is three miles southeast of Fabens and 40 miles from Downtown El Paso.

Aguilera Highway under construction

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — The highway, which was renamed Aguilera International

Highway recently by El Paso County Commissioners and will connect the new Tornillo-Guadalupe port of entry to Interstate 10, is steadfastly taking shape as construction crews level their way to the interstate connection.

The first phase of the road, which runs from the port of entry to Alameda Avenue, has been completed. The county is now working on the second phase, which will extend the highway over Alameda Avenue to I-10.

Workers are currently building the Alameda Ave. overpass, and are bulldozing an uphill path through the lower valley farmland to the freeway. The 4-mile, \$15.5 million highway extension is being financed through state funds, according to county officials.

The new roadway had been named the Manuel F. Aguilera Highway. However, at a recent public hearing that was initiated by county officials to consider a proposal for changing the highway's name in light of its new international traffic significance, a large contingent of relatives and friends of Aguilera spoke against the name change suggestion. Aguilera's proponents asked commissioners court to instead incorporate the last name into one of the proposals.

Aguilera, 73, was a long-time employee of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), and retired as the deputy district engineer. In 2003, Commissioners Court voted to name the road after him. The recommendation was made by then County Commissioner Miguel Teran.

One of Aguilera's supporters, Jenny Robinson, a retired teacher and a friend, said during the public hearing that the Spanish meaning of the last name, Aguilera, is not just the name of a family it also means a family of eagles. She stated that the name Aguilera on this highway would not only honor the Aguilera family but also represent "the family of eagles

Arellano named principal at Garcia Elementary

By Andrew Reynoso
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) recently appointed Jesica Rendon Arellano as Principal of Gonzalo & Sofia Garcia Elementary School. She has 14 years of experience as an educator and also worked nearly seven years in the private sector as a Facilities/Environmental and Manufacturing Engineer.

Arellano began her educational career as a Trade and Industrial teacher at Canutillo High School in 2002. She has held different positions within CISD that include Math teacher and Instructional Coach at Northwest Early College High School, Instructional Coordinator of Social Studies and Advanced Academics with the

Curriculum and Instruction Division, and Math and Science Instructional Coach at Canutillo High School. Her last appointment was Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at Canutillo High School.

"Mrs. Arellano brings a unique combination of effective analytical and positive leadership skills in her approach to curriculum and instruction," said CISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz. "We are excited to have her build on to our district goals of a quality educational experience and lead the Garcia Elementary community."

Arellano also served as an External Instructional Coach for Educate Texas, a nationally recognized reform program

with the goal of enabling all students, particularly those from traditionally



Jesica Rendon Arellano

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Group offers real help for homeless vets

It's not enough to say we have X number of homeless veterans on the street. Before there can be real solutions, we have to know why those veterans are out there, and specifically what they need. The Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups (aka CHALENG) is organized to bring together all those who can work to remove barriers for those homeless veterans.

CHALENG has two goals:

1) Pair Department of Veterans Affairs service providers with those in the civilian community; and 2) Conduct surveys to identify the real needs of homeless veterans. Previous surveys have allowed the VA to pinpoint and then create programs to fill specific needs. A 2015 CHALENG survey of over 6,000 participants showed the following:

• Needs that are generally being met for homeless veterans

included medical services, testing for TB and HIV, services for psychiatric problems, substance-abuse treatment and case management.

• The top two unmet needs were the same for both male and female veterans, with housing for registered sex offenders being first on the list, followed by child care.

• Legal issues – hurdles that many veterans can't overcome on their own and the VA can't

provide – include preventing an eviction, credit counseling, having a discharge upgraded, dealing with outstanding warrants and fines, child support and restoring a drivers license.

• Veterans between the ages of 45-60 provided the bulge in the bell curve, with their numbers exceeding half the total.

CHALENG has been able to bring together help from services for veterans families, dental programs, Housing and Urban

Development housing help and legal programs.

