



NEWSBRIEFS

SISD wants you back

The Socorro Independent School District conducted a district-wide call-out event on Aug. 26 to re-enroll students who have not returned for school this year. The event is part of Team SISD's fourth annual *Walk for Success*, where administrators, principals, assistant principals, counselors, and other staff walk district's neighborhoods to encourage students who have left school to return to SISD. The 2017 Walk for Success is scheduled from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 16. Team SISD counselors and administrators will personally call students (and/or their parents) who are not enrolled in school or have officially left the district and invite them back to school. Students and their parents will be given information on how to re-enroll at school and learn about a variety of educational options that support their educational career goals such as graduation or earning a GED. The *Walk for Success* outreach events are part of Team SISD's commitment to ensure every student succeeds and to provide students with endless opportunities for a lucrative future in college, careers and life.

— Christy Flores-Jones

Students go shopping

It's an exciting time of year when students and parents are gearing up for back-to-school. But for many, the cost of school supplies and new clothing is out of reach. That's where a generous organization has stepped up for the third year running for students at Deanna Davenport Elementary. A community service project partnership between Canutillo ISD, St. Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church, and Walmart sent kids shopping on August 25th. *Give 'em a Boost* is an outreach program targeted to the Westway community in northwest El Paso County where about 44% of children under the age of eighteen live below the poverty level. Children from these families received \$70 to buy new clothes, shoes, school uniforms and school supplies. This year, 150 children received assistance. That's up from 120 last year and from 50 the first year. The outreach is funded by many individuals who make small and large donations. Walmart gave a 10% discount on all student purchases while Canutillo ISD provided transportation for the trip.

— Andrew Reynoso

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Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy of Rick LoBello

DAY TRIPPING – To learn about and connect with the bio-diversity of the Chihuahuan Desert, located right here in the El Paso region's big backyard, "Celebration of our Mountains" events' organizers encourage El Paso area residents to check out their website at celebmtns.org to view this year's extensive schedule of hikes, bird walks, and field trips.

Fall is perfect time for outdoor activities

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – September in the El Paso region is the perfect time to explore the area's outdoor venues. With cool temperatures and sunny days, the fall season entices residents to adventure out to many of the various nearby recreational offerings.

One way to embrace the outdoors, especially as a family, is to participate in some of the "Celebration of our Mountains" events that are scheduled to be held during the next few months.

This year, Celebration of our Mountains organizers are featuring science and technology field trips sponsored by the El Paso Water Utilities and El Paso Electric companies. Some of the upcoming events will be held at Franklin Mountains State Park, Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, and Leasburg State Park in southern New Mexico.

"The planned activities are more than a schedule of walks and talks; they are full of under-stated benefits for young and old," stated Jim Tolbert, director of the Celebration of our Mountains program. "El Paso area residents love their mountains big time, and this year's Celebration of our Mountains schedule promises to bring outdoor lovers together from across the region," he stated.

Tolbert said that outdoor events like these are very important for residents' quality of life because they offer

numerous opportunities for people to immerse themselves in nature. "Getting outside in the natural world offers many under-stated health benefits for adults and children alike including improving one's physical, mental, and for some – even spiritual – well being," he stated.

Many people are amazed to discover that the desert and mountains are full of wildlife and plant species that often go unseen or out of sight and mind as people zoom through the desert on the highway system, Tolbert related.

The program director stated that the connection with nature opportunities coming up in the next few months include mountain biking, astronomy talks, and history tours including a trip to an old mining ghost town. "And for those who are looking for a new way to loosen up and relax in a 100 percent natural setting, there is an event called Yoga on the Rocks," he added.

Some of the outdoor activities scheduled for September are:

The Baylor Canyon Trail Hike, from 8 to 11 a.m., Saturday, September 2- Guide for the hike will be Bureau of Land Management Education and Outreach Director Eileen Davis. The 2-mile hike has a bit of elevation change to the summit of Baylor Pass. Participants will meet at the Aguirre Springs campground, which is located on the east side of Organ Mountains, east of Las Cruces in Dona Ana County. For more information contact Davis at (575) 525-4306.

The Burrowing Owls of Rio Bosque Wetlands Park tour, from 8 to 10 a.m.,

Sunday, September 3- Participants will join Texas Parks and Wildlife's Urban Wildlife Biologist Lois Balin for a tour of the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park Burrowing Owls habitat. Balin will talk about burrowing owl ecology and the artificial nest site project at the wetlands park. This tour is limited to seven persons, so reservations should be made in advance by contacting Balin at lois.balin@tpwd.texas.gov or (915) 227-1988.

