



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Fabens water

The problem of discolored water, according to Geri de la Torre, is a great inconvenience & frustration to Fabens water customers. De la Torre is the interim general manager for El Paso County WCID #4, the water and wastewater services provider for Fabens. She says if the two propositions presented in the Nov. 6, 2007 bond election pass, the water district will be able to afford the new water filtration system that the residents so desperately need. Voters will be asked to decide if the district can:

- Issue up to \$4 million of bonds for the purpose of constructing improvements and additions to the district's water and wastewater system; and
- Whether to issue up to \$4 million of bonds to refinance other obligations of the district.

The district held a public meeting June 5, 2007 at the Fabens Primary School Auditorium to inform the community of the need for the improvement projects and funding options, and the impact for the citizens. District officials are hoping the eligible rate- and tax-payers will vote for the up to \$8 million in bonds. However, de la Torre says, the greatest enemy to improved water quality in Fabens is voter apathy.

### Health study

The UTEP College of Health Sciences is looking for volunteers to participate in two separate studies about fatty liver disease and type 2 diabetes. The first study, FLY (Fatty Liver in Youth) On the Border, is a clinical research study to help understand why teens of Mexican or Hispanic descent are at higher risk for fatty liver disease, the buildup of excess fat in the liver. The study is supported by the Center for Border Health Research. Participants will receive a \$50 gift certificate for completing the study. For more information, call Claudia Lozano at 747-8298 or Dayle Sharp at 747-5313. The second study, PILOT (Pioglitazone Intervention in Latino Teens), is a clinical research study design to determine if short-term oral treatment with Pioglitazone, a medication approved by the FDA to treat type 2 diabetes in adults, can help overweight teens of Mexican or Hispanic descent at risk for diabetes. The study is supported by the National Institutes of Health. Participants will receive gift certificates worth \$10, \$25 and \$50 for the follow up, short outpatient and long outpatient visits. For more information, call Claudia Lozano at 747-8260.

### In other news

■ The Socorro High School Boys Cross Country team has been having a great season. Currently, they are the number 1 team in El Paso, the number 2 team for Region 1 (West Texas), the number 7 team for the state of Texas and the number 8 team for the southern United States. They were invited to compete in a five state

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*It takes a wise man to know when he is fighting for a principle, or merely defending a prejudice.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Canutillo HS names Dr. Julia Ruiz 2007 Outstanding-Ex

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

Canutillo High School Homecoming Committee named Dr. Julia Ruiz its Outstanding-Ex for 2007. Dr. Ruiz was the honored guest during homecoming activities held last week including the parade, bonfire, pep assembly, football game, and dance.

"I am truly honored to be this year's CHS Outstanding Ex. I grew up in Canutillo, went to school here from kindergarten through senior year, and I will always consider Canutillo my home," said Dr. Ruiz.

Dr. Ruiz graduated from CHS in 1995 and was awarded a scholarship to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Biomedical Engineering in 1999. Upon graduation from MIT, she moved to New Mexico to work for the Los Alamos National Laboratory



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**WELCOME HOME — Canutillo High School Principal Max Padilla (left) presents CHS 2007 Outstanding-Ex Dr. Julia Ruiz with her Homecoming cake during the Pep Assembly reception.**

as a researcher for biosensors and

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## Clint ISD schools awarded Texas Educator Excellence Grant

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

Horizon Middle School, Clint Junior High, Horizon High School, and Mountain View High School have been awarded the Texas Educator Excellence Grant (TEEG). Collectively, these campuses will receive \$565,000 for this student achievement award.

To be eligible to receive the grant, these five campuses had to fall in the top half of economically disadvantaged campuses and demonstrate the highest levels of student achievement or comparable improvement based on the state accountability system.

At each of these campuses, a committee will

plan how the funds will be used. However, 75 percent of the funds must be used to award incentives to classroom teachers based on how individual teachers impact student achievement and collaboration. The incentive plan will also review other criteria such as teacher initiative, commitment, personalization, professionalism, campus involvement, and staffing in high need areas. The committee will use the additional 25 percent of the funds on promising practices aimed at improving teacher quality and raising student achievement.

This is the second round Horizon Middle School, Clint Junior High and Horizon High School received the TEEG grant last year. This will be the first round of the TEEG grant for Mountain View High School.

## Americas HS takes top honors at Marchfest 2007

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

Americas High School Band sweeps the field at the annual Socorro Independent School District's Marchfest. The 225-member band received a Superior rating during the marching band competition held at the SAC on Oct. 3. The band also received honors for Drum Majors Rudy Rodriguez, Christine Chavez and Cassy Vanne, its drumline and Flag Corp.