If you're a veteran who is at risk of being homeless or needs services, there is help. Veterans and families can call 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) to get VA services. You also can call the closest VA Medical Center. Don't wait until your situation is dire. Address it early and ask for help.

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Strange But True By Samantha Weaver

• It was notorious American self-described "gonzo journalist" Hunter S. Thompson who made the following sage observation: "Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming 'Wow! What a ride!'"

• Spread out your fingers as far as you can, then measure the distance between the end of your thumb and the opposite side of your palm. That distance is known as your shaftment.

• Roto-Rooter, the plumbing and drain service company, conducts an annual survey of its technicians to find out what sorts of things are being found in customers' pipes. Among the more interesting items over the years have been Barbies, false teeth, TV remotes, alligators and six-packs of beer.

• Over the past 100 years, the life expectancy of the

average American has risen from 47 to 78.

• Those who study such things say that, on a per-capita basis, Canadians consume more macaroni and cheese than citizens of any other country in the world.

• Railroads in Japan have a persistent problem: turtles. It seems the reptiles have a habit of wandering onto the tracks, and many of them get stuck between the switching rails. This prevents the switches from closing properly, causing train accidents. To address the problem, the West Japan Railway Company consulted with the Suma Aqualife Park in Kobe; together, they created tunnels under the tracks to allow the turtles to pass freely without endangering railway passengers – or themselves.

Thought for the Day: "English usage is sometimes more than mere taste, judgment, and education – sometimes it's sheer luck, like getting across the street."

– E.B. White

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Anthony Independent School District Division of Career and Technical Education

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education* Programs

1) The Anthony Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in business, human services including culinary arts and cosmetology, commercial arts, health, industrial programs including air conditioning, refrigeration and heating technology, electronics, computer and automotive professions. Admission to these programs is based on interest and aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space availability.

2) It is the policy of Anthony Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3) It is the policy of Anthony Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4) Anthony 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 career and technology programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Dr. Steven Saldivar, Superintendent, at 840 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, or call (915) 886-6500.

*These programs are called "Career and Technical Education" in Texas, but the applicable civil rights laws use the term "vocational."

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony Sección de Carreras y Educación Técnica

Notificación Pública de no Discriminación en Programas Vocacionales*

1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony ofrece programas vocacionales en profesiones de: negocios, servicios humanos incluyen artes culinarias y cosmetología, arte comercial, salud, industriales incluyen tecnología del aire acondicionado, refrigeración y de calefacción, computación y profesiones automotrices. Para admisión a éstos programas se basa en edad apropiada, aptitud y habilidad.

2) Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, ó impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, ó actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

3) Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony no discriminar por motivos raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento ó edad en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmienda; y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas de carrera y educación técnica.

5) Para más información sobre sus derechos ó procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Dr. Steven Saldivar, Superintendente, a 840 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, ó llame al (915) 886-6500.

*En Texas los programas se llaman "carreras y educación técnica," pero las leyes de derechos civiles utilizan el término "vocacional."

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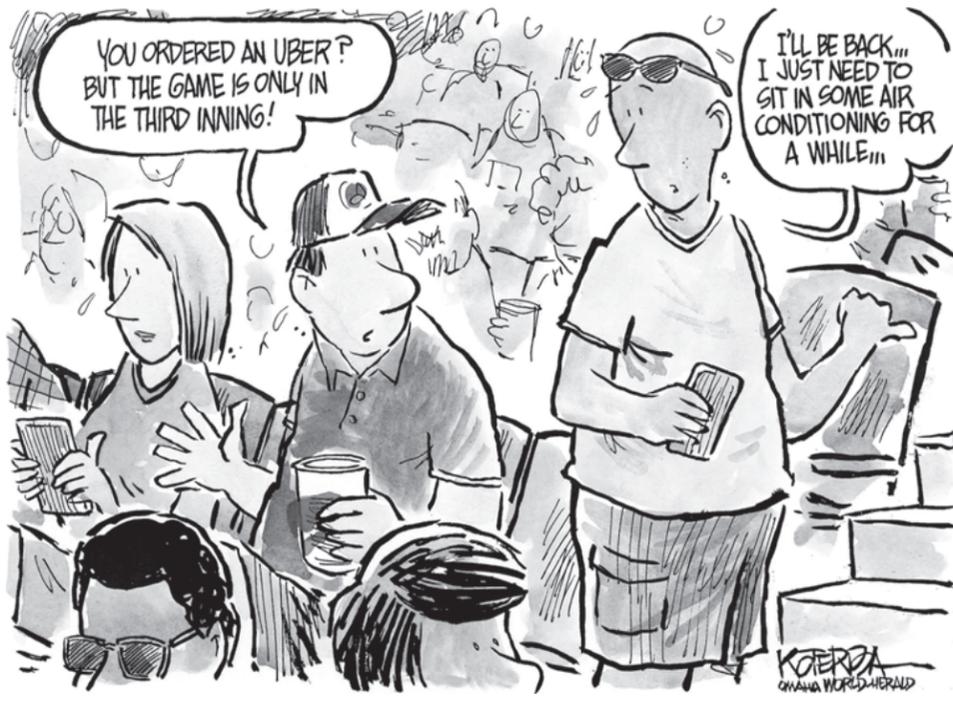


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San Eli ISD holds summer registration

By Hector Gonzalez
Special to the Courier

8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4:00 p.m.

SAN ELIZARIO - All San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) schools will be holding summer registration during the month of August. Registration at Loya Primary School and all elementary grade levels is only for new students. Parents may contact their child's home campus for more information on required documentation. The following schedule lists the dates and times for registration taking place at each school.

• **Alarcon Elementary**
12501 Socorro Road
(915) 872-3930
Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016
8 a.m. - Noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

• **Sambrano Elementary**
200 Herring Road
(915) 872-3950
Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016
8 a.m. - Noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

• **Borrego Elementary**
13300 Chicken Ranch Road
(915) 872-3910
Thursday, Aug. 4, 2016
8 a.m. - Noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

• **Loya Primary**
13705 Socorro Road
(915) 872-3940
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016

• **Garcia-Enriquez Middle**
12280 Socorro Road
(915) 872-3960
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016 - 8th Grade
Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016 - 7th Grade
Friday, Aug. 12, 2016 - New Students/
Late Registration
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

• **San Elizario High School**
13981 Socorro Road
(915) 872-3970
Monday, Aug. 8, 2016 - 12th Grade
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016 - 11th Grade
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016 - 10th Grade
Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016 - 9th Grade
Friday, Aug. 12, 2016 - New Students/
Late Registration

Parents should be sure to bring the following documentation:

- Birth certificate;
- Social Security card;
- Proof of residence (such as a water, electric, or gas bill showing name);
- Proof of income (for Pre- Pre Kinder and Pre-Kinder registrations ONLY.);
- Immunization record (Your child will not be registered if the shot record is not up to date.);
- Copy of parent ID; and
- Report card and/or withdrawal forms from previous school.

Parents with any questions or concerns, can call the SEISD Administration Office at (915) 872-3900.

Finances By Nathaniel Sillin

Five ways to encourage good saving and spending habits in your children

How often do you discuss money with your children? If your answer is "not often," you're not alone.

There is an opportunity to help your children form strong spending and saving habits at an early age, and doing so can have a concrete impact on their futures. For example, recent research suggests that children with savings – even as little as \$1 to \$499 – are four times more likely to go to college than children with no savings at all. There are many reasons why it's beneficial for children to learn how to manage money from a young age, and getting started sooner rather than later can drastically shape your children's financial futures for the better.

Here are five ways you can encourage your children to develop good saving and spending habits.

Find a balanced allowance. One reliable rule of thumb for weekly allowance is to give your children \$1 for each year of their age. For example, if your child is eight years old, you would give her or him an allowance of \$8 a week. Of course, one size does not fit all, and you can adjust this allowance to fit your family rules and values.

Reward them for saving. Back-to-school shopping presents a great opportunity to teach your children how to differentiate wants from needs. Set a firm school-shopping budget, and make a list with your children of what they need for school. Go over their list to see which items are really necessary versus which items are wants. Once you've determined what they need, help them calculate how much is left in the budget to spend on wants. Consider rewarding your children by giving them the surplus money to spend as they choose – but only if they've covered all of their necessary supplies first. If you have a teenager who's hoping to drive a new car soon, consider matching his or her savings.

Take them to the bank. Middle school is a good time to replace that savings jar with a savings account, and if your children have been saving cash for years, it can be very rewarding to take that money to the bank or credit union and open their first account with it. This is a great way to introduce them to the concept of interest, and how savings accumulate over time when left unspent. Visit the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's website for more information on savings accounts for children.

Talk to your children about essential expenses. As your children enter high school, you may want to consider delving into more complex financial concepts with them. If your teen has a paid job, review their paycheck with them and explain where



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

NEW NO PARKING ZONE – For the past month, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office had been dealing with complaints about the long line of parked vehicles, above, along the shoulders and roadways of streets adjacent to the Tornillo-Guadalupe port of entry. The vehicles are gone now that new no parking signs have been installed.

Anthony Independent School District Public Notice Of Non-Discrimination

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

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

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Dr. Steven Saldivar, Superintendent, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6500.

Notificacion Publica

Es la norma de conducta del Distrito escolar de Anthony prohibir la discriminación en base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo ó deshabilidad en la admisión ó el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios ó empleo.

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

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuniquese con el Dr. Steven Saldivar, Superintendente, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas, 79821, (915) 886-6500.

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Highway

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that don't know boundaries, they fly back and forth; they are strong, and there is an eagle in the Mexican flag and there is an eagle in the American culture."

Lower Valley Commissioner Vince Perez made the motion to incorporate Aguilera's last name into the new name of the road and the rest of the commissioners supported the motion.

Aguilera, who lives in the El Paso area, said he was happy with the compromise and said the support of his family and friends made a difference in keeping part of his name on the road. "It's a relief," he told reporters. "Something that made me very proud 12 years ago when they named the road in my

name, and then to come back 12 years later to find out that no, we are going to change it, that was heartbreaking."

Meanwhile, the new Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry is scarcely being used. The newest crossing on the U.S.-Mexico border has been a desolate location since it opened, except for the recent hundreds of salvaged automobiles that were parked there for weeks waiting to cross into Mexico. The vehicles were lined up near the port of entry and stretched for more than two miles along the side of the Aguilera highway.

To alleviate the used cars' invasion near the new port of entry, county commissioners voted recently to impose no-parking restriction signs near the port. Although, placing no-parking signs is not a solution

to the problem county officials acknowledged; nonetheless, they agreed that their action would deter the vehicles' owners from parking their cars and trucks in the area because they do not want to pay a fine.

The new no parking signs have already been installed, and the long line of vehicles has diminished. For the past month, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office had been dealing with complaints about the long line of parked vehicles along the shoulders and roadways of streets adjacent to the port of entry.

The line of parked vehicles was caused by loteros, or car lot owners who export used cars into Mexico, according to El Paso County Sheriff's officials. The automobile export operations on the Mexico side was moved to the Tornillo crossing from the Santa Teresa bridge about a month ago. The processing office is open from 9 a.m. to noon each day, so only about 80 to 100 vehicles are able to cross through the port of entry into Mexico. Consequently, the large line of vehicles was created.

County officials said that the situation posed significant nuisance and safety issues within the roadway and neighborhood including traffic congestion, publicurination, encroachment on property, blocking of driveways, the spilling of vehicle oils and lubricants, people trespassing onto private farm land, and the soliciting of food and water. Thus, the use of the no parking signs was necessary.

Presently, the international bridge is open to personal vehicles and pedestrians, but not for commercial traffic. Only one lane is open going both ways. Tolls are being collected on the Mexican side, but there are no plans to open the county's three-lane toll collection station anytime soon. When it does, the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority will operate the collection station for the county.

The six-lane port of entry is largely intended for heavy commercial traffic to relieve El Paso's Bridge of the Americas, but the highway that's going to make that come to fruition is still a couple of years away. Until Aguilera International Highway's completion, U.S. bound traffic that uses the Tornillo bridge will have to divert through Fabens to reach Interstate-10.

Anthony Independent School District Public Notice

Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting to discuss the District's Innovation Plan for the 2016-2017 school year. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in the Anthony ISD Board Room located at 813 6th Street Anthony TX.

Notificacion Pública

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony llevará a cabo una Junta pública para discutir la Innovación del Distrito Planear para el año escolar 2016-2017. La junta Se llevará a cabo el martes, 9 de agosto 2016, a las 3:30 p.m. en la habitación de Anthony Junta ISD ubicado en 813 6th Street Anthony TX.

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Town of Anthony, TX
Request For Proposals

Grant Administration Services and engineering Services – Program Year 2016

The Town of Anthony, Texas, recently was awarded a grant contract from the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs (TDA) for a street improvement project. Accordingly, the Town is seeking to contract with a qualified professional administration services provider to administer the contract, and with a qualified engineering firm to prepare all designs, preliminary and final; to prepare the specifications; and to perform the inspections for this project.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to:

Town Secretary
Town of Anthony
PO Box 1269
Anthony, TX 79821

Proposals shall be received by the Town of Anthony no later than 4:30PM on August, 8, 2016, which is at least ten (10) days after this publication and the contract dates of the RFP. The Town reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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Cynthia Ramirez
Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Alliance of Border Collaboratives

Invitation to Bid

Alliance of Border Collaboratives (ABC) is a recipient of HOME Contract for Deed #1002208 and HOME HRA Contract #1002206.

ABC, will accept seal bids for up to 10 residential new constructions and rehabilitation for each contract. Contractors can pick up a Bid Packet starting July 28th, 2016 through August 9th, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bid Packets can be picked up from and delivered to ABC at 5400 Suncrest Dr. Suite D-7. El Paso, TX 79912

Submitted Bid Packets must have HOME Deed Conversion and HOME HRA Bids written on the lower left hand side of the envelope. A public opening of the Bid Packets will take place on August 29th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the office of ABC phone (915) 584-2875. The contractor must ensure that employees and applicants are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin age sex or disability.

ABC has a conflict of interest procedure in accordance with 24CFR 92356. ABC has a Bidders Protest Rights Procedure. ABC reserves the right to reject any bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

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AYUDA, Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Adults and Youth United Development Association (AYUDA) Inc is a recipient of HOME Contract for Deed #1002250 and HOME HRA Contract #1002248.

AYUDA Inc, will accept seal bids for up to 10 residential new constructions and rehabilitation for each contract. Contractors can pick up a Bid Packet starting July 28th, 2016 through August 9th, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bid Packets can be picked up from and delivered to AYUDA Inc. 1325 Beverly Ann, San Elizario, TX 79849.

Submitted Bid Packets must have Home Deed Conversion and HRA Bids written on the lower left hand side of the envelope. A public opening of the Bid Packets will take place on August 29th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the office of AYUDA Inc. phone (915) 851-0272. The contractor must ensure that employees and applicants are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin age sex or disability.

AYUDA Inc. has a conflict of interest procedure in accordance with 24CFR 92356. AYUDA has a Bidders Protest Rights Procedure. AYUDA Inc. reserves the right to reject any bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2016 in the Anthony ISD Board Room, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.177100/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	2.87% Decrease
Debt Service	6.07% Decrease
Total Expenditures	8.94% Decrease

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

	<u>Preceding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 257,689,453	\$ 253,761,122
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 4,688,852	\$ 4,537,156
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 180,207,213	\$ 186,619,845
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 4,657,102	\$ 4,458,582

* "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* \$5,265,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operation</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.204200*	\$ 1.244200	\$ 2,838	\$ 7,363
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.000390	\$ 0.001770*	\$ 1.002160	\$ 2,938	\$ 7,368
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.177100*	\$ 1.217100	\$ 2,947	\$ 7,406

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 95,721	\$ 97,586
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 70,721	\$ 72,586
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.244200	\$ 1.217100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 879.91	\$ 883.44
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 3.53

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 \$1.217100. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.217100.

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)	\$ 2,036,819
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 68,692

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Kugler expects more from his Miners than the pundits

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Let's be totally honest, the history of football at UTEP has been... well let's say... less than stellar.

After decades of setting the standard for losing, the best anyone ever hopes for now is at least a mediocre 6-6 record, which would qualify the Miners for a postseason bowl bid.

But who in the world is satisfied with a 6-6 record, or can even say they're proud of going to a bowl game after such a so-so season?

The Conference USA coaches got together recently for meetings and their annual predictions for the coming season. Of course they could care less about prognosticating, they have other more important things to worry about.

But us media types need something to comment on.

After all the votes were tallied, the consensus is that UTEP is headed for one of those so-so seasons. The Miners were picked to finish fourth in the six-team

Western Division.

For the record, Southern Miss, Louisiana Tech and Rice were picked to finish ahead of the Miners in that order.

But just by the look of the scowl on coach Sean Kugler's face, everyone knows a 6-6 campaign won't sit well with him.

It was college football analyst Phil Steele, whose job is to predict the future, who said the Miners have the easiest schedule in the country.

Of course we all know that these so-called scientific studies are pretty arbitrary. They are all based on what teams did last year, but to be honest, how many teams change drastically from one year to the next?

Kugler made no secret of the fact that the day he first walked on the UTEP campus as the head coach, the Miners were going to be tougher. And to a great extent, he's done that - he's just waited for the talent level to catch up with the new attitude.

And it appears that the talent level may just make some very important strides this year.

One absolute truth about any football team is that they are only as good as their quarterback. And at many times over the last couple of years, the Miners have looked like they're only a quarterback away from being special.

The conventional wisdom is that a team with three equal quarterbacks might as well be a team with no quarterback.

And the Miners have had three guys, Mack Leftwich, Kavika Johnson and Ryan Metz, who have all shown signs of being able to lead a Division 1 college team, but neither have developed the consistency to pull away from the others.

So it's been a quarterback carousel, which never works, unless you've got the kind of talent that Ohio State has.

It still remains to be seen, but Zack Greenlee, who transferred to UTEP from Fresno State, could be just what the doctor ordered. The junior quarterback led the Bulldogs in passing yards during his sophomore season.

If nothing else, his appearance will force the other guys to step it up a bit.

Of course, even more than the quarterback play will be the health of the

tailback. Aaron Jones is one of the best runners in the nation.

He missed a huge chunk of the season with injuries a year ago and the Miners' running game was never the same.

Jones' threat on the ground can only help the passing game. He's already been mentioned as being on the Doak Walker Watch List, which is an award given to the best running back in the country at the end of the season.

Speaking of that easy schedule, the Miners open things Sept. 3 against NMSU in the Sun Bowl and then go to Austin to take on the Longhorns the following week.

That doesn't sound very easy to me.

Anyway, the rest of the schedule is laced with teams the Miners should be able to compete with. If they are continuing to improve and the schedule benefits them the way it should, this could be one of those 8- or 9-win seasons.

And any team with eight wins should be proud to go to a bowl game.

