



Nursing pods offer moms total privacy at EPCC

By Beau Bagley
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC) Family Friendly Campus Project welcomes Mamava Lactation Pods at five EPCC campuses around the City of El Paso.

EPCC Student Parent Resource Centers provide a welcoming study space for EPCC student parents and their families. EPCC parenting students or students helping with parenting responsibilities – caregivers* – are welcome to bring their children with them while they study or do homework at the centers.

The Lactation Pods will be available to students, faculty, and staff anytime the campuses are open at: Mission del Paso, Valle Verde, Rio Grande, Northwest, and the Administrative Services Center.

“The EPCC Family Friendly Campus Teams are delighted to support EPCC student parents and families with spaces and activities intended to make them and their families feel welcome and provide a support system that will help student parents to persist and complete their degree,” Lucia Rodriguez, Director of the Office of Student Success, and Family Friendly Project lead organizer, said. “Lactation Pods will offer mothers a quiet, private space where they can take a moment to recharge as they nurse or pump. Lactation spaces are intended to encourage breastfeeding parents to come to campus, stay, or



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

See PODS, Page 2

PRIVACY – Carla Singh, with her daughter, stands in the doorway of one of the new nursing pods available on El Paso Community College campuses.

2025 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards

Texas public school professionals eligible for nominations

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – “Educators are the backbone of our

society, and they deserve recognition for going above and beyond to uplift our communities and shape the next generation of leaders,” asserted H-E-B Public Affairs Manager Jill Reynolds when she announced recently the start of the 2025 Excellence in Education

Awards program’s nomination process.

The special statewide award program is open to all certified public school educators currently teaching in Texas, as well as early childhood education centers and schools. “By nominating an educator, you are starting a journey that can lead to impactful benefits for not only the school but also your community,” the store’s public affairs official stated.

Teachers, counselors, principals, early childhood centers, school boards, and districts can win cash prizes for their outstanding work. Since 2002, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program has awarded more than \$14 million in funding to finalists, winners, and their schools.

Educators, school boards, and districts nominated for the awards program will receive an invitation to apply before December 2nd. However, while a nomination is not required to apply for an award, a nomination lets an educator know they are appreciated and encouraged to apply for the awards program, according to the store’s representative.

Finalists and winners will be selected by a panel of judges composed of educators, administrators and community leaders throughout the state.

Ten winners- six teachers, two counselors, two principals, along with an early childhood facility, public school board, and two school districts- will be announced at an awards ceremony in May 2025. And each award recipient’s school will also receive a matching grant.

In 2024, the H-E-B Excellence in Education



– Internet

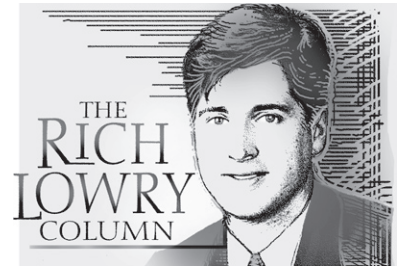
NOMINATE A DESERVING TEACHER – H-E-B’s Excellence in Education Awards program recognizes educators that go the extra mile to serve their students and their communities. 2025 nominations for excellence awards are due Oct. 7th.

See AWARDS, Page 2

For some reason a pessimist always complains about the noise when opportunity knocks.

– Quips & Quotes

The great price-gouging walk back



Never mind. If you thought cracking down on price gouging was a key element of the Kamala Harris economic program – because she said as much in her economic speech a couple of weeks ago – it turns out you were mistaken.

Harris merely wanted people to know how seriously she takes escalating prices at the grocery store. It was only a minor suggestion – trifling, really – to replicate the small-scale anti-price gouging laws seen at the state level.

Regardless, we all know that there will never be the votes to pass it through Congress. In short, nothing to see here. Can't we get back to feeling "the joy"? Insert funny and clickable coconut meme here.

This is basically what Democrat insiders have been saying about a Harris policy proposal that

has gotten the most attention of any of her month-long campaign.

As *Politico* put it: "Under pressure to defend Kamala Harris' grocery price gouging plan, some Democratic lawmakers are delivering a quiet message to anxious allies: Don't worry about the details. It's never going to pass Congress."

The Washington Post notes that Harris allies "are arguing both publicly and privately that her plans have been taken out of context."

That Harris has reversed field on so much of what she said during her ill-fated primary campaign and its aftermath suggests that she wasn't very good at policy in 2019 and 2020. The walk-back on price gouging suggests that she isn't very good at it in 2024, either.

In her speech, Harris said: "So, believe me, as president, I will go after the bad actors.

And I will work to pass the first-ever federal ban on price gouging on food. My plan will include new penalties for opportunistic companies that exploit crises and break the rules."

Sounds dramatic, right? The "believe me" is a particularly nice touch given how her supporters would immediately be saying, in effect, that she shouldn't be believed.

The premise of the proposal was always

See LOWRY, Page 8

Pods

From Page 1

return to school sooner, stay enrolled, and graduate."

The Lactation Pods do not have room numbers. The Mamava XL-V6 pods are considered the best pods for public venues and large workspaces, and are designed for wheelchair accessibility. The pods will have a cell phone app that allows students' access to unlock the pod with their cell phones.

Visit <https://www.epcc.edu/Services/family-friendly-campus-services> for more information on the pods and other family friendly resources.

(* A caregiver is defined as any individual 18 years of age or older who has been given the authority and responsibility to care for a child by the child's parent or legal guardian.)



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

COMPLETE PRIVACY – The Lactation Pods on El Paso Community College campuses use a cell phone access app.

Awards

From Page 1

Awards program distributed over \$780,000 in cash and

grants to educators and schools, according to store officials. The public affairs manager pointed out that through this program, H-E-B seeks to pay tribute to those

educators who go the extra mile each day to serve their students and communities and who inspire others to do the same.

Visit to the store's website at heblovesteachers.com/nominate/ to nominate your favorite Texas educator. Eligibility is not dependent on proximity to H-E-B

store locations. Deadline to nominate a teacher, school counselor, principal, early childhood facility, a school board, and a school district is October 7th.

H-E-B, with sales of \$43 billion, operates more than 435 stores in Texas and Mexico. Known for its innovation and community

service, H-E-B celebrates its 119th anniversary this year. Based in San Antonio, H-E-B employs over 160,000 partners in Texas and Mexico and serves millions of customers in more than 300 communities.

Visit the website, HEB Loves Teachers.com, to learn more about the education awards program.

1973 51 Years 2024 WEST TEXAS COUNTY COURIER

SERVING ANTHONY VINTON, CANUTILLO, EAST MONTANA, HORIZON, SOCORRO, CLIVE, FARENS, SAN ELIZABO AND TORNEILLO

PUBLISHED: Published each Thursday (minimum 50 issues) by Homesteader News, Inc. Office open Monday through Thursday.

COPYRIGHT: Entire contents © 2024 Homesteader News, Inc. Individual authors retain all rights. Pictures, drawings and written material appearing in the West Texas County Courier may not be used or reproduced without written permission of Homesteader News, Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Letters must not be more than 250 words in length. They should be dated, must be signed and have an address and daytime phone number. Only the name and city will be printed with the letter. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right to edit or reject letters to the editor or other submitted material it considers inappropriate.

AD DEADLINE: Friday 4 p.m. for the next Thursday.

CLASSIFIED RATES \$15 for 25 words, \$20 for 40 words. Ad must be in writing and pre-paid. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

DISPLAY RATES: Open rate — \$40 per column inch. Call for more information or to set an appointment. The West Texas County Courier reserves the right not to publish advertising it considers inappropriate.

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: Minimum 50 issues for \$50. Delivery via 1st class mail.

MAIL: 15344 Werling Ct. Horizon City, TX 79928

Phone: 852-3235

E-mail: wtcc@wtcc.com

Website: wtcc.com

Publisher Rick Shrum

Contributors Alfredo Vasquez Steve Escajeda

Homesteader News, Inc. Est. 1973

DOJ

Google

Monopoly

MARGULIES © 2024 www.jimmy-margulies.com



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 2024 on September 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM 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 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 Martin Madrid
- AGAINST** the proposal: Thelma Quinonez
- PRESENT** and not voting: NONE
- ABSENT:** NONE

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

| | Last Year | This Year |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Total tax rate (per \$100 value) | \$0.140707/\$100 | \$0.133970/\$100 |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | - \$0.006737 |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-) | | - 4.79% |
| Average residence homestead appraised value | \$ 101,764 | \$ 109,804 |
| General exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 101,764 | \$ 109,804 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 143.18 | \$ 147.10 |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) | | + \$ 3.92 + 2.74% |

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 funding maintenance, operations and 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.

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Canutillo Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sex, national origin, age, disability, military status, genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by law in its employment practices or in providing education services, activities and programs, including career and technical education (vocational programs). For additional information regarding Canutillo Independent School District's policy of nondiscrimination contact the Human Resources Division: (915) 877-7423, 7965 Artcraft Rd., El Paso, TX 79932.

Notificación pública anti-discriminatoria del distrito escolar independiente de Canutillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, religión, sexo, género, origen nacional, edad, discapacidad, estado militar, información genética o cualquier otra razón prohibida por la ley en sus prácticas laborales, o en la prestación de servicios educativos, actividades y programas, incluida la educación profesional y técnica (programas vocacionales). Para obtener información adicional sobre la política de no discriminación del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, comuníquese con la División de Recursos Humanos: (915) 877-7423, 7965 Artcraft Rd., El Paso, TX 79932.

WTCC: 09-05-24



By Lucie Winborne

- When Texas was its own sovereign nation in the mid-1800s, it briefly had a diplomatic mission in Paris.
- In 1939, George Bernard Dantzig, a graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley, arrived late for a statistics class and copied the two problems on the blackboard, assuming they were the homework, then handed them in a few days later. Several weeks afterward, he was awakened by his professor's excited knock at the door: The "homework" was actually unsolved problems in statistics that Dantzig had managed to prove.
- Since avocados never ripen on trees, farmers can use the trees as a way to store and keep the fruit fresh for up to seven months.
- Maine is the closest U.S. state to Africa.
- It's a sweetly romantic tradition for the post offices of Romeo, Michigan, and Juliette, Georgia, to offer a special dual postmark leading up to Valentine's Day.
- As comedian Bob Hope lay on his deathbed in 2003, his wife Dolores asked where he'd like to be buried. His reply? "Surprise me."
- The three dots on the Domino's Pizza logo represent the chain's three original locations. Co-founder Tom Monaghan originally planned to add a new dot for every pizzeria he opened.
- "Yield the crow a pudding" is an old slang term for death.
- Morton's toe is when your second toe is longer than your big toe. It's widespread in art, with the Statue of Liberty being one of the more famous examples.
- Null Island gets its curious moniker from its coordinates: zero degrees latitude and zero degrees longitude. It also doesn't exist, but is the result of a common error in GIS data.
- If, like many Americans, you have trouble getting to sleep, you might try the advice of researchers and go low-tech camping for at least a week. The lack of electronics helps reset

the body clock and synchronize melatonin hormones with sunrise and sunset.

- It once took 27 hours to create a single Peeps Marshmallow Chick. Today, it takes six minutes.
- For Scrabble's 50th anniversary in 1988, a giant game utilizing six-foot tiles that required two large men to lift was played in Britain's Wembley Stadium.
- Female bats give birth while hanging upside down, catching the baby in their wings.
- England's King Richard the Lionheart spent a mere six months of his 10-year reign in England, being there only briefly in 1189 and 1194.

At the end of 1914, when Russia was fighting in World War I, the country's army had 6,553,000 men, but just 4,652,000 rifles.

Thought for the Day: "Happy is the person who knows what to remember of the past, what to enjoy in the present and what to plan for in the future."
— Arnold H. Glasow

©2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Public Notice Canutillo Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator, Elvia Q. Moreno, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, or eqmoreno@canutillo-isd.org.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados Bajo la Sección 504

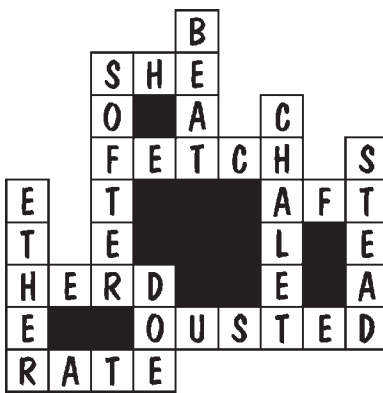
Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, Elvia Q. Moreno, al 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, o eqmoreno@canutillo-isd.org.

WTCC: 09-05-24

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| 1 | + | 9 | + | 4 | = | 14 |
| + | | + | | + | | |
| 7 | + | 3 | - | 6 | = | 4 |
| - | | ÷ | | + | | |
| 5 | + | 2 | × | 8 | = | 56 |
| = | | = | | = | | |
| 3 | | 6 | | 18 | | |

CryptoQuip Answer

When someone affirms that a certain letter is indeed not a consonant, is that a vowel avowal?



- On Sept. 2, 1945, Vietnamese communist Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam's independence from France following Japan's World War II surrender, in a proclamation stating, "All men are born equal: the Creator has given us inviolable rights, life, liberty, and happiness!" It would take another 30 years for his vision of a united communist Vietnam to become a reality, however.
- On Sept. 3, 2004, a hostage crisis at School No. 1 in Beslan, Russia ended in a gun battle between Chechen terrorists and Russian security forces. More than 300 people were killed, many of them children, and hundreds more were injured. The terrorists' demands included the withdrawal of Russian troops from Chechnya.
- On Sept. 4, 2014, comedian Joan Rivers died at the age of 81 in a New York City hospital a week after she went into cardiac arrest while undergoing a medical procedure on her vocal cords at a Manhattan clinic. In a career that lasted more than 50 years, Rivers fearlessly tackled any subject she chose, remarking that she "succeeded by saying what everyone else is thinking."
- On Sept. 5, 1991, a group

of activists made their way to the roof of Sen. Jesse Helms' home and unrolled a giant piece of fabric that was then inflated by their companions on the front lawn. Their message? "A CONDOM TO STOP UNSAFE POLITICS: HELMS IS DEADLIER THAN A VIRUS" – a decidedly innovative response to the senator's strong opposition to gay rights and the funding of AIDS research and treatment.

On Sept. 6, 1975, 18-year-old Martina Navratilova, today regarded as one of the greatest tennis players in history, sought political asylum in the United States after defecting from communist Czechoslovakia.

On Sept. 7, 1876, the Jesse James-Cole Younger gang was nearly wiped out by angry citizens after attempting a daytime robbery of the Northfield Minnesota bank. For the next two weeks, a posse pursued the surviving members, eventually killing or capturing four more, but Frank and Jesse James ended up in Nashville, TN, where they began rebuilding the gang and planning more robberies.

On Sept. 8, 1504, Michelangelo's 17-foot-tall, 12,000-pound marble masterpiece of the biblical shepherd boy David was unveiled to the public in Florence, Italy.

©2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

To Advertise Call 852-3235 Archives: www.wtxcc.com

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 2024 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. (MDT) at TRE & Associates, L.L.C., 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.

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: Directors Borrett, Jorjorian-Raynal, Newsom, Esparza and Mezzacappa

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) | \$0.7339/\$100 Adopted | \$0.7308/\$100 Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | - \$ 0.0031 | |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-) | - 0.42% | |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 379,798 | \$ 394,711 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 379,798 | \$ 394,711 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 2,787.34 | \$ 2,884.55 |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) | + \$ 97.21 + 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. 2 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

NOTICE OF VOTE 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. 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 2024 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. (MDT) at TRE & Associates, L.L.C., 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.

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: Directors Aduato, Boswell, Quintana and Cabrera

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: Director Smith

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) | \$0.6962/\$100 Adopted | \$0.6937/\$100 Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | - \$ 0.0025 | |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-) | - 0.36% | |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 264,548 | \$ 274,778 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 264,548 | \$ 274,778 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 1,841.78 | \$ 1,906.13 |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) | + \$ 64.35 + 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. 3 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

NOTICE OF VOTE 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.

Miners looking forward to better things after big loss

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Over the last nine months, El Pasoans have been awaiting the start of the UTEP football season with the most anticipation and excitement I've seen in the last 20 years.

And it started much the way I figured it would, with a lopsided loss.

The Scotty Walden UTEP football era began last week at Nebraska, who was favored by 27 points, and took care of the Miners by the score of 40-7.

And though the score may seem ugly to some, it's not like UTEP showed up in front of the 91,000 fans in attendance with that "deer in the headlights" look on their faces.

The Miners and Cornhuskers were actually tied 7-7 in the second quarter but eventually, reality set in.

And that reality is the fact that the Miners are just not a very big team up front.

All true football fans know that all success begins with the offensive and defensive lines. The bigger, tougher and nastier the guys are who are either blocking for the quarterback or trying to kill the quarterback, the better.

And compared to Nebraska, the Miner big men just aren't big enough. A 280-pound man is big, but a 320-pound man can push him around. And after

UTEP tied the score, the Cornhuskers just slowly and surely overwhelmed the Miners and dominated the rest of the game.

Although coach Walden will never be satisfied with the outcome, it was totally expected.

The Miners are a team made up of some of Walden's recruits and returning players from the Dana Dimel staff, and it's going to take time for them to gel and become a cohesive unit.

And thus, UTEP was thoroughly crushed in every phase of the game. They were outgained 507 total yards to just 205. Nebraska had 30 first downs to UTEP's 12 and the Cornhuskers scored the last 33 points of the game while the Miners didn't get into their red zone even once.

Let's face it, the Miners are nowhere near the caliber of any big-name college football team - yet.

That entire experience with Nebraska is the bad news, the good news is that other than their game at Tennessee on the second-to-last week of the season,

UTEP will be taking on teams its own size.

Their first home game this Saturday is against Southern Utah, which was trounced by Utah 49-0 in its first game.

Then the Miners travel to Liberty on Sept. 14, who struggled against

little-known Campbell, and the Colorado State Rams on Sept. 21, who were destroyed by the Texas Longhorns 52-0.

UTEP will follow with the rest of their Conference USA schedule,

See SPORTS, Page 10



Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Finding information

We don't always need to have the answers to questions on the tip of our tongue. Whether it's things we knew long ago and have forgotten, or if it's information about our current world, sometimes it's enough to know where to find that information.

Check the Senior Blue Book (seniorsbluebook.com) for a whole library of information. Whether it's articles or video, use the dropdown menus to look for information on healthy aging, elder law and so much more.

When your grandchild wants to know the lyrics to the song you used to sing in high school and you only remember the first two lines, fear not. Do an internet search for the name of the song, or even type in the first lyrics that you do remember. It's sure to pop up.

All of us have words we've never been certain how to pronounce. Again, pull up a search engine and type in the word you want and "pronounce."

And if you need translations from a foreign language? Type into the search box "translate [name of foreign language] to English." Then copy and paste the foreign words into the box. English will appear in the box next to it.

Look at ThirdAge (thirdage.com) for a collection of information on fitness, family, food, health and more.

If you want to beef up your internet skills, start with Seniors Guide to Computers (seniorsguidetocomputers.com) for good information on the basics, doing email, online security and saving your data. The site includes links to 300 YouTube how-to videos and is run by a guy with 40 years of computer experience.

Bookmark several different search engines on your computer: Google, DuckDuckGo and Bing are well known ones that you can trust. Once you get used to looking up information, you'll be all set for any question that comes up.

©2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| 6 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
| 4 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 8 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| 7 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| 3 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 7 |

CALLING FOR SILENCE ACROSS

- 1 Human rights org.
- 5 Costa
- 9 Scored two under par
- 15 Apparel
- 19 Stars and Stripes, e.g.
- 20 Big whoops
- 21 Louisiana cuisine style
- 22 French girlfriend
- 23 Places to buy salmon fillets and such
- 25 Everyday routine
- 26 Metal beam with two flanges
- 27 Brainpower stats
- 28 Actor Bana
- 29 Overnight delivery, say
- 31 Regret deeply
- 32 Nothin' at all
- 33 Lauder of perfumery
- 34 Shutter strip
- 35 Breathable gym bottoms
- 38 Actor Alan
- 40 Vaping devices
- 43 Some tech. inst. grads
- 44 Trio after G
- 46 They're like lay-ups, but farther from the basket
- 48 Father, to a tiny tot
- 51 Like some artificial body parts
- 54 A snake injecting venom, e.g.
- 55 Become too warm
- 58 Like a bass voice
- 60 Napoleonic marshal Michel
- 61 Coin that was worth 12 pence
- 65 Purvey
- 69 Often-flexed arm muscles
- 70 Paint coat applied to rough plaster
- 71 Brand of snowmobiles
- 73 Snow glider
- 74 Informal name for a herding breed
- 76 Congregated
- 78 Concealed
- 79 City development area
- 80 Dangler on a garment in a store
- 85 Most modern
- 88 Harper of "Far North"
- 89 Top worn on a safari
- 91 Snooze
- 92 Epoch
- 94 Opera solos
- 95 Tomb-raiding Croft
- 97 Resembling a plate
- 103 Turner of the Washington Nationals
- 105 Check recipient
- 107 Tubular snack cake
- 108 Flat-fixing org.
- 109 Guard to keep something dry
- 112 Novelist Kingsley or Martin
- 113 "Despicable Me" villain
- 114 Very dry
- 115 Tiki bar drink
- 116 What nine answers in this puzzle suggest that you do twice?
- 118 Donate
- 119 Peeves
- 120 Les _ (French for "some")
- 121 Emend
- 122 Tomahawks
- 123 Level
- 124 Indiana-to-Ohio direction
- 125 Witty types
- 15 Cold Spanish soup
- 16 Eager desire
- 17 "Knives Out" director Johnson
- 18 Arctic hazard
- 24 Gut feeling
- 29 Pine product
- 30 _ v. Ferguson (landmark court case)
- 36 Word after big, cold or soft
- 37 Albeit, in brief
- 39 For _ (very cheaply)
- 41 Former rival of AT&T
- 42 Former Russ. state
- 45 First lady after Melania Trump
- 47 Move hastily
- 48 Lou formerly of CNN
- 49 Pop rocker Lavigne
- 50 Rid of frost
- 51 Crank's cry
- 52 "Challenge accepted!"
- 53 Rum mixers
- 56 Clued in
- 57 Lion chaser?
- 59 Hope (for)
- 62 Opposite of 58-Across
- 63 "You Be _" (1986 Run-D.M.C. hit)
- 64 Avian abodes
- 65 Savors Earl Grey, say
- 66 Funny Murphy
- 67 Sacks in war
- 68 Balcony sections
- 71 Use stitches
- 72 Mattel man
- 74 Online biz
- 75 Torrid
- 76 Untidy states
- 77 Afr. country
- 80 Keglers' org.
- 81 Karel Capek sci-fi play
- 82 Question starter in old Memorex ads
- 83 Total shams
- 84 Plotting in math class
- 86 Walked in water
- 87 Dermis or Pen lead-in
- 90 Turncoat
- 92 Most pasty
- 93 Phantom
- 96 "Yes, cap'n!"
- 98 Reporter on "Parks and Recreation"
- 99 Buds from the hood
- 100 Multi-roof temple
- 101 Winged bug with pincers
- 102 Intimidates
- 104 Sportscaster Rashad
- 106 "Fuer _" (piano piece)
- 109 Chronicle
- 110 Grand _ (annual race)
- 111 Clearheaded
- 116 "_ pasa?"
- 117 Dawn drops

Super Crossword

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | | |
| 19 | | | | 20 | | | | 21 | | | | | | 22 | | | | | | |
| 23 | | | 24 | | | | | 25 | | | | | | 26 | | | | | | |
| 27 | | | 28 | | | | | 29 | | | | | | 30 | | | | | | |
| 31 | | | 32 | | | | | 33 | | | | | 34 | | | | | | | |
| 35 | | | 36 | | | | 37 | | 38 | | | 39 | | 40 | | 41 | 42 | | | |
| | | | 43 | | | | 44 | | 45 | | 46 | | 47 | | | | | | | |
| 48 | 49 | 50 | | | | 51 | 52 | | | 53 | | 54 | | | | | | | | |
| 55 | | | | 56 | 57 | | | | 58 | | 59 | | 60 | | | | | | | |
| 61 | | | | | | | | 62 | 63 | | | 64 | | | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | | |
| 69 | | | | | | | | 70 | | | | | | 71 | 72 | | | | | |
| 73 | | | | | | | 74 | | | | | | 75 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 76 | 77 | | | | | | 79 | | | | | | | |
| 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | | | | | 84 | | 85 | | 86 | 87 | | | | 88 | | | |
| 89 | | | | | | | | 90 | | 91 | | | | 92 | 93 | | | | | |
| 94 | | | | | | | | 95 | | 96 | | 97 | | 98 | 99 | | | 100 | 101 | 102 |
| | | | 103 | | | | | 104 | | 105 | | | 106 | | 107 | | | | 108 | |
| 109 | 110 | | | | | | | 111 | | | | | | 112 | | | | | 113 | |
| 114 | | | | | | | | 115 | | | | | | 116 | | | | | 117 | |
| 118 | | | | | | | | 119 | | | | | | 120 | | | | | 121 | |
| 122 | | | | | | | | 123 | | | | | | 124 | | | | | 125 | |

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 2024 on Friday, September 13, 2023, at 9:30 A.M. (MDT) at TRE & Associates, L.L.C., 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.

Visit 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: 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 | \$ 307,342 | \$ 325,895 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 307,342 | \$ 325,895 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 2,305.07 | \$ 2,444.21 |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) | | + \$ 139.15 + 6.04% |

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.

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. 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 2024 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 10:30 A.M. (MDT) at TRE & Associates, L.L.C., 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.

Visit 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: 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) | \$0.6836/\$100 Adopted | \$0.6852/\$100 Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | + \$ 0.0016 |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-) | | + 0.23% |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 264,939 | \$ 273,548 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 264,939 | \$ 273,548 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 1,811.12 | \$ 1,874.35 |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) | | + \$ 63.23 + 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.

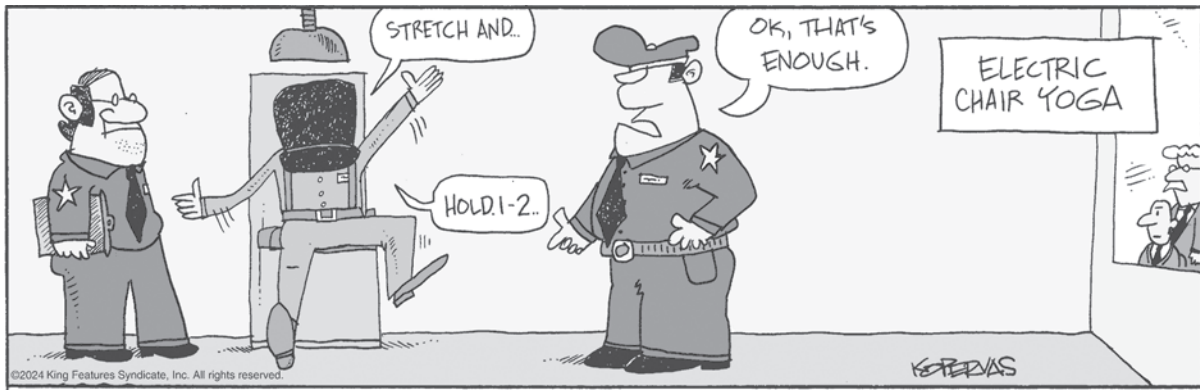
NOTICE OF VOTE TAX RATE

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.

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

From Page 2

ridiculous. The idea that food companies and grocery stores suddenly began to gouge consumers at the moment when supply-chain disruptions, excessive government spending, low interest rates and international disorder drove a historic bout of inflation never made any sense.

If they had this kind of market power, they presumably would have exercised it in the decades prior to Joe Biden presiding over a period of runaway prices.

It was equally absurd to pretend that the government could make illegal this non-existent problem. If the Federal Trade Commission, the potential vehicle for ending all the alleged price gouging, can magically end inflation, why didn't the Biden administration use it for this purpose when prices were rapidly accelerating?

Needless to say, no one should have any confidence that the FTC knows what the price of eggs or paper towels should be.

The minimalist gloss on the Harris proposal is that it is, in the words of *The Post*, "a targeted

expansion of existing state powers rather than new government 'price controls' that would transform the U.S. economy."

These state laws are designed to prevent exploitative pricing in the midst of disasters. It's not clear why the federal government itself needs a statute banning people from, say, charging exorbitant amounts for bottled water after hurricanes, or how such a statute would prevent economy-wide inflation.

This back-filling and explaining away wouldn't be necessary if Harris hadn't spoken in such sweeping terms about a new federal power to control prices. And she didn't do it spontaneously, but reading from a script prepared by advisers who presumably gave it some thought.

What we are now being told was a way to convince people how much Harris cares about fighting inflation really shows how little she cares about what she says and what she proposes.

Her allies are making what's ultimately a damning defense – don't mind her, she's just trying to say things that sound good.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*. ©2024 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Isotretinoin, fertility, and danger to a fetus

DEAR DR. ROACH: My daughter is in her 30s and has been experiencing infertility for several years. She and her husband have been tested, and the issue is her egg quality. She's had several rounds of in vitro fertilization (IVF) with no success. At age 19, she was prescribed Accutane for her acne. She had to take a monthly pregnancy test in order to take this medication. I researched this medication at the time and was aware of the depression side effects. I was also aware that if a pregnancy occurred while taking this drug, it would have to be terminated. The situation was not a concern at the time. Now, years later, her fertility doctor says that she has eggs, but they are of poor quality. What is your opinion on this medication affecting fertility? I read that Accutane was banned in 2009. – C.M.



Isotretinoin (Accutane) is the most effective treatment for acne, but it has the potential for serious side effects and can only be given after a thorough review of its risks.

I have to correct two misapprehensions: Although brand-name Accutane was discontinued in 2009, generic isotretinoin was not banned and still remains an extremely beneficial treatment that is safe when used appropriately. Secondly, there is no obligation while on this medicine to commit to a pregnancy termination.

Great care needs to be taken to prevent pregnancy, with repeatedly negative pregnancy tests before starting therapy, as well as two forms of birth control in any person who could get pregnant (unless they are abstinent). There is a high likelihood that a baby who is exposed to isotretinoin will experience severe damage or be stillborn. If a pregnancy occurs while on isotretinoin, the drug must immediately be stopped, and the person needs to be referred to an expert in reproductive toxicity. A pregnancy termination should be discussed, but the decision is always up to the patient (except where prohibited by law).

Although isotretinoin can cause severe damage to the developing fetus if taken during pregnancy, a study showed that any effect on fertility was gone 18 months after treatment. There are many reasons why a woman can have difficulty getting pregnant, due to eggs that are less likely to get fertilized. Age is a major factor, but many genetic conditions, chemotherapy, radiation, viruses (including COVID-19), and autoimmune diseases are known causes.

I wish your daughter the best of luck. I have had several patients give up after several rounds of IVF, only to conceive a healthy baby naturally.

DEAR DR. ROACH: In a recent column, a reader mentioned that they were having problems coming up with words and wondered if a supplement would help. They mentioned taking medication for neuropathy. Some of the medications for neuropathy have brain fog as a side effect. – P.A.

I appreciate your writing. Of all the causes for people to have memory and concentration problems, a side effect from medication is one of the most common and easily reversible. You are right that many medications used for neuropathy, especially gabapentin and pregabalin, can cause difficulty concentrating. Many people describe this as brain fog. It's worthwhile to discuss any medication, even over-the-counter ones and supplements, with your doctor to see if any of these might be causing this symptom.

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. ©2024 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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 2024 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. (MDT) at TRE & Associates, L.L.C., 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.

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: 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 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.7500/\$100 | \$0.7500/\$100 |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | \$ 0.0000 | |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-) | 0.00% | |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 284,546 | \$ 293,369 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 284,546 | \$ 293,369 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 2,134.10 | \$ 2,200.27 |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | + \$ 66.17 | |
| and percentage of increase (+/-) | + 3.10% | |

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.

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. 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 2024 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 3:00 P.M. (MDT) at TRE & Associates, L.L.C., 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.

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: Directors Goldfien, Garnica, Moye and Ulrich

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: Director Hansen

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) | \$0.7002/\$100 | \$0.6894/\$100 |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | - \$ 0.0108 | |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-) | - 1.54% | |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 256,567 | \$ 269,689 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 256,567 | \$ 269,689 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 1,796.48 | \$ 1,859.24 |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | + \$ 62.75 | |
| 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. 7 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of administrative expenses or to reimburse amounts owed to developers.

NOTICE OF VOTE 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.

Food for thought By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Reflecting on Labor Day and work

The willing workers of America have been the backbone to making our country the greatest nation in the world. People from all over the world have come here in search of a better life by having the opportunity and the freedom to work hard in order to make their dreams come true. The will and the joy of working has made life better for millions who have realized their dreams in America.

An acquaintance of mine who has done very well throughout his life has always been a hard worker. He has said, "The harder I work, the luckier I get." Good fortune

has never just fallen on him accidentally but he has always worked hard and good things have come his way.

There is no way that Americans can stop working. Our government and all that we have and know flourishes or dries up based upon our work. Our work produces products, delivers goods, raises crops, provides fuel, and feeds our families.

A country cannot sit down and expect that all the people will be clothed, fed, and medically cared for without a large group of working people. The nation who does not work will soon fold. Our government cares for a lot

of people now. Millions of Americans receive Social Security checks and other types of government monetary support. This money does not grow on trees but is reproduced daily by America's laborers who have their nose to the grindstone.

If you have a job and are earning a paycheck, then rejoice for your good fortune. There are many less fortunate who would love to be working who no longer have the physical or mental ability to do so.

Work is a good way to spend your time. Good honest work will keep you out of trouble and is helpful in keeping you out of a state of depression. In most situations, work is physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy for people. There are always those dead-end jobs that may be very tough physically and

mentally. Sometimes you may have to change jobs. In America, you can change jobs or start your own business, but you have the option of making a new plan.

My dad was a hard-working coal miner. We would have starved if he hadn't been willing to work in underground coal mines for almost 37 years. My mother was a hard worker. Thus, we always had food to eat. Work has a payoff; you can go to the grocery store. Of course, in this economy, we haven't been able to buy as much.

A dear friend manages a restaurant with 85 employees. Most of them are immigrants who have come into the country in the last three or four years. He said, "Without them I couldn't operate the restaurant. They are faithful, work hard, and do a good job. They also have a network of

friends who want to work so I don't have trouble filling jobs. If I had to depend on the local American people in our community, then our restaurant would never survive. The locals don't want to work." Sadly, I've heard farmers in Ohio and Indiana talk the same way. Their farming labor is dependent on the immigrants.

America will continue to be a strong and great nation if all Americans will keep working. When we hand all our labor over to others and quit working, we will lose our country.

Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of "Uncommon Sense" and 12 other books. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states. Learn more at www.glennmollette.com or www.facebook.com/glennmollette.

Sports

From Page 6

which will end on college football's final week of the season, at New Mexico State.

I'm not saying the Miners will win the rest of their games, or even win enough (6 games) to advance to a bowl game, but I am saying they will definitely have a chance.

Some takeaways from the first game are that the UTEP secondary is going to have to defend and tackle better. Too many times on balls they could have knocked down, they always seemed out of position. They also didn't wrap their arms around the ball carry to make clean tackles.

As mentioned earlier, they've got to get bigger on the lines. If their quarterbacks are going to be comfortable throwing the ball, they've

got to have time to find an open receiver.

And speaking of quarterbacks, I'm not sure the Miners have the guy that will lead them over the next few seasons. Skyler Locklear and Cade McConnell had a few moments here and there. But neither looks like the prolific passer needed to run a fastbreak offense like this one.

Above all, don't let UTEP's opening week loss discourage you on the season. The Miners are going to get better and now that the schedule will be more in their favor, the games will be exciting to watch, and the team will be able to display some of their talent.

Coach Scotty Walden is building a winning program at UTEP. When have you heard of a home being built in one day?

You want a nice home; it's going to take a little time.

Canutillo ISD and Goodwill partner up

By Gustavo Reveles
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District has opened an Employee Development Service (EDS) Goodwill Store. The student-operated store is located on campus at Canutillo High School.

This innovative store, developed through a unique partnership between CISD and Goodwill Industries of El Paso, aims to provide special-education students with invaluable job skills and real-world experience. Students will staff the store, gaining hands-on training in retail operations, customer service and inventory management – all within a supportive learning environment.

"We are incredibly proud to be part of this groundbreaking initiative," said Canutillo ISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz.

"The Employee Development Service Goodwill store will not only empower our special-education students by providing them with essential life and job skills but will also foster a sense of independence and confidence as they prepare for their future careers."

Goodwill Industries of El Paso, known for its mission to provide job training and employment opportunities to those facing barriers to work, is equally excited about the collaboration.

"This partnership with Canutillo ISD represents the core of what Goodwill stands for – transforming lives through the power of work," said Melinda Jordan, CEO of Goodwill Industries of El Paso. "We are honored to support these students as they embark on their journey toward personal and professional growth."

The store will offer a variety of goods, including gently used clothing, accessories and household items. All proceeds from the sales will be reinvested into the program to further enhance students' learning experiences and provide additional resources for their development.

A Goodwill donation bin will be housed at the Canutillo High School campus to support the training store. Donations are encouraged and welcomed. Store hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m. - noon) Monday to Thursday.

EL PASO COUNTY PRESENTS

GUN BUY BACK EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM 4100 E. PAISANO DR

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

** GHOST GUNS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED **

- Unloaded firearms must be transported in the trunk of your vehicle
- Limit 10 firearms per vehicle
- Ammunition may also be turned in

Firearms accepted:

- \$50 - Non-Functioning firearms
- \$100 - Rifles or Shotguns
- \$150 - Handguns
- \$200 - Assault Rifles

QUESTIONS?
(915) 546-2014



Send Your News To:
wtxcc@wtxcc.com

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 2024 on Friday, September 13, 2023, at 10:30 A.M. (MDT) at TRE & Associates, L.L.C., 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.

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: Directors Quiñones, Silva, Hunt and Bruder

AGAINST the proposal: Director Wardy

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) | \$0.6342/\$100 | \$0.6278/\$100 |
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | - \$ 0.0064 | |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-) | - 1.01% | |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 242,882 | \$ 253,935 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 242,882 | \$ 253,935 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 1,540.36 | \$ 1,594.20 |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | + \$ 53.85 | |
| 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. 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 2024 on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 11:30 A.M. (MDT) at TRE & Associates, L.L.C., 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.

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: Directors Bustamante, Lascurain, 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 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.6975/\$100 | \$0.7050/\$100 |
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | + \$ 0.0075 | |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-) | + 1.08% | |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 255,648 | \$ 261,767 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 255,648 | \$ 261,767 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 1,783.14 | \$ 1,845.46 |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | + \$ 62.31 | |
| 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. 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

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.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
September 9, 1961: A meteorite falls in Grayson County.

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: **M** equals **F**

VLNR ZYKNYRN UMMJXKZ BLUB
U ENXBUJR INBBNX JZ JRHNNH
RYB U EYRZYRURB, JZ BLUB
U DYVNI UDYVUI?

Answer Page 4

©2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 7 | 5 | | 9 | | | 8 | |
| | | 3 | | | | 2 | 7 | |
| 4 | | | 6 | | | | | 1 |
| 8 | | | 3 | | | | | 6 |
| | 4 | | | | 8 | | | 5 |
| | | 7 | | 6 | | 1 | 9 | |
| | | 1 | 8 | | | 4 | | |
| 9 | | | | 2 | | | | 3 |
| | 6 | | 5 | | 1 | | 2 | |

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

Answer Page 4

◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

©2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Suicide care at the VA



by Freddy Groves

How on earth, one hates to ask, did a veteran commit suicide while a patient in a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital? Using an item belonging to that patient? When an order had been given for the patient to be watched? When an order had been given for psychiatric care?

The VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) noted several things during their investigation afterward:

First they found that no one had thought to go through the patient's things and take away anything that could be a risk for self-harm. Then staff did not do what's called a "warm handoff," which is called for in the suicide risk evaluation guidelines. A psychiatrist apparently did a partial assessment but didn't complete it within the required 24-hour time frame so other staff could see it. Instead, the order

was changed from constantly watching the patient to checking the patient every 15 minutes.

The OIG had some recommendations afterward: Reassess the patient before changing observation levels. Actually complete the inpatient notes. Go through the patient's things and take away anything that could be used for self-harm. And, gosh... what a concept... complete the risk evaluation within the required 24 hours.

At another facility the VA OIG concluded that staff inaccurately assessed the suicide risk of three different veterans.

At yet another, the veteran managed to commit suicide in the emergency room.

At another VA facility the VA OIG stepped in with their recommendations after one patient attempted suicide and another was successful. Complete the risk screening. Put the notes in the health record. Adhere to the one-on-one observation. Don't deactivate a patient's high-risk status information without consulting other

staff. Flipping through years of reports a pattern emerges: There isn't enough oversight and adhering to rules when it comes to helping suicidal veterans at the VA.

But of all the missteps small and large, how is it no one thought to clear potentially dangerous items from the veteran's belongings there in the hospital?

©2024 King Features Synd., Inc.



• "I used double-faced tape to stick a couple of clothespins inside the cabinet under my sink. I can hang my gloves under the sink when I am finished with the dishes." – T.C. in Minnesota

• Help nylons and tights retain elasticity by giving them a final rinse in diluted vinegar before hanging dry. Never add nylons to a heat dryer.

• "I purchase extra school supplies when back-to-school time brings the sales. Inevitably, we need extras as the school year wears on, and these items can be pricier later." – Y.C. in Alabama

• "A tip for setting your table: Always put pretty plastic placemats on the table first. Then your pretty cloth napkins and placemats over these. When you're ready to eat, just remove cloth placemats and napkins and you'll still have a pretty table to serve your guests." – J.R. in Virginia

• Ease the weekday morning time crunch by planning your wardrobe on the weekends. Use a single hanger to gather everything you need for a smart, pulled-together look. Attach a plastic sandwich bag with accessories to the hanger with a clothespin, and you'll be dressed in minutes.

• If your bananas start to brown on the outside, put them in the fridge. They will still get brown, but the inside stays firm instead of getting mushy.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. ©2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

GO FIGURE!

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!

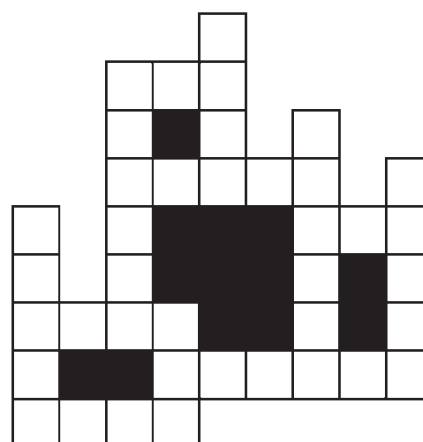
Answer Page 4

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|----|------|---|---|---|
| | + | | + | | = 14 | | | |
| + | | + | | + | | | | |
| | + | | - | | = 4 | | | |
| - | | ÷ | | + | | | | |
| | + | | × | | = 56 | | | |
| = | | = | | = | | | | |
| 3 | | 6 | | 18 | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

©2024 King Features Syndicate, Inc.



- ESH
- HECTLA
- ♥ASEDT
- RHDE
- SUDOTE
- ♥TFA
- ♥ETBA
- ♥HETRE
- ♥OED
- ♥TOSFRE
- HETFC
- ♥ARET



Answer Page 4

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

©2024 King Features Syndicate. All rights reserved.