

NEWSBRIEFS

Canutillo ISD ups pay

Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees approved during a special School Board meeting held Thursday (August 16) a compensation package that gives its employees a three percent pay increase across the board, with first year teachers receiving an additional adjustment to stay competitive with surrounding school districts for the 2007-08 school year. The increase gives teachers, librarians, and nurses a general pay raise of \$1,750 and sets the beginning teachers' salary at \$40,750. Also receiving an additional adjustment were teachers with one to nine years experience. "This increase was needed in order for the district to recognize and reward our valuable employees. We are especially pleased to make this investment in our teachers who daily impact our students in so many positive ways," said Dr. Pam Padilla, CISD superintendent.

More WNV

The El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District confirmed the diagnosis of two more human West Nile Virus (WNV) cases. The first case is in a 55-year-old Hispanic female. Her onset of symptoms was on August 3. She was admitted to a local hospital on Aug. 5 and was released on Aug. 9. The woman lives in the 79902 zip code near Downtown El Paso. The second case is in a 47-year-old Hispanic woman from the Sparks area of the County. She had an onset of symptoms on Aug. 4 and was admitted to a local hospital on Aug. 8. The woman remains hospitalized. This brings to three the total of human WNV cases reported in El Paso. Mosquitoes collected on Aug. 7 were found to be positive for WNV. Confirmation was received Aug. 13 from the Texas Department of State Health Services Laboratory in Austin that Culex Tarsalis mosquito specimens collected from a light trap set up on Socorro Road in San Elizario tested positive for WNV. Vector Control has intensified fogging in the San Elizario and Sparks areas of the County and also in the 79902 zip code area.

Murder

Police respond to a call of "man down," and find a man in a parking lot with no signs of life. Crime Stoppers and the El Paso Police Department ask for the public's help in solving our city's latest murder. On Saturday, Aug. 11, at 1:30 a.m., Police found 47-year-old Cleo Navarro dead in the parking lot at Desert Tree apartments, 9300 Montana. The officers called in detectives from the Crimes Against Persons Unit, whose preliminary investigation revealed that Mr. Navarro died from blunt force trauma early that morning. This is the city's 11th murder as compared to only 6 at this time last year. If you have

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After you hear two witnesses to an automobile accident testify in court, you're not so sure about history.

— Quips & Quotes

Medical practice opens in Horizon City

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

HORIZON CITY—Fresh, brightly painted walls immediately catch your eye as you enter the recently opened First Horizon Medical Center at 14476 Horizon Blvd., Suite G.

With a family practice focus, the new medical facility opened Aug. 13. It is operated by Dr. Cecilia Del Moral and Marila Castellanos, FNP-C, a certified family nurse practitioner. They are open during the week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturday the clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Del Moral says it wasn't the lure of a lucrative practice that brought her to Horizon City. "It isn't a chance to make a lot of money." She says she simply saw the need to serve the needs of sick people in an underserved area.

Serving those needs covers seven area:

- Medical imaging (x-ray);
- Bone density;
- Laboratory services;
- Respiratory services;
- Minor emergency services;
- Employment, school and athletic physicals; and
- Texas Health Steps exams.

Her approach to her new medical practice is expressed in the center's mission statement:

"To provide and coordinate comprehensive medical services to the entire family. We will promote healthy lifestyles and continually strengthen the relationship between the clinic and the local community."

This is the second medical practice for Del

Moral who was born in Juarez and received her medical degree from the University of Guadalajara Medical School in 1977.

Her other concurrent medical practice is in internal medicine at William Beaumont Army Medical Center where she serves on the teach-



THE DOCTOR IS IN — Dr. Cecilia Del Moral (left) and Marila Castellanos, FNP-C stand in front of their newly opened clinic in Horizon City.

ing staff for resident doctors. She also runs a diabetes clinic.

She works at WBAMC from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and then gets into her car and heads to Horizon City where she works from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturday she will work from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Medicine is my passion," she says. "My patients are number one."

Castellanos, who is related to Del Moral, shares her passion for medicine.

"I love people. Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to work in the medical profession."

The two met at a doctor's office and began exploring the possibility of a shared medical practice. First Horizon was the ultimate result

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Canutillo ISD proposes tax roll back

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Canutillo Independent School District is looking to make the most of state funding opportunities by proposing to the School Board that the district ask voters to approve a tax rate that is six cents above the state rollback rate for the 2007-08 school year.

CISD administration is recommending to the board of trustees a proposed tax rate of \$1.39, which is .27 cents lower than last year's tax rate, but 6 cents over the rate allowed by law without voter approval. This rate will generate an additional \$967,111 in state funds for 2007-2008 as well as additional state funds in 2008-2009.

CISD's rollback election would ask voters to approve a maintenance tax rate that is 10 cents higher than the \$1 per \$100 valuation mandated by the state. Cost to the owner of an average home worth approximately \$125,000

would be about \$100 more a year.

"CISD is a growing school district, exemplified by the addition of a new campus as well as facility additions to several existing campuses. These additions have impacted the district's proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 in terms of additional campus personnel as well as additional utility costs. The district also needs to provide competitive salaries to attract and maintain top quality teachers," stated Tony Reza, CISD Executive Director for Business Services.

