



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Housing markets

With home values up around 1.0% in the past year and mortgage rates having continued to increase, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2023's *Best Real-Estate Markets*, as well as expert commentary. To determine the most attractive real-estate markets in the U.S., WalletHub compared 300 cities across 17 key metrics. The data set ranges from median home-price appreciation to job growth. El Paso was rated 182nd in the report. Other stats:

- South Gate, CA has the lowest vacancy rate, 2.02 percent, which is 17.4 times lower than in Miami Beach, FL, the city with the highest at 35.24 percent.

- Flint, MI has the lowest home price as a share of income, 108.16 percent, which is 13.7 times lower than in Santa Monica, CA, the city with the highest at 1,486.77 percent.

- Warren, MI has the fewest median days on the market, 28, which are 5.2 fewer than in Yonkers, NY, the city with the most at 146.

Visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-real-estate-markets/14889> for the full report.

— Diana Polk

### Applications closed

A recruitment agency had to take down its internet want ad that read: "Our returning client is seeking an exceptional and highly experienced Dog Nanny to provide top-tier care for their two beloved dogs. They are truly looking for someone at the top of their field who can ensure the overall well-being, happiness, and safety of their dogs." The agency said it was overwhelmed by applicants. Perhaps it was because there are too many dog lovers out there. Or, maybe, it was that applicants were moved by the offer of the tidy sum of \$127,000 a year.

— John Grimaldi

### How embarrassing

Between 2012 and 2016 the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration issued hundreds of thousands of license plates bearing a website address — [www.starspangled200.org/](http://www.starspangled200.org/) — in commemoration of the War of 1812. Some 798,000 autos still

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*Medical costs are so high that it seems like the first thing the germs attack is your wallet.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**TAKE A HIKE** — The River Trail, above, which stretches from just north of Country Club Road to the New Mexico state line, has been in use for nearly a decade.

## Paso del Norte trail's goal is to make active living easier for El Paso County residents

*Big vision: Connect neighborhoods to resources like parks, schools and business*

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The Paso del Norte Health Foundation is steadily bringing to fruition an extensive master plan for a 68-mile linear hike-and-bike trail that would stretch from San Elizario in the Lower Valley to the New Mexico state line in the Upper Valley.

The trail is designed to give El Paso County residents a way to explore and experience the region in a safe, healthy manner, according to Tracy Yellen, CEO of the Paso del Norte Health Foundation.

Yellen stated that the project, known as the Paso del Norte Trail, is being developed as a way to make active lifestyles simple and accessible for all county residents. "The plan is to build a trail that would connect neighborhoods to each other and to amenities like schools, parks, businesses and places of interest. We want to make healthy living an easy choice for residents and to contribute to the region's overall quality of life," she stated.

The Paso del Norte Trail expansion idea came from the positive feedback received about the construction of the Rio Grande River Trail in the Upper

Valley and the Playa Drain Trail project near Ascarate Park.

The River Trail, which stretches from just north of Country Club Road to the New Mexico state line, has been in use for nearly a decade. The Playa Drain Trail project converted a dry ditch that runs parallel to the César Chávez Border Highway into a nearly 4-mile trail for walking, biking, and running from Ascarate Park to Riverside High School. And in San Elizario, where the Paso del Norte Trail would see its easternmost point, work is ongoing on a trail that could be integrated into the larger project.

The Paso del Norte Health Foundation has already invested about \$3.5 million in the trail development, with additional significant support coming from the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of El Paso, Yellen stated.

Additionally, the Health Foundation has partnered with local entities to provide funding opportunities from local, state and federal sources and to coordinate the project with city and county leaders, such as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, which recently awarded a \$184,395 grant toward the construction of the San Elizario Historic Circuit Trail project.

The San Eli undertaking is a pedestrian and bicycle trail that weaves for a little more than half a mile along an irrigation canal between the main historic district and Tedd F. Richardson Park.

Yellen said that the overarching factor to the trail concept is quality of life. "There's a lot of value in this project. If we can accomplish this big vision with input from the entire community then we're going to have this wonderful amenity that connects neighborhoods to other resources like parks and schools and businesses," she said.

Yellen pointed out that regular physical activity is associated with positive health outcomes across a person's lifespan. And she noted that in addition to decreasing people's risk of chronic disease, physical activity improves cognitive function, reduces anxiety and depression, and improves sleep.

The Paso del Norte Trail master plan was developed over the last five years with funding from the Paso del Norte Health Foundation and input from local partners, stakeholders, and residents. Thus far, about 20 miles of the Paso del Norte Trail has been

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# How Eric Adams vindicated immigration restrictionism

The public intellectual Irving Kristol famously said that the definition of a neoconservative is “a liberal who has been mugged by reality.”