Judges awarded Outstanding Drum Majors, Outstanding Drumline and Outstanding Flag Corp to the 225-member Trail Blazer Band which is led by Head Director Henry Vega, Assistant Directors Bob Arterbury, Marc Moomaw, Flag Instructor Cecil Crabtree and Percussion Instructors Frank Ramos and Danny Vega. The band started learning the six-minute performance in August and spent their break at the school to prepare for this competition.

"We just finished a two week intersession and they were here every single day," said Vega as band members warmed up prior to their performance.

Vega said it was all the directors who came up with the music, and choreography to "From out of Darkness and into the Light" with music by Robert W. Smith.

Americas was among the 23 schools that performed and was among the 11, including El Dorado High School and Montwood High School that received a Superior rating from judges. Montwood High School Ram Band performed "The Odyssey" and El Dorado High School Aztec Band performed "Pandora's Box." Socorro High School Bulldog Band performance of "Cirque De Soliel: Quidam" received an Excellent rating. This is the first year for new Head Director Albert Licon.

"The students worked really hard every day, at least eight hours a day for this," said Licon. Montwood Head Band Director Ron Pingor said the performance was based on Homer's "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey"

"This is the best group of students I've had. They are dedicated and responsible and I expect a big show from them," said Pingor who also credited the band boosters for helping

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## Hot Rod and Custom Car Show to benefit the Center Against Family Violence

By Guadalupe Silva  
Special to the Courier

For four-year-old Jorge Macias Ibave looking at all the souped up hot rods and the creatively designed custom cars at the Graffiti Wipeout Show last year was a wondrous event.

"His eyes widened and he kept pointing at all the wonderful cars there, and kept saying 'look ma, look at that one, and that one,'" said his mother Deborah Ibave.

"But his enthusiasm was nothing, compared to that of some of the other kids there," she said. "Some of the girls, particularly, went wild with the 'Bratz' doll car. The boys went for the Spider Man car and the Monster Truck."

Jorge and his mother were among the hundreds of visitors last year to the 2nd annual show. They plan to go again to this year's event. The 3rd Annual Graffiti Wipeout Rod and Custom Car Show and carnival will be from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at the VFW Tigua Post #8782 at 691 Carolina.

Last year more than 100 vehicles participated in the show. This year an estimated 150 cars are expected to register for the exhibit that will also feature music, food and games for the whole family. After the initial ceremonies, entertainment will be provided by the Mariachi Toritos, Mario Rios Band, Thugsta, Mr. Glo, Soldier Heart and others. Admission is free.

El Pasoans proud of the innovative qualities of their vehicles can still register them in the show for \$20. In return they will get a T-shirt and plaque. They also will get to participate in a special raffle and get their picture taken with Dr. Doolie, the monster truck.

The show is sponsored by the Graffiti Wipeout Program of the West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department (WTCSCD, a.k.a., Adult Probation Department). All proceeds from the event will benefit the Center Against Family Violence. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Sonia Islas, Graffiti Wipeout Program coordinator and the show's organizer, described the program as part of the Community Service section of the Adult Probation Department. Every probationer has to comply with some kind of community service, she said. That often includes sweeping the streets, eliminating graffiti, cleaning Concordia Cemetery and others.

"Most of the graffiti cleanup in the El Paso area is performed by El Pasoans on probation as part of their community service," Islas said. "It doesn't matter whether it's requested or coordinated through the city, county or other agencies. The Probation Department's Graffiti Wipeout Program does it."

For more information call: 726-0723.



# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## The fine art of panhandling

The morning air was chill and crisp in Gallup, New Mexico a few mornings ago. He came walking across the parking lot, around the gas pumps, as casual as you please.

He was pretty well-kept, I suppose, given his circumstances. He had that unmistakable grimy-around-the-edges kind of look you get after spending a few days camping without a shower or living on the street.

He stopped about two yards from me and blew his breath into the air, creating a faint trace of steam.

“It’s going to snow soon,” he said.

Begging, vagrancy, spanging,

sponging, bumverting, panhandling, call it what you will, the poor we always have with us and as such they need things they can’t obtain for themselves. So they ask other people for it.

According to a source I was reading recently on begging, there aren’t any new techniques in this ancient trade. It’s been around so long that anything there is to learn about it has already been learned and practiced.

Begging is the practice whereby a person obtains money, food, shelter or other resources from people they encounter simply by asking for it. Beggars offer little or nothing of worth or substance in return for the resources. They just ask and receive.