Beginner's Hike #1, from 8 to 10 a.m., Monday, September 4- Local environmental activist Judy Ackerman will lead the group on a 1.5-miles hike into arroyos and onto ridges near the Franklin Mountains State Park. She will talk about basic hiking skills and about the areas' native plants. For more information, contact Ackerman, at jpackerman53@gmail.com or (703) 622-0661

A presentation on the *What, Why, Where and Who of Deserts*, from 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, at the Memorial Park Garden Center, 3105 Grant Avenue- Ecologist Dr. Paul Hyder will cover these questions while focusing on the myriad of living species of the Chihuahuan Desert. The topics covered are a useful introduction for anyone participating in the Celebration of Our Mountains desert hikes and local field trips. For more information, contact Hyder, at phyder@zianet.com or (915) 244-5322.

For a complete listing of the 2017 Celebration of Our Mountains events visit its website at celebmtns.org. For more information about the September activities contact Tolbert, at diegotolbert@gmail.com or (915) 525-7364.

View from here **By G. Keith Smith, M.D**

Repeal and replace: No thanks

The recent failure of an ObamaCare repeal effort in the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate reminds me of a Mark Twain quote: "If voting mattered, they wouldn't let us do it." The turncoat senators had either previously auctioned their souls (remaining publicly in favor of

repeal), or were moved by the lobbyists' persuasive abilities after the polls closed. Whenever someone says to me, "The folks in D.C. just don't get it," I say, "Oh, no! They get plenty of it!" Those licking their wounds following this repeal betrayal should assiduously avoid the

"socialist's excuse," namely that "we just need different people in charge, and it will work." Only the rarest individual is immune from power lust, once exposed. That everything in D.C. is for sale, including the marketplace that would provide for services that would save someone's life, should be obvious to all but the most naïve.

Writing in January 2016, I was fearful that the Republicans would repeal and replace the [Un]affordable Care Act with McConnellCare, in what would have been a cruel lesson in the failure of central planning from the Republican side of the aisle. We are fortunate that they failed to deliver the worst of both worlds/visions. Republicans are no more skilled than Democrats at planning individual's lives for them. Why was I worried? They couldn't even pass the skinniest version of repeal!

Laws, with their lengthy, tortuous clauses outlining penalties for non-compliance, serve primarily to interfere with the natural market preferences of cooperating individuals. Government is, after all, that institution with ideas so great that they have to be mandatory. "Repeal and repeal and repeal" is a slogan and course of action I believe many could support.

Don't mistake me, however, for a defender of the cartel-like medical system in this country, one which largely demonstrates an absence, rather than a failure of market discipline.

Even after witnessing the repeal betrayal, some people may still defend government and the criminal class of individuals who run it. Even many liberty-

minded individuals believe the government has a legitimate role in the medical services/products industry. Very likely, not one in ten "conservatives" knows that the primary driver for the expansion of Medicaid is the mercenary class of crony administrators of Medicaid loot. More slop at the Medicaid trough means more loot for them. An embarrassingly small percentage in this inefficient transfer goes to those who truly need help. If the skimming by what Daniel Horowitz calls the "venture socialists" could be removed, the budget of Medicaid would likely be a tiny fraction of what it is.

The Hugo Chavez admirers are emboldened in their cries for complete control, calling their Third-World healthcare vision by the latest poll-approved name: single payer. But Americans are likely not yet sufficiently cowed to submit to Charlie Gard-like death sentences for their children.

And there is some very good news despite the gloom. A powerful remnant has grown in number sufficient to instill market discipline into the exchange between medical buyers and sellers. This exciting and growing medical free market is highlighted by insurance-free practices, the explosive direct primary care movement, and facilities all over the country that now post all-inclusive procedural pricing online.

As I wrote in January 2016: "How about replacing ObamaCare with freedom?... Free from any influence or input from D.C., free market and price-transparent solutions are proliferating all over the U.S., a phenomenon that has 'good guy' industry insiders as excited about the future of medicine as they have ever been. These

market-based alternatives are predictably bringing higher quality and lower prices to patients, exactly what you would expect from an industry that is beginning to embrace the same market discipline every other industry must endure."

Since then, many more medical care buyers and sellers have ended their relationship with the healthcare syndicate, thumbing their nose at the D.C. Ayatollahs. An example: the State of Oklahoma (self-funded), for the benefit of their 187,000 employees now relieves these patients of any out-of-pocket expense if they patronize a facility with "revealed" pricing, a move that forecasts a \$200 million/year savings when fully implemented. Washington's response has been to erect barriers to "self-funding," a predictable, consistent, but despicable move that only benefits their crony industry pals.

The best news is that, thanks to this latest outrageous betrayal, the consent of the governed is dwindling fast. Americans are beginning to perceive the contempt that the elites have for those on whom they would inflict medical care they would never stand for themselves.

Dr. G. Keith Smith is a board certified anesthesiologist in private practice since 1990. In 1997, he co-founded The Surgery Center of Oklahoma, an outpatient surgery center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, owned by over 90 of the top physicians and surgeons in central Oklahoma. Dr. Smith serves as the medical director, CEO and managing partner while maintaining an active anesthesia practice.

Veterans Post **By Freddy Groves**

Complaint hotline to be staffed by vets

As promised, we have a new complaint hotline – the White House VA Hotline. Best of all, it's staffed by veterans.

The hotline started up in June with an estimated full 24/7 availability in August, but now the full-time schedule has been pushed back until Oct. 15. Until then, the hotline hours are from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. EDT. (Remember that this is not a crisis line. If you have a crisis, call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.)

Veterans are being hired and trained, and that's a good thing. No longer will the phones ring with no one answering. No longer will our calls be kicked over to third-party contractors who are clueless about veteran issues. No longer will a million calls be dropped.

When you call the complaint hotline, a veteran will ask you some questions: your name, time of service and maybe your Social Security number.

Don't flinch at that; they need to know who you are so your specific need can be addressed. Have your dates of service handy, just in case.

If you have a complaint about your medical care, or your claim that's been sitting for two years, or the paperwork you have to keep resending because it gets lost, now is the time to speak your mind. Your complaint or questions will be noted, and if an answer isn't immediately available, you'll get one within in two weeks. Calls will be confidential.

It's worrying, however, that the Department of Veterans Affairs press release announcing this didn't include a phone number to call. Make a note: 855-948-2311 will get you to people who know the answers you need.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for

Qualifications

The Village of Vinton is seeking proposals for qualified and experienced public accounting firms whose

principal officers are independent certified public accountants to obtain audit services for performance of the Village's annual financial audit for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2017 and with the option to renew for two additional one year periods.

The full RFQ can be obtained at Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas, 79821

or electronically by requesting in writing. Oral and written questions will be accepted during the conference. All questions related to this request must be received by the Village on September 7, 2017. Questions may be submitted

via email to Andrea Carrillo, Deputy Village Clerk, acarrillo@vinton.tx.us.

To be considered, eight (8) copies of your proposal must be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the Respondent and RFQ #2017-001 to:

Village of Vinton
Attn: Andrea Carrillo, Deputy Village Clerk
436 E. Vinton Rd.
Vinton, TX 79821

Proposals must be received by September 14, 2017. Late proposals will not be considered. It is the Respondent's responsibility to ensure that their proposal is

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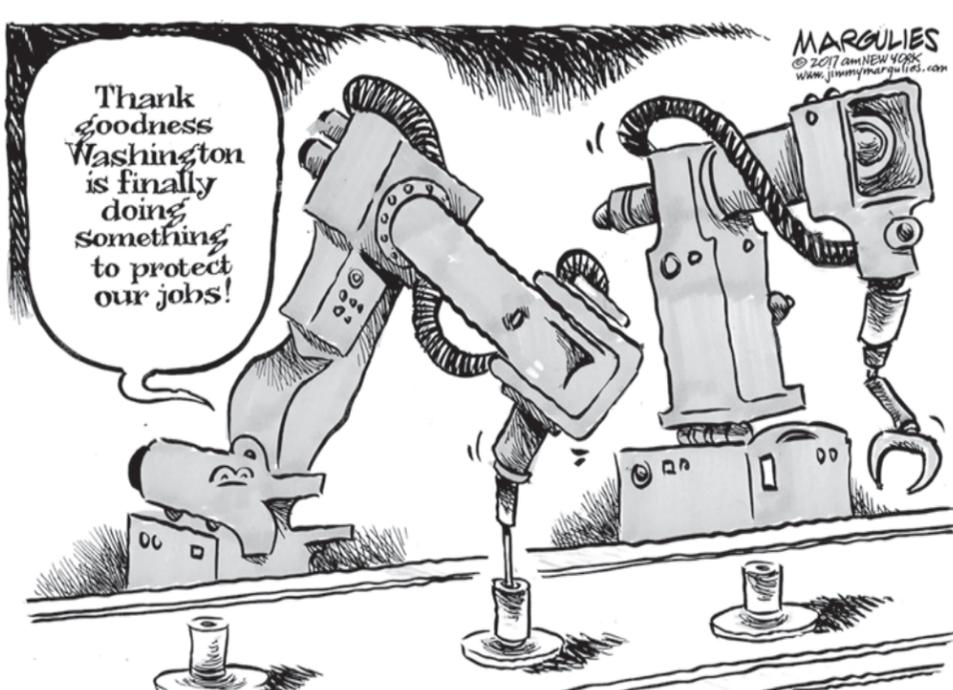
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View from here By John Grimaldi

Age brings new vulnerabilities

Elderly abuse on the rise, underreported

Reports of physical and financial abuse of the elderly are on the rise throughout the country. It's a crime that, experts say, is largely underreported. But, a new light needs to be shed on this dirty little secret, says Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC).

"Older Americans are easy targets in most cases. Many of them depend on caregivers for survival and that makes them beholden and vulnerable. It also can make them reluctant to let anyone know what is happening to them. You'd think

"It is no longer unusual for us to live to be as old as 80, 90 and 100 years or more..."

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El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 Office, 117 E. Main St., Fabens, Texas 79838. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change the in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Magda C. Flores, Juana Gutierrez and Thelma Quinonez**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **Jose Ramirez and Barbara C. Telas**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.132882/\$100	0.137808/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	+ 0.004926/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	+ 3.71%	
Average appraised value	\$ 53,026	\$ 62,079
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 53,026	\$ 62,079
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 70.46	\$ 85.55
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+ \$ 15.09	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 21.42%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

SISD offers free workforce certifications to adult ESL students

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Socorro Independent School District’s (SISD) Community Education department will be offering free workforce training certifications classes for adult ESL students. Adult students who meet eligibility requirements, reside in Texas, and who are at least 18 years of age may be eligible for the vocational certifications and basic skill courses, which include security officer, computer technician, general office specialist, electrician certification, and hotel/hospitality certification. Classes will begin soon at four SISD campuses. Candidates interested in participating must schedule an appointment with the SISD Community Education department at (915) 937-1713 to attend an information session. Course placement is limited. All candidates must complete the registration process to be eligible to take a course. Upon successful completion of the program, participants will receive access to the certification exam.

The following classes will be offered from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday:

- Computer maintenance: El Dorado High School, 12401 Edgemere;
- Security officer: Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave.; and
- Electrician certification: Montwood High School, 12000 Montwood Dr.

The following classes will be offered from noon to 2:30 p.m. or from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday (classes are dependent upon enrollment):

- General office specialist: Options High School, 12380 Pine Springs
- Hotel/Hospitality certification: Options High School, 12380 Pine Springs

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The West Texas County Courier will publish two editions early. The October 5 and October 12, 2017 issues will go to press on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the West Texas County Courier no later than Friday, September 22, 2017.

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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Doug Borrett, Joann Wardy, Alejandro Limon, Anne Jorjorian-Raynal, and Hector Esparza**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **NONE**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 269,694.00	\$ 268,211.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value	\$ 269,694.00	\$ 268,211.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,022.71	\$ 2,011.58
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	- \$ 11.12 - 0.55%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 3 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Gus Haddad, Mark Dyer Ivan Alcocer, and Sandy Boswell**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **Ken Weaver**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 152,014.00	\$ 160,594.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value	\$ 152,014.00	\$ 160,594.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,140.11	\$ 1,204.46
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ \$ 64.35 + 5.64%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

Age

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that friends and family would be the first to notice that an aging neighbor or relative is being abused. But, the sad fact is that in too many cases it is a family member or a friend that is perpetrating the abuse.”

It’s up to “those of us with a conscience,” says Weber, to root out any instances of ill treatment. The alarming truth is that for each case of abuse that is reported there are dozens more that are not.

The Elder Justice Roadmap project, supported by the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services, has a broad-ranging definition of elder abuse: “physical, sexual, or psychological abuse, as well as neglect, abandonment, and financial exploitation of an older person by another person or entity, that occurs in any setting (e.g. home, community, or facility), either in a relationship where there is an expectation of trust and/or when an older person is targeted based on age or disability.”

If you suspect that someone

whom you know is the victim of abuse, check it out. Signs of physical abuse are obvious. They include unexplained injuries including new bruises and abrasions. If you notice that an aging relative or friend is making too many trips to the bank or is suddenly running up mysterious charges on a credit card, he or she may be a victim of fraud. And, if you notice unusual weight loss or curious behavior, they could be signs of neglect or emotional abuse.

Nursing homes get most of the blame for elder abuse. But in too many cases, according to the

National Center on Elder Abuse, the perpetrators are family members.

“Elder abuse is a much too pervasive problem in America where three and a half million men and women celebrate their 65th birthdays each and every year. And, where each year more people live longer than ever before. It is no longer unusual for us to live to be as old as 80, 90 and 100 years or more these days thanks to healthier lifestyles and the miracle of modern medicine. But, with age come new vulnerabilities that can make any of us susceptible

to the crimes of angry and greedy predators. And, that’s why it is up to younger friends and family – those who truly care – to keep a watchful eye open for anomalies that indicate older loved ones may be victims.”

The Association of Mature American Citizens (http://www.amac.us) is a senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today.

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**Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 4
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 4 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Lori Jackson, Isaac Rodriguez, and Sammy Romero**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **Oscar Macias and Carlos Lascurain**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

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	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	N/A	N/A
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value*	N/A	N/A
Tax on average residence homestead	N/A	N/A
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	N/A	N/A

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*This District has no residence homesteads for tax year 2017.

**Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Gerado Sanchez, Humberto Juarez, Veronica Lascurain, and Mike McLean**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **Salvador Alonzo, Jr.**

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Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 166,056.00	\$ 173,969.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value	\$ 166,056.00	\$ 173,969.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,245.42	\$ 1,304.77
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+\$ 59.35	+ 4.77%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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Briefs

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Students: 7:30 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
Faculty: 7:25 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

• **San Elizario High School (Grades 9 - 12)**

Students: 7:30 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
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– *Hector Gonzalez*

Texas is 48 of 50

With Women’s Equality Day around the corner and the U.S. ranking No. 45 out of 144 countries on the Global Gender Gap Index – falling 17

spots since the previous year – the personal-finance website WalletHub conducted an in-depth analysis of 2017’s *Best & Worst States for Women’s Equality*. In order to determine where women receive the most equal treatment in American society, WalletHub’s analysts compared the 50 states across 15 key metrics. The data set ranges from the gap between female and male executives to the disparity in unemployment rates for women and men. Women’s equality in Texas came in at:

- 31st – Earnings Gap;
- 28th – Executive Positions

Gap;

- 20th – Work Hours Gap;
- 31st – Minimum-Wage Workers Gap;
- 22nd – Entrepreneurship Rate Gap; and
- 45th – Political Representation Gap.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-states-for-women-equality/5835/> for the full report.

– *Diana Popa*

Fat cat

A fat cat – not some would-be big shot, but a really obese feline – showed up at an animal

shelter in North Carolina recently and a hunt is on for its owner, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. Or, maybe this particular kitty is a stray mouser who knows where to hunt for its next meal and managed to tuck away quite a few rodents in the process. He weighed in at nearly 31 and a half pounds.

– *John Grimaldi*

Free enterprise?

A successful five-year-old entrepreneur in the U.K. quickly sold out her supply of homemade lemonade. But,

according to the Association of Mature American Citizens, the smile on her face faded just as quickly when four local government enforcers showed up and fined her 90 pounds [about \$116 U.S.] because she did not have a license. A happy ending ensued after the girl’s dad complained to local authorities who didn’t waste time issuing a statement apologizing for the strong-arm tactics employed by their officers, noting that the fine would be rescinded, a local newspaper reported.

– *John Grimaldi*

**Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 6
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate**

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 6 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Lorraine Huit, Bob Peterson, and Sheldon Wheeler**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Jimmy Ray Pell and Jerry Romero**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value*	N/A	N/A
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value*	N/A	N/A
Tax on average residence homestead	N/A	N/A
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	N/A	N/A

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

*This District has no residence homesteads for tax year 2017.

**Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 7
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate**

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 7 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Manuel Garnica, Rene Goldfien Bernard Moye, Lana Ulrich, and Tom Hansen**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **NONE**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 145,038.00	\$ 144,259.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value	\$ 145,038.00	\$ 144,259.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,087.79	\$ 1,081.94
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	– \$ 5.84	– 0.54%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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



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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 8 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 8 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Manuel A. Quiñones, A.J. Silva, Suzan Spurlin, and Sylvia Touchstone**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **Alejandro Contreras**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 142,891.00	\$ 153,129.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value	\$ 142,891.00	\$ 153,129.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,071.68	\$ 1,148.47
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ \$ 76.78 + 7.16%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 11:30 a.m., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Yvette Lascurain, Richard Owen, Olivia Zuniga, Jo Ann Aguayo, and Elizabeth Bustamante**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **NONE**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	N/A	N/A
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value*	N/A	N/A
Tax on average residence homestead	N/A	N/A
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	N/A N/A	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

**This District has no residence homesteads for tax year 2017.*

What's in a name: Ask ESPN

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

When you live in a world of over 7 billion people, opinions of all kinds are going to be thrown about.

Some are going to be popular, some aren't even going to be worth a response, and some are going to be extremely unpopular.

But opinions, even though they are only thoughts being expressed through words, are always going to evoke a response.

And that's okay. All of our opinions should be debated in a healthy manner.

However, just because we should respond accordingly to opinions or deeds or events, doesn't mean we always do. Many humans tend to hear news of some kind and instead of reacting – they overreact.

Instead of keeping things in proper perspective, they blow things way out of proportion.

That is one of the specialties of the media. Making things sound so much worse than they really are means more viewers, listeners and readers.

Is it any wonder why in all the opinion polls, the media ranks right down there with politicians and attorneys?

There is a climate in the United States right now that is being reported on every day by the media. Some news organizations are responsible in their reporting and some do whatever they can to fan the flames.

And of course I'm speaking of the sudden trend, from a segment of the population, demanding that statues, street names and nearly anything having to do with referencing the confederacy, be physically erased.



– Images from Internet

RELATIVES? – ESPN's Robert Lee, left, and Gen. Robert E. Lee side-by-side.

It all started with white supremacist groups in Virginia protesting the removal of a statue of Confederate general Robert E. Lee.

After the ugly encounters between the neo-Nazi types and opposing protesters, there's been a call for the removal of all signs of the confederacy, large and small.

Smart individuals can argue the validity of destroying all the statues of former slave owners and haters of anything non-white, but are people just reacting – or overreacting?

Now the debate has advanced to talk of the removal of all references to the founding fathers of our country, like Thomas Jefferson and George Washington.

The problem with controversial decisions like these is finding the "stop" button. Sometimes there isn't one.

Some people jump on the bandwagon and try to steer it in directions that have absolutely nothing with the original path.

And before you know it, there is the possibility of a complete and dangerous overreaction.

The sports mega-giant, ESPN, has fallen hopelessly down this rabbit hole.

ESPN has taken a lot of heat lately for changing its format from sports-only

to including heavy doses of political reporting mixed in with liberal-leaning opinion.

This has angered many of its current and former viewers who have complained that ESPN was always the place to go to escape the deluge of political news many find frustrating and depressing.

Last week ESPN may have given the term "overreaction" new meaning.

Naturally, most of the confederate references that have offended so many are located in the South. And we all know that the college football season starts in a big way this weekend.

The University of Virginia starts its season this Saturday in Charlottesville against William and Mary. Of course Charlottesville is where the Robert E. Lee statue protests took place.

So, ESPN did their part to help the situation, they took one of the broadcasters from that game and transferred him to another.

What was the reporter's problem? His name is Robert Lee.

Yes, the Asian-American reporter Robert Lee was removed from announcing the game because... well... I'm still trying to figure this one out.

ESPN says it's because they didn't want him to be targeted and ridiculed because of his name, which is too close to Robert E. Lee.

Yes... I'm scratching my head too.

I looked very closely and Robert Lee looks nothing like the former general who died 147 years ago. So I really don't think he would have been mistaken for the long-dead confederate leader.

ESPN is now among the worldwide leaders in overreacting.

What has ESPN sunk to? Well, how bad is a decision when it's so unbelievable that everyone has to read it two or three times because they think it's an obvious joke?



A sporting view By Mark Vasto

No more Evel empire

As I sit here burning the retinas out of my eyes trying to see the total eclipse occur (if only that darn cloud would move out of the way), my mind shifts to thoughts of Evel Knievel.

Millennials do not know the man, and if any remember some of his cameos on assorted reality TV or talk shows, they saw a hobbling old man with a cane. Well, guess what, kids? That cane was filled with Wild Turkey 101. That's Evel Knievel, a guy who used to fling himself on a motorcycle over stadiums for our amusement. You know... a real role model.

I'm thinking about this as I watch the folks who filled the Southern Illinois Saluki's stadium, with every person rooting for the same thing – the complete blotting out of the Sun from our skies. It shows us our place in the universe.

Well, guess what? Evel was universally beloved, or at least looked upon with a high level of bemusement. The guy would, for little or no apparent reason, jump his motorcycle over long lines of

cars and through hoops of fire. He was a true "daredevil" in every sense of the word. Sometimes he would complete the jump, and people would applaud. Most other times, he would crash in spectacular fashion and the crowd would go completely berserk. He is the guy that invented the term "broke every bone in his body."

But then came Snake Canyon and the "Rocket Cycle." See, he was going to jump a canyon, but what happened was that he flew halfway across said canyon – clearly not going to make it – and as luck would have it, his bike "malfunctioned" and shot out his parachutes, and the world watched as Evel floated around the canyon and into obscurity. It was over for him. To this day he doesn't exist in your spell check, which just shows you how fickle fame can be.

Back in Atlantic City, New Jersey, I find the city under siege in the form of an "annual air show." Wave after wave of fighter planes fly sorties over the boardwalk, and PTSD-inducing jets are buzzing the famed

resort's tall buildings. Throngs of people are looking up in awe, some in fear. I scan the crowd. Some look like they're having an adrenaline rush because they keep saying how dangerous every maneuver was, as if they wanted to see an air disaster. (Others contend it was Donald Trump's show of force to this former rebel enclave, perhaps a message to the Seminoles who were dismantling the Trump Taj Mahal.)

Some fans attend baseball games hoping to see nobody do anything, because that's "perfect." And then there are those who go to see hockey players fight, race-car drivers crash, quarterbacks get their legs cracked in half, and motorcyclists plunge into deep ravines filled with sharks. As for me, I prefer the sun to not be blocked by the moon, that our Air Force stays strong, motorcyclists to obey the rules of the road, but more than anything, hope to see most of next year's battles on the field of play only.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



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Your good health By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read recently that if Valium is taken by older folks for more than 90 days, it ups their risk for Alzheimer's disease by 32 percent and if taken for more than 180 days, the risk goes up 84 percent. Have you heard anything like this? What is safe for seniors, or anyone, to take for anxiety? – C.P.

anxiety that they are prescribed these anti-anxiety medications. That implies that the risk is less than the numbers from the study. A different study design may reveal the truth.

There are many good reasons not to use benzodiazepine medications, and I never prescribe them for long-term use. Increased risk of both falls and automobile collisions are two that most concern me. (Multiple studies have confirmed this risk, so it is likely that these drugs do cause some people to fall and to have auto accidents.) These are also potentially habit-forming medications, and sometimes it becomes very difficult to sleep without them once they are started.

A study published recently ago in BMJ, a prestigious medical journal, showed a clear association between benzodiazepines – a class of medications that includes diazepam (Valium), clonazepam (Klonopin), alprazolam (Xanax) and lorazepam (Ativan), among many others – and Alzheimer's disease. The association was stronger for long-term use than for short, as you correctly point out. Further, the risk was higher for long-acting drugs (like Valium or Librium) than for short (like Xanax).

Because all medications have some risk, I recommend nondrug strategies for anxiety reduction. Meditation, mindfulness and imaging exercises, yoga and even regular exercise all have been shown to reduce anxiety without medication. Counseling and cognitive-behavioral therapies also are effective. If medications are needed, then SSRI medications such as sertraline (Zoloft) have lower risks than benzodiazepines. Just a cup of hot chamomile tea might help you get through stressful times.

However, the type of study done cannot claim that taking the medication caused the increased risk of Alzheimer's. The authors themselves point out that it is possible that early Alzheimer's disease causes anxiety that is subsequently treated with prescription anti-anxiety medications, and that there is no causal relationship. It is also possible to see this result from chance, although the authors found less than 0.1 percent likelihood this result is due to chance alone. Finally, it's possible that there is both a direct, causal link between taking benzodiazepine drugs and developing Alzheimer's disease and that early Alzheimer's causes some people enough

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband has heart disease. He's tried every statin drug to lower his cholesterol. He cannot tolerate any of them. The muscle pain and weakness caused by these drugs is severe. His cholesterol remains high, even with proper diet and exercise. I've heard that

See HEALTH, Page 12

Super Crossword

- UP TO THE CHALLENGE**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Plane takeoff
 - 4 Tries to nip
 - 11 Figurative language
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 - 34 Put on a different station
 - 39 In serenity
 - 42 City in Oklahoma
 - 43 Coop female
 - 44 People
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 - 47 Shuffle
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 - 49 Carrere of film
 - 50 "Great joke!"
 - 51 Israel's Abba
 - 53 "... ergo sum"
 - 56 2014 British Open winner McIlroy
 - 58 Pop singer from Oahu
 - 61 Sunbathing furniture
 - 63 See 104-Down
 - 65 Taboo acts
 - 67 Water, in Oise
 - 68 Film director Spike or Ang
 - 69 Nauseating network
 - 78 Refrain bit
 - 79 Expiate
 - 80 Pagan priest
 - 84 Securer of a pocket timepiece
 - 88 Papal crown
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 - 92 Native Americans of Nebraska
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 - 100 Robed group in a loft
 - 104 Wise _ owl
 - 106 24/7 source of 20s
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 - 108 Honchos
 - 109 Product of alkalinized cocoa powder
 - 113 Little cut
 - 114 Warm up again
 - 115 Bit of a giggle
 - 116 Regulation
 - 119 Old Russian ruler
 - 121 Groom's vow
 - 122 Some Toll House morsels
 - 128 Masc. counterpart
 - 129 Grub, e.g.
 - 130 Game to try something
 - 131 After taxes
 - 132 Taoism's Lao_
 - 133 Top-tier invitees
 - 134 Parts of the solar system
 - 135 Main character in "Despicable Me"
- DOWN**
- 1 Aural pair
 - 2 Mel Gibson war film of 2000
 - 3 Goes poof
 - 4 Large snake
 - 5 About
 - 6 Tic _ (some mints)
 - 7 Moral climate
 - 8 See 13-Down
 - 9 Hot tub sigh
 - 10 Discourse
 - 11 Hall-of-Fame cager _ Thomas
 - 12 ENT or OB
 - 13 With 8-Down, very shortly
 - 14 Auto garage squirter
 - 15 Brick dresser
 - 16 Like deluges
 - 17 Seer's shrine
 - 18 Fixate (on)
 - 24 German city
 - 25 Cato's 2,400
 - 31 Plenty
 - 33 Per unit
 - 35 Very little
 - 36 Having one flat, musically
 - 37 Beijing site
 - 38 Witch's work
 - 39 SAG_ (performers' labor gp.)
 - 40 Neighbor of Nigeria
 - 41 Amp effect
 - 46 Barbera's collaborator
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 - 48 Cheerful
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 - 71 _jongg
 - 72 Prefix with brow
 - 73 Broadcast anew
 - 74 Test for college srs.
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 - 76 "Whap!"
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 - 82 Very thin material for book pages
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 - 101 Jimmy Buffett's "Ain't _ Genius"
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 - 103 Intuitive inking
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 - 107 Word after party or film
 - 110 "No _ espanol"
 - 111 Swindle
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The West Texas County Courier will publish two editions early. The October 5 and October 12, 2017 issues will go to press on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the West Texas County Courier no later than Friday, September 22, 2017.

The West Texas County Courier office will close beginning Wednesday, September 27, 2017. The office will open again on Monday, October 16, 2017.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore Sept. 2, 1862
New Confederate conscription law includes all males 18-45.



Here's a Tip

By JoAnn Derson

- "Put a family calendar inside your kitchen cabinet to keep everyone on track. You can list important dates/obligations/appointments there. We color code ours by using different highlighters for each person, and we keep it inside the cabinet by the coffeemaker, so Mom always looks at it."
- W.S. in Ohio

- Combine a few drops of essential oils with a cup of either baking soda or cornstarch. Sprinkle liberally on bare mattresses. Let sit 10-15 minutes, then vacuum up. It's particularly nice to use lavender.

- If you don't regularly clean out your dryer vents, now's the time to put it on your cleaning schedule. Every six months at a minimum, but every three is better. Remove the dryer vent hose and shake out to remove sand or dirt, then run a vent brush to loosen stuck-on lint. Use the wand attachment or a shop vac to clean the dryer itself, and don't forget to wipe down the inside drum with a damp cloth. Don't risk a dryer fire!

- "Need to chop nuts? Place them in a bag, and crush them with a cookie sheet. Just rock back and forth over the sealed bag. This really works, and it's kind of fun, too."
- Y.L. in Florida

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

Health

From Page 11

CoQ10 works well for lowering cholesterol. Is there any validity to this? - Anon.

CoQ10 (ubiquinone) does not affect cholesterol itself. It does allow some people tolerate statins who otherwise wouldn't. I think it is worth a try, especially for someone like your husband, who has coronary heart disease and who would get much benefit from a statin.

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) 2017 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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Answer Page 4

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: E equals L

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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.

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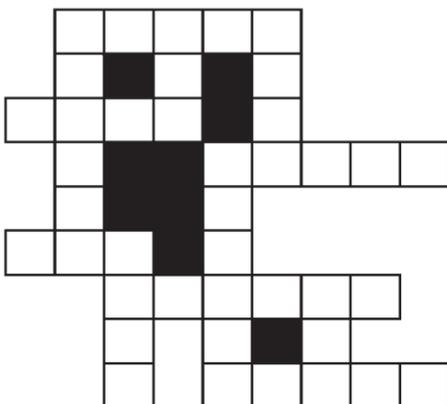
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- LOAH
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- ♥ OWH
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- OLWYL
- ♥ RYNA



Answer Page 4

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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