"The district is also planning to construct a second elementary school east of Interstate-10 in the next couple of years. By approving a rollback election, voters would allow the district to access those state funds for the next several years at a time when the total rate is going down, and demand for instructional services in the district is going up," Reza added.

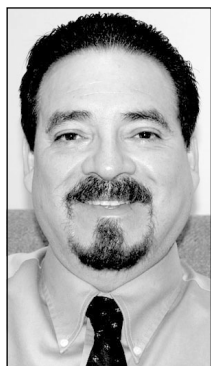
CISD school board will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m., Monday, August 27, to discuss the preliminary budget and proposed tax rate.

San Eli ISD names new leaders

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Students might recognize some familiar faces in different places around San Elizario Independent School District (ISD) this school year. Several changes in administration were announced by Superintendent Dr. Michael Quatrini and confirmed by the district's Board of Trustees.

George Augustain was appointed Principal of Loya Primary School. Augustain, who was previously Principal at Borrego Elementary where he served for two years, has been with the district for 16 years. He has also served as Assistant Principal at both



George Augustain

Loya Primary and Sambrano Elementary. Taking over for Augustain at Borrego Elementary is Ernesto Seigel who was selected as the new Principal of the school from among several candidates. Seigel is very familiar to the campus

having served as Assistant Principal for three years. In addition, Mr. Seigel also has seven years teaching experience with San Elizario ISD.



Ernesto Seigel

the end of the previous school year. Mayela Sanchez was chosen

as the Principal for Alarcon Elementary. Sanchez had been the school's Assistant Principal for the last two years. She has worked San Elizario ISD since 1997 in the positions of Assistant Principal at Loya Primary and Counselor at Sambrano Elementary.



Mayela Sanchez

Christine Jaksch was assigned to San Elizario High School as Assistant Principal. Jaksch came to San Elizario ISD in August 2000 and has served as Assistant Principal at both Loya Primary and Garcia-Enriquez Middle School. For the last three years, Jaksch was the Principal at Loya Primary.

Other changes in the districts' administrative team are appointments of three new directors: Melissa Urenda is now the Director of PEIMS; Raul Jacques is Director of Child Nutrition Services; and George Luevano is Director of Support Services.



Christine Jaksh



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Tattoos and computer images

Some-where about the time that hoards of young Americans began to void their minds of sound reasoning by use of various hallucinogenic chemicals, say around the early 1960s or so, they became enraptured with the concept of reality.

It was almost as if their departure from reality made them long for it.

Over the ensuing 30-plus decades since the drug culture first flowered among America's youth, we grew up and started trying to run a society. Having lost any semblance of a true-north moral compass, we replaced it by clinging to the concept that if a thing is "real" it is somehow "good."

Since reality had permanently left planet earth for a safer, more sane location, we had to rummage around to find something to defend as being honest and truthful.

So what do we come up with? Why, tattoos and computer images, of course.

There is a whole segment of supposed adults who are bemoaning the fact that the tattoo culture has become contaminated by — audible gasp from the audience — erasable tattoos!

Now, I'm not talking about the rub-off kind we use to train our kids to act like we do. No, I'm talking about a gen-u-ine, under-the-skin ink injection that can be safely and painlessly removed.

Eat your heart out, Angelina! Nowadays, a girl can have any guy's name emblazoned on her person with the full confidence that, should things not work out, as is pretty much to be expected, she can go back to her tattoo-ist and with a swipe of a laser beam, watch the whole thing fade harmlessly away into her blood stream.

The secret is a polymer coating used to encase the ink into minuscule beads which are injected into the skin. Left un-lasered, your tattoo will remain forever grossly in place. However, if you don't want it anymore, all you need is a laser gun, which hopefully comes equipped with a trained operator.

No more worrying about your artificial tattoo washing off in the shower. Go ahead — use a little soap! Now you can have the "real" thing without the haunting idea that you might someday have to undergo years of painful skin-sanding to remove it.

Now why this would be disturbing to anyone is pretty strange all on its own, but stranger still are the tattoo artists and those who have gone under the needle who say this has thoroughly undermined the "truth" and "reality" behind getting a tattoo. After all, they say, isn't that what life is supposed to be all about — pain and regret?

Meanwhile, there's this guy who lost his job because he used graphics arts technology to erase some junk details from photos he produced for a newspaper.

This guy had a body of work that had won him many awards — pictures of people and events that had occurred in his community. However, he has been drummed out of the newsroom for utilizing Adobe Photoshop to erase a pair of legs protruding from behind a school banner in the far right hand corner of a sport photo. The legs had nothing to do with the integrity of the picture. In fact, had he simply "cropped" the picture, which is a long-accepted and necessary practice in newsrooms the world over, the legs would have been gone anyway.

However, in a vain attempt to defend its terminally ill integrity, the media community decied his use of technology to remove tree branches, utility poles, electrical cords and the like from his news photos. He was forced to resign in disgrace.

I say, get over it already.

Tattoos aren't sacred and neither is the news media's so-called credibility. The ability to remove the consequences of a bad judgment call like a tattoo is probably something we should be glad about. Doctored-up photos in the media are so common as to not even rate mentioning anymore. For the news media community to suddenly get up in arms about it is nothing short of laughable.

I wish we would take some of our preoccupation with reality and apply it to some real-life situations. We've allowed ourselves to wander on merry walks through the forest in which we never even realize that there are trees nearby.

There are way too many "real" issues out there for us to be concerned about — everything from world peace, a clean and plentiful supply of food and water, to whether or not we know where our kids are when the sun goes down.

The one thing we haven't figured out yet is how to pick our battles. Don't major in the minors, they say, but we waste extraordinary amounts of time and energy on inconsequential.

Real important stuff, you know, like tattoos and computer images.



Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Security conference a success

Last week, University of Texas at El Paso President Dr. Diana Natalicio and I had the opportunity to welcome several top national security officials to El Paso. The Fourth Annual Border Security Conference, "Securing and Managing Our Borders," featured U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell, other high ranking government officials from both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, local El Paso leaders as well as private industry experts. The culmination of these high-profile visits resulted in the most successful Border Security Conference yet and is indicative of our community's strategic value in the overall security of our country.

The call for diversity in our intelligence community was a recurring theme at this year's conference. As Chairman of House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I know that having a diverse workforce with a multitude of cultures, languages and backgrounds is key if we are to succeed in attaining the best possible intelligence to keep our country safe. I have worked hard to ensure that each agency within the intelligence community maintains vigorous initiatives to produce the highly-skilled and diverse workforce necessary to respond effectively to evolving global threats.

Perhaps the most memorable moment of the conference was the attendance of Jose Rodriguez, Director of the National Clandestine Service. For the first time ever, Director Rodriguez revealed his true identity after having to keep it secret, in the interest of national security, for over 30 years. As the highest ranking minority in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Director Rodriguez was involved in highly sensitive counter-intelligence operations. Recognizing his valuable contribution to the agency, the CIA is hoping that Director Rodriguez's career will inspire people of diverse backgrounds to pursue careers in the 16 agencies that make up the U.S. intelligence community. I had the distinct honor of presenting Director Rodriguez with a flag I had flown over the U.S. Capitol for him and in tribute to the many other men and women who continue to serve in clandestine operations around the world. While it is unlikely that the American public will ever hear of their efforts, let alone their successes, to keep us safe, we are greatly indebted to them for their selfless service to our country.

As a result of this successful conference and other innovative border-related programs, UTEP is emerging as a national leader in border security research. With the university's broad range of border studies opportunities and its ideal location on the U.S.-Mexico border, UTEP is poised to become the premier institution for border security and intelligence research. UTEP's recent designation as a Center of Academic Excellence by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) indicates that the institution is already well on its way to achieve this distinction. Through the DNI Center of Excellence program, El Paso area students now have access to first-class training programs that will give them an edge in pursuing intelligence-related careers.

Conference attendees also had the opportunity to see and interact with representatives from several private sector companies that have developed cutting edge technologies to assist us with intelligence, information processing, communication, identity determination, and many other homeland security initiatives. Again, this was an excellent fit for UTEP, which has become a leader in educating the next generation of engineers and scientists that will lead the way in homeland security research.

The Fourth Annual Border Security Conference was a huge win, not only for our community and UTEP, but also the country as a whole. The discussions and visits that took place here on the border provided many out-of-town conferees with a deeper understanding of the border environment. This understanding will help our nation's top security officials in crafting policies that will help keep us safe from terrorist threats while preserving the social and economic vitality of our binational community.



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any information about this case, please call Crime Stoppers at 566-8477 or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You can remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

■ Canutillo Independent School District will hold a Meet The Principals Night meeting for parents of students who will attend classes at Jose H. Damian Elementary School (JDE) and Gonzalo & Sofia Garcia Elementary School (GES). The meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, August 23, in the JDE Cafeteria (6300 Strahan Road). GES is the district's newest school, which will open with a full staff including principal, assistant principal, teachers and support personnel at the JDE campus when students return to school on August 27. The new school will be housed at JDE until the new campus is completed during the spring semester. Administrators, teachers, support staff, and students will move together to the new campus, which is located on Westside Drive near the intersection of Borderland Road. For more information, call GES at 877-7657 or JDE at 877-7655.

■ The weekly tours of the Plaza Theatre have been cancelled for the remainder of August. The public tours were free to the public and started at 12 p.m. every Tuesday. The tours will continue again in September. For more information: 915-534-0633

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Be cautious with Medicare plans

Hola mi gente, Last week, I held a press conference to convey to the public my concerns about insurance practices and Medicare. Our seniors and those receiving Medicare benefits are very vulnerable to those unscrupulous insurance agents who chose to act like predators. I would like to thank KDBC TV, KINT TV, the El Paso Times, and Diario de El Paso for covering the press conference. I was disappointed that KTSM and KVIA did not think that seniors deserved the attention. I especially would like to commend Monica Balderrama of KFOX TV for her coverage of the problem going back several weeks and two excellent pieces of journalism. Medicare used to be a simple program administered by the Federal Government. Those who received benefits knew what the benefits were and what the restrictions were. Then one day the program was in a sense privatized and insurance companies administered the benefits thereafter. At the beginning, it was obvious that Medicare clients were then required to choose from a confusing, unclear buffet of plans. Insurance agents who chose to do so could very easily take advantage of clients and make Medicare a source of easy income by pressuring them to change plans. This is where my concerns lie. I have talked to many seniors who complain that an agent talked them into changing because their plan offered one single benefit that was better than their current plan. Once the new plan was in effect, the Medicare client found that other parts of the plan was worse for them: higher deductibles, change of doctors or hospitals eligible for reimbursement, different dental or optometric coverages. A very serious problem that is very common relates to prescription medication. Too many seniors told me that once they changed, they had trouble getting the same medication; or even just getting their medication. That is incredible. The prescriptions that seniors take daily are critical for them enjoying life; or, in some cases to survival. I cannot believe that insurance companies can overlook that fact for the sake of agent commissions and profit. The problem is at the point that the agent meets with the Medicare client. At that time, the agent is intent on one thing: a signature that closes the deal and changes the plan. Once the signature is in place, he or she has the commission; somewhere between \$500 and \$1,000. I hope that any of you who are approached to change your plans will insist on a second or third appointment before changing plans. Talk to other family members or even other insurance agents. Ask for a clear comparison between your current plan and the new plan that is being sold. Until the Department of Insurance promulgates new rules for agents to follow, Medicare clients are on their own. Let us all be proactive and help those clients avoid unnecessary problems by educating anyone we know about the actions of a few unscrupulous insurance agents who prey on vulnerable seniors. Gracias mi gente from your public servant, Chente for la gente.

Anthony Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Anthony Independent School District provides the following educational programs/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Program including: 1) Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; and 9) School Health Services.

Services are provided to identified auditory and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Mr. Ron Haugen, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6500.

El Distrito Escolar de Anthony SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El Distrito Escolar de Anthony provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como desahilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

Programa de Instrucción: 1) infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terapia del habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia física; 8) terapia ocupacional; y 9) servicios de salud escolar.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como desahilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea más información ó sabe de un niño/niña desahilitado que vive en el Distrito Escolar de Anthony que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Mr. Ron Haugen, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6500.

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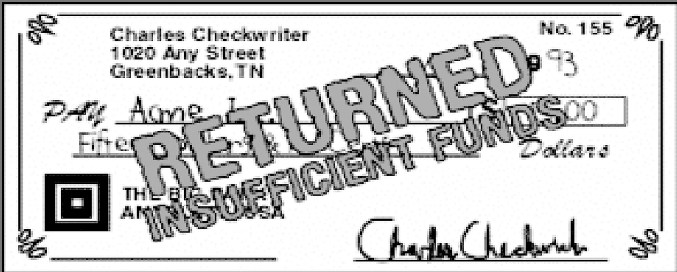
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Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 the Town of Horizon City Council approved the following ordinance(s):

- 1) Amendment No. 019 to Zoning Ordinance No. 0102, to modify Section 602.2, “Bulk Standards,” so as to permit smaller commercial lots when served by shared driveways; and Section 602.3, “General Regulations,” to impose minimum driveway separation requirements for commercial uses in the Town of Horizon City.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
Interim City Clerk

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Anthony Independent School District 2007-2008 Meal Policy

The Anthony Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All children in the District will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2007-2008. All children will receive a free breakfast and a free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age or national origin. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Mr. Ron Haugen, Superintendent, at 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, or call (915) 886-6500.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony Regla de Alimentos Año 2007-2008

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony ofrece desayuno y comida todos los días escolares. A todos los estudiantes del distrito se les servirán alimentos a ningún costo durante el año académico de 2007-2008. Todo estudiante recibirá almuerzo y comida gratis no tomando en cuenta ingresos. En el funcionamiento del programa de alimentación ningún niño ó estudiante será discriminando contra su raza, color, religión, sexo, incapacidad, edad ó origen nacional. Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el Sr. Ron Haugen, Superintendente, a 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, ó llame al (915) 886-6500.

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Clinic

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of those conversations. First Horizon has been in the planning and preparation stages since the first of the year.

Castellanos became a registered nurse in 1988 and went on to earn

her master’s degree in nursing four years ago. With her certification, she is authorized to diagnose, prescribe medicine and treat patients. She has also worked at the old Sun Towers Hospital as well as at Thomason in critical care and pediatric nursery areas.

Because she says she can work with people and help them, she has also been on staff at Centro San

Vicente medical clinic.

She says her reward comes “if I can help someone with anything they need.”

As for her work in Horizon City, “I hope we can unite better as a community to make it a better place in which to live. The number one goal is to be good to each other and respect each other,” she adds.

“I just want to help the community.”

Anthony Independent School District Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Programs

1) The Anthony Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in:

- Business Professions;
- Human Service Professions including culinary arts and cosmetology;
- Commercial Arts Professions
- Health Professions;
- Industrial Professions including air conditioning and refrigeration, electronics, plumbing and metal trades;
- Computer Professions including MOUS certification, the Macromedia Suite, introduction to microcomputer technician, and web design internship; and
- Automotive Professions including diesel mechanics and automotive technology.

Admission to these programs is based on appropriate age, grade, aptitude and ability.

2) It is the policy of Anthony Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities 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.

3) It is the policy of Anthony Independent School District 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, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4) Anthony Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all career and technology programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Mr. Ron Haugen, Superintendent, at 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, or call (915) 886-6500.

Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnologia

1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony ofrece programas de carrera y tecnología:

- Profesiones en negocios;
- Profesiones en servicios humanos incluyendo artes culinarias and cosmetolgia;
- Profesiones en arte comercial;
- Profesiones en la salud;
- Profesiones industriales incluyendo aire acondicionado y refrigeración, electrónica, plomeria y oficio en el metal;
- Profesiones en computación como certificación en MOUS, Macromedia Suite, introducción a tecnico en microcomputación, y diseño interino a la red intermetica; y
- Profesiones automotrices incluyendo mecánica diesel y tecnología automotriz.

Para admisión a éstos programas se basa en edad apropiada, grado, aptitud y habilidad.

2) Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, ó impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, ó actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

3) Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony no discriminar por motivos raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento ó edad en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmienda; y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas carrera y tecnología.

5) Para más información sobre sus derechos ó procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Sr. Ron Haugen, Superintendente, a 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, ó llame al (915) 886-6500.

08/23/07

Hard work pays off, Socorro campus sets high standards

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

Socorro ISD’s Mission Early College High School is one of only two high schools in El Paso County ranked “Exemplary” by the Texas Education Agency. The school which opened in 2006 with a freshman class of 121 students was awarded the ranking in its first year. Mission ECHS students also outscored the seven other Early College High School Programs in Texas.

“It was exhilarating and it makes us feel proud to be one of just a few schools that were ranked as Exemplary,” says Sophomore Zyanya Dickey. “We were hoping for good scores. Now we are just going to keep working hard and giving 110%.”

An Exemplary rating means all student groups on the campus had 90 percent or more of their students pass each subject of the TAKS. Mission students scored 96% in Math and 100% in Reading.

“We are proud of the effort put forth by our students and teachers. We have students who

are very dedicated and teachers who challenge them to exceed our high expectations,” says Dr. Armando Aguirre, Mission ECHS Principal. “We are also proud that so many of our students were commended. This is our first year and it’s a credit to our students, parents and teachers.”

In its second year, Mission ECHS now has 250 students enrolled with the goal of completing their high school work and earning college credit at the same time.

“Our sophomore students set their expectations very high and they believe in the school’s mission,” says Frank Savina, Math Chair at Mission ECHS, of the school’s first class of students. “They came in from different schools and it was good to see them forming a strong team. This year’s freshman class knows what they have to do and are up to the challenge.”

Savina who is proud of the effort of the students also praised the work of the teachers and staff at Mission.

“From BCIS to biology, they all supported our efforts. Even though those subjects were tested, they gave us full support and it’s great

to part of this team,” says Savina.

In addition to Mission’s “Exemplary” rating, five SISD campuses were “Recognized” by the TEA. The “Recognized” campuses are: Loma

Verde Elementary School, Vista Del Sol Elementary School, Col John O. Ensor Middle School, Salvador Sanchez Middle School and William D. Slider Middle School.

Classified Ads

LEGAL

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 31, 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AQUISITION SOFTWARE CSP NO. 199-0824-7122 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:30 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-08/23/07

Town of Anthony Invitation

to Bid

The Town of Anthony, Texas is accepting sealed bids for the following machinery:

Tractor/Loader with detachable backhoe

- 4 Wheel Drive
- 3 Point Hitch with live PTO
- 40 Gross Engine Horsepower Minimum
- Lift Capacity of at least 2600 pounds
- Hydrostatic or Auto Transmission

Please send bids to:
Town of Anthony
P.O. Box 1269
Anthony, Texas 79821

OR

Deliver to:
401 Wildcat Drive
Anthony Texas 79821

Bids due by 5PM August 29, 2007

For more information contact Town of Anthony at 915-886-3944. BUSINESS WTCC-08/23/07

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from

this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - IGIJC1240WMI02779 1998 green CHEV Cavalier, Texas temporary license 9103107 VIN - JT2AE94A8N0275838 gray TOYOTA Corolla, no license WTCC-08/23/07

RENTAL

20 'X45' space for rent. \$250/month, 852-9371, Horizon Self Storage. 8/30

EMPLOYMENT

The City of Socorro

Now hiring:

Clerk (Court) Accounting Technician Assistant City Clerk Police Officer

The City of Socorro is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications must be submitted at 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Deadline: Friday, August 31, 2007 at 4 p.m. WTCC-08/23/07

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.

SELF-HELP

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Informacion: 838-6264.

STORAGE

National Self Storage BRAND NEW UNITS 10'x20' - Special \$85/mth for 3

months. Call Blanca or Gina. 852-8300.

SERVICES

“Windshield Ding — Gimme a Ring” JIFFY GLASS REPAIR

Windshield Repair Specialists By appt. at your home or office: R.V. Dick Harshberger **915-852-9082**

HORIZON CITY PLUMBING 852-1079

- Electric rooter service for sewers and drains
- Appliance installation
- Many other plumbing services Licensed, bonded and insured for your protection.

AV CONSTRUCTION

- Additions & remodeling
- Custom-made kitchens
- Bathroom remodeling
- Porches, patios & carports
- Cornice & fascia repairs
- Decks & ramps
- Garage conversions & enclosures
- FREE ESTIMATES 433-4102 Ask for Al**

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2007 Property Tax Rates in Town of Horizon City

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the **Town of Horizon City**. 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	\$1,144,736
Last year’s debt taxes	120,324
Last year’s total taxes	1,265,060
Last year’s tax base	408,083,871
Last year’s total tax rate	0.310000/\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,264,352
+This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	414,621,391
=This year’s effective tax rate	0.304941/\$100

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)	\$1,144,096
+This year’s adjusted tax base	414,621,391
=This year’s effective operating rate	0.275938/\$100
x1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	0.298013/\$100
+This year’s debt rate	0.316833/\$100
-This year’s rollback rate	0.308094/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.070794/\$100
=This year’s total rollback rate	0.246039/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **Town of Horizon City** adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the rollback rate of **\$0.246039** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2006 taxes by **\$13,390**.

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)	\$1,857,895
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
Ford Motor Credit	\$7,896	\$1,001	\$-0-	\$8,897
SIB Loan (Paving)	27,096	7,189	-0-	34,285
Gov’t. Cap. (Vehicle)	4,878	703	-0-	5,581
Bond Service	20,000	29,032	-0-	49,032

Total required for 2007 debt service	\$97,796
-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	97,796
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2007	-0-
=Total Debt Levy	\$97,796

SCHEDULE C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$367,851 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

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 13, 2007



COMMUNITY DAY WITH THE MINERS

Don’t Miss Your Chance to Meet Coach Price & the 2007 UTEP Football Team

Saturday, August 25th

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Sun Bowl Stadium

FREE Autographs & FREE Photos

Bring your Cameras.

\$3 Hot Dog and Pepsi Special



Football Home Opener

FREE Thunderstixx for the first 25,000 fans in ORANGE

**Orange Out in the Sun Bowl
Miners vs. UNM Lobos
Saturday, September 1st
8:00 pm**



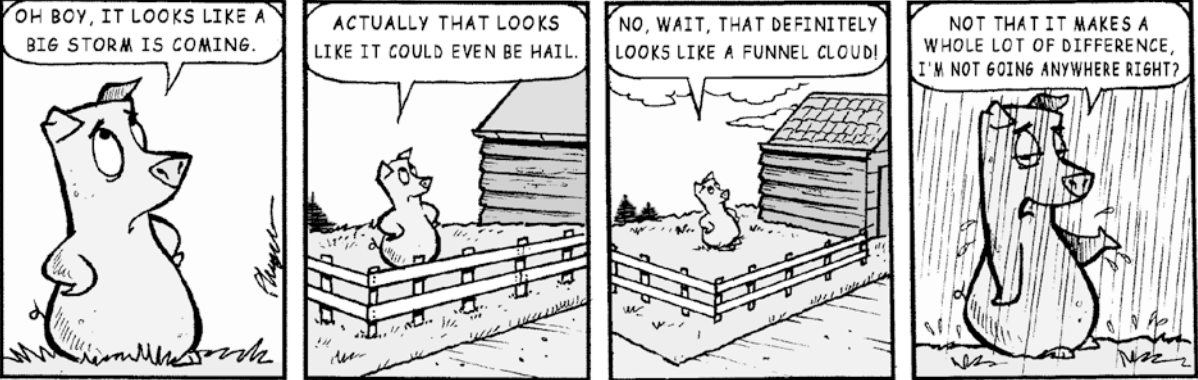
For more information call 747-8759.

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Guys are all about being gullible

By Don Flood

First off, I want to reassure people who have concerns about contaminated pet food, seafood, toothpaste and whatnot.

Let me state clearly, there is no cause for alarm. Not all consumer products have problems. Just the ones from China.

Um, Don, just about all U.S. consumer products are from China.

Oh, well, that is too bad then — moving on to other consumer news.

Here's the opening from a current TV commercial: "Guys are all about the technology."

For \$10 million, see if you can guess which product is being advertised.

A. Phone gadget, including Internet access, camera and personal nuclear reactor.

B. Thimble-sized music system containing every song ever written including the famous bootleg Bob Dylan version of the Doublemint gum theme song.

C. Transporter device that offers users intergalactic travel services and remarkably fresh breath.

D. Deodorant gel, employing extraordinary, state-of-the-art 19th century technology.

If you guessed "D," congratulations on winning \$10 million! (*Look for details at end of column.)

The ad, for Gillette 3x deodorant gel, shows these wholly imaginary, wing-like thing-a-ma-jigs bursting from the sides of the deodorant container. These things, apparently, are what make it "high-tech," even though they have no function and, more importantly, do not exist.

At the end of the commercial, a woman foolishly walks up to the deodorant container unescorted, causing its imaginary "high-tech" thing-a-ma-jigs to spring out.

She screams, presumably allowing male viewers to chuckle to themselves: "Silly women, they can't handle the technology in-

volved with a real man's deodorant gel!"

(Full disclosure: If my deodorant container suddenly moved, I'd jump too.)

But we have even more disturbing developments on the deodorant news front.

A recent item said that as many as 5 million American men use Secret, which, as everybody should have learned in by the third grade, is: "Strong enough for a man, but made for a woman."

The slogan does NOT say: "Strong enough for a man, but made for a woman, not that a man can't use it and of course there's nothing wrong with that." (Even though that is a pretty catchy slogan.)

Men, what part of "made for a woman" don't you understand?

Use something manly before you do irreparable harm to your armpits!

Also on the consumer news front was the announcement that Pepsi will be a little clearer about where its Aquafina brand bottled water comes from: "P.W.S.," which stands for Public Water Supplies, also known as tap water.

Many restaurants, of course, will ask if you want tap or bottled water. Considering many bottled waters are tap water, perhaps the following exchange would be appropriate:

SERVER: Would you like the free tap water or the outrageously high-priced tap water, so ridiculously expensive that if, God forbid, gasoline cost that much there would be mass hysteria, rioting in the streets and the likely overthrow of the federal government?

SHREWD CONSUMER: I'll have the second kind. It sounds more exciting.

Just make sure the water isn't from China.

(*Made you look, made you look!)

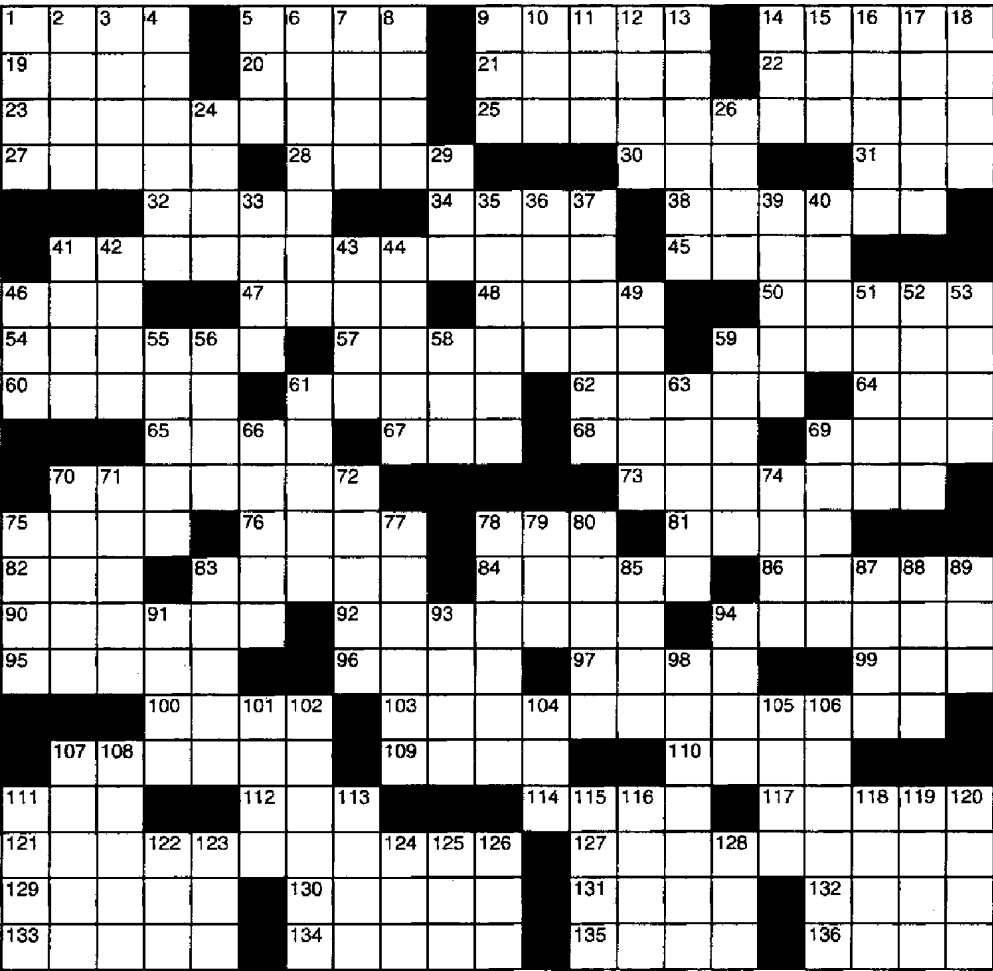
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King Super Crossword

TRICKY BUSINESS

- ACROSS
- 1 Dollops
- 5 Russian ruler
- 9 '87 Peace Prize winner
- 14 Incur, as bills
- 19 "Thanks _!"
- 20 Dingy digs
- 21 Jargon
- 22 Crop up
- 23 Clothing store?
- 25 Gary Cooper in "High Noon"?
- 27 Asian nation
- 28 Jab
- 30 Genetic info
- 31 Poetic preposition
- 32 Stoltz or Seavareid
- 34 Actress Perlman
- 38 Brazier bits
- 41 Seats picked up in the Senate?
- 45 Bank (on)
- 46 Tai _ (martial art)
- 47 Recruit-to-be
- 48 Baseball's Sammy
- 50 Coaxed
- 54 Plane place
- 57 Bedroom furniture
- 59 Elbow _
- 60 Available
- 61 Photo finish
- 62 Bright
- 64 Part of MST
- 65 Mediocre
- 67 Mason's need
- 68 Any
- 69 Deplores
- 70 Scandinavian computer?
- 73 Puts another worm on the hook?
- 75 Composer Janacek
- 76 Chip off Woody's block
- 78 Archaeological site
- 81 Class ring?
- 82 Galley feature
- 83 Absolutely adored
- 84 " _ Gay"
- 86 Socialite Perle
- 90 Anti-knock stuff
- 92 Glisten
- 94 Chaos
- 95 Puppeteer Lewis
- 96 Israeli dance
- 97 Counterfeit
- 99 States, for short
- 100 Mighty mite
- 103 Marina statistics?
- 107 Corelli composi-tion
- 109 Macpherson of "Sirens"
- 110 Word form for "minute"
- 111 Salon request
- 112 La-la lead-in
- 114 Castle material
- 117 Contaminate
- 121 NBA handicap-pers?
- 127 "One really thick steak, please"?
- 129 Simpson of fashion
- 130 Paul of "American Graffiti"
- 131 Currier's partner
- 132 Siegmeyer or Wiesel
- 133 Greek sandwiches
- 134 Atlanta campus
- 135 AMEX rival
- 136 Take-out order?
- DOWN
- 1 Stare stupidly
- 2 Dairy-case purchase
- 3 Piglet's papa
- 4 Meryl of "Marvin's Room"
- 5 Even if, informally
- 6 Trace
- 7 As well
- 8 Stink
- 9 " _ of You" ('84 hit)
- 10 _ Branco, Brazil
- 11 Caravansary
- 12 Like fine wine
- 13 Tulsa type
- 14 Brit. fliers
- 15 Psychic Geller
- 16 More congenial
- 17 PC enthusiasts
- 18 Parisian papa
- 24 Mata _
- 26 Singer Georgie
- 29 Significant years
- 33 "Take _ leave it!"
- 35 Sounded like a serpent
- 36 Seth's son
- 37 Evaluate
- 39 Divulge, with "out"
- 40 Bronte heroine
- 41 Detective Charlie
- 42 Nonstandard contraction
- 43 A swan was her swain
- 44 Country star Brooks
- 46 Comic Margaret
- 49 Strong suit
- 51 Entire range
- 52 Senator Kefauver
- 53 Cozy rooms
- 55 Pants
- 56 Each
- 58 Monty's milieu
- 59 Loon's relative
- 61 Demi or Dudley
- 63 It multiplies by dividing
- 66 Declare
- 69 Bendix role
- 70 TV host Robin
- 71 Major artery
- 72 Swanky
- 74 Soprano Gluck
- 75 See 83 Down
- 77 Block
- 78 Go off track
- 79 Print-shop supply
- 80 Emulates O'Meara
- 83 With 75 Down, "Gigi" author
- 85 Turn pages
- 87 Andrew of "Melrose Place"
- 88 "Guarding _" ('94 film)
- 89 Flock o' docs
- 91 Irish island group
- 93 Inland sea
- 94 Big beginning
- 98 Ignites
- 101 Conductor Klemperer
- 102 Christie sleuth
- 104 Bandleader Brown
- 105 Till
- 106 Laughed loudly
- 107 Disreputable
- 108 Aquatic animal
- 111 Unexpected obstacle
- 113 "Excuse me"
- 115 Exiled dictator
- 116 Dark blue
- 118 Run in neutral
- 119 Sedaka or Simon
- 120 Dendrologist's concern
- 122 Ararat's grp.
- 123 Part of USAR
- 124 Funnyman Philips
- 125 Prepare to feather?
- 126 Farm feature
- 128 Nationality suffix

Answer Page 4



Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **Town of Horizon City** will hold public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by **23.94 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 30, 2007 and Thursday, September 6, 2007 both at 6:30 p.m. at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928.**

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

- FOR: Rafael Padilla Jr., Donald Smasal, Luis Najera, Renee Shufeldt,
Charlie Ortega and Bill Armas
- AGAINST: Carole Zimmerman
- PRESENT and not voting:
- ABSENT:

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	8.20%	(Increase)
Debt service	8.20%	(Increase)
Total expenditures	8.20%	(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	\$ 437,939,349	\$ 551,127,076
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 65,971,971	\$ 81,857,440
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 408,075,554	\$ 519,612,795
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 49,943,322	\$ 80,421,835

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$49,031

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.310000	per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$ 0.304941	per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ (0.005059)	per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	(1.63)%	(Decrease)

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	\$ 102,022	\$ 113,815
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)	\$ 102,022	\$ 113,815

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 **\$316.27**.

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 **\$347.07**. 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 **\$30.80** 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.

Clint Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Clint Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

- 1) Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12)
- 2) Diagnostic Services
- 3) Transportation Services
- 4) Speech Therapy
- 5) Counseling Services
- 6) Adaptive Equipment Services
- 7) Physical Therapy
- 8) Occupational Therapy
- 9) School Health Services
- 10) Homebound Services

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one and to private/home school students who qualify for special education services, .

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact the Special Education Director at 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 79836, or call (915) 851-8383.

SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El distrito escolar de Clint provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como desabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

- 1) *programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12)*
- 2) *servicios diagnósticos*
- 3) *servicios de transportación*
- 4) *terepia de habla*
- 5) *servicios de consejo*
- 6) *servicios de equipaje adaptivo*
- 7) *terapia fisica*
- 8) *terapia ocupacional*
- 9) *servicios de salud escolar*
- 10) *servicios de clases en el hogar*

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como desabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años y para estudiantes en clases privadas/en el hogar que califican para servicios de educación especial.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Clint que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con la Directora de Educación Especial en la direccion 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 7938, o al numero (915) 851-8383.