Begging, ever changeable and adaptable, has not been deterred by our brave new world. In fact, many so-called reputable youth organizations encourage our kids to beg and call it fundraising. Begging has also adapted well to the internet — begging websites are flourishing and lucrative, often affiliated with gaming and gambling.

Now, beggars have a variety of methods by which they get the attention of their prospective donor. These range from dangerous to pitiful to simply manipulative.

We’ve all seen the men and women hawking the street corners at major traffic intersections where they risk life and limb for a handout. Sometimes they approach the prospect with an offer of trade or a bet. Audacious or ostentatious behavior to attract attention is sometimes the ploy, or the offer to sell an item that is virtually unwanted by everyone — and when turned down, use it as an opening to ask for a donation instead.

There are, of course, other forms of begging that are just shy of criminal violence that utilize fear, intimidation and threats. You know, sort of like we encourage our kids to do on Halloween.

The man standing by the gas pumps didn’t strike me that way,

though he was clearly seeking assistance. In fact, he spoke to me like we weren’t strangers at all, just two humans sharing the universe.

His age was undetectable. He probably looked like he was 50 when he was 20 and would still look 50 when he died at the ripe old age of 90. His wide, flat features indicated unmistakably that he was Native American. Short, swarthy, with bowed legs, wearing a red baseball cap and weathered denim jacket and jeans, he carried a well-worn backpack slung over one shoulder.

We discussed the weather for a few minutes then he said: “I’m a Navaho warrior. I’m a veteran of war.” Then he went on talking about how he loved life, and the earth and that he didn’t fear the coming cold because God is everywhere.

He squinted at me. “Say this: *yoshee nah-tah.*” I asked him what it meant. He said it meant God is in everything. So I said it. He clearly wasn’t impressed by my efforts, but he went on talking.

He said he was an artist and he wanted to show me his work. He said he was earning money to get him through the winter. He opened a cheap sketching tablet, containing

pencil drawings of eagles, peace pipes, wolves and warriors.

I’d already given him some money but he kept talking, insisting that I choose one. “It’s OK,” I said, “Keep them and sell them to someone else, to make more money.”

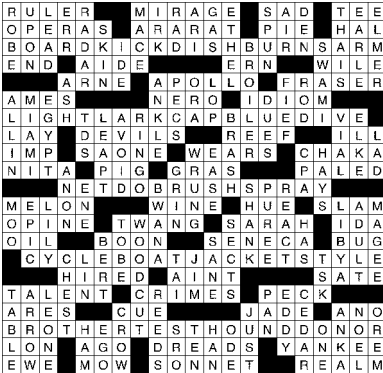
He looked crestfallen at the suggestion so I chose one.

My traveling crew members were gathering to depart and it was time to join them.

I wished him luck and he started to walk away. Then he stopped and turned back, giving me a wide, wrinkled grin. He was missing a front tooth.

“You look like a movie star,” he said, and walked away.

Now, that’s what I call the fine art of panhandling.



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## NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ELECTION, DIRECTOR ELECTION, BOND ELECTION, REFUNDING BOND ELECTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX ELECTION, AND SPECIAL CONTRACT ELECTION

TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2 (the “District”) will hold an election within the District on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 2007, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., at Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Avenue, El Paso, Texas, for the purposes of confirmation of creation of the district; electing five (5) members of the Board of Directors of the District; authorizing the issuance of bonds of the District; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds for the District; authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for operation and maintenance purposes; and authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for the purpose of making payments related to a special contract between the District and Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1.

The election is being held by order of the Board of Directors of the District. Voting in said election shall be by the use of paper ballots which shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. The boundaries of the District are hereby designated as and shall constitute one election precinct and the following persons are hereby appointed officers of said election:

Presiding Judge: Michael Tellez  
Alternate Presiding Judge: [To be named, if possible]  
Clerk: [To be named, if possible]

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall begin on the fifteenth day preceding the election day, October 22, 2007, and shall continue through the fourth day preceding the election, November 2, 2007. The early voting clerk shall be Michael Tellez, and the place at which early voting shall be conducted is Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Avenue, El Paso, Texas, which is within the same location as the early voting place for the El Paso County elections. Michael Tellez is appointed judge of the early voting board and he/she may appoint two clerks to assist.

The early voting clerk’s mailing address, to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent, is Michael Tellez, P. O. Box 4136, El Paso, Texas 79914. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting place open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code.

All qualified resident electors of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**STEPPING OUT —** The Montwood High School Ram Band performed “The Odyssey” and received a Superior rating from judges.

## Marchfest

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build the chariots used in the performance.

El Dorado also had a Greek based performance using original music by Ken Poulan. “It’s based on the Greek mythology of Pandora’s Box with four movements named “Zeus,” “Plagues,” “Hope,” and “Without Evil there is no Good,” said Head Band Director Tom Tomzcuk. “We are really excited about this and hope the audience liked our presentation of the show.” For results of Marchfest 2007, please log onto [www.sisd.net](http://www.sisd.net).

# NOTIFICACIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN, ELECCIÓN DE JUNTA DIRECTIVA, ELECCIÓN PARA BONOS, ELECCIÓN PARA BONOS DE REEMBOLSO, ELECCIÓN PARA IMPUESTOS DE OPERACIÓN Y MANTENIMIENTO, Y ELECCIÓN PARA CONTRATO ESPECIAL

A LOS VOTANTES RESIDENTES DEBIDAMENTE HABILITADOS DEL DISTRITO No. 2 DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS MUNICIPALES DE PASEO DEL ESTE Y TODAS LAS DEMÁS PARTES INTERESADAS.

Por medio de la presente se da notificación de que el Distrito No. 2 de Servicios Públicos Municipales de Paseo del Este (el “Distrito”) llevará a cabo una Elección adentro del Distrito el día Martes, 6 de Noviembre del año 2007, entre las horas de 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m., en Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Avenue, El Paso, Texas, para los propósitos de confirmación de creación del distrito; elegir cinco (5) miembros de la Junta Directiva del Distrito; autorizar la expedición de bonos del Distrito; autorizar la expedición de bonos de reembolso para el Distrito; autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre propiedad gravable adentro del Distrito para propósitos de operación y mantenimiento; y autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre propiedad gravable adentro del Distrito para el propósito de hacer pagos relacionados con un contrato especial entre el Distrito y el Distrito No. 1 de Servicios Públicos Municipales de Paseo del Este.

Se está llevando a cabo la Elección por orden de la Junta Directiva del Distrito. La votación en dicha Elección será por medio del uso de papeletas de votación las cuales se conformarán a los requisitos del Código de Elección de Texas. Por medio de la presente las fronteras del Distrito se designan como y constituirán un distrito electoral y por medio de la presente las siguientes personas son nombradas funcionarios de dicha Elección:

Juez que Preside la Elección: Michael Tellez  
Sustituto del Juez que Preside la Elección: [A ser nombrado, si es posible]  
Secretario: [A ser nombrado, si es posible]

La votación temprana en la Elección por medio de presentación personal comenzará el día quince antes del día de Elección, Octubre 22, 2007, y continuará hasta e incluyendo el día cuatro antes del día de Elección, Noviembre 2, 2007. El Secretario de votación temprana será Michael Tellez, y el lugar en el cual se realizará la votación temprana es el Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Avenue, El Paso, Texas, el cual está adentro del mismo lugar como el lugar de votación temprana para las elecciones del Condado El Paso. Michael Tellez es nombrado juez de la junta de votación temprana y él/ella puede nombrar dos asistentes para que lo ayuden.

La dirección de correo del secretario de votación temprana, a la cual se pueden enviar las solicitudes de papeletas de votación y las papeletas de votación para votar por correo, es Michael Tellez, P. O. Box 4136, El Paso, Texas 79914. El secretario de votación temprana mantendrá abierto el lugar de votación temprana desde las 2 p.m. hasta las 5 p.m., en cada día para votación temprana que no sea un Sábado, un Domingo, o un día festivo oficial en el estado.

Se llevará a cabo y se realizará la Elección y se entregarán los resultados a la Junta Directiva del Distrito de conformidad con el Código de Elecciones de Texas, como fue notificado por los Capítulos 49 y 54, Código de Aguas de Texas.

Todos los votantes residentes que están habilitados del Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en la Elección.

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA.

## Ruiz

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nanotechnology. In 2001, Dr. Ruiz enrolled in the Texas A&M Health Science Center; and in 2007, she received a Doctor of Medicine degree.

Dr. Ruiz is currently completing her residency in pediatric medicine at Providence and Thomason General hospitals and at specialty clinics throughout El Paso. She said that the residency program would take three years to complete.

“Ever since I was a little girl I loved helping people; I’ve always felt fulfilled helping others,” said Dr. Ruiz. “So, I chose the field of medicine as my career because it is intellectually stimulating, and I am help-

ing people everyday.” Dr. Ruiz addressed the student body during the pep assembly and participated in the halftime festivities during the Friday night football game between CHS Eagles and Mountain View HS Lobos, which was won by the Eagles, 20 to 8. The coronation dance featured this year’s Homecoming Court including Senior King Alejandro Monjarrez and Queen Kathy Smith, Senior Beau Marc Salgado and Lady-in-waiting Erika Magallanez, Senior Duke Edwin Morales and Duchess Samantha Solis, Junior Prince Jose Paredes and Princess Heidi Larrea, Sophomore Prince Alex Ordoñez and Princess Michelle Rivera, Freshman Prince Jacob Larrea and Princesses Daniela Guillen and Tiffany Barraza.

## Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Tornillo Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

Tornillo ISD will hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 30, 2007, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Tornillo ISD’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

WTCC: 10/11/07 & 10/18/07

## TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

Texas Capital Fund Program — Texas Department of Agriculture TDA/TCF Contract #727102

The Town of Anthony, Texas, intends to undertake an Infrastructure and Real Estate Project to be financed with assistance awarded by the Texas Department of Agriculture from its Texas Capital Fund of the Texas Community Development Program. This project will provide improved economic development opportunities for Low and Moderate Income families in this community. The project is located partially in the 100-year floodplain. The proposed improvements cannot be undertaken in any other location, as this action would be impractical and its cost would exceed available program resources. Failure to provide the assistance would result in the continuation of unsafe living conditions and the threat to public health and safety. In the judgment of the town, the benefits of the proposed improvements outweigh considerations of Executive Orders 11988 and 11990. The improvements financed with Texas Capital Fund assistance will be protected from flood damage, and flood insurance will be provided for the duration of the forgivable loan.

A more detailed description of the proposed project, and FEMA flood maps are available for citizen review at the Anthony Town Hall during regular office hours, and the public is invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed project. Written comments may be submitted in person at the Anthony Town Hall or sent by mail directed to the attention of Mayor Art Franco and addressed to: Town of Anthony, P. O. Box 1269, Anthony, TX 79821. Comments will be accepted for consideration until eight days after the date of publication of this notice.

Art Franco Date published  
Mayor October 18, 2007



# Canutillo Independent School District

## NOTICE OF ROLLBACK ELECTION

### TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** an election will be held within the Canutillo Independent School District on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, as ordered by the Board of Trustees of Canutillo Independent School District, a substantial copy of which Order is printed below:

AN ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A ROLLBACK ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; AND CONTAINING PROVISIONS NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL TO THE PURPOSES HEREOF

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within Canutillo Independent School District (the "District") on the proposition hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, it is further found and determined that the meeting at which this order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; Now, Therefore

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

#### Section 1. Findings.

The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

#### Section 2. Election Ordered; Date; Proposition.

An election shall be held for and within the District on November 6, 2007, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted in accordance with law:

#### PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of Canutillo Independent School District be authorized to approve the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.394946 per \$100 valuation in Canutillo Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is \$.06 higher per \$100 valuation than the School District rollback tax rate?

#### Section 3. Precincts and Polling Places.

The election precincts for said election, and the polling place for each such precinct on election day, are hereby established and designated in Exhibit A attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes.

#### Section 4. Early Voting.

The Main Early Voting Polling Place and the Early Voting Polling Places for conducting early voting by personal appearance and the address for early voting by mail for said election are hereby designated as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

#### Section 5. Voting Hours.

(a) On election day the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

(b) The dates and hours for early voting by personal appearance at the Main Early Voting Polling Place and the Early Voting Polling Places shall be as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

#### Section 6. Election Officers.

The persons to serve as officers to conduct said election on election day and for early voting shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

#### Section 7. Official Ballots.

(a) Voting at said election on election day and early voting by personal appearance and by mail shall be by the use of a touch screen voting system.

(b) The official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition, which shall be set forth substantially in the following form:

#### PROPOSITION

APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.394946 PER \$100 VALUATION IN CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT IS \$.06 HIGHER PER \$100 VALUATION THAN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ROLLBACK TAX RATE.

#### Section 8. Bilingual Election Materials.

The election materials enumerated in Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 272.001, et seq., shall be printed and furnished in both English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting.

PASSED AND APPROVED on August 27, 2007.

#### EXHIBIT A

### CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ROLL BACK ELECTION November 6, 2007

#### Election Day Voting - Polling Places

Hours for voting:  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**El Paso County Election Precincts**  
(or portions thereof within Canutillo Independent School District) Polling Places:

**County Election Precinct No. 2**  
Vinton Fire Station, 510 Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas

**County Election Precinct No. 3**  
Canutillo Middle School, