

NEWSBRIEFS

Free trees

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in September will receive 10 free trees as part of the Foundation's Trees for America program. Through *Trees for America*, everyone is encouraged to plant trees, which benefit the environment and improve the quality of life. With nearly 1 million members and supporters, the Arbor Day Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees. People joining this month will receive one of the following tree packages based on their location: 10 Arizona Cypress, 10 Live Oak or 10 Mix trees including eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, river birch, silver maple, northern red oak and Colorado blue spruce. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Easy-to-follow planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees. New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care. To receive the 10 free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2018, or join online at arborday.org/september.

— Danny Cohn

Hard working

With Americans working an average of almost 1,800 hours per year and 52% of workers not using all their available vacation time, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2018's *Hardest-Working States in America*. In order to determine where Americans work the hardest, WalletHub compared the 50 states across ten key metrics. The data set ranges from average workweek hours to share of workers with multiple jobs to annual volunteer hours per resident. Texas was seventh in this study, ranking:

- 4th – Avg. Workweek Hours;
- 14th – Avg. Commute Time; and
- 8th – Avg. Leisure Time Spent per Day.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/hardest-working-states-in-america/52400/> for the full report.

— Diana Polk

There is no acceptable substitute for honesty; there is no valid excuse for dishonesty.

— Quips & Quotes

Cruz Camargo will be featured speaker

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Archaeological Society (EPAS) will hold its annual Award of Distinction banquet on Saturday, September 15 beginning at 6 p.m. at the State Line Restaurant, 1222 Sunland Park Drive.

This year, EPAS will present its honorary award to Joan E. Price, an independent filmmaker and educator, who is being recognized for her extensive work on the petroglyphic and pictographic records that she has compiled regarding rock art found throughout the American Southwest including Hueco Tanks State Park in Texas and Three Rivers petroglyph site in New Mexico.

Price, who earned a master's degree of fine arts from the University of California at Santa Barbara, has been a prolific researcher of the prehistoric Puebloan and Apachean archaeology and cultural landscapes since moving in 1994 to the Jornada Mogollon area that is near Tularosa, New Mexico.

Using her background in Native American cultural and civil rights productions, exhibits and informational campaigns, Price has created numerous independent media projects in Northern New Mexico and Arizona. She was also guest curator for the Institute for American Indian Arts Sacred Mountains: World Heritage exhibit and produced two feature films on the sacred landscapes.

In 1999, she founded the Rain House Center for Southwest Learning with Dr. Kay Sutherland to facilitate exchange between Native peoples north and south of the international border. They also produced an ethnographic survey on Hueco Tanks for Texas State Parks in 2001.

Price stated that she relies on contemporary Native American interpretations, scientific and ethnographic research, and her own field work at Three Rivers Petroglyph site for the past 20 years to conduct guided tours, to create PowerPoints presentations for professional conferences, and to support research publications on the concept and evidence of Native American ancestral homelands.

Price is currently an active member of EPAS, the Jornada Research Institute of Tularosa NM, and a board member of the Tularosa Basin Historical Society in Alamogordo.

Featured speaker for the recognition banquet will be Cruz Camargo, an El Paso businessman and descendant of the indigenous Manso tribe that settled in the West Texas region. Camargo will share stories about his heritage – its traditions and culture – in his presentation, titled “The History and Culture of the Manso People”.

“Camargo is one of the few people of his Tribe who can share the connection between present and past, the continuation of traditions and ceremonies, the artifacts which are still actively in use and details of the life his people lived before the arrival of the Spanish in this area,” stated Marilyn Guida, an EPAS member and banquet organizer.

Camargo stated that he will share with the audience his knowledge about how the Manso people used to live as hunters and gatherers, about the crops they raised, the native plants, tools, and medicines they used, about the homes and villages they built, and about the ceremonies they celebrated.



— Photo courtesy of Morningstar Black

HONOREE – Joan Price is this year's El Paso Archaeological Society Award of Distinction recipient. Price has invested more than twenty years documenting rock art found throughout the Southwest including Hueco Tanks State Park in Texas and the Three Rivers Petroglyph site in New Mexico.

“Participants arriving early will have time to see a replica of the typical brush house, or wickiup, used by indigenous people of the El Paso area and to speak with Camargo. This is

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— Photo courtesy of Cruz Camargo

SHARING HISTORY – Cruz Camargo will be the featured speaker for El Paso Archaeological Society's yearly banquet. Camargo, above, stands next to a replica of a traditional Manso dome-shaped house or shelter exhibit that was on display during a recent festival in San Elizario.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The September 27 and October 4, 2018 issues will go to press on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Thursday, September 13, 2018.

The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Wednesday, September 19, 2018. The office will open again on Monday, October 8, 2018.

Canutillo Independent School District
Public Notice

Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District’s Application for Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) as part of a regular School Board meeting which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at the Canutillo Administrative Offices Board Room, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, TX 79932. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call 915-877-7481.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo
Junta Pública

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tendrá una Reunión Pública para informar sobre la aplicación del distrito para el Programa de Dias Flexibles Opcionales (OFSDP por sus siglas en ingles). El reporte sera parte de la reunión de la Mesa Directiva del distrito programada para el martes, 25 de septiembre del 2018 a las 6:00 p.m. en la sala de junta de las oficinas Administrativas de Canutillo ubicada en 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, TX 79932. Todos los interesados están invitados a asistir.

Para mas información, favor de llamar al (915) 877-7481.

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San Eli ISD preps students for education beyond high school

By Hector Gonzalez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) is implementing a College Credit Pathway Initiative to support the various opportunities for postsecondary success offered at San Elizario High School (SEHS). This initiative will help SEISD to incorporate the new Texas higher education plan – 60X30TX – by streamlining those goals within the postsecondary decision making of students at SEHS. The College Credit Pathway Initiative is a bold plan as it hopes to ensure 100% of SEHS students are on track to earn a certificate, license or degree by 2030.

“A campus that provides any type of college credit opportunity for their students, is a good school,” said Maribel Guillen, SEHS Principal. “We have the best of both worlds at our school. We are still a comprehensive high school with sports and extra-curricular activities while at the same time a Dual Credit institution.”

Students will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in one of four distinct college credit pathways offered at SEHS:

Dual Credit Academy

The Dual Credit Academy at San Elizario High School is a comprehensive program that

prepares students for continued success at a post-secondary institution. Students accepted into the academy are provided with an opportunity to earn as many as 43 dual credit hours. These college credits are based on a focused concentration of courses aligned with El Paso Community College’s (EPCC) core curriculum plan (SB 1091). For school year 2017, dual credit students saved an estimated \$70,000 in tuition.

Advanced Placement Academy

The Advanced Placement (AP) Academy enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. SEHS offers 17 advanced placement courses along with an opportunity to take the AP exam. A qualifying exam score helps students earn credit or placement at most four-year colleges and universities in the United States. For school year 2017, SEHS students who took and achieved a qualifying score on an AP exam saved an estimated \$605,000 in tuition.

Advanced Placement/ Dual Credit Hybrid

Advanced Placement/Dual Credit Hybrid (APDC3) allows students to take both dual credit and AP courses to achieve a tailored college ready experience. Students will be allowed the flexibility to select courses based

on post-secondary goals while learning the skills to succeed in the workplace. Research shows that students who take either a dual credit or AP course are much more likely to complete a college degree on time-saving tuition.

Western Tech Associates Program

This partnership between Western Technical College and SEISD will give SEHS students the opportunity to graduate from high school while at the same time obtaining an Associate’s Degree from Western Tech in the area of Refrigeration, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning. The cost of this program is usually \$36,000 but because this is a Dual Credit instructional offering, this cost is being subsidized by local scholarships from Western Tech and a reduced tuition rate which will be paid for by SEISD. This financial support ensures that this opportunity will not impact the students’ future federal financial aid and will be offered at zero cost to the families and students participating in the program.

“This initiative will transform the high school experience of our students by laying out a sequence of courses that students will follow while simultaneously being advised and monitored to ensure student success,” said Dr. Tomas Sigala, College & Career Readiness Facilitator for San Elizario ISD.

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a rare opportunity to learn what Camargo learned from his father about his people and their lives before El Paso was El Paso,” stated Guida.

Check-in for registered participants will start promptly at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. Cost for the banquet dinner is \$32. Child’s

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The Manso Tribe

The Manso people were encountered by the Spanish in the area of the Rio Grande near what is now El Paso during the Rodríguez-Chamuscado (1581) and Espejo (1582) expeditions and by the group of settlers led by Don Juan de Oñate (1598). Oñate is believed to be the one who either used the words that became “Manso”, or Oñate repeated words that the Manso people spoke to him. The name Manso may not have been the name the people used for themselves. Spanish reports indicate the Manso helped the Oñate settlers cross the Rio Grande near what is now Socorro, Texas. The Guadalupe Mission (established in 1659), in what is now Ciudad Juárez, was originally a mission for the Manso people and was built largely with their labor.

– Cruz Camargo



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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore
August 6, 1842, Charles Eliot arrives at Galveston to become Britain’s charge d’affaires to the Republic of Texas.



CryptoQuip
Answer

Have you noticed the sign the couturier posted on his private property?:
“No dress passing.”





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 2018 on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal: Directors Borrett, Wardy,
Jorjorian-Raynal, Esparza
and Limon
- AGAINST the proposal: NONE
- PRESENT and not voting: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.75/\$100 Adopted	0.75/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 268,515	\$ 269,818
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 268,515	\$ 269,818
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,013.86	\$ 2,023.64
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+ \$ 9.77	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 0.49%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

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 2018 on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 9:00 A.M., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal: Directors Weaver, Haddad,
Dyer and Boswell
- AGAINST the proposal: NONE
- PRESENT and not voting: NONE
- ABSENT: Director Alcocer


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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.75/\$100 Adopted	0.75/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 160,890	\$ 169,761
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 160,890	\$ 169,761
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,206.68	\$ 1,273.21
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+ \$ 66.53	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 5.51%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 3 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.



By Samantha Weaver

- It was beloved American humorist Will Rogers who made the following sage observation: “Everything is funny as long as it’s happening to somebody else.”
- If you have spent a great deal of time in the Scottish highlands, you might be familiar with the term “sgiomlaireachd.” Evidently,

the habit of dropping in at mealtimes is common enough there to require a word to describe it.

- The world’s most popular fruit is the banana. In the United States, people consume more bananas than apples and oranges put together.
- How would you like to brush your teeth with salt, chalk or ground brick? The first tooth powders used with toothbrushes were made of just such materials.
- Ever wonder why magazine

publisher Hugh Hefner chose a rabbit as the symbol of his Playboy magazine? Evidently, when the mogul was a small boy, one of his treasured possessions was a blanket with bunnies all over it.

- Those who study such things say that Italians drink, on average, 26 gallons of wine every year.
- The English word “vegetable” comes from the Latin word “vegetare,” which means “to invigorate.”

Thought for the Day: “I divide

my officers into four groups. There are clever, diligent, stupid and lazy officers. Usually two characteristics are combined. Some are clever and diligent – their place is the General Staff. The next lot are stupid and lazy – they make up 90 percent of every army and are suited to routine duties. Anyone who is both clever and lazy is qualified for the highest leadership duties, because he possesses the intellectual clarity and the composure necessary for difficult decisions. One must beware of anyone who is stupid and diligent – he must not be entrusted with any responsibility

because he will always cause only mischief.”

– Kurt Freiherr von Hammerstein-Equord

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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 2018 on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 9:30 A.M. (CDST), at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Directors Jackson, Rodriguez, Romero and Lascurain**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Director Macias**

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.75/\$100	0.75/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average residence homestead taxable value*	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	\$ 0.00	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	0.00%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

**This District has no residence homesteads.*

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 10:30 A.M., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Directors Alonzo, Juarez, Lascurain and Sanchez**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Director McLean**

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.75/\$100	0.75/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 174,293	\$ 191,538
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 174,293	\$ 191,538
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,307.20	\$ 1,436.54
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 129.34	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 9.89%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Sept. 17, 1884, Judge Allen disposes of 13 criminal cases on his Oakland, California, docket in only six minutes. Defendants did not stand much of a chance of gaining an acquittal. In a 40-year period only 1 defendant in 100 was acquitted.
- On Sept. 18, 1981, the 20,000-car parking lot at

Canada’s new West Edmonton Mall makes the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest parking lot in the world. The mall has more than 800 stores, 100 restaurants, three radio stations, two hotels, a full-size ice-skating rink, nightclubs and a chapel.

• On Sept. 19, 1995, The Washington Post publishes a 35,000-word manifesto written by the Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski. Since the late 1970s, Kaczynski had carried out bombings that killed three people and injured another 23. David Kaczynski realized the

writing style was similar to that of his brother, Theodore, and notified the FBI.

• On Sept. 20, 1565, Spanish forces capture the French Huguenot settlement of Fort Caroline, near present-day Jacksonville, Florida. The French lost 135 men in the first instance of colonial warfare between European powers in America.

• On Sept. 21, 1938, without warning, a powerful Category 3 hurricane slams into Long Island and southern New England, causing 600 deaths.

The storm had been forecast to make landfall in Florida.

• On Sept. 22, 1914, in the North Sea, the German U-9 submarine sinks three British cruisers in just over one hour. The one-sided battle, during which 1,400 British sailors lost their lives, alerted the British to the deadly effectiveness of the submarine.

• On Sept. 23, 1846, at the Berlin Observatory, German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovers the planet Neptune. The blue gas giant has eight known moons and

a ring system containing three bright and two dim rings.

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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 2018 on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 2:00 P.M. (CDST), at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Directors Huit, Peterson, Pell and Romero**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **Director Wheeler**

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 of value)	0.75/\$100	0.75/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average residence homestead taxable value*	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	\$ 0.00 0.00%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

**This District has no residence homesteads.*

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 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 2018 on Thursday, September 13, 2018, 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 the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Directors Hansen, Goldfien, Garnica, Moye and Ulrich**
- 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 of value)	0.75/\$100	0.75/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 144,965	\$ 153,132
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 144,965	\$ 153,132
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,087.24	\$ 1,148.49
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ \$ 61.25 + 5.63%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 7 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

Predicting NFL winners and losers for 2018

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

All the exhibition games are done with. All the players who just weren't good enough have been cut. All the preseason preparation has been left behind. And now the 2018 National Football League season begins this weekend. For a lot of us this is the time we've been waiting for since the Eagles knocked off the Patriots in the Super Bowl last February. And for a lot of us, this time of the year is absolutely awesome because our teams

are all tied for first place. In other words, we all still have hope for a successful season. Of course for a lot of us, that will change after a couple of costly defeats. But the fact still remains that the NFL is finally underway and we can start cheering and booing those teams we love and hate. Another fun thing to do this time of year is to predict what teams will be successful and which will struggle. Let's take the AFC East for example. Does anyone really think that Miami, Buffalo or the Jets will challenge Tom Brady and his New England Patriots?

The projection is that Patriots may slip a little this year but they are still so far ahead of all the other teams in this division that they'll have no trouble taking it again this season. The AFC North looks once again like it will be controlled by the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Baltimore Ravens could make some noise but they don't seem to have enough offensively. The one team that is so hard to figure out is the Cincinnati Bengals; they are a good one-year, and horrible the next, kind of franchise. Don't be surprised if they have a good year. The AFC South could be the best division

in the league. You have the Houston Texans with quarterback Deshaun Watson and defenders J.J. Watt and Jadeveon Clowney. There's the Jacksonville Jaguars with maybe the best defense in the NFL. The Indianapolis Colts have quarterback Andrew Luck back at full strength and the Tennessee Titans are coming off a playoff season. Everybody seems to give the Jaguars the edge in this division; I think if they stay healthy, watch out for the Texans. The best team in the AFC West is probably the Kansas City Chiefs, but

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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 2018 on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 10:30 A.M., at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Directors Silva, Spurlin, Touchstone and Contreras**
AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**
PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**
ABSENT: **Director Quiñones**

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.75/\$100 Adopted	0.75/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 153,294	\$ 162,965
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 153,294	\$ 162,965
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,149.71	\$ 1,222.24
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ \$ 72.53 + 6.31%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.
The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 8 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

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 2018 on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 11:30 A.M. (CDST), at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Directors Bustamante, Lascurain, Owen, Aguayo and Zuniga**
AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**
PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**
ABSENT: **NONE**

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.75/\$100 Adopted	0.75/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average residence homestead taxable value*	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	\$ 0.00 0.00%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code*.
**This District has no residence homesteads.*

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



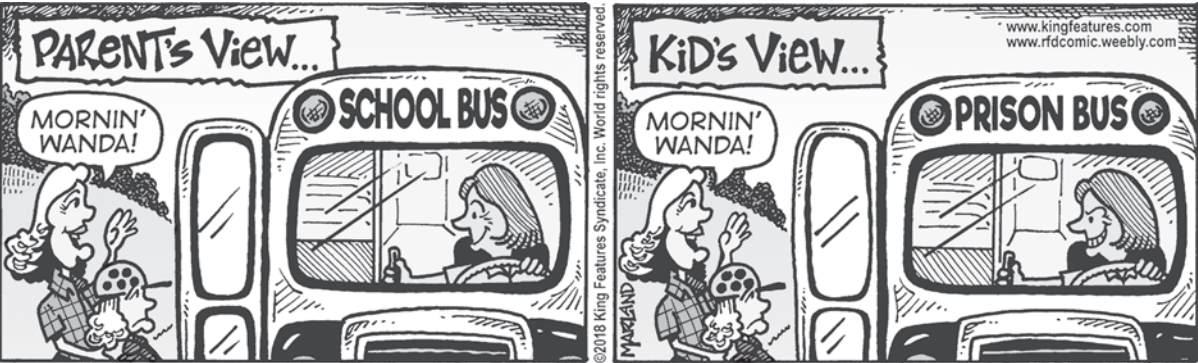
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Sports

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they usher in a new unproven quarterback in Pat Mahomes. Everywhere else the Chiefs are pretty solid.

A challenge could come from the Oakland Raiders and new fiery coach Jon “Chucky” Gruden.

Last season the NFC North was dominated by the Minnesota Vikings. Of course that was all after Green Bay’s Aaron Rodgers was injured and missed much of the season.

I expect the Packers and the Vikings to both make the playoffs this year, provided Rodgers stays healthy and Minnesota’s new quarterback Kirk Cousins has a decent season.

The NFC South is another tough division that could see any of its four residents finish on top.

The Atlanta Falcons, New Orleans Saints, Carolina Panthers and Tampa Bay Bucs are all worthy of taking this division but I believe the Falcons will return to dominance this year.

The NFC West seems to

belong to the Los Angeles Rams. The Rams, with the emergence of quarterback Jared Goff and running back Todd Gurley, will be tough to slow down.

The Seattle Seahawks appear to be on the way down and the Arizona Cardinals are just so-so.

The trendy pick in the West is the 49ers with quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. I say they will finish below .500.

That brings us to the NFC all you Dallas Cowboys fans.

There’s no reason to believe that anyone will dethrone the world champion Philadelphia Eagles. But so many times we’ve seen champions get fat and lazy and struggle the year after winning it all.

If the Eagles do struggle, will it be the Cowboys, New York Giants or Washington Redskins who will take advantage?

I believe the second best team in the division is a dead heat between Dallas and Washington. The Cowboys could be that team if Dak can find his new no-name receiving corps consistently.

As far as this year’s Super Bowl champ? Keep an eye on the Houston Texans.

EPAS

From Page 2

plate, for children 12 years and under, is \$11. The deadline for banquet registration is Thursday, September 13.

The all-you-can-eat buffet meal includes: barbecued chicken, sausage, shredded beef brisket or salmon with potato salad, coleslaw and beans and a drink choice of iced tea, Coke, Sprite or Dr. Pepper. The vegetarian plate includes a vegetable kebab of potatoes, bell peppers, onion and zucchini squash with coleslaw and beans.

For information about the upcoming EPAS banquet and to reserve a seat, interested individuals may contact Nena Arias, at 915-309-8219. (Directions to State Line Restaurant: From I-10 take the Sunland Park Drive exit and head South, on the other side of Doniphan Drive.)

EPAS, founded in 1922, is a non-profit group. Membership is open to individuals and organizations interested in anthropology, archaeology and in the preservation of prehistoric and historic cultural resources. Membership information can be found on the EPAS website, <http://epas.com>.

Super Crossword

“I MISS YOU GUYS”

ACROSS

- 1 After, in Paris
- 6 Paparazzi target
- 11 Speedy
- 15 Close loudly
- 19 Instant replay mode
- 20 St. Teresa’s town
- 21 Guthrie of folk music
- 22 Snow beast of legend
- 23 Frenetic cartoon marsupial [#1]
- 25 Banging, as a drum
- 27 Bread type
- 28 Caviar eggs
- 29 It’s not currently erupting [#2]
- 31 _ distance
- 32 Capital of Kazakhstan
- 36 Kia model
- 37 Fragrant compound
- 38 “Just name it and I’ll do it” [#3]
- 43 Zine staff
- 44 Sarcastic laugh sound
- 45 Dust bit
- 46 Direction of sunup
- 49 Real guy?
- 52 House-building charity [#4]
- 59 Shouts from cheerleaders

- 60 Recording studio control
- 61 Watch
- 62 Concave tummy part
- 63 Sauna spot
- 64 _ tai (mixed drink)
- 65 Hive group
- 66 “Sorority Row” actress Evigan
- 67 Annual publication of Benjamin Franklin [#5]
- 73 Jonathan Swift’s genre
- 75 Ark crafter
- 76 Egg case qty.
- 77 Prefix with con
- 80 Her “Hello” was a big hit
- 81 Horror film helper
- 82 Composer Franz
- 85 Singer Baez
- 86 What a green card grants an alien [#6]
- 89 Dated yet trendy
- 90 Be a vagrant
- 91 “Othello” baddie
- 92 “No kidding!”
- 93 _jongg
- 96 Available again because folks asked for it [#7]
- 104 Not silently
- 107 August sign
- 108 Old office note-takers
- 109 Ending with ethyl
- 110 Classic song by

- Rodgers and Hart [#8]
- 114 Platform that runs on Apple devices
- 115 Audiophile’s stack
- 116 Certain shore area
- 117 1988 film about an old baseball scandal (and what this puzzle has?)
- 122 Bakery tool
- 123 Brother of Cain
- 124 Comic Anderson
- 125 Passover dinner
- 126 Cruel emperor
- 127 Simple
- 128 Bulges
- 129 Not well-kept

DOWN

- 1 Wandering
- 2 Seek the approval of
- 3 Capital of
- 4 Record label for
- 5 Take off from a high nest, as an eagle
- 6 Academy students
- 7 Mother of Cain
- 8 Ullmann or Tyler of film
- 9 Yale athlete
- 10 Dis-tressed?
- 11 Cloth
- 12 “Am not!” reply
- 13 Serb, say
- 14 Pooch in Oz
- 15 Matches up, as

- files
- 16 Papal envoy
- 17 Paid (for)
- 18 Tweens, e.g.
- 24 Army denial
- 26 Sicile, e.g.
- 30 Suffix with access
- 33 Sportscaster _ Rashad
- 34 Weeper in myth
- 35 Not lifeless
- 39 Letters that follow
- 40 Converged
- 41 Tabby sound
- 42 _ es Salaam
- 47 City in Iran
- 48 Tennis top
- 49 Wifely title
- 50 Ceiling
- 51 Book division
- 52 Brow or lash
- 53 Say for sure
- 54 With 56-Down, entwined like shoelace ends
- 55 Own (up)
- 56 See 54-Down
- 57 With 78-Down, tone deafness
- 58 Pro’s vote
- 60 Cost to cab it
- 64 Singer Rita
- 65 Scornful cry
- 66 Dark mark
- 68 Gulf ship
- 69 Playwright William
- 70 Pigeon calls
- 71 Spy Mata _

- 72 Timber tool
- 73 Syrup base
- 74 Sugary drink
- 78 See 57-Down
- 79 1969 Beatle bride
- 81 “_ la Douce”
- 82 Lutzes, e.g.
- 83 Bar of gold
- 84 Range
- 85 Taunt
- 87 Eatery check
- 88 Handy-andy’s inits.
- 89 Evaluate anew
- 92 Low spirits
- 93 Remit, say
- 94 _Lorraine
- 95 Schnozz
- 97 Maker of an exact copy
- 98 Brewing pot
- 99 “Sk8er _” (2002 hit)
- 100 Merges
- 101 Crack, as a cipher
- 102 Provided, as with talent
- 103 “_ Rides Again” (old Western)
- 105 In _ (not yet born)
- 106 “What’s the _?”
- 111 Trolley car
- 112 Caftan, e.g.
- 113 Jail division
- 118 Debt doc
- 119 Chewed stuff
- 120 Not square
- 121 Once named

Answer Page 8

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **P** equals **S**

GLCH QTA FTRVBHE RGH
PVDF RGH BTARASVHS KTPRHE
TF GVP KSVCLRH KSTKHSRQ?:
“FT ESHPP KLPPVFD.”

Answer Page 2
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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2** conducted public hearings on August 23, 2018 and August 30, 2018 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2** from the properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 13.25 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year’s tax rate of \$0.092349 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,028,475.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,421,711.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,523,279.

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 6, 2018 at 100 S. San Elizario Rd. Suite N, Clint, Texas 79836 at 6:00 PM.

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2** proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of funding capital improvements and purchasing a new pumper.

WTCC: 08-30-18 and 09-06-18

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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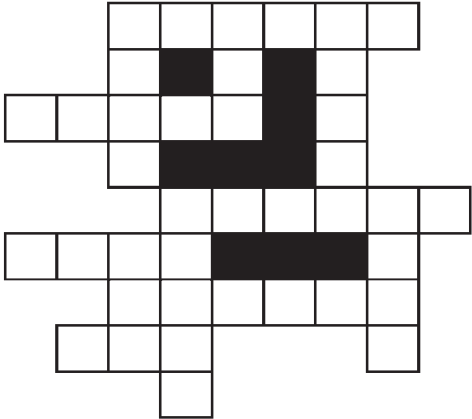
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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

O A B
A L O A R M
M Y G E A
O L E F
E G O B A Z
F Y A
♥ E L B O
♥ G R A L E
♥ Y E B
B U F I A L
O R L A F
♥ F A S O



Answer Page 2

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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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
Answer Page 4 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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by Jo Ann Derson

- “I like a dark wash on my jeans and have found the perfect pair fitwise, but after repeated washing they tend to lighten up. I use an in-washer dye to freshen up the color, and my jeans go back to dark blue in a snap. You can do the same with once-black pants or T-shirts that have turned faded by using black dye. Just make sure that it's not embroidered, because it'll dye that too.”
– R.H. in Arkansas
- Heading into sniffles season, here's a great tip from E.G.: “Get a roll of toilet paper that's easy on the nose, then squeeze to loosen the center cardboard roll. Remove cardboard. Carefully open the bottom of an empty tissue box and insert the roll of toilet paper, threading the TP from the inside of the roll up through the center. Tape the bottom of the box closed, and then use at will. It lasts longer, it's cheaper and you easily can replace it.”
- Use this teachers' hack to hang a poster in your rental: Apply a piece of low-tack painter's tape to the wall. Run a line of hot glue along the tape and push the poster into place. The poster sticks to the glue, which sticks to the tape on the wall, which is not damaged in any way.
- “Sunglass cases are excellent cord keepers. I went through so many pairs of earbuds just stuffing them in my backpack, but now the ones I like are safe and secure, along with my charging cord and a cube to plug into the wall outlet if I need it.” – P.A. in Florida
- Recipe substitution: For a cup of heavy cream in sauces (not whipping) try this vegan alternative: 2/3 cup plain unflavored soy milk and 1/3 cup olive oil.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

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