



NEWSBRIEFS

Take a walk

Pregnancy Help Center of El Paso will be hosting a “Celebrate Life” Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Album Park. People can register by calling 591-1343. For more information go to: www.pregnancyhcep.org (click on the “EVENTS” link).

ESL classes

Socorro ISD is sponsoring free ESL classes starting on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Esperanza A. Moreno Branch Library and the Irving Schwartz Branch Library. El Paso ISD is sponsoring ESL classes starting on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Main, Clardy Fox, Richard Burges and Westside branches. Some classes require pre-registration. EPPL will also be offering free citizenship and computer classes soon. For more information call the literacy hotline at 543-5494 or visit www.elpasolibrary.org.

Missing

A female identified as 68 year old Inez Rodriguez of Fabens, Texas may have gone for a walk on Monday, Aug. 13 and may be lost. According to family members, Rodriguez allegedly suffers from dementia. She also had a medical procedure performed on one of her legs and may be in need of medical attention. Family members say she occasionally wakes up early and will go for a walk. She hasn’t gone for a walk in several weeks as a result of the medical procedure. It was assumed she went for a walk yesterday. When she didn’t return family members were informed to contact the Sheriff’s Office. It is believed she may be wearing a blue brim baseball cap, t-shirt and jeans. No other physical description is available at this time. Anyone with information is asked to call the El Paso County Sheriff’s office at (915) 546-2280.

San Eli ISD boosts pay

In order to remain competitive in attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers, the Board of Trustees of the San Elizario Independent School District recently approved a starting salary of \$40,000 for new teachers for the 2007-2008 school year. In addition all new and returning teachers will receive a \$1,000 signing bonus. The bonus will be paid in equal installments throughout the year. Instructional paraprofessionals and support staff will receive a 3% raise while administrative staff will see a 2% increase in their paychecks.

In other news

■ The Dorris Van Doren Regional Branch, 551 Redd Rd., is hosting performances inspired by the Shakespeare on the Rocks festival on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 1:00

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The wheel was man’s greatest invention until he got behind it.

— Quips & Quotes

Haugen’s 32 years in education expected to benefit Anthony ISD

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — The word is out, and the word is good about Ron Haugen, the new superintendent of the Anthony Independent School District.

“They are going to love him in Anthony,” says George Foster, principal of Gadsden High School, speaking of Haugen. “He will lead the district to new heights.”

Haugen, took over as superintendent of Anthony ISD on Aug. 1, replacing Vern Butler. Haugen returns to Texas educational duties from the Gadsden ISD in New Mexico where he had been superintendent for six years.

The new superintendent served in the Canutillo ISD as a principal and assistant principal from 1992 to 1998. His six years in CISD were sandwiched between assignments in Gadsden. From CISD he became principal of Santa Teresa High School for three years after which he was named the Gadsden district’s superintendent in 2001.

Haugen has 32 years in the education field (coincidentally the same number of years Butler had when he took over as superintendent in Anthony). Haugen got his bachelor’s degree in education from Arizona State University in 1975 and his master’s in education from UT El Paso in 1980.

Foster adds. “He is outstanding, very professional and very knowledgeable. He is a skilled leader. He lets you do your job.”

At the July board meeting when he was officially approved, Haugen said he was going to hit the ground running. And he has certainly done just that.

One of his first concerns was finding replacements for all three the district’s school principals who resigned. Three-fold mission accomplished; new principals have been selected.

They are: Oscar Troncoso, high school; David Gregory, middle school; and Chris Cardona, Anthony Elementary.

An open house is scheduled from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug 21 in the elementary school auditorium for the community to meet Haugen and the new principals.

The regular monthly school board meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the board room at the middle school.

An upbeat Haugen said early this week that “things are moving right along. I am excited about the opportunity I have here — “to meet the needs of the kids. He said he will work “to provide the best educational opportunities for the students.”



Oscar Troncoso

between 800 and 900 students. However, Haugen dismisses the disparity in enrollments



Ron Haugen

“I am going to enjoy this thoroughly. This is home, and I have no intention of moving.” Haugen lives on El Paso’s westside.

Haugen comes from the third largest school district in New Mexico with 14,000 students in 21 schools. The entire Anthony school district enrollment is

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Expect more traffic at border bridge crossings when school starts

By Roger Maier
Special to the Courier

EL PASO, TEXAS — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials are reminding members of the traveling public to expect to see more cars and pedestrians at area border crossings in the coming days as the summer break for thousands of area students comes to an end.

“The start of the school year always means more traffic on area highways, surface streets, roads near schools as well as border ports of entry,” said Luis Garcia, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Director of Field Operations in El Paso. “Now is the time for anyone who makes a morning commute, whether across town or across the border, to adjust their schedules to accommodate the additional demands that school related traffic will place on area roads, streets, highways and international border crossings.”

Large numbers of students who attend classes at UTEP, El Paso Community College and various private and public schools commute from Mexico to the U.S. on a daily basis.

This increase in traffic, especially during the traditionally busy morning commute, can result in longer than normal crossing times.

“This impact is felt across the board including the Dedicated Commuter Lanes (DCL) at the Stanton and Ysleta bridges,” said Garcia. “All border crossers should plan accordingly.”

Ongoing construction at the Paso Del Norte bridge has reduced the number of lanes available for people to cross the border in vehicles. However CBP officials will once again staff a dedicated student pedestrian lane at the busy downtown port. The specially designated lane was launched in the spring and attracted approximately 1,000 to 1,200 student users per day.

CBP carefully monitors border wait times, which are gathered and posted hourly at the CBP website. People interested in using this resource should go to www.cbp.gov and click on the “Wait Times — Airport and Border” link on the lower right hand side of the web page. Being prepared for the inspection process by having documents ready for the CBP officer, declaring all items acquired in Mexico, and ending cell phone conversations before arriving at the inspection station can also reduce wait times.

Take some precautions against heat

By Irene Rivas and
Lt. Mario E. Hernandez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — With temperatures expected to be in the upper 90’s for this week and hotter than normal temperatures being forecast for the El Paso area, El Paso Fire Department officials are urging the citizens of El Paso to take safety precautions when conducting outdoor activities.

The El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District has confirmed through the Office of the Medical Examiner that three people have died due to heat-related causes this summer. On June 21, a Hispanic homeless male of unknown age was found dead behind a building by El Paso Police Department officers. He died due to heat stroke. The next day, on June 22, a passerby reported a man lying on the ground between two parked vehicles. The 63 year-old Hispanic male was transported by Fire Medical Services to a local hospital where he died due to hyperthermia. On July 7, a transient 19-year-old Hispanic female traveling through El Paso from South Carolina collapsed while walking. She was transported by Fire Medical Services to a local hospital where she died due to heat stroke.

In addition to the three heat-related deaths, the El Paso Fire Department reports that Fire Medical Services have responded to twenty-six (26) heat related emergency calls from June 30 to the present. Three of these occurred just this week. One was an athlete at a local high school, another was a person on the Paso del Norte Bridge and the last was a person walking down the street in Central El Paso. All three were outdoors during the afternoon hours.

Every summer, heat-related illnesses soar because people don’t recognize the seriousness of the symptoms caused by heat. People must be careful because dehydration and heat illness can lead to heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and in some circumstances, the heat can kill. Normal aging processes put older adults at increased risk. The elderly are less likely to perceive excess heat. Therefore, they are less likely to experience thirst at the beginning of dehydration. Children are also at high risk. Medical problems can increase vulnerability, such as, cardiovascular and kidney problems. Social isolation is also a risk factor. We cannot over emphasize the importance of the “Buddy System” in checking on your relatives, friends and neighbors that are elderly, ill or homebound during a heat wave. You never know when they may be in distress. You should check on your “Buddy”, through a daily telephone call or visit, on days when temperatures are expected to reach above 95 degrees and on any ozone action days.

El Paso Fire Department officials are offering the following safety precautions when conducting outdoor activities:

- Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light colored clothing, Light colors will reflect away some of the sun’s energy. It is also a good idea to wear hats or to use an umbrella.
- Drink plenty of water. Carry water with

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Tornillo Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2007 in the TISD Administration Building, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.249600/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	5.00% (Increase)
Debt Service	4.03% (Increase)
Total Expenditures	7.00% (Increase)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 53,701,442	\$ 59,045,688
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 654,526	\$ 4,892,935
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 42,821,552	\$ 47,691,203
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 620,932	\$ 4,263,535

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$14,998,595

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.370100	\$ 0.265200*	\$ 1.635300	\$ 615	\$7,424
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.023080	\$ 0.245930*	\$ 1.269010	\$ 511	\$7,938
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.249600*	\$ 1.419600	\$ 567	\$8,409

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 33,962	\$ 39,320
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 18,656	\$ 24,729
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.635300	\$ 1.419600
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 305.08	\$ 351.05
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 45.97

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.289648. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.289648.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 8,578,882
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 30,000

Heat

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you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body. Individuals can reduce their risk to heat-related illness by regular fluid intake, at least 8 ounces per hour.

- Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein which increase metabolic heat. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.

- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities. If you must do outdoor activities drink plenty of water and take regular breaks in a shaded area or do it during the coolest part of the day,

which is usually in the morning between 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Stay indoors when possible.

People should seek out cool areas (air conditioned buildings are best) when possible and pay attention to early warning signs.

Early symptoms of heat emergencies include cool, pale and moist skin, heavy sweating, light headedness, headache, mild nausea, dizziness and vomiting. Individual responsibility is crucial to coping with harsh heat conditions through common sense precautions and assisting vulnerable family, neighbors and friends.

If you or anyone you know needs a fan, dial 211. To donate a fan, drop off new fans only at any El Paso Fire Department fire station or Sheriff's Department Substation.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 will hold public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by **8.00 percent** (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearings will be held on **Thursday, August 23, 2007 and Thursday, August 30, 2007 both at 7:00 p.m. at Montana Vista Fire and Rescue, 13978 Montana Ave., El Paso, Texas 79836.**

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: Robert Ostrenga, Bill Adler, Nick Sierra, Ray Trevizo, Henry Magallanes
- AGAINST: None
- PRESENT and not voting: None
- ABSENT: None

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	11.83% (Increase)
Debt service	0.00%
Total expenditures	11.83% (Increase)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 2,683,723,459	\$ 3,028,480,813
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 124,668,639	\$ 173,418,441
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 2,150,276,029	\$ 2,478,025,501
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 122,561,604	\$ 168,166,599

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ -0-

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.089363	per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$ 0.090016	per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.000653	per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	0.73 %	Increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 60,251	\$ 69,408
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 60,251	\$ 69,408

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be **\$53.84**. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be **\$62.48**. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an **increase of \$8.64** in taxes.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Don't know what to do with your hot checks? We can help you!

El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez prosecutes and collects restitution and fees from hot check writers. The service is provided at no charge to any El Paso County resident or business.

Would you like to know more? We invite you to attend our annual:



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Haugen

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of the two school districts.

“Size is unimportant,” he observes. “It’s irrelevant. Kids are kids wherever you are, and school districts are similar — no matter which side of the state line you are on. Problems are similar.”

“We are going to focus on the good stuff.”

Of special concern to Haugen are the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) scores in the district. All three campuses are presently rated Acceptable. He says AISD will be focusing on improving instruction and raising the student performance in order to achieve the Recognized status.

How will he meet these goals? The answer is found in his resume summary.

“The knowledge I have gained working at all campus levels, in addition to my central office experience, has given me the needed perspective to assist and guide educational programs into the new era of educational expectations.”

Gossip helps build relationships, really

By Don Flood

So you want to wake up in a town that never sleeps?

Find you’re king of the hill, top of the heap? Yeah, me neither. Sounds too noisy. And who wants to live on a heap?

But there is good news for people who have despaired of ever being able to afford property in the Big Apple.

In fact, you might be surprised what you can buy — in downtown Manhattan — for a relatively modest \$225,000.

That’s right, for just 225 grand you can buy... a parking space.

Admittedly, it’s a little cramped and you can’t build on it since it’s in the basement of a condo development, but still — it’s a start.

Hold onto to it for a few years and flip it — who knows, maybe you can move on up to a deluxe broom closet in the sky, or at least an actual, above-ground building.

But act fast; there’s already a waiting list.

New York City’s not the only place for go-getters.

Florida farms include some of the hardest-working people in America.

You may have heard of the recent case where the U.S. Department of Agriculture

was making payments to deceased farmers.

One poor guy, who died in 1995, was being certified every year by the other owners as being “actively engaged” in managing the farm. He collected \$400,000.

My heart went to this guy. “Hey buddy,” I wanted to tell him, “you’re dead. It’s time to pull back a little. You’ve earned a little rest and relaxation.”

There’s nothing wrong with wanting to remain involved, although that’s unusual for people in his situation, but it’s not necessary to stay “actively” engaged. Get a hobby, already.

Elsewhere in the news is the report that gossip is good for you. “Don’t feel guilty,” the headline said, “you’re not telling tales, you’re building relationships.”

Now you know why we are such a great nation. We are busy building relationships 24 hours a day. We have whole TV shows and cable stations devoted to nothing but building relationships.

But while some may welcome this report, I am going to state here, unequivocally, that I disapprove of idle gossip.

Especially when people take too long to

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NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2007 Property Tax Rates in City of Socorro

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the **City of Socorro**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:

Last year’s operating taxes _____	\$2,492,505
Last year’s debt taxes _____	494,274
Last year’s total taxes _____	2,986,779
Last year’s tax base _____	619,429,800
Last year’s total tax rate _____	0.482182/\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) _____	\$2,984,049
+This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) _____	649,277,238
=This year’s effective tax rate _____	0.459595/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

This year’s rollback tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) _____ \$2,490,227

+This year’s adjusted tax base _____	649,277,238
=This year’s effective operating rate _____	0.383538/\$100
x1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate _____	0.414221/\$100
+This year’s debt rate _____	0.090238/\$100
=This year’s rollback rate _____	0.504459/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **City of Socorro** adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **\$0.459595** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2006 taxes by **\$171,454**.

SCHEDULE A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O) _____	\$2,484,366
Debt Service (I&S) _____	-0-

SCHEDULE B — 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1999 Cert. Oblig.	\$100,000	\$31,503	\$482	\$131,985
2001 Cert. Oblig.	18,100	23,299	500	41,899
FNB-Pothole Patcher	13,252	246	-0-	13,498
State Infrastructure #1	91,218	3,922	-0-	95,140
State Infrastructure #2	-0-	12,103	-0-	12,103
Park and Ride	6,000	-0-	2,000	8,000
2004 Cert. Oblig.	75,000	74,679	-0-	149,679
PSB	10	-0-	-0-	10
Ford Mun. Lease-City Cars	51,702	9,181	-0-	60,883
Ford Mun. Lease-PD Cars	28,107	4,991	-0-	33,098
PSI Truck 3 in 1	25,000	1,500	500	27,000
TXDoT	46,807	-0-	-0-	46,807
Total required for 2007 Debt Service _____				\$620,102
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A _____				-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources _____				-0-
-Excess collections last year _____				-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2007 _____				620,102
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2007 _____				-0-
=Total Debt Levy _____				\$620,102

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

Name of person preparing this notice: Juan F. Sandoval

Title: Tax Assessor/Collector

Date prepared: August 1, 2007

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2007 Property Tax Rates in Village of Vinton

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the **Village of Vinton**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:

Last year’s operating taxes _____	\$233,141
Last year’s debt taxes _____	-0-
Last year’s total taxes _____	233,141
Last year’s tax base _____	93,256,400
Last year’s total tax rate _____	0.250000/\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) _____	\$229,327
+This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) _____	82,402,744
=This year’s effective tax rate _____	0.278300/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

This year’s rollback tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) _____ \$229,327

+This year’s adjusted tax base _____	82,402,744
=This year’s effective operating rate _____	0.278300/\$100
x1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate _____	0.300564/\$100
+This year’s debt rate _____	0.112670/\$100
=This year’s total rollback rate _____	0.413234/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **Village of Vinton** adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **\$0.278300** per \$100 of value, taxes would **decrease** compared to 2006 taxes by **\$1,785**.

SCHEDULE A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O) _____	\$-0-
Debt Service (I&S) _____	-0-

SCHEDULE B — 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Equip. - Street	\$ 55,665	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 55,665
Equip. - Office	38,000	-0-	-0-	38,000
Total required for 2007 Debt Service _____				\$93,665
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A _____				-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources _____				-0-
-Excess collections last year _____				-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2007 _____				93,665
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2007 _____				-0-
=Total Debt Levy _____				\$93,665

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

Name of person preparing this notice: Juan F. Sandoval

Title: Tax Assessor/Collector

Date prepared: August 6, 2007

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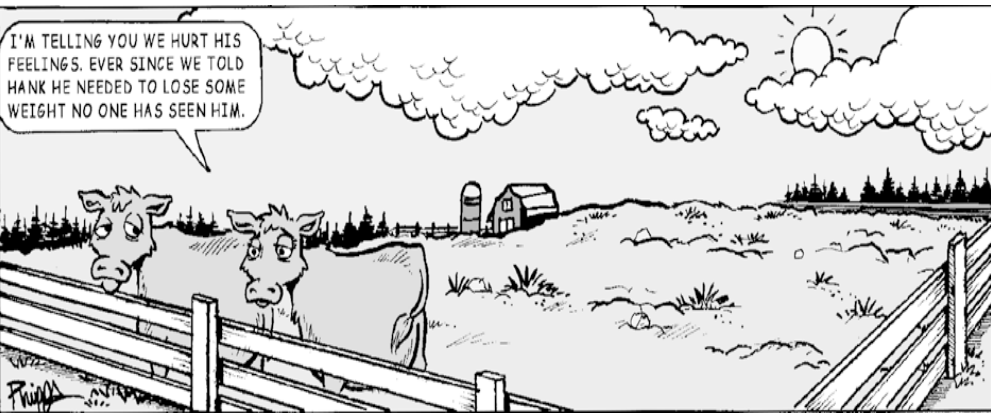
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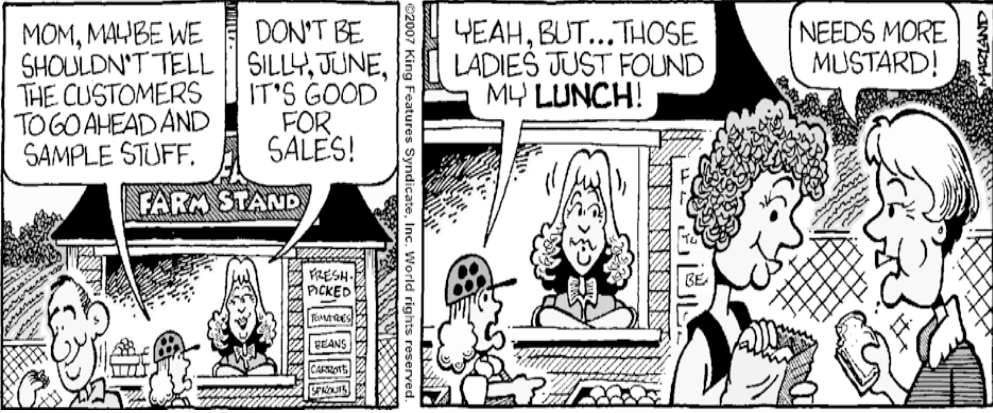
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2007 Property Tax Rates in Town of Clint

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the **Town of Clint**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	120,339
Last year's debt taxes	\$	21,413
Last year's total taxes	\$	141,752
Last year's tax base	\$	34,000,297
Last year's total tax rate		\$0.416914 / \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	141,721
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	35,942,739
= This year's effective tax rate		\$0.394296 / \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	120,312
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	35,942,739
= This year's effective operating rate		\$0.334732 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate		\$0.361510 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate		\$0.053799 / \$100
= This year's rollback rate		\$0.415309 / \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **Town of Clint** adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.394296 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$7,978.

SCHEDULE A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$167,665
Debt Service (I&S)	\$15,000

SCHEDULE B — 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Line of Credit	\$17,000	\$2,200	\$0	\$19,200
Police Car	\$15,000	\$1,230	\$0	\$16,230

Total required for 2007 Debt Service	\$35,430
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$15,000
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
-Excess collections last year	\$0
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2007	\$20,430
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2007	\$0
=Total Debt Levy	\$20,430

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 500 E. Overland Avenue Suite 101, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Name of person preparing this notice: Victor A. Flores, R.T.C.
Title: County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date prepared: August 7, 2007
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2007 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #1

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #1**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	586,376
Last year's debt taxes	\$	42,909
Last year's total taxes	\$	629,285
Last year's tax base	\$	676,585,062
Last year's total tax rate		\$0.093009 / \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	629,026
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	720,130,138
=This year's effective tax rate		\$0.087348 / \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	586,135
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$	720,130,138
=This year's effective operating rate		\$0.081393 / \$100
x1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate		\$0.087904 / \$100
+This year's debt rate		\$0.006333 / \$100
=This year's rollback rate		\$0.094237 / \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #1** adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$ 0.087348 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$ 95,769.

SCHEDULE A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$ 308,043
Debt Service (I&S)	\$ 0

SCHEDULE B — 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Capital Lease - Tanker	\$45,566	\$7,003	\$0	\$52,569

Total required for 2007 Debt Service	\$52,569
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
-Excess collections last year	\$0
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2007	\$52,569
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2007	\$0
=Total Debt Levy	\$52,569

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 500 E. Overland Avenue Suite 101, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Name of person preparing this notice: Victor A. Flores, R.T.C.
Title: County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date prepared: August 6, 2007
www.epcounty.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Canutillo Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 27, 2007 in the Board Room, Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.100000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.294946/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	6.98% (Increase)
Debt Service	5.50% (Increase)
Total Expenditures	12.48% (Increase)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,368,510,582	\$ 1,513,817,302
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 102,693,038	\$ 101,282,935
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 904,968,034	\$ 1,032,845,448
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 100,660,486	\$ 99,212,942

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$76,134,992.40

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.370050	\$ 0.294946*	\$ 1.664946	\$ 2,821	\$5,433
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.080680	\$ 0.294945*	\$ 1.375625	\$2,469	\$ 5,954
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.100000	\$ 0.294946*	\$ 1.394946	\$2,512	\$ 5,968

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$100,763	\$125,073
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 83,322	\$ 103,385
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.664996	\$ 1.394946
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,387.31	\$ 1,442.16
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 54.85

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

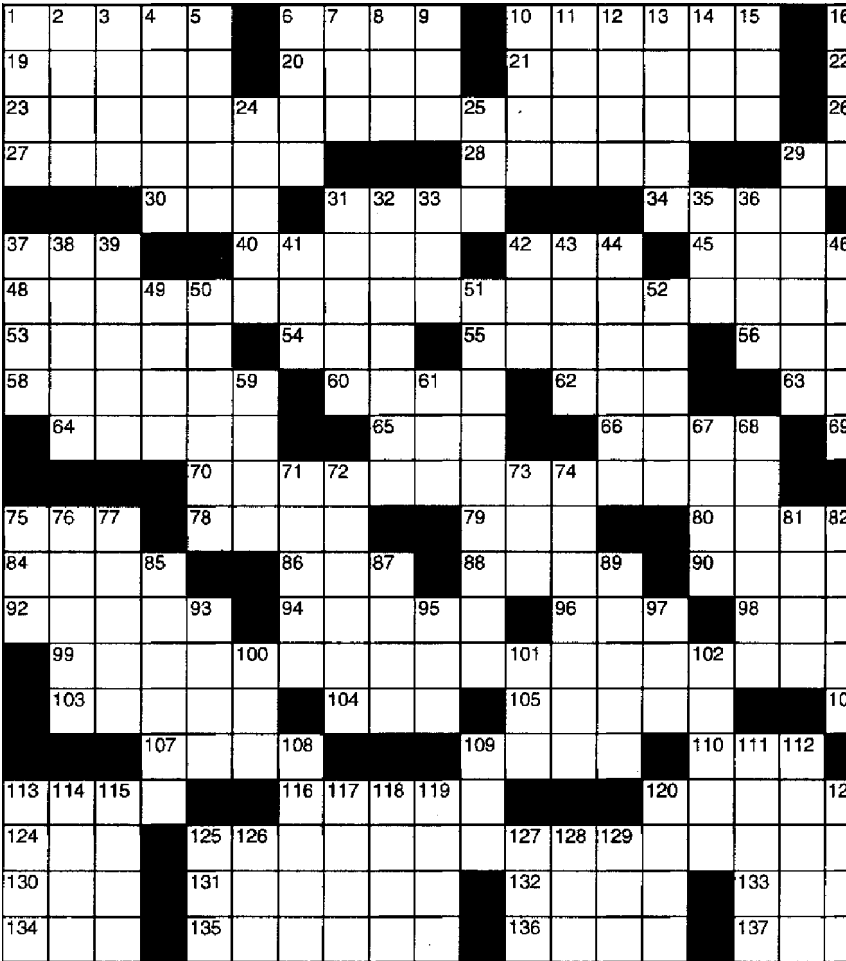
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.334946. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.334946.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,319,023
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 819,615

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Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax

The Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007 on August 30, 2007 at 13:30 p.m. in El Paso, Texas 79938 at 6:30 pm. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease based on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Frank Wood, Jim Funk, Robert Wood, Joseph McCandless
AGAINST the proposal: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: NONE
ABSENT: Joseph McCandless

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead for the last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead for the current year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.337532	\$0.337532
	Adopted	
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		(\$0.000000)
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)		-
Average appraised value	\$ 143,261	\$ 143,261
General exemptions available	0	0
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions)		
Average taxable value	\$ 143,261	\$ 143,261
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 483.55	\$ 483.55
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		-
and percentage of increase (+/-)		

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than 1% over the previous year, 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 rate in effect for the previous year, Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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30 Wallach or Whitney
31 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
34 Writer Paretsky
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40 Hangs tinsel
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12 It bakes the cake
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14 Directional suffix
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72 Reagan and Wilson
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74 O'Hara's "From the _"
75 Cal. page
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83 Macho types
85 Canada's capital
87 Dovecote sounds
89 Soporific substance
91 With 31 Down, '58
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93 Qualified
95 Squirrel's snack
97 "The A-Team" actor
100 Manipulate
101 Toque or tam
102 Hotelier Helmsley
108 Salivate
109 Silly Caesar
111 Basketball's Elvin
112 Paint pigment
113 "All That _ " ('79 film)
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get to the point of the story and you practically have to rip it out of them.

But we all know there’s another side to our national obsession with gossip.

I’d like to share a story from my childhood. Gossip, I learned, is like taking a pillowcase full of feathers to the top of a hill and opening it to the winds.

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For this reason, if you’re thinking about spreading a potentially malicious story about an acquaintance, first ask yourself this important question: Is it juicy enough or are you just wasting people’s time with mindless chitchat?

Because if you are, they’ll tune you out in a New York minute.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Clint Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2007 in the Central Administration Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040050/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.295000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	6.00% (Increase)
Debt Service	14.00% (Increase)
Total Expenditures	20.00% (Increase)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	<u>Preceeding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 814,190,392	\$ 979,004,254
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 78,637,169	\$ 101,885,929
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 649,908,764	\$ 801,970,141
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 60,717,241	\$ 97,237,043

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$123,119,760
* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operation</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.370100	\$ 0.315000*	\$ 1.685100	\$ 1,139	\$6,373
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.159280	\$ 0.286710*	\$ 1.445990	\$ 1,109	\$ 6,792
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040050	\$ 0.295000*	\$ 1.335050	\$ 841	\$6,665

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 69,601	\$ 82,035
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 52,205	\$ 63,476
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.685100	\$ 1.335050
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 879.71	\$ 847.44
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (32.27)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.355049. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.355049.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$12,128,650
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,910,005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **San Elizario Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2007 in the SEISD Administration Office, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.078940/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	2.53% (Increase)
Debt Service	1.09% (Increase)
Total Expenditures	2.48% (Increase)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 146,610,789	\$ 161,836,109
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 3,612,147	\$ 7,842,188
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 115,990,258	\$ 131,549,219
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 3,462,457	\$ 7,567,041

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$22,290,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.370000	\$ 0.077800*	\$ 1.447800	\$ 496	\$7,224
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.284950	\$ 0.194880*	\$ 1.479830	\$ 504	\$7,445
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.078940*	\$ 1.118940	\$ 441	\$7,337

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 46,247	\$ 50,921
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 30,431	\$ 34,371
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.447800	\$ 1.118940
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 440.58	\$ 384.59
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (55.99)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.118940. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.118940.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,230,869
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 141,225

Pepperoni’s Pizza & Deli

852-2544

Limited Delivery Area

Chinese Food

Burgers & Subs



Village of Vinton
PUBLIC NOTICE

A public Hearing will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16th, 2007 during a Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting and at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 21st, 2007, during the Regular City Council Meeting** at the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed item(s):

- 1) A request for a Special Permit to allow for multiple dwellings on Aurelio Delgado Survey No. 173, Lot 16 B-1, Village of Vinton, El Paso County, Texas. (7820 Kiely Road.)

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Ivana Renteria, Village Deputy Clerk at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915)886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Ivana Renteria
Village Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice
San Elizario Independent School District
2007-2008 School Meal Policy

The San Elizario Independent School District today announced an amendment to the policy for serving meals to students under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2007-2008 school year which would allow for all students at all campuses to be served meals at no charge. For additional information please contact: San Elizario Independent School District, Attention: Raul Jacques, Child Nutrition Coordinator, P.O. Box 920, and San Elizario 79849, (915) 872- 3966, rjacques@seisd.net.

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Noticia Pública
Póliza de Comida del Año Escolar 2007-2008
Distrito Independiente de San Elizario

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario anunció hoy una enmienda a la póliza para servicios bajo los programas de comida, National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Durante el año escolar 2007-2008, todos los estudiantes recibirán comidas gratis sin importar sus ingresos. Para información adicional por favor comuníquese al: Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario, atención: Raul Jacques, Coordinador de los programas de la nutrición del niño, P.O. Box 920, San Elizario TX 79849, (915) 872-3966, rjacques@seisd.net.

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The comeback Cardinal

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I know us guys in the media are sometimes quick to define players as heroes, or events as historic, or stories as timeless.

But there is some merit to the publicity that Rick Ankiel is getting.

Not since that extraordinary basketball story about autistic trainer Jason McElwain and his six three-pointers in four minutes, have I felt this good about a person and his struggles.

You remember Rick Ankiel, he’s the St. Louis Cardinals pitcher who had a great regular season back in 2000 and then couldn’t find the plate during the playoffs.

It was painful watching this guy, who won 11 games during his rookie season, try to throw the baseball into the catcher’s glove. But he just couldn’t do it.

His control was so bad, he became the first pitcher in over 100 years to throw five wild pitches in an inning.

This guy was so wild he couldn’t hit the side of Barry Bonds’ head.

Of course it was all mental. For some reason he just couldn’t control where he threw the baseball anymore.

Now for most guys that would mean the end of a Major League career, and he’d be either selling cars or going to rehab right about now.

But not Rick Ankiel, he made the decision that if he couldn’t pitch, he’d just try another position.

As an outfielder, it took a while but he eventually worked his way back to Triple-A ball, where he recently led the Pacific Coast League with 32 homers.

The other day when I heard Rick Ankiel had been called up by the Cardinals, I thought to myself, this must be another guy, Ankiel was a pitcher.

But no, it was Ankiel, he’d made it all the way back to the majors. And by the looks of it, he has absolutely no fear of pitching — facing opposing pitchers that is.

Ankiel made the best of this “feel good” story by hitting a home run in his second at bat of his first game. He then followed that with two more dingers in his second game.

Now if you can’t feel good about a guy like that, you should have a surgeon open up your chest cavity and try and determine just where your heart went.

Can Ankiel keep this up for the rest of the season? Who knows, probably not. But for him to have kept his sanity and never give up is an inspiration to little leaguers and their parents everywhere.

In this Barry Bonds-Michael Vick-Tim Donaghy-world, it’s nice to hear about a guy who got knocked down but refused to stay down. It goes to show that not every athlete is a whining little self-indulgent jerk.

But sadly, he is still in the minority.

Not a good sign

From the “this guy might be in the wrong business” department, comes the news that first-year Oakland Raiders coach, Lane Kiffin, wasted absolutely no time letting the world of the NFL get to him.

Kiffin, a 32-year-old, coached his first exhibition game for the Raiders last Saturday, a 27-23 win over the Arizona Cardinals.

But just two days later Kiffin found himself in the hospital.

Boy, talk about stress on the job. It turned out that Kiffin had developed a viral infection and will be away from the team for several days.

Man, if his first exhibition game sent him to the hospital, imagine what’s going to happen after his regular-season opener.

I wonder what he would be like after a tax audit?

And by the way, how did he ever get by his college entrance exam, or his driver’s test, or his wedding night?

Alone Ranger

The latest news concerning Riverside Rangers running back Johnny Sanchez is just plain sad and disturbing.

Seems the Rangers star may miss his entire senior season for violating team rules.

It’s another black eye for the school, which lost its quarterback a year ago for the same kind of reason.

What is it with these young kids? I can’t call them young men — you have to earn that title.

Sanchez is appealing his removal from the school. Whether he wins or loses, a lot of the damage to his character and reputation has been done.

Too bad. What can you say to yet another young man who finds it easy to throw life’s precious opportunities away?

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Anthony Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2007 in the Anthony ISD Board Room, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.141800/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	3.00% (Increase)
Debt Service	0.07% (Decrease)
Total Expenditures	2.93% (Increase)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	<u>Preceding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 146,160,622	\$ 171,681,298
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 3,199,571	\$ 10,895,011
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 104,395,282	\$ 121,462,510
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 3,191,139	\$ 10,747,052

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$4,459,999

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operation</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.370000	\$ 0.175050*	\$ 1.545050	\$ 1,911	\$6,845
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.016830	\$ 0.163730*	\$ 1.180560	\$1,659	\$7,408
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.141800*	\$ 1.181800	\$1,651	\$7,180

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 67,815	\$ 79,885
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 50,364	\$ 60,112
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.550000	\$ 1.180000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 778.15	\$ 730.36
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (67.75)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.181850. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.181850.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,712,761
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 158,632

2007 PROPERTY TAX RATES Town of Clint Small Taxing Unit Notice

The **Town of Clint** will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 28, 2007 at the Clint Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate of \$0.394296 per \$100 of valuation.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Town of Clint by 0%.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Fabens Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2007 in the Boardroom of the Central Office, 821 N.E. “G” Street, Fabens, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.146500/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	(0.27)% (Decrease)
Debt Service	(5.66)% (Decrease)
Total Expenditures	(5.93)% (Decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 181,412,086	\$ 201,546,117
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2,048,518	\$ 1,280,936
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 121,386,887	\$ 128,140,126
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,150,893	\$ 1,132,670

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$18,041,800

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.370050	\$ 0.142200*	\$ 1.512250	\$ 658	\$6,640
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.000005	\$ 0.464240*	\$ 1.464245	\$ 760	\$6,992
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.146500*	\$ 1.186500	\$ 595	\$6,845

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 46,199	\$ 49,974
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 30,032	\$ 33,518
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.512250	\$ 1.186500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 454.16	\$ 397.69
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (56.47)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.186500. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.186500.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 8,090,147
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

Classified Ads

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids will be received by Alianza para el Desarrollo Comunitario, Inc. until:

**3:00 P.M.
Local Time
THURSDAY,
AUGUST
23, 2007**

for the construction of the Ft. Hancock Community Center. Bids will then be opened and read aloud at 501 Hoguín Rd, Socorro, Texas, 79927. Bid documents may be obtained without charge in the office of the Rio Grande Council of Governments, Regional Services Division, 1100 N. Stanton, Suite 600. The bid will be awarded by the Board at their regularly scheduled/special meeting. For additional information contact Annette Gutierrez, at the above address or call 915/ 533-0998, ext. 119.

NOTE:
BID SECURITY REQUIRED (BID BOND) FAILURE TO PROVIDE BID BOND WITH BID SUBMITTAL WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BID SUBMITTAL.
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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP/RFP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

**FRIDAY,
AUGUST
24, 2007**

**AQUATIC CENTER EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES
CSP NO.199-0824-7122
ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

**LOCKSMITH SUPPLIES
CSP NO. 199-0824-7129
ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:00 P.M.**

**ENERGY MANAGEMENT CONTROLS OEM PARTS AND OEM EQUIPMENT
CSP NO. 199-0824-7136
ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:30 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro ISD website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-08/16/07

COUNSELING SERVICES

D A M I A N MAUREIRA, LCSW - Profes-

sional Counseling/Therapy: Youth, Adults, Marital, Family. Health insurance and FEE SCALE ACCEPTED. Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP. 657 Winn Rd. in Socorro, Texas. Call 858-3857 for appointment.

BUSINESS RENTAL

20 'X45'space for rent. \$250/month, 852-9371, Horizon Self Storage.

EMPLOYMENT

Tornillo ISD is seeking FT junior high school teacher to provide academic instruction to school students in Tornillo, TX. Min. Bachelor's degree and TX Teaching Certificate. Apply online at www.tisd.us/ WTCC: 08-16-07

MOBILE HOME RENTAL

Mobile home spaces for rent - \$150 per month, \$150 deposit. Close to elementary school, easy access to the I-10. Manager on site, kids and pets OK. Vinton Mobile Home Park in Vinton, between Anthony and Canutillo. For more information, call Vinton Mobile Home Park, 915-877-2955.

DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE

Divorce documents prepared, includes

petition, waiver, final decree. Covers children and property. \$275. (915) 851-1425.

REAL ESTATE

For Sale: Former Justice Court Building, 12708 Alameda in Clint, TX. Call Frank Macias, 851-2007/588-0968.

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FREE ESTIMATES 433-4102
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fabens Independent School District Provision II Feeding Program 2007-2008

The Fabens Independent School District will be serving all students enrolled in the district a free lunch and a free breakfast under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program for the academic year 2007-2008. Each student will be receiving meals at no charge regardless of income or family size. Breakfast will not be served in the classrooms but will be served from 7:15 a.m. until 7:50 a.m. in each campus cafeteria.

Adult Prices

Breakfast..... \$1.85
Lunch..... \$3.00

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Briefs

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p.m. A troupe of Shakespearian actors will be performing scenes from plays such as A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Julius Caesar, Romeo and Juliet, The Taming of the Shrew and The Tempest for 30 to 40 minutes followed by a question-and-answer session. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 875-0700 or visit www.elpasolibrary.org.

■ The Socorro High School Teatristas will present Paul Fleischman’s award winning drama, *Seek* for four performances, August 23, 24, 25 at 7 p.m., and 26 at 2 p.m. at Socorro High School’s Fine Arts Theatre, 10150 Alameda Ave. Rob Radkovitz, a high-school senior, is assigned to write his autobiography. He decides to “listen” back on his life and hears his grandmother’s mystery novels, Mexican soap operas, shortwave announcers, his multilingual mother, and his rabble-rousing grandfather. Most cherished of all, he hears the voice of his absent DJ father, from a single tape of one his radio shows. We fol-

low Rob’s search for his father from grammar school on, a man he’s heard but never seen. *Seek* is based on Paul Fleischman’s book which, among its accolades was an ALA Best Book for Young Adults, and a School Library Journal Best Book of the Year. Early ticket prices through Aug. 23 are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. The cost at the door will be \$4 for students and \$5 for adults. For more information call 937-2243.

■ Tickets are on sale for the Third Annual Sun Bowl Volleyball Invitational, Aug. 24-25 at Memorial Gym. Tickets are \$5 for a day pass, groups of 10 or more can purchase \$3 per day passes in advance. The tournament will feature five matches each day, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 24 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Teams include UTEP, Marist College, North Dakota State, Texas Southern and Texas-Pan American. Texas Southern will field former Franklin High standouts Krystal Obi and Emma Obi. The Miners will play Marist College (Noon) and Texas Southern (7:30 p.m.) on Aug. 24 and Texas-Pan American (Noon) and North Dakota State (7:30 p.m.) on Aug. 25. For more information call (915) 533-4416.

Clint Independent School District
Public Notification
of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the district’s Title IX Coordinator Robert Mendoza at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000 and/or Section 504 Coordinator Dawn Hocking at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000.

Notificación Pública
de Prácticas No-Descriminatorias

Es norma del distrito independiente de Clint no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus prácticas de empleo tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Deprechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Emmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Robert Mendoza, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Dawn Hocking en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000.

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To Advertise
Call 852-3235

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Socorro Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2007 in the Education Center Board Room, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928-5400. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.945567/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.222628/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	5.00% (Increase)
Debt Service	28.00% (Increase)
Total Expenditures	5.80% (Increase)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	<u>Preceeding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 6,287,393,627	\$ 7,261,651,350
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 351,957,345	\$ 462,928,756
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 4,927,114,319	\$ 5,860,028,840
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 343,518,527	\$ 448,720,788

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$395,513,260

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operation</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.244389	\$ 0.249300*	\$ 1.493689	\$1,969	\$5,411
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.945567	\$ 0.222628*	\$ 1.168195	\$1,766	\$ 5,882
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.945567	\$ 0.222628*	\$ 1.168195	\$1,766	\$5,882

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$104,804	\$127,325
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 85,269	\$101,051
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.493689	\$ 1.168195
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,273.65	\$ 1,180.47
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (93.18)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.208195. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.208195.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 27,581,116
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,751,534

Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: Are people in the military covered by Social Security?

A: Yes. People in the military services pay Social Security tax just like civilian employees do, and at the same rate of 6.2 percent of their earnings, which is matched by their employer — in this case, the Federal government. The first \$97,500 of a person’s income is subject to Social Security tax. By paying Social Security tax, people in the military receive the same coverage for Social Security survivors,

disability and retirement benefits. To learn more, visit our online publication, Military Service and Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to ask for a copy to be mailed to you.

Q: My son has been disabled since he was little. Now that he’s an adult, can he get Social Security, even though he never worked?

A: If your son was disabled before reaching age 22 and is currently not able to work due to a disability, he may be eligible for Social Security disabled adult child benefits. Disabled adult child benefits are paid based on a retired, disabled or deceased parent’s or stepparent’s record, and in some instances are based on the record of a grandparent or step-grandparent. To learn more about disabled adult child benefits, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan/dacpage.shtml or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: I’ve always heard that Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is for blind and disabled people. I’m neither, but I’m retiring in a few months and my Social Security isn’t enough to pay the bills. Can I get SSI?

A: SSI is a needs-based program. If you have limited income and resources, you might qualify for SSI. To be eligible, you must either be blind, disabled OR age 65 or older. SSI is not only for people with disabilities. To learn more, and to find out whether you’re eligible and how to apply, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov. You also may call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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2007 Property Tax Rates

in R.E. Thomason Hospital

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the Hospital District (DBA R.E. Thomason General Hospital). It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:	
Last year’s operating taxes	\$ 45,336,475
Last year’s debt taxes	\$ 5,999,397
Last year’s total taxes	\$ 51,335,872
Last year’s tax base	\$ 27,599,931,183
Last year’s total tax rate	\$0.186000 / \$100

This year’s effective tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 51,305,354
+This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 29,779,915,825
=This year’s effective tax rate	\$0.172281 / \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year’s rollback tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
	\$ 45,309,523
+This year’s adjusted tax base	\$ 29,779,915,825
=This year’s effective operating rate	\$0.152148 / \$100
x1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	\$0.164319 / \$100
+This year’s debt rate	\$0.019231 / \$100
=This year’s rollback rate	\$0.183550 / \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the Hospital District (R. E. Thomason General Hospital) adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.172281 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$1,796,868.

SCHEDULE A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund		Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)		\$ 140,203,879 (b)
Debt Service (I&S)		\$ 6,288,574 (a)
(a) I&S Debt Service Fund Balance includes \$6,288,574 transferred from Hospital Operations in Fiscal Year 2007.		
(b) The total unencumbered M&O Fund Balance includes the following specific purpose balances not available to fund operations: (1) El Paso First Restricted Cash - \$612,375 (2) Depreciation Fund - \$11,960,666 (3) Self Insurance Fund - \$2,860,106 (4) Flex Plan Trust - \$57,811 (5) 2005 Project Construction Funds - \$1,912,285 (6) Local Upper Payment Limit Funds - \$488,338 and (7) El Paso First Claims Payable - \$13,176,949.		

SCHEDULE B — 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable) or as otherwise noted below.

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1998 General Obligation Refunding Bonds	\$2,380,000	\$694,050	\$0	\$3,074,050
2002 Personal Property Contractual Obligations	\$2,250,000	\$923,806	\$0	\$3,173,806
2005 General Obligation Debt	\$0	\$5,971,850	\$0	\$5,971,850
Total required for 2007 Debt Service				\$12,219,706
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$ 6,288,574
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
-Excess collections last year				\$0
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2007				\$ 5,931,132
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2007				\$0
=Total Debt Levy				\$ 5,931,132

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates’ calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 500 E. Overland Ave., Suite 101, El Paso, Texas 79901.

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2007 Property Tax Rates

in the County of El Paso

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the County of El Paso, Texas. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:	
Last year’s operating taxes	\$ 86,489,657
Last year’s debt taxes	\$ 15,401,162
Last year’s total taxes	\$ 101,890,819
Last year’s tax base	\$ 22,033,066,507
Last year’s total tax rate	\$0.391390 / \$100

This year’s effective tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 101,667,758
+This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 28,220,070,123
=This year’s effective tax rate	\$0.360267 / \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year’s rollback tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
	\$ 115,830,614
+This year’s adjusted tax base	\$ 28,220,070,123
=This year’s effective operating rate	\$0.410455 / \$100
x1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	\$0.443291 / \$100
+This year’s debt rate	\$0.048035 / \$100
=This year’s rollback rate	\$0.491326 / \$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.110025 / \$100
=Rollback tax rate	\$0.381301 / \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the County of El Paso adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.360267 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$3,624,276.

SCHEDULE A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund		Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)		\$44,000,000
Debt Service (I&S)		\$1,839,029

SCHEDULE B — 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Certificate of Obligation Series 1997	\$465,000	\$275,857	\$0	\$740,857
Certificate of Obligation Series 1998	\$1,585,000	\$296,547	\$0	\$1,881,547
General Obligation Ref Series 1998	\$3,070,000	\$799,520	\$0	\$3,869,250
Certificate of Obligation Series 2001	\$1,325,000	\$1,419,614	\$0	\$2,744,614
General Obligation Ref, Series 2001	\$3,550,000	\$112,894	\$0	\$3,662,894
Certificate of Obligation Series 2002	\$200,000	\$1,415,892	\$0	\$1,615,892
General Obligation Ref Series 2002	\$0	\$49,963	\$0	\$49,963
General Obligation Ref Series 2002A	\$1,140,000	\$202,463	\$0	\$1,342,463

Total required for 2007 Debt Service	\$15,907,750
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$1,839,029
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
-Excess collections last year	\$0
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2007	\$14,068,721
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2007	\$0
=Total Debt Levy	\$14,068,721

SCHEDULE C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$32,223,942 in additional sales and use tax revenues. The County has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue

SCHEDULE D: State Criminal Justice Mandate

The County of El Paso Auditor certifies that County of El Paso has spent \$1,523,590 in the previous 12 months beginning September 1, 2006, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County of El Paso Sheriff has provided information on these costs.

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