



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Never too old

Like many young men and women Bill Gossett's schooling was interrupted when World War II broke out. And when the war ended he couldn't go back to school to get his college degree because he was obliged to go to work. Gossett explained, "There was always a void there but I was busy learning to run a business. Time went by and I finally decided to finish my degree. It was a goal of self-fulfillment." At last, 80 years later, he finally earned his degree from Lincoln College in Lincoln, IL but fate intruded once again; the COVID pandemic forced the cancellation of graduation and so he was unable to formally graduate in 2020; he had to wait until the 2021 graduation ceremony to accept his degree. The wait was worth it, however; he received not only an Associate of Arts degree, but an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters as well. Not bad for a 97-year-old.

— John Grimaldi

### Never too young

There aren't many two-year-olds like Kashe Quest of Los Angeles, CA. In fact, there aren't many adults who qualify to join Mensa, the world's oldest IQ society. You need an IQ of 131 for that and Kashe has become the youngest member of Mensa having checked in with an IQ of 146. Her parents say she is a normal child who happens to love learning. "She'll wake up on a Saturday and say, 'I wanna do elements,' or, 'I wanna do states,' so whenever she's leaning into it, we're just there to support her," according to her dad. But, her mom was quick to add that "At the end of the day, she's in that toddler stage. So, she very much is still a normal 2-year-old where we have negotiations, we have tantrums, we have everything and it's different because the way we communicate with her, it has to be different because she's able to understand just a little bit more."

— John Grimaldi

### The 'ones' have it

Who would be dumb enough (or smart enough) to pick the numbers 1-1-1 in a "Pick 3" lottery? The 6,523 winners who won \$250 or \$500, depending on the amount they paid for the ticket, says the North Carolina Education Lottery. It's not as rare as one might think. It was the third time in just two weeks that Pick 3 players who picked three ones and won.

— John Grimaldi

*Isn't it discouraging to think that tomorrow's history will consist of today's current events?*

— Quips & Quotes

## Emmitt Smith to highlight El Paso Hispanic Chamber's annual celebration



— Photos courtesy Emmitt Smith website

**STAR POWER** – Former Dallas Cowboy Emmitt Smith will be the guest speaker at the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 31st Annual Fiesta Celebration, Saturday, November 13, at the renovated Paso Del Norte Hotel in El Paso's downtown district.

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce announced recently that NFL Hall of Famer and former Dallas Cowboy Emmitt Smith will be the special guest speaker at the chamber's 31st Annual Fiesta Celebration, Saturday, November 13, at the renovated Paso Del Norte Hotel in El Paso's downtown district.

Smith, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, is now a successful businessman, a best-selling author, and one of the most well-known brands in sports entertainment. For the Fiesta Celebration, chamber organizers related that Smith would share how he managed to rise to the top in his field and be a three-time Super Bowl champion.

"We are very excited to be bringing such a well-known and respected athlete and businessman to speak to our community. Emmitt Smith has been on our radar for years, and we thought it would be extra special to have him speak after having missed our Fiesta last year, due to COVID-19 concerns," El Paso Hispanic Chamber

of Commerce CEO Cindy Ramos-Davidson said in a news release.

Smith currently is president and CEO of Emmitt Smith Enterprises Inc. and leads a team that oversees the company's many ventures, including the marketing and advocating for Your Business Success, management of the Emmitt Smith brand, the company's two core businesses- E J Smith Construction and E Smith Legacy real estate company- and the Pat & Emmitt Smith Charities foundation.

In 2000, Pat Southall, former Miss Virginia USA, and Smith got married and started their public charity two years later to provide educational opportunities and positive experiences for children.

Focusing on primarily the North Texas area, they offered a hands-on mentoring program and financial help to several local organizations. Some of their charities' accomplishments included 29 college scholarships, dental services for 2,500 children, and mentoring and leadership camp for TEAM 22 students, which was a program that offered a multi-year curriculum including mentorship, leadership development, community

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## Morales hired as secondary school café manager

By Adriana Candelaria  
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY – Anthony's warm hospitality and small-town environment are what drove Hugo Morales back to his hometown to help students receive nutritious meals at Anthony ISD.

"I love this community. Ever since I was a kid, I would come to the school events," Morales said.

"You know everyone, and everyone knows you. It's just a small and very safe community," Morales said.

Morales was hired as AISD's secondary café manager in June. The move was like a homecoming for the lifelong Wildcat who attended Anthony elementary, middle, and high school.

Shortly after graduating high school in 2017, Morales was hired as a food helper at the AISD cafeteria where he became fond of working in the nutrition department. He briefly worked for Las Cruces Public Schools before returning to AISD.

"The school food service is not something that a lot of people think about supporting, but it's very crucial for the students to get their lunch," Morales said.

"A lot of planning goes into making sure we follow the guidance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)," Morales said.

Every morning before sunrise, the Child Nutrition Department assembles breakfast for students. Organizing more than a thousand meals per day is a big, calculated task – from keeping meals at a certain temperature to brainstorming what will appeal the students' palate.

"We're trying to implement new options and provide other entrée choices. For middle school, we added salads. For high school, we added salads and pizza,"

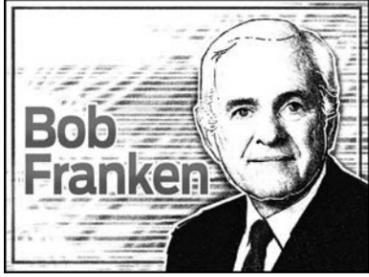
Morales said.

The Child Nutrition Department is a federal funded program that relies on students receiving their meals daily. Every student that receives a meal is counted and reported to the state for reimbursement. Each meal consists of the following five components: meat/meat alternate, grain, dairy, fruits and vegetables). Each student must take at least three of the five components.



— Photo courtesy Anthony ISD

**FOODS ON** – Hugo Morales arranges meals before students are released for lunch.



# Lost civilization

that's not very progressive, is it? And to spread the poison around, when Jesse Jackson and his wife were hospitalized for the same disease, a big cheer went up from too many conservatives.