By the same token, the definition of a convert to immigration restrictionism is a big-city mayor dealing with a surge of illegal immigration in his city.

In his desperate pleas for federal help to deal with about 100,000 migrants who have come to New York City since the spring of 2022, Mayor Eric Adams is vindicating the hawkish position on immigration with almost every utterance.

All that it has taken to explode the lazy cliches that have defined the progressive position on the issue is a heavy flow of illegal immigration.

If immigration is an unalloyed good, this influx should be a boon to New York City and its future.

Why stop at 100,000 if the city could have 200,000, or 300,000? If immigration has no cost, why is New York spending \$5 billion this year absorbing this flow?

According to Adams, New York City “is being destroyed by the migrant crisis.”

There you have it – immigration, in and of itself, has the power to bring a great city to its knees.

Long gone are the days when Adams pledged during his campaign to “lift up immigrants as high as Lady Liberty lifts her torch in our harbor, as a beacon of hope for all who come to our shores.”

Now, he sounds a lot like Donald Trump, or a late Roman emperor getting undone by an influx of Vandals and Goths.

New York has been actively discouraging immigrants, or, to use the progressive line, “slamming the door on new migrants.” Flyers distributed by the city at the border say, “Housing in NYC is very expensive,” and no one can say that isn’t truth in advertising. “Please consider,” the message pleads, “another city as you make your decision about where to settle in the U.S.”

In other words, why not try Philadelphia?

What Adams is learning is that the key questions when it comes to immigration are: how many, from



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## Food for thought By Dr. Glenn Mollette

# Life coaching is often missing

What is next for you? Are you making plans for furthering your education? Are you interviewing for employment? Are you debating about your career path? What type of occupation will be fulfilling and pay the salary you want to earn? Possibly you are making plans to get married? You may be wondering about the best strategies for buying a house or saving for retirement.

Consider talking to people who are doing what you want to do.

Life coaching and mentoring are sadly missing today. It’s missing in our schools, churches and even worse, our families. Young people are desperate for the wisdom of senior Americans but most of the time think they know everything. We all thought we knew everything when we

were young. Looking back, we now realize how little we really knew.

Throughout life we are typically stuck with figuring it out by ourselves. We made the choice to make our own decisions. When we make our own decisions then we can’t blame anybody but ourselves. However, education is expensive. Learning the hard way is never fun. You have heard people say, “Let him figure it out. He’ll learn.” This is typically true, but if your grandchild is about to pick up a poisonous snake, would you just stand back and let the child learn? Would you not care enough to snatch the child away from the snake? Of course, you would save your child. You can’t save everybody, but when you can, then why not do what you hope someone would do

for you?

If you consider yourself a young adult then you need to interview some older people. You need to ask questions about their vocations, businesses, and whatever path they have walked. How did they do what they have done? What would they do over? What would they never do again? What would be their advice to you about life in general, money, marriage, faith, church, raising kids and anything else. You might be surprised at what you

will learn.

Most older people think no one wants to hear their opinion and too often it’s true. Sadly, years of life experiences, worth more than money could ever buy, are never utilized.

Every high school and church should have an occasional life coaching day. A day when some of the community sages are invited to sit and field questions from small groups and even talk one on one.

You may not always hear what you want to hear. Sometimes the truth is surprising. Always keep in mind that the truth will set

you free. Proverbs 19:20 says, “Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.”

Keep in mind that advice giving should always be done in love and gentleness.

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# Living extraordinary lives

Jimmy Buffett, Bob Barker and Bill Richardson all died recently. They all had one thing in common. They lived extraordinary lives.

Buffett had become a billionaire. He had amassed his fortune by capitalizing on his song, “Margaritaville.” His hotels, restaurants, resorts and even retirement communities were hugely successful. In his later years, he continued to build new hotels and resorts that were beautiful and hugely successful.

Sadly, Buffett passed from Merkel cell skin cancer. He had been receiving treatment for over four years at was still doing concerts even as late as early July in Rhode Island. There was nothing stopping Buffett, except the skin cancer that took his life even when he had so much he still wanted to do. Yet, few people will ever live the life of Jimmy Buffett

Bill Richardson had spent his last few years helping people internationally. He was very successful in politics serving as a U.S.

Congressman, Governor of New Mexico and as an Ambassador to the United Nations. He may best be remembered for his diplomatic work in negotiating the releases of journalist Danny Fenster from a Myanmar prison in 2021 and most recently Britney Griner from a Russian prison, among others. Richardson lived an amazing life.

Bob Barker gets the longevity prize. It’s hard to top 99, unless you make it to 100. Barker lived a full life of entertaining us on television. For fifty years he came into our homes as the host and producer of *The Price is Right* and earlier as the host of *Truth of Consequences*. Many of us show him in the hit comedy *Happy Gilmore*. Many Americans felt like Barker was a member of their families since he was in their homes via television for so many years.