The Miners are just five weeks away from what could be a welcomed anomaly - a stellar football season.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

A Rose by Ichiro's name

Pete Rose follows me on Twitter now, or at least he retweeted something I wrote about him, and that's good enough for me. I'm also friends on Facebook with Jenny Mollen and Willie Nelson, and depending on which generation you talk to, nobody knows anyone I just talked

about. (You can follow me too @sportingview... and unlike here, I am a man of few words there.)

In case you missed the past two or three decades, Pete Rose was a real son of a gun who hustled and played baseball with the sort of tenacity that only a few other players and marauding bands

of Vikings could understand or match. He is Major League Baseball's undisputed hit king. He is not in the Hall of Fame because he was banned from baseball for betting on baseball games, something every single baseball player has known not to do since the Taft administration.

The guy completely blew it, yet the man persists to somehow remain in the news. How many other Hall of Fames can this guy be inducted to? It seems like

every other week he is inducted into the Reds' Hall of Fame, Cincinnati's Hall of Fame, Ohio's Hall of Fame, the guy down the street's Hall of Fame... Pokemon Go should make him one of their monsters because he has a statue or plaque in just about every major park in the Buckeye State. He has to have several hundred Rotary Club coffee mugs.

Then along comes Ichiro Suzuki. By the time you read this, Ichiro will have reached the 3,000 hit mark in Major League Baseball. If you were to add up the hits he made in Japan with the hits he made here, mathematics show that he has more professional base hits than Pete Rose. On a slow news day, there are reputable news organizations that will make a case for Ichiro being the all-time hit king.

That is, of course, totally preposterous. I know guys who bet on Wiffleball games... sure, it takes them out of the running for Cooperstown, but they get paid, and I know guys who

throw perfect games every time I'm not in the opposing team's lineup. Does that make them pros, worthy of being compared to Koufax and Walter Johnson? Tony Lazzeri, the Hall of Fame second baseman for the Yankees (who completely disrespect him, by the way), once hit a kajillion home runs in the minor leagues. Is he the home run king?

Ichiro is all class and truly, I love watching him play. He is a Hall of Famer, but he is not the hit king. That man is Pete Rose. This is probably not the last time I say this, but it's good to forgive. It's time for Pete Rose to enter the Hall or be allowed to participate in Old Timer's or Cincinnati Wiffleball games. No offense to Ichiro, but it is well past time for our pastime to set the record straight once and for all.

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Briefs

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learning appear to be focusing more on teaching our sons and daughters how to conform to a politically correct lifestyle, notes the Association of Mature American Citizens. The newest "guideline" issued by the University of North Carolina instructs employees on how to behave in an allegedly non-offensive manner on campus. It describes terms such as boyfriend,

husband, girlfriend and wife as potentially offensive and suggests using gender-neutral words such as partner and spouse instead. According to the Campus Reform Web site, the guideline, among other things, also suggests "telling a foreign-born person that 'you speak English really well' suggests that 'if you are born anywhere 'foreign,' you cannot speak English well.'" It's all an effort to minimize and, ultimately, eliminate what is called 'microaggression.'

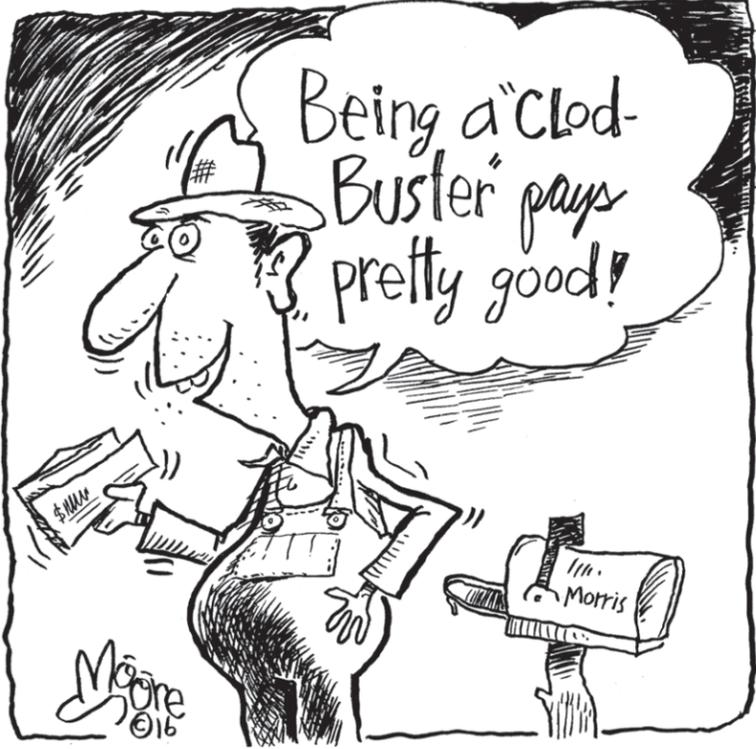
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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

July 28, 1933... W.E. Morris becomes the first farmer to get paid for plowing up his crop.



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I own a business. What should I do if an employee gives me a Social Security number but cannot produce the card, or if the employee is waiting to receive a Social Security number?

A: Seeing the card is not as important as putting the correct information on the worker's Form W-2. You can verify employee Social Security numbers by using our Social Security Number Verification Service. Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov/bso. This online service allows registered employers to verify employee Social Security numbers against Social Security records for wage reporting purposes. If the employee recently applied for a Social Security number, but does not yet have a card when you must file the paper Form W-2, enter the words "Applied for" on the Form W-2. If you are filing electronically, enter all zeros (e.g., 000-00-0000) in the Social Security number field. When the employee receives the card, file Copy A of Form W-2C, *Corrected Wage and Tax Statement* with Social Security to show the employee's number.

Q: My brother had an accident at work last year and is now receiving Social Security disability benefits. His wife and son also receive benefits. Before his accident, he helped support another daughter by a woman he never married. Is the second child entitled to benefits?

A: The child may qualify for Social Security benefits even though your brother wasn't married to the second child's mother. The child's caretaker should file an application on her behalf. For more information, read our publication, *Benefits for Children*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

Arellano

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underserved populations, to attain a college degree. She is a graduate of Ysleta High School and earned a Bachelor and Masters of Science in Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso. Arellano also holds an Administrator Certificate from the Region 19 Principal Alternative Certification Program.

Finances

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the money goes and why – for example, if money is withheld for tax purposes. Or talk to them about the larger expenses on the horizon, whether it's a car or college tuition, and discuss all the financial pros and cons of these investments.

Help them earn their own money. Earning income through hard work is one of the best ways to learn the true value of money. Encourage your children to earn money, whether it's through setting up their own lemonade stand, doing chores around the house or neighborhood, or, if they're teens, getting a part-time or summer job. This helps your children supplement their allowance and teaches them the real-life value of working.

Bottom line: Learning how to save and spend wisely is crucial to good money management, and teaches other important values. The best way to help your children build solid financial skills is through practical, age-appropriate lessons, which are relevant as they grow into young adults.

This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It's always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.

Health

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reasonable to get a consultation with one of them.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2016 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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: B equals O

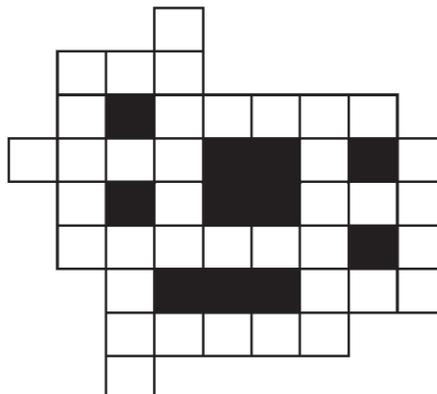
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ULXFKMXH WBBO, M EXXBLXFZY
"ECO MQ XBW OBQW."

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- PINKAN
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- TADFEE
- ♥ SOTRO
- ♥ ARDE



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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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