That is not conduct worthy of a civilized country.

So when withdrawal from a war in Afghanistan blows up in our faces, we think of it mainly in political terms – as in “Joe Biden is going to get his.” The blot of blame spreads over four administrations, as well as the blot of deceit. Never mind the mourning of another military defeat for our country or the hit to our national reputation for abandoning those Afghans who sustained the American cause there as interpreters and other civilian support staff. And never mind the pro-government fighters

who expected top-of-the-line training from their U.S. armed forces counterparts; both were betrayed when corruption ate up so many of the tens of billions of dollars that were supposed to make the Afghans a first-class fighting force.

For those who did escape as promised, the “Welcome to America” mat was unevenly woven. On the one hand, some U.S. citizens have volunteered to help the latest “huddled masses yearning to be free.” They have gone out of their way to organize rudimentary living necessities for the flood of refugees and their families – food and a roof over their heads.

At the same time that illumination was spreading its warmth over our country, commentators and plain ‘ol

anti-Muslims were charging up the atmosphere with the harsh lightning of their bigotry.

Within days, the bitterest combat started heating up in an unfamiliar battleground, a long-valued sanctuary for peace and knowledge – that would be our schools, where we send our tots. Already, some parents are reacting violently to mask mandates for their enrolled kiddies. Reports from Texas and California tell of enraged grown-ups ripping masks off of the faces of educators and slugging others. Or we have heard about some people taking the same sort of action when it comes to vaccination requirements, refusing to comply in a misguided understanding of legal rights.

It seems in so many cases, we have forgotten how to be a United States of America, to the point that our arguments have reached such intensity that our federal Department of Homeland Security warns of extremists:

“These extremists may seek to exploit the emergence of COVID-19 variants by viewing the potential re-establishment of public health restrictions across

the United States as a rationale to conduct attacks. Pandemic-related stressors have contributed to increased societal strains and tensions, driving several plots by domestic violent extremists, and they may contribute to more violence this year.”

It's pretty sad when public health efforts against a pandemic become so distorted that they contribute to barbarity, particularly when it's based on one political leaning or the other. But it's nothing new here in the U.S. of A. Just read the far-fetched hateful comments after a school massacre or listen to the racists crow when the police gun down a person of color.

When will we ever learn? Will we ever learn? We are spinning in the wrong direction. That could be because our beginning set of principles were created by slaveholders who were such hypocrites and left history by writing “All men are created equal.”

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of **\$0.710781 per \$100 valuation** has been proposed by the governing body of **TOWN OF ANTHONY**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	<b>\$0.710781 per \$100</b>
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	<b>\$0.683745 per \$100</b>
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	<b>\$0.826713 per \$100</b>

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for TOWN OF ANTHONY from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that TOWN OF ANTHONY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that TOWN OF ANTHONY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 13, 2021 AT 6:30 PM AT Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, TOWN OF ANTHONY is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of TOWN OF ANTHONY at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

### YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

**FOR the proposal:** Councilman Eluterio Alfaro Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Weeks  
 Councilman Jose Garcia Councilman Eduardo Chavez  
 Councilwoman Soledad Flores

**AGAINST the proposal:** None

**PRESENT and not voting:** Mayor Benjamin Romero

**ABSENT:** None

**The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.**

**The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by TOWN OF ANTHONY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by TOWN OF ANTHONY this year.**

	2020	2021	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.710781	\$0.710781	Increase of \$0.000000, or 0.00%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$110,630	\$120,168	Increase of \$9,538, or 8.62%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$786.34	\$854.13	Increase of \$67.79, or 8.62%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$1,433,578	\$1,494,957	Increase of \$61,379, or 4.28%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for **TOWN OF ANTHONY** at **915-212-0106** or **citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov**, or visit **townofanthony.org** for more information.

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# The media's finest hour

Poor Ron Klain. It's not a good sign when a White House chief of staff to a Democratic president wants to re-tweet favorable news coverage and all he can find is the least credible and most slavishly loyal commentators on the internet.

The Afghanistan fiasco has created that most disorienting and discomfiting experience for a progressive administration – a serious bout of critical media coverage immune to White House spin and determined to tell the unvarnished story of an ongoing debacle.

The White House and its allies have lashed out at what they are portraying as an insular, pro-war media ignoring its many successes in the Afghan evacuation.

This, like Ron Klain's tweeting, is a sign of desperation and of a feeling of outraged betrayal that usually dependable allies have, on this story, switched sides. Say it's not so, CNN.

The White House is unfamiliar with what it's like to be on the receiving end of the kind of media feeding frenzy that Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis experiences every other day (almost always involving spurious storylines).

But on Afghanistan, Joe Biden in effect set out to test how much

shameless incompetence and dishonesty the media would accept. The answer? Not nearly enough.

The press is blatantly biased and has become even more so over time, repeatedly propagating false narratives that have shredded its credibility. Still, there are limits beyond which even it can't be pushed.

Biden said that the Afghan withdrawal wouldn't be another Saigon within weeks of Saigon-like scenes of a hasty evacuation of the U.S. embassy, of terrified Afghans clinging to a U.S. transport plane, of desperate Afghans passing their infants over the barbed wire to Western soldiers guarding the Kabul airport.

There is no number of look-on-the-bright-side briefings that are going to overcome these indelible images, and even a journalist who tilted heavily toward Biden in 2020 and supports his agenda was going to be hard-pressed to look away.

The contradiction in Biden's case for withdrawal was also too stark to ignore. He originally justified his pullout because the Afghan government and military were capable of defending the country without us, then he justified his exit because the government and

military collapsed so quickly. Which was it?

Much of what Biden has said in his remarks and press conferences has been vulnerable to instant fact checks. When he said that Americans weren't having trouble getting through to the airport, reporters could immediately attest that it wasn't true.

Who was everyone supposed to believe? Biden's misleading assurance, or CNN reporter Clarissa Ward's compelling report from outside the Kabul airport that she was threatened with a whip for not covering her face and her producer nearly pistol whipped? Ward said it was "mayhem" and "a miracle that more people haven't been very, very seriously hurt."

The complaints from the

administration and its most committed journalistic supporters that the coverage has been unfair and the product of a press biased toward interventionism ring hollow.

It is certainly true that the East Coast media has more cosmopolitan attitudes than the rest of the country, but it's hardly full of committed foreign policy hawks. The press didn't notably dissent from President Barack Obama's pullout from Iraq in 2011 or his nuclear deal with Iran. It has steadfastly favored the so-called peace process in the Middle East.

It's not as though only the American media has noticed Biden's ineptitude, either. If anything, our foreign allies have been harsher about the humiliating mess Biden has stumbled into (former British prime minister Tony Blair called



it "imbecilic") than journalists here at home.

Since he won the Democratic nomination last year, Biden has been the subject of relentless favorable press coverage forgiving his lapses and enthusiastic about his alleged accomplishments. It was hard to see what he could do to lose media support, even for a time, and then he botched his withdrawal.

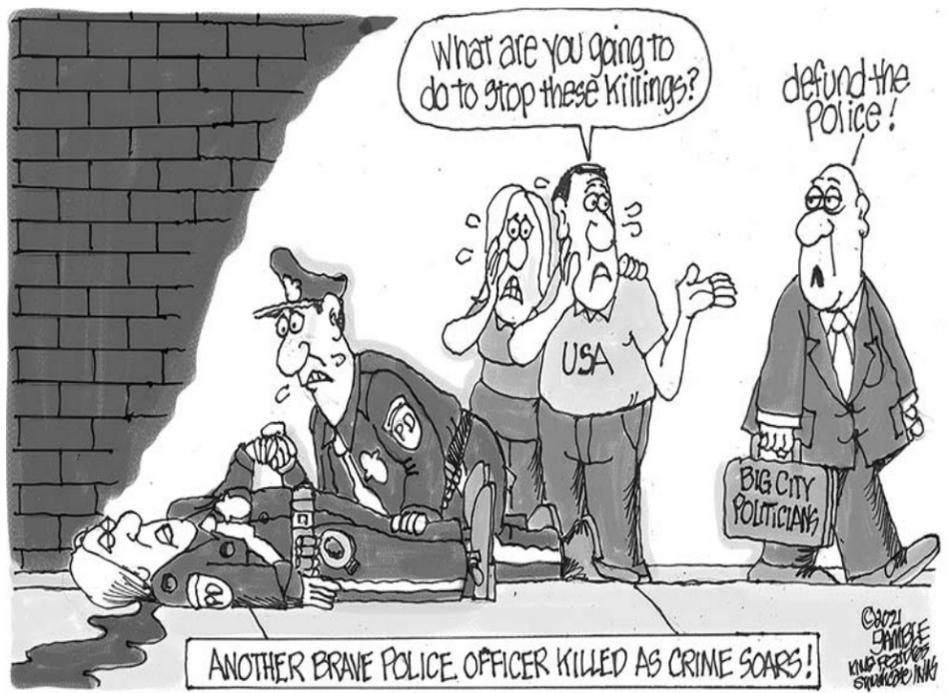
Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2021 by King Features Synd., Inc.

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View from here By Marilyn M. Singleton, M.D., J.D.

# Stopping the tyranny of medical mandates

In Patrick Henry's June 4, 1788 speech, "A Wrong Step Now and the Republic Will Be Lost Forever"<sup>1</sup> he pleaded for less power to the federal government and the preservation of states' and individual rights as a condition for ratification of the Constitution. We got our Bill of Rights, including freedom of religion, speech, assembly and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. We also have the right to be secure in our "persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures." And we cannot be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.

Despite the Constitution's admonitions, fear and anxiety have led to an increase in federal powers. The Great Depression gave birth to some 70 new agencies and programs<sup>2</sup>. The mother of all programs was the Social Security Act, constitutionally justified under the Congress' Constitutional taxing power<sup>3</sup>. We have been so irrational as to deem it constitutional to place American citizens in internment camps<sup>4</sup> with no due process.

COVID-19 is the latest justification for government overreach in the name of public health. There is little reason for confidence given the CDC's faulty COVID-19 tests<sup>5</sup>, the conflicting information on the usefulness of wearing masks, and censoring of effective treatments that were not on the infallible Dr. Fauci's personal favorite list. (Note: the World Health Organization recommended against the use of his favored drug, remdesivir<sup>6</sup>). Adding to the erosion

of trust is the change in definition<sup>7</sup> of a COVID-19 "case." Prior to the vaccination rollout, any positive COVID-19 test – with or without symptoms – was a "case." Now, a positive test in a vaccinated person is only considered a "case" if the patient was hospitalized or died.

The federal health bureaucracy is encouraging businesses and local governments to mandate vaccines, despite the growing list of adverse effects, their modest effectiveness<sup>8</sup> against the predominant Delta variant, and the imminent need for booster shots<sup>9</sup>. According to data gathered<sup>10</sup> from the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System<sup>11</sup>, as of August 23, 2021, there have been 13,068 deaths, 154,142 hospitalizations, 5,617 cases of anaphylaxis, 4,681 cases of Bell's Palsy, 1,607 miscarriages, 4,861 cases of myocarditis/pericarditis, 13,812 life-threatening reactions, and 17,228 permanently disabled, among other issues. On one hand, it is arguable that this is a pittance given that 360,634,287 doses of Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson/Janssen (J&J) vaccines have been given. On the other hand, a 2011 Harvard study<sup>12</sup> concluded that only 1 per cent of adverse events are reported to the government system.

Other drugs have been removed for less. The 1976 H1N1 (swine flu)<sup>13</sup> vaccine was rapidly developed over fears that the flu would overtake the nation as did the 1918 Spanish Flu. The vaccinations were halted after 45 million doses and 450 cases of Guillain

Barré Syndrome (ascending paralysis). As it turned out, millions did not die.

We all remember the limb deformities at birth caused by the 1956 over-the-counter anti-nausea drug, thalidomide<sup>14</sup>. It took four years to make the connection. Another hidden dragon was diethylstilbesterol (DES)<sup>15</sup>. Believed to reduce miscarriages, DES was given to pregnant women for 30 years. In 1971, after it was discovered that DES could cause genital abnormalities and vaginal cancer, the FDA withdrew approval for pregnant women. It took 5 years to discover that the anti-inflammatory drug Vioxx may cause heart disease. One report estimated that some 140,000 people<sup>16</sup> suffered from coronary artery disease because of Vioxx.

We do not know all the risks of the current COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States. Yet the vaccines are given in drive-through parking lots with little to no discussion.

Moderna's<sup>17</sup>, Pfizer's<sup>18</sup>, and J & J's<sup>19</sup> fact sheets warn that the "vaccine may not protect all recipients." The Moderna and Pfizer fact sheets give special mention to myocarditis and pericarditis reported "during mass vaccination outside of clinical trials." J&J specifically notes the large vein blood clots. Additionally, all the fact sheets note that "additional adverse reactions, some of which may be serious, may become apparent with more widespread use of the Moderna [Pfizer,

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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- In a practice called sexual death feigning, female dragonflies play dead to avoid sex. Why? A scientist at the University of Zurich observed that, when faced with aggressive males, female moorland hawk dragonflies will freeze in mid-air, fall to the ground and lie motionless in an attempt to avoid injury and sometimes even death that can result from being coerced into mating. Four other species, including the spider and praying mantis, are known to do this as well.

- When Victor Hugo was facing a tight publication schedule for "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," he asked his valet to confiscate his clothes so he wouldn't be able to leave the house.

- For several decades, Vincennes University in Indiana offered a degree in Bowling Management that allowed students to gain entry-level jobs in the bowling industry by offering classes on sales, pinsetter mechanics and pro shop operations.

- John F. Kennedy was buried without his brain. The original reason given was it had been "lost" during his autopsy. In 2018, newly released U.S. government documents revealed his brother, Robert Kennedy, ordered the brain secretly destroyed to ensure it would never be displayed in a museum.

- Eating Kentucky Fried Chicken on Dec. 25 is such a popular tradition in Japan that the chain asks customers to place their orders at least two months in advance. The custom started in 1974 when it was introduced to Japan for visitors who were looking for a dinner that resembled a traditional holiday meal.

- Aside from being the first commercially successful 3D game, Battlezone also was used by the U.S. Army to train tank gunners.

Thought for the Day: "Take a walk outside – it will serve you far more than pacing around in your mind."  
– Rasheed Ogunlaru

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A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m., September 13, 2021 at City Hall located at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821 and streamed through the zoom.us platform at the following URL:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2520023141?pwd=WVRDZDIFR3ZHR3FjVlJUL3ZLWTB6d309>.

The purpose of the public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

Members of the public are invited to attend and participate in the

## Classified Ads

Village Council's September 13th special council meeting where the public can testify regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

Those unable to attend are invited to submit their views in writing to the Village of Vinton, Attn: Mayor Manuel Leos, 436 E. Vinton Road. City Hall is accessible for handicapped persons in need of special assistance to attend the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Secretary at (915) 886-5104, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review on the Village of Vinton website and at the Village Hall located at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821.

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Andrea N. Carrillo  
Village Administrator

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#### TOWN OF ANTHONY, TX

##### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Anthony will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING at 6:00 p.m., September 13, 2021, at Town Hall, in the Town Council Chambers, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, TX 79821 and via Microsoft Teams please contact Interim Town Clerk Valerie M. Armendariz at (915) 886-3944 to provide invitation. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the adoption of the

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

Those unable to attend are invited to submit their views in writing to the Town of Anthony, TX, Attn: Benjamin C. Romero Jr., 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, TX 79821. Town Hall is accessible for handicapped persons in need of special assistance to attend the hearing are encouraged to contact the Interim Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944, fortyeight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of the budget are available for review at 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, TX 79821.

Valerie M. Armendariz  
Interim Town Clerk

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### CryptoQuip Answer

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The Three Muscat-eers!

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**Moments in time**  
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Aug. 30, 1963, a “hot line” between Moscow and Washington goes into effect to speed communication between U.S. and the Soviet Union and help prevent the possibility of an accidental war. Although never used, it did provide a useful prop for movies about nuclear disaster, such as “Fail Safe” and “Dr. Strangelove.”

• On Aug. 31, 1959, Brooklyn Dodgers left-hander Sandy Koufax strikes out 18 batters, setting a new National League record for most strikeouts in a single game.

• On Sept. 1, 1983, Soviet jet fighters shoot down a Korean Airlines passenger flight in Russian airspace, killing all 269 passengers and crew. The KAL flight had veered into a course that was close to one being simultaneously flown by a U.S. spy plane.

• On Sept. 2, 31 B.C., at the Battle of Actium, Roman leader Octavian wins a decisive victory against the forces of Mark Antony and Cleopatra, queen of Egypt. Antony and Cleopatra broke through the enemy lines and fled to Egypt, where they would later commit suicide.

• On Sept. 3, 1935, a new land-speed record is set by Britain’s Sir Malcolm Campbell on the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah. Campbell and his 2,500-horsepower Bluebird motorcar made two runs over a 1-mile course at speeds averaging over 301 mph.

• On Sept. 4, 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins his seventh gold medal at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich in the 400-meter medley relay. He set world records in every event. Spitz’s record would stand until Michael Phelps took home eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Games.

• On Sept. 5, 1666, firefighters in London begin blowing up homes in a desperate attempt to halt the spread of a great fire in the city. By the time the fire was finally extinguished, more than 100,000 people had been left homeless.

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**Mandates**

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J&J COVID-19 Vaccine.” It appears that we are nonconsenting participants in the final phase of the vaccine trials.

Given that no one knows the risks, how can physicians (much less the “provider” in the drive-through window) give the patients the information needed to decide whether the potential benefit of taking the drug is worth the risk?

Drunk with power and preying on our fears, the federal government is having corporations do its bidding. Mandates unsupported by medical science could be the greatest threat to our lives and liberty.

Take heart. The spirit of Patrick Henry is alive. A professor – using the science – won a medical exemption<sup>20</sup> from vaccination because his antibodies from a prior COVID-19 infection are longer lasting than those of a vaccine. Airline pilots are suing for a restraining order<sup>21</sup> against mandates until “the science/medicine is more fully developed and better understood.” Teachers, health care workers, first responders are demanding choice<sup>22</sup>.

Since the establishment of our republic, we have taken some very wrong steps. Let’s not let the COVID-19 response become another one.

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**Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1  
Notice of Public Hearing  
on Tax Rate**

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 10:30 A.M. MT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 6101 West Courtyard, Building One, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78730, and by means of using a video/telephone conference (Zoom.us/join or US Toll-Free 877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 987 5467 7936 | Passcode: 519220), pursuant to Sections 551.125 and 551.127, Texas Government Code.

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**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Holford, Roark, Mills, Mellenbruch and Covington**

**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 of value)	\$0.7500/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ –
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)		– %
Average appraised residence homestead value*	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ –	\$ –
Average residence homestead taxable value*	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)		N/A
and percentage of increase (+/–)		N/A

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, the Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE**

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing 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 voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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\*This District had no residence homesteads as of January 1, 2021.

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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 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. MT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, and by means of using a video/telephone conference (Zoom.us/join or US Toll-Free 877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 974 2522 3265 | Passcode: 100774), pursuant to Sections 551.125 and 551.127, Texas Government Code.

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**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Borrett, Newsom, Esparza and Mezzacappa**  
**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**  
**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**  
**ABSENT**: **Director Jorjorian-Raynal**

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)	\$0.7500/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ -	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	- %	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 286,931	\$ 294,136
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 286,931	\$ 294,136
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,151.98	\$ 2,206.02
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ \$ 54.04 + 2.51%	

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, 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.

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE**

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing 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 voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 3 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. MT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, and by means of using a video/telephone conference (Zoom.us/join or US Toll-Free 877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 930 3215 1235 | Passcode: 614101), pursuant to Sections 551.125 and 551.127, Texas Government Code.

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**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Alcocer, Haddad, Dyer, Boswell and Adauto**  
**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)	\$0.7500/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ -	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	- %	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 195,431	\$ 206,560
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 195,431	\$ 206,560
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,465.73	\$ 1,549.20
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ \$ 83.47 + 5.69%	

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, 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.

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE**

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing 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 voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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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 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Friday, September 10, 2021, at 9:30 A.M. MT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, and by means of using a video/telephone conference (Zoom.us/join or US Toll-Free 877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 945 4744 7301 | Passcode: 242545), pursuant to Sections 551.125 and 551.127, Texas Government Code.

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**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Lascurain, Taylor and Campbell**

**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**

**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**

**ABSENT:** **Directors Macias and Silerio**

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)	\$0.7500/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ -	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	- %	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ N/A	\$ 186,305
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ N/A	\$ 186,305
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ N/A	\$ 1,397.29
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	N/A	N/A

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, the Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 4 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE**

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing 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 voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 10:30 A.M. MT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, and by means of using a video/telephone conference (Zoom.us/join or US Toll-Free 877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 950 8310 1422 | Passcode: 716771), pursuant to Sections 551.125 and 551.127, Texas Government Code.

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

**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**

**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**

**ABSENT:** **Vacancy**

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

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.7500/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ -	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	- %	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 194,590	\$ 204,418
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 194,590	\$ 204,418
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,459.43	\$ 1,533.14
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ \$ 73.71	+ 5.05%

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, 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.

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE**

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing 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 voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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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 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. MT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, and by means of using a video/telephone conference (Zoom.us/join or US Toll-Free 877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 949 5501 4978 | Passcode: 002936), pursuant to Sections 551.125 and 551.127, Texas Government Code.

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**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Huit, Wheeler, Peterson, Romero and Rico**  
**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)	\$0.7500/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ -	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	- %	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 168,863	\$ 215,877
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 168,863	\$ 215,877
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,266.47	\$ 1,619.08
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ \$ 352.61 + 27.84%	

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, the Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 6 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE**

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing 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 voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 7 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 3:00 P.M. MT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, and by means of using a video/telephone conference (Zoom.us/join or US Toll-Free 877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 969 4714 3160 | Passcode: 621766), pursuant to Sections 551.125 and 551.127, Texas Government Code.

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**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Hansen, Goldfien, Garnica and Ulrich**  
**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**  
**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**  
**ABSENT:** **Director Moye**

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)	\$0.7500/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ -	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	- %	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 155,936	\$ 180,384
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 155,936	\$ 180,384
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,169.52	\$ 1,352.88
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ \$ 183.36 + 15.68%	

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, 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.

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE**

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing 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 voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, 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 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Friday, September 10, 2021, at 10:30 A.M. MT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, and by means of using a video/telephone conference (Zoom.us/join or US Toll-Free 877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 968 3975 8356 | Passcode: 496014), pursuant to Sections 551.125 and 551.127, Texas Government Code.

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**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Quiñones, Silva, Spurlin, Touchstone and Wardy**

**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)	\$0.7500/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ -	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	- %	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 177,539	\$ 193,456
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 177,539	\$ 193,456
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,331.54	\$ 1,450.92
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+ \$ 119.38	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 8.97%	

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, 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.

### NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

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

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Friday, September 10, 2021, at 11:30 A.M. MT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, and by means of using a video/telephone conference (Zoom.us/join or US Toll-Free 877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 994 0843 6554 | Passcode: 458690), pursuant to Sections 551.125 and 551.127, Texas Government Code.

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**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Bustamante, Lascrain, Owen, Grenier and Zuniga**

**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**

**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**

**ABSENT:** **NONE**

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

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.7500/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ -	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	- %	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 188,421	\$ 203,168
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 188,421	\$ 203,168
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,413.16	\$ 1,523.76
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+ \$ 110.60	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 7.83%	

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, the Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing 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 voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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# UTEP dismantles NMSU, looks forward to home opener

**By Steve Escajeda**  
*Special to the Courier*

In common everyday math, it's quite simple, *more* is greater than *less*. And an even simpler mathematical fact is that *some* is greater than *none*.

The college football-scheduling honchos must be on UTEP's side for the first time in decades as the Miners open the 2021 football season.

First, the Miners, who played eight games in 2020, opened the season against a New Mexico State Aggies team that didn't play a single game last season.

This Saturday, when UTEP opens its home season in the Sun Bowl, it'll take on a Bethune-Cookman team that also didn't play a single game last year.

And that's okay, after years of having

to travel to Oklahoma and Texas and Tennessee and Wisconsin and Arkansas, it's about time the breaks starting going the Miners' way.

UTEP took full advantage of NMSU's inexperience last Saturday by dominating the Aggies 30-3 in Las Cruces.

It isn't often that El Paso fans get to witness the Miners play the role of the big bully on the block – but that's exactly what they were.

With NMSU not even being able to practice together last season, there was no reason UTEP shouldn't have won this game handily.

And as it is with every football team, it all starts with the quarterback. UTEP's Gavin Hardison didn't disappoint.

The redshirt sophomore connected on 11 of his 16 passes for 249 yards and a touchdown, before sitting out the entire

fourth quarter.

If there is a legitimate NFL prospect on this team, it's wide receiver Jacob Cowing, who caught five passes for 158 yards and a touchdown, including a one-handed circus catch that should've been a part of ESPN's top ten plays of the day.

But the most damage the Miners inflicted on the Aggies was on the ground.

UTEP ran for over 200 yards on the Aggies, controlling the game five yards at a time.

The Miners have a four-headed running attack made up of Deion Hankins, Ronald Awatt, Quardraiz Wadley and Willie Eldridge.

And any of them could lead the Miners in rushing in any given game.

Against the Aggies, Awatt rushed for 74 yards, Wadley had 51, Hankins had 50 and Eldridge, who came into the game

late and only carried the ball four times, had four yards.

But maybe the biggest contribution was turned in by the Miners' defense, which allowed NMSU only 190 total yards.

In fact, the Miners outgained the Aggies 452 total yards to 190.

UTEP's defense recorded three sacks and only allowed 2.8 yards per play. The defense is going to have to play that well when it goes up against Conference USA opponents later in the season.

As for this week, the Miners will not only be playing a team in a lower division, but as I stated earlier, like the Aggies, hasn't played a football game in nearly two years.

The Bethune-Cookman Wildcats last played a game on November 23, 2019, when they beat Florida A&M 31-27.

The Wildcats cancelled their entire 2020 schedule due to the pandemic and will be at quite a disadvantage against the Miners.

The Wildcats will have a lot of new players on the roster who haven't taken a single snap with the team, including at quarterback.

Because of this, the Miners have an excellent chance to start the season 2-0 for the first time since 2005, when they started 3-0, en route to an 8-4 year and a chance to play in the GMAC Bowl.

With the impressive win over NMSU, one would expect the Sun Bowl crowd to be near 40,000. Which would really boost the athletic department budget after being forced to play with either no, or limited fans, a year ago.

Let's face it, the Miners played eight games in 2020 and have already played a game this season. UTEP has everything going for it this week, player experience, game action and home field advantage. Not to mention a rabid fan base that is starving for a winning season.

All the pieces seem to be falling in place for UTEP football this season.

Coach Dana Dimel is in the fourth year of his five-year plan, let's hope that good things come to UTEP fans – they have waited.

## San Eli girls excel on court, in classroom

**By Christine Jaksch**  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO – Coach David Desrosiers' 2020-2021 San Elizario High School (SEHS) Varsity Volleyball Team again succeeded in both athletics and academics. The playoff team consisted of 5 seniors, 4 juniors, 5 sophomores, and 2 freshmen. The volleyball team had an overall season record of 10-4 and a league record of 7-1.

Other athletic achievements included:

- The 1-4A District Championship;
- Desiree Morales named 1-4A District MVP as well as the 2020-2021 San Elizario Female Athlete of the Year;
- Maryanne Tapia was named

1-4A All-District Setter for the third year in a row, and

- Anissa Chairez was named the 1-4A Outstanding Libero.

Most recently, the SEHS Volleyball was honored to receive notice they had become a recipient of the 2020-21 USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award. The name stands for the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). The SEHS Volleyball is one of the 1,315 teams of which only 461 are high school girls' teams in the country that have earned this honor. This is the sixth consecutive year the SEHS Volleyball Team has received the USMC/AVCA award.

In a recent e-mail announcing the team's recognition, Alice Rogers, the Membership and Awards Specialist for American Volleyball

Coaches Association, said, "This award honors teams who have matched their dedication to the sport of volleyball with excellence in the classroom. Meeting the award standards is an accomplishment." Rogers' recent press release read, "The award honors volleyball teams that maintain a year-long grade point average of 3.30 on a 4.0 scale or 4.10 on a 5.0 scale."

When speaking with Desrosiers about this award, he says, "This year's USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award is even more special as the team also achieved Honor Roll status meaning that the team's GPA was in the top 20% of all the teams to receive the award." Desrosiers added, "The girls are special, achieving in the classroom and on the court and in multiple sports."

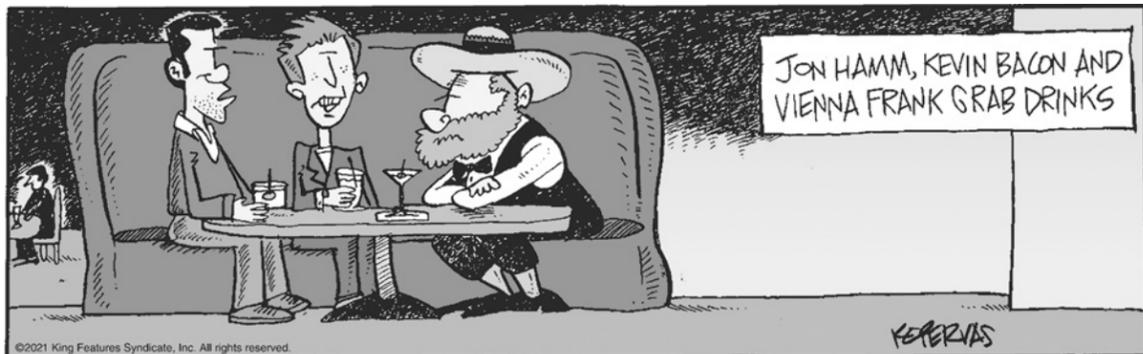
## Super Crossword

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  - Rock band boosters
  - Make of the XK-E, in brief
  - Leading nun
  - Adage
  - Irrational suspicion
  - Dark-haired man
  - Cracker consumed to become a fraternity member?
  - Against: Prefix
  - Dry stretch
  - Sessions with mediums
  - Vidalia, e.g.
  - Cochlea site
  - Comment when pointing out your aunt's child?
  - Ducky insurance company?
  - Bloody \_ (cocktails)
  - Wee child
  - Spanish pronoun
  - German poet who founded a ketchup company?
  - \_ Minor (Little Bear)
  - Keyless, in music
  - Marilyn of old movies
  - Was a snitch
  - Kindly
  - Shoplifts or
- embezzles  
63 Three-horse wagon  
64 Lead-in to byte  
66 Cap required to be worn to gain entry?  
68 Author Nin  
72 Be liable to  
74 Big antelope  
75 Teal relatives  
76 Impudent actress who played Cleo?  
81 \_ bad example  
83 Furtive observation  
84 Having some replacement parts?  
86 Hybrid citrus  
91 Perilous stuff to skate on  
93 Lethargy  
95 Nomadic sort  
96 Iraqi, say  
97 Walk just beyond a northern Austrian city's border?  
99 Pick, with "for"  
102 Stir-fry tidbit  
104 Dumbbells  
105 Many-time golf champ Nick  
106 Small squirt of a zero-calorie drink?  
111 With 37-Down, fin-footed mammal  
113 "Tiny Dancer" singer John  
114 Road show groups  
118 Uncrowded  
124 Sadness  
126 Classic figure-
- skating painting?  
129 Sculpted torso, maybe  
130 White rat's condition  
131 Chavez of labor  
132 "Plus" qualities  
133 Vote "for"  
134 The whole nine yards  
135 Additional
- DOWN**
- In amongst
  - Lose power
  - Allies' foe
  - Eagle cousin
  - Persian Gulf ruler
  - Fitting
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  - Whizzes
  - Of right mind
  - Wrist or hip
  - Letter after G, spelled out
  - Eye steadily
  - It airs "The Connors"
  - Witch's "vehicle"
  - Bugs is one
  - Lure
  - Watery, as a membrane
  - Unit of lyrics
  - Gp. backing guns
  - Had a bite
  - Heavily built
  - "Better Call Saul" ailer
  - Chicago mayor \_
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35 Melville captain  
36 Grand party  
37 See 111-Across  
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41 They follow pis  
42 Gossip spreader  
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48 Chomsky of linguistics  
49 1983 Woody Allen role  
51 Beef dish in a sour cream sauce  
52 Make right  
56 Spirit  
57 Wrings (out)  
58 Astonish  
60 Gator cousin  
62 IRS form info  
65 Spin \_ (emulate Spider-Man)  
67 Raw beef fat  
68 Assist in evil  
69 Have a bite  
70 High peaks, in Italian  
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73 Fixes text  
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78 Rioter's haul  
79 How a loss may be marked
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87 Grand party  
88 Old film actor  
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89 Give for a bit  
90 Tiny pasta  
92 Roger of film review  
94 Dull routines  
98 Mao \_-tung  
99 City in west Texas  
100 Aviators  
101 Aquarium favorites  
103 Windpipe  
107 Rich dessert  
108 Animal nose  
109 Actor Peter O'\_  
110 Fitness program with Latin music  
112 Hearth waste  
115 \_gow (casino game)  
116 City of central Sicily  
117 Actress Loretta  
119 Tempo  
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121 Corrode  
122 Sky twinkler  
123 Biblical prophet  
125 Craven of horror films  
127 Prefix like "equi-"  
128 Celebrity gossip site

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THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



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Smith

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service, and unique excursions where they interacted with community and world leaders. The Smiths' charity programs also supported local organizations through annual grants and hosted annual back to school assistance that served thousands of children in high-need neighborhoods in Dallas.

Unfortunately, in 2020 the Smiths announced that they were closing their charity foundation. The closure announcement came a couple of months after the Smiths' revealed that they were separating after 20 years of marriage, according to news reports. However, they added that they planned to continue staying engaged in their community and finding other ways to serve. "Emmitt Smith is a true philanthropist and a leader for

the past several decades. We are very excited to be bringing such an accomplished individual to El Paso, especially since we have so many Dallas Cowboy fans living here," said Monica Moreno, El Paso Hispanic Chamber chairwoman of the board. Moreno explained that the annual fiesta is designed to promote the idea that business is humanity's single greatest innovation for the creation of jobs, productivity gains, and

Can Lyme disease lead to Parkinson's

DEAR DR. ROACH: Can Lyme disease send a person into Parkinson's disease? I tested positive for Lyme – I had the bulls-eye rash, fever and terrible headaches. After a month on doxycycline, my left arm started shaking and my neurologist diagnosed me with Parkinson's. The doctor said it had nothing to do with the Lyme disease. What is your opinion? – S.M.



I can absolutely understand why you might suspect that the neurologist could be wrong. The coincidence seems too much to believe. However, I think your neurologist is probably correct. The different types of neurological complications of Lyme disease are many and varied. The most common are any combination of meningitis symptoms (inflammation of the lining of the brain, with headache, fever, stiff neck and light sensitivity); disorders of the cranial nerves (especially the facial nerve, so people with neurological Lyme disease can look like they have Bell's palsy); and damage to peripheral nerves, causing pain and weakness or numbness, often resembling sciatica (but may include other parts of the body). A detailed neurological exam by a neurologist would look for signs of Parkinson's disease – not just the tremor you describe, but also muscle rigidity and changes in gait. These would be very unusual in Lyme disease. I did find cases resembling some aspects of Parkinson's disease, but they improved with treatment. It is possible that the stress of the Lyme disease hastened the onset of Parkinson's disease you were destined to get. I say your neurologist is "probably correct" because what I found – absence of data to support a correlation – does not mean that there is no correlation, and it is possible that time may prove Lyme disease is connected to Parkinson's. However, I think it's unlikely.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Ever since my mother became ill, my father's health has gone downhill. He has trouble walking and getting up from a sitting position, and he has hardly any feeling in his hands. It has gotten so bad that he has to pick things up with the webbing of his fingers then manipulate it to the correct position. His doctor claims that this is old age, but I fear it could be a bone issue. A friend of mine many years ago found that she could not raise her arm past her shoulders and subsequently had neck surgery at the age of 80 to correct it. My father is 77 and was fine until recently. Is this really "old age," or could something else be wrong? – J.P.

It is NOT "old age." It's a problem with his nervous system, but I can't tell you what exactly without a more comprehensive evaluation. There are several likely possibilities, including carpal tunnel syndrome, but many others as well. He should have an evaluation. A neurologist would be an excellent place to start.

DR. ROACH WRITES: A recent column on itchy ears generated a lot of letters from readers, mostly asking whether this was due to allergies. One person found that it was the dye from shampoo that seemed to cause the symptom. Several people wrote in that treatment with medicated selenium shampoo helped solve their problem. As always, I appreciate helpful suggestions from readers.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). (c) 2021 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

community wealth. "We support fiesta organizers revealed. The event is expected to sellout, so interested individuals are encouraged to get their ticket reservations early. A chamber spokesman said that sponsorship and table sales would be available first before individual tickets go on sale. For more information contact the chamber, at (915) 566-4066.



**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore  
Folks in Houston eat out more than any other Texas City.

## 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: N equals W

NECLE OXHFCJBJU  
RNHXKRFBJ REHVWK KNBWW  
CJ HFZJ'R LZOCUZW?  
UEB UEXBB FVRLZU-BBXR!

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## VA tells health staff they must get vaccine



by Freddy Groves

If you're still digging out from the Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced that they will require their frontline medical staff to get the COVID vaccine. Specifically, they listed "physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, registered nurses, physician assistants, expanded-function dental auxiliaries and chiropractors who work in Veterans Health Administration facilities, visit VHA facilities or provide direct care to those the VA serves."

In other words, anyone who touches you in a VA medical setting, breathes on you or handles something they're about to put in your mouth has to get the vaccine.

Thank you, VA.

It was unnerving going to the VA and asking whatever medical person was about to

touch me or breathe on me, "So, which vaccine did you get?" only to be told they hadn't had the vaccine and didn't intend to get it.

Even waiting for the vaccine was difficult. When my age group finally came along, I ended up at a civilian pharmacy because it was faster. Nobody there had gotten the vaccine either.

And now, unfortunately, we discover that the vaccines don't work as we thought they would. There are breakthrough cases where fully vaccinated people are still getting the virus, the variants have gained strength, and we're likely going back to Step One, complete with masks.

If you need to go to a VA facility for health care, call ahead or use the VA health appointment app. You'll no doubt be met at the door, asked COVID screening questions and have your temperature taken. Have your vaccination card with you and wear a mask. You also might be able to get a telehealth appointment.

Meanwhile, if you've gotten lax about safety, get smart again. Do one full minute scrubbing your hands under warm water with an antibacterial soap, including your nails. Hang a mask on the front doorknob so you'll see it each time you go out.

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- Stuck zippers can be loosened with graphite powder, or simply by tracing a pencil lead over the zipper.

- "The best way to get a bloodstain out of clothing is by dousing the stain with hydrogen peroxide and washing as usual. For clay stains, you absolutely must have a Fels-Naptha bar. It looks like a bar of soap, and you wet the material and rub in the soap. It's magical. This, coming from a softball mom whose daughter loves to slide." – A.A. in Florida

- Clear bins make it easy to group like items in your pantry. You can remove the bin, get what you need and replace it, rather than digging through cans and boxes on a shelf and having to straighten it back up when you're done.

- A better use for soda: Use it to scrub your pots and pans. If you have grime and slime, try letting the acids in soda pop work it out for you. Pour enough soda to cover the bottom of the pots or pans and let soak for 5-10 minutes. Then scrub away.

- "If you have a retractable cord on your vacuum, try this trick. Clip a clothespin at the optimum length, and the cord will not retract past that point. So, no more snapping right out of the outlet, which used to happen to me." – P.L. in Tennessee

- Use rubbing alcohol to clean window frames. It evaporates quickly with no residue left behind.

- Remember that, typically, the higher shelves and the lower shelves at the grocery store house the better deals.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

## GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY:** ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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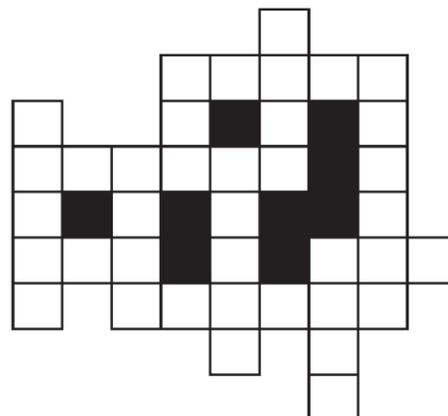
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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