Barker, Buffett, and Richardson were all

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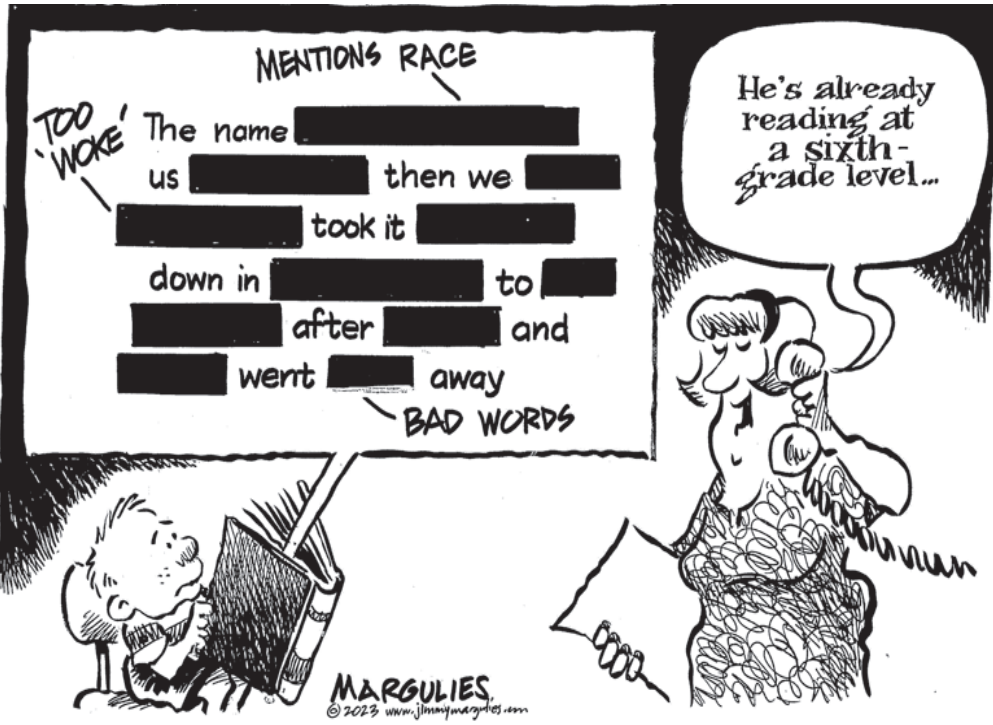
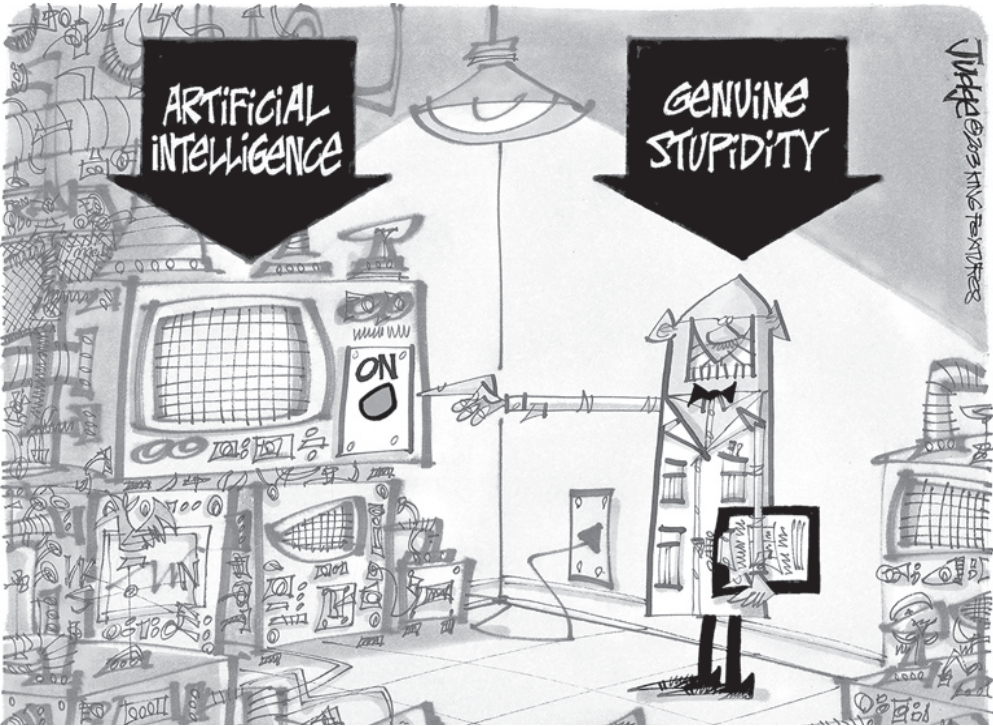
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The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The October 5 and October 12, 2023 issues will go to press on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Thursday, September 28, 2023. The office will open again on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.





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

The EL PASO COUNTY WCID NO. 4 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on September 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM at El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District #4 Office at 117 E. Main Fabens, Texas 79838. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

- FOR** the proposal: Juana Gutierrez Samuel Madrid  
Jorge Carrasco, Jr Thelma Quinonez  
Martin Madrid
- 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 value)	\$0.157857/\$100	\$0.140707/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$0.017150	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 10.86%	
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 91,602	\$ 101,185
General exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 91,602	\$ 101,185
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 144.60	\$ 142.37
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	– \$ 2.23	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	– 1.54%	


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 governing body of EL PASO COUNTY WCID NO. 4 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of the combined debt service.

## 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.

The 86th Texas 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.





# Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Sept. 4, 1925, laws were enacted to ensure that farm wagons would be equipped with lights for traveling at night, due to an increase in the number of accidents the wagons were involved in during peak corn-packing season.
- On Sept. 5, 1969, U.S. Army platoon leader Lt. William Calley was charged with premeditated murder in the death of 109 Vietnamese


civilians at My Lai, where Calley had led his men in a massacre that included women and children. Though hushed up at first, the event was made public a year later.

- On Sept. 6, 1997, an estimated 2.5 billion people around the world watched the four-mile funeral procession of England's beloved Princess Diana as her coffin was carried to Westminster Abbey. After the formal service there, a private ceremony was held in which she was laid to rest on an island in the heart of her family's estate at Althorp.
- On Sept. 7, 1907, the RMS Lusitania set sail on her maiden voyage from Liverpool, England, setting a new trans-Atlantic record when she arrived in New York City a mere five days later.
- On Sept. 8, 2006, only a week after permission was granted for helicopter flights over the ancient Incan ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru, the country's government declared the area a no-fly zone following protests by environmentalists who claimed such flights would adversely affect rare plants and animals in the area.
- On Sept. 9, 2007, the NFL discovered that the New England Patriots were illegally

videotaping coaching signals from the New York Jets at an unauthorized location in a Week 1 game in East Rutherford, New Jersey. News media quickly dubbed the scandal "Spygate."

- On Sept. 10, 1897, 25-year-old London taxi driver George Smith had the dubious honor of becoming the first person ever arrested for "being drunk when in charge of a motor car" after he slammed his cab into a building, breaking a water pipe and window. Smith later pleaded guilty and was fined 25 shillings.

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- A microwaved baseball will fly much farther than a frozen one, as warmer balls weigh less and move faster due to less air resistance.
- Each strand of a human hair can contain traces of 14 elements, including gold.
- During a period in his artistic career, Pablo Picasso primarily used shades of blue in his paintings, reflecting his melancholic state at the time.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.663916 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of VILLAGE OF VINTON.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.663916 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.663916 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.638927 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.938910 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for VILLAGE OF VINTON from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that VILLAGE OF VINTON may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for VILLAGE OF VINTON exceeds the voter-approval rate for VILLAGE OF VINTON.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for VILLAGE OF VINTON, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for VILLAGE OF VINTON.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that VILLAGE OF VINTON is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 19, 2023 AT 6:30 PM AT City Hall 436 E. Vinton Rd, Vinton, TX, 79821 and streamed through zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2520023141?pwd=WVRDZDIFR3ZHR3FJVlJuL3ZLWTB6dz09>; Personal Meeting ID 252 002 3141 and Passcode 12345.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If VILLAGE OF VINTON adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the VILLAGE OF VINTON may petition the VILLAGE OF VINTON to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the VILLAGE OF VINTON will be the voter-approval tax rate of the VILLAGE OF VINTON.

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

Property tax amount = ( tax rate ) x ( taxable value of your property ) /100

**FOR the proposal:** Victor Carrejo Perry Duby  
Lourdes Cloud Santos Lucero

**AGAINST the proposal:** None

**PRESENT** and not voting: Rachel Quintana, Mayor

**ABSENT:** None

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas 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 VILLAGE OF VINTON last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by VILLAGE OF VINTON this year.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.729131	\$0.663916	decrease of -0.065215, or -8.94%
Average homestead taxable value	\$105,618	\$120,888	increase of 15,270, or 14.46%
Tax on average homestead	\$770.09	\$802.59	increase of 32.50, or 4.22%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,057,499	\$1,060,501	increase of 3,002, or 0.28%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for VILLAGE OF VINTON at (915) 212-0106 or [citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov), or visit [vintontx.gov/office2](https://vintontx.gov/office2) for more information.

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# CryptoQuip Answer

If you ingested a bill depicting Abe Lincoln, what would that provide you with? Dietary fiver.

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- It's not just humans who use "baby talk" with their offspring: Mother bottlenose dolphins have been observed altering their whistle pitch and range when communicating with their calves.
- Hawaii had no mosquitoes until the 19th century, when they were accidentally introduced by trading ships.
- A law student at Spain's University of Malaga once etched tiny notes into the sides of blue Bic pens before taking an exam. While points could perhaps be awarded for the learner's creativity, it also resulted in a repeat of their entire academic year.
- The world record for nonstop video gaming – 138 hours and 34 seconds – was set by Carrie Swidecki in 2015, when she beat her own previous world record.
- Hamburger University, established by McDonald's to train restaurant managers and owner-operators, has a lower acceptance rate than Harvard University and awards its graduates a Hamburgerology degree.
- A Eulachon's flesh is so oily that this fatty fish will burn like a candle when dried.
- From the "too much of a good thing" files: A 41-year-old man from the Netherlands referred to only as "Jonathan" was banned from donating sperm after fathering over 550 children.
- Cheetos were invented by USDA military scientists during World War II as a result of their being tasked with finding a way to utilize surplus cornmeal.

Thought for the Day: "The only way to have a life is to commit to it like crazy."

– Angelina Jolie

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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 2023 on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. MDT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

**FOR** the proposal: Directors Jorjorian-Raynal,  
Esparza and Mezzacappa

**AGAINST** the proposal: NONE

**PRESENT** and not voting: NONE

**ABSENT:** Directors Borrett and Newsom

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)	\$0.7419/\$100	\$0.7339/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$ 0.0080	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 1.08%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 342,318	\$ 373,748
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ –	\$ –
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 342,318	\$ 373,748
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,539.66	\$ 2,742.94
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 203.28	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 8.00%	

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.

**The 86th Texas 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.**

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 2023 on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. MDT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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**FOR** the proposal: Directors Haddad, Adauto, Boswell,  
Quintana and Cabrera

**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)	\$0.7217/\$100	\$0.6962/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$ 0.0255	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 3.53%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 241,103	\$ 258,674
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ –	\$ –
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 241,103	\$ 258,674
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,740.04	\$ 1,800.89
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 60.85	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 3.50%	

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 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.

**The 86th Texas 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.**





# 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 2023 on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 9:30 A.M. MDT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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

**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)	\$0.7500/\$100 Adopted	\$0.7500/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 275,357	\$ 303,228
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ –	\$ –
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 275,357	\$ 303,228
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,065.18	\$ 2,274.21
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 209.03	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 10.12%	

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 2023 on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 10:30 A.M. MDT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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

**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)	\$0.7194/\$100 Adopted	\$0.6836/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$ 0.0358	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 4.98%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 238,405	\$ 259,652
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ –	\$ –
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 238,405	\$ 259,652
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,715.09	\$ 1,774.98
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 59.90	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 3.49%	

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 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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# Dry eyes commonly cause teary eyes

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 74-year-old woman who loves to read the newspaper every morning. I have a problem that's not serious, just annoying. My eyes tear up frequently while I read, causing me to wipe them. After I'm done reading, the problem stops. I see my ophthalmologist every year and have my vision glasses updated as needed. I am not yet a candidate for cataract surgery. Could you enlighten me about a probable cause for this irritating problem? – A.H.G.



By all means, ask your ophthalmologist at your next visit, but the most common cause I see for watery, tearing eyes are... dry eyes! This apparent paradox is caused by the fact that your eyes have three different fluids.

One of them, called meibum, is a long-lasting, oily material secreted by the meibomian glands, found around the edges of the eyelids near the eyelashes. This covers the eye and prevents fluid from evaporating quickly. Without this fluid, the lacrimal gland (near the temple above each eye) then has to make a lot of its watery secretions, which cause symptoms of tearing.

Most commonly, the meibomian glands get clogged up by secretions becoming dry. Gently cleansing the eyelash area with warm water and baby shampoo helps many people unclog these glands. Artificial tears lubricate the eye and will reduce the symptoms of watery eyes (and maybe some eye irritation, too, which you might not have mentioned).

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am about to undergo gallbladder removal due to recurring pain from gallbladder sludge. Should I be taking replacements for the bile salts that I will no longer be able to produce, and if so, what is the best type of replacement? – S.C.

Your liver makes bile salts, which are necessary for fat absorption. The gallbladder doesn't make them at all; it just stores the bile until you eat a meal, at which point the gallbladder contracts and the bile salts are released into the small intestine to help you digest fat. Most bile salts will be reabsorbed later at the end of the small intestine, recirculating them for reuse.

In people without a gallbladder, the liver itself will continuously release bile salts into the small intestine, rather than on an as-needed basis by the gallbladder. Sometimes, the ability of the terminal ileum (the part of the intestine where bile salts are reabsorbed) gets overwhelmed, and bile acids enter the colon, causing diarrhea.

This is very common in the first few weeks after gallbladder surgery, but the small intestine usually "learns" to absorb more bile salts. The colon also learns to live with bile salts, and the diarrhea mostly goes away. However, some people continue to have diarrhea after surgery, and medication to restrain bile salts (such as cholestyramine) can make a huge difference.

After surgery, avoiding a high-fat diet is prudent for a month or so to minimize the amount of bile needed.

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) 2023 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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### Lowry

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where, with what skills, and what will they do once here.

The fact is – as border areas already realized – low-skilled migrants with few connections in the community showing up en masse constitutes an intolerable fiscal and social burden.

It is true that there are unique circumstances at play for Adams. Asylum seekers can't work until their applications have been considered for six months; New York City has a right-to-shelter law that has added to the expense.

If asylum seekers, many of whom are making bogus claims, were instantly handed work permits, though, it'd be another incentive for illegal immigration. And even places without New York's shelter laws are strained by the arrival of the Biden-era illegal immigrants and have been declaring states of emergency.

The wave of migrants over the last couple of years aside, immigrants to the U.S. are heavily reliant on public resources since they tend to be poor and have low levels of education. An

analysis of Census Bureau data by the Center for Immigration Studies shows that 58% of households in New York State headed by immigrants use at least one welfare program. Even if illegal immigrants aren't technically eligible for some of these programs, their U.S.-born children are. And as we see in the current crisis, if people show up who need housing, medical care, and education, no one is simply going to say no.

To his credit, Mayor Adams has been focusing more attention on the federal failures at the border, but a key component of the Adams immigration plan was blocking federal enforcement.

Now, immigration enforcement by the feds isn't such a bad thing. What New York City is seeking, after all the rote invocations of the Statue of Liberty, is fewer migrants competing with people already living in the city for resources and attention.

That really shouldn't be too much to ask. Welcome to reality, Mayor Adams.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2023 by King Features Synd., Inc.



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 2023 on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. MDT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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- FOR** the proposal:
- Directors Huit, Wheeler, Peterson,  
Rico and Romero
- 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)	\$0.7336/\$100	\$0.7500/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	+ \$ 0.0164	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 2.24%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 250,151	\$ 279,492
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ –	\$ –
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 250,151	\$ 279,492
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,835.11	\$ 2,096.19
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 261.08	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 14.23%	

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 2023 on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 3:00 P.M. MDT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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- FOR** the proposal:
- Directors Hansen, Goldfien, Garnica,  
Ulrich and Moye
- 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)	\$0.7002/\$100	\$0.7002/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 216,095	\$ 250,822
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ –	\$ –
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 216,095	\$ 250,822
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,513.10	\$ 1,756.26
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 243.16	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 16.07%	

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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# Canutillo ISD receives recognition

By **Gustavo Reveles**  
*Special to the Courier*

CANUTILLO – Northwest Early College High School (NWECHS) in the Canutillo Independent School District is once again one of America’s Best High Schools, according to a national ranking of campuses done by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

This is the second year in a row that NWECHS has been awarded the Best High School designation by the magazine for its high rigor academics and college preparation efforts.

“Northwest serves a population of students that faces immense obstacles, and yet our kids continue to perform, thrive and lead,” said Principal Frank Clark. “This ranking by U.S. News is proof that the faculty and District leadership are committed to providing the type of high-quality instruction that transforms lives and makes a difference.”

The magazine gave Northwest a score of 96.12 percent, which places it among the top five schools in the borderland, the top 100 schools in Texas and the top 700 schools in the United States. Northwest was lauded for having 99 percent of its students take at least one AP Exam

and having 44 percent of students pass at least one exam. The school also has a 100 percent graduation rate.

Rankings are based on independent data of student performance gathered by U.S. News and their partners at RTI International, a global research firm. The designation of Best High School is one of the most coveted in the country because it is based on data gathered by third parties and not provided by either the campus or an affiliated school district.

“U.S. News is backing up something we already knew: that Northwest Early College is one of the Best High Schools in the United States,” said Canutillo ISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz. “The teachers, staff and students at Northwest demonstrate that Canutillo is leading the way in providing educational opportunities that change lives.”

This is the second national designation Northwest has received in the last 12 months. The National Center for Urban School Transformation in May named NWECHS one of its 2023 America’s Best Schools based on high performance among all student populations despite challenges like low-income families and other socio-economic determinations.

## Trail

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completed including the River Park Trail from Borderland to Country Club and the Playa Drain Trail from Ascarate Park to Capistrano Park.

To make the contiguous trail a reality, Health Foundation officials stated that plans are to continue working with their partners including the City of El Paso, County of El Paso, Texas Department of Transportation, El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization, Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, El Paso Water, City of Sunland Park, City of Socorro, City of San Elizario, Medical Center of the Americas, and Quantum Engineering.

The goal is to create a regional landmark that promotes active transportation, preserves the history and culture of the region, supports economic development, and makes healthy living the easy choice for our bi-national community, according to Janna Renner, senior program officer for Paso del Norte Health Foundation.

“We invite everyone to experience all the Paso del Norte Trail has to offer. Whether taking your four-legged friend for a walk, enjoying a morning walk or jog, joining your



– Photos courtesy Paso del Norte Health Foundation

Since 2013, Tracy J. Yellen, above left, has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Paso del Norte Community Foundation, which includes the Paso del Norte Health Foundation, Fundacion Paso del Norte para la Salud y Bienestar, El Paso Giving Day, among other community philanthropy endeavors. Janna Renner, on the right, is the senior program officer for Paso del Norte Health Foundation, joined the Paso del Norte Health Foundation in 2012. She manages the Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) initiative and works with grantees and community partners on strategies to improve nutrition and expand opportunities for physical activities in the region.

friends for a bike ride during the evening, or bringing the family to events the Playa Drain Trail hosts year-round, the trail is something for everyone to enjoy,” Renner stated.

For more information about the Paso del Norte Trail, visit its website, at [pasodelnortetrail.org](http://pasodelnortetrail.org) or on Facebook at [pasodelnortetrail](https://www.facebook.com/pasodelnortetrail) to stay connected with upcoming events and activities.

## Lives

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bigger than life personalities who lived extraordinary lives filled with success and prosperity.

Keep in mind the measure of our lives is not meant to be measured beside the lives of national or global personalities or anyone else. The fulfillment and success of your life may be in taking care of an aged parent, a troubled or disabled child, or seeing your spouse or life partner through life’s difficult stages. Or, the great success of your life may be remembered in your kindness to your neighbors and to others you meet along the way. Quite possibly, life’s most extraordinary people may not be fully recognized until we are beyond this life.

The best we can do is the best we can do. We should trust God and live our lives in as meaningful a way as possible.

## Briefs

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have those plates but, in the meantime, the patriotic online link changed hands and now it takes visitors to a Philippines-based Internet gambling site. It’s embarrassing and so MVA techies are scrambling to find a way to resolve the dilemma.

– John Grimaldi

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# Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 8

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

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**FOR** the proposal: Directors Quiñones, Silva, Spurlin-Hunt and Bruder

**AGAINST** the proposal: NONE

**PRESENT** and not voting: NONE

**ABSENT:** Director Wardy

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)	\$0.6691/\$100	\$0.6342/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$ 0.0349	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 5.22%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 218,669	\$ 238,750
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ –	\$ –
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 218,669	\$ 238,750
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,463.11	\$ 1,514.15
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 51.04	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 3.49%	

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.

**The 86th Texas 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.**

# 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 2023 on Frirsday, September 15, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. MDT at TRE & Associates, LLC, 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

**FOR** the proposal: Directors Bustamante, Lascurain, Owen and Zuniga

**AGAINST** the proposal: NONE

**PRESENT** and not voting: NONE

**ABSENT:** Director Grenier

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)	\$0.7383/\$100	\$0.6975/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$ 0.0408	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 5.53%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 229,489	\$ 251,407
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ –	\$ –
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 229,489	\$ 251,407
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,694.32	\$ 1,753.56
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 59.25	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 3.50%	

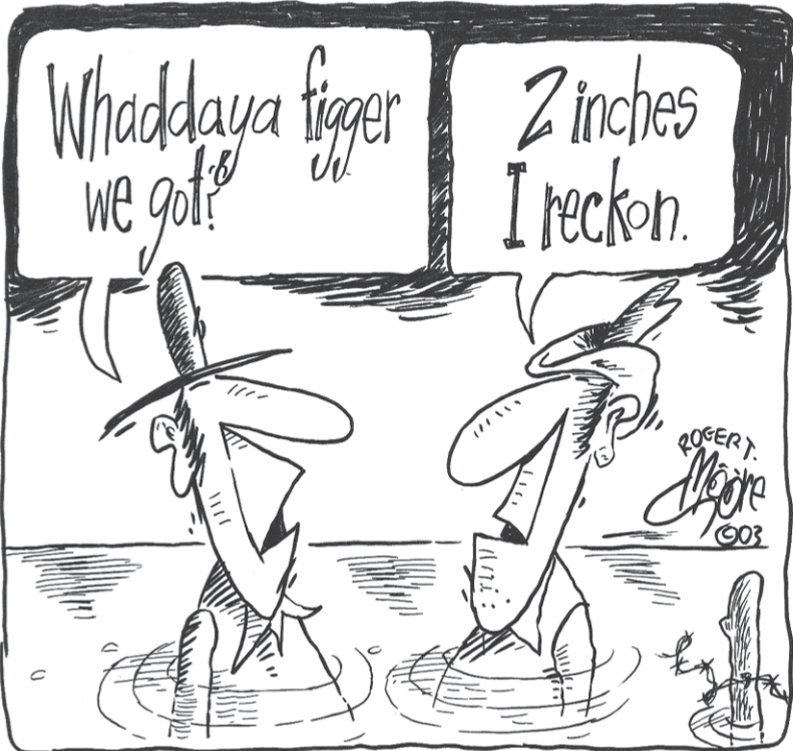
If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, the Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse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

### NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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**Moore Texas** by **Roger Moore**  
September 9-10, 1921: Thrall, Texas got 38.2 inches of rain in a 24-hour period.

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: F equals N

XG QAM XFJRZBRS H NXPP  
SRDXLBXFJ HNR PXFLAPF,  
OCHB OAMPS BCHB DIAUXSR  
QAM OXBC? SXRBIHQ GXURI.

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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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Stand Down season is still going



by Freddy Groves

Stand Downs are going on across the country, and have been since early spring. The good news is that while summer will be wrapping up soon, the Stand Downs won't be. Depending on the state, some of the events will go on all the way through October and even into November.

Stand Downs are the one-, two- or three-day events for homeless veterans and those who are at risk for homelessness. Depending on the length of the event and where it's held, the services provided can be wide-ranging. Government agencies, veteran service groups and others come together to provide a long list of services, including: legal advice, mental health counseling referrals, clean clothes and showers, haircuts, medical screenings and dental care – all the way to employment search

assistance, benefits counseling for VA and Social Security, referrals for drug abuse and more.

Go online to [www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp) and find your state in the drop-down menu. If you're near a state line, check both states. If no events are listed yet, keep going back to look, as new events are still being added. When you find an event near you, give the contact person a call to verify time and place. If you need a ride to an event, tell them.

If you would like to volunteer to help, either by yourself or as a member of a veteran service group, let the Stand Down organizers know. Are you a restaurant cook and can take a day off to help? Retired barber who can give haircuts? Have a truck and can haul set-up gear? Let them know.

If you are a homeless veteran or are about to become homeless, or you know a veteran who needs help, don't wait until a Stand Down to reach out. Call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at (877)

424-3838. They staff the phones 24/7 and will have people who can help. You can also call the nearest VA medical center and ask for the homeless coordinator.

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• R.L. in Utah writes: "Do onions make you cry? Tip: Cut off root first. Cut off top second. Remove outer skin and discard the first outer layer of the onion. Slice/dice/rings. Works great." How do you cut your onions, and what helps to keep your eyes from watering? Write to us with your onion tips!

• SpecialforS.P.inCalifornia. To remove ball point ink from leather, your best weapon is a cotton swab and some rubbing alcohol. Be sure to test first in an inconspicuous spot, as not all leathers are equal. Certain synthetic leathers that are dyed may experience color loss in a spot cleaning with alcohol. Work slowly and don't rub too hard. Condition afterward to protect the leather.

• "Grass stains can be removed from kids' clothing by rubbing the stains with a bar of Ivory soap. (I keep one just for stains.)" – M.F. in Washington

• It's important to include only approved materials when recycling curbside, but conserving space allows the trucks to fit more per load, which is another great way to help the environment. A reader in North Carolina had something to say about this! They sent a great tip about nesting steel cans inside one another to compact space. You should also cut cardboard to smaller sizes and break down boxes, as well as crush plastic bottles and replace the caps.

• Making a smoothie with banana in it? When you're done with that peel, chop it up (you can use a rinsed-out blender bottle) and chuck the pieces in your garden to provide food to plants and beneficial bugs.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2023 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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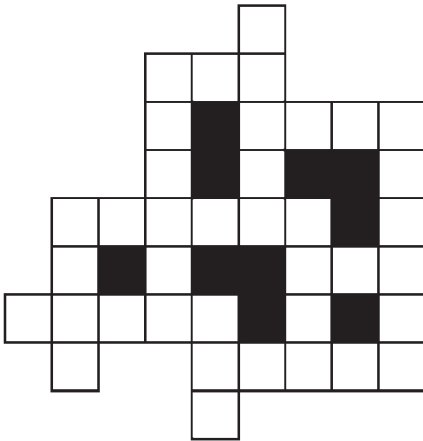
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♥EDDLAW  
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♥ETME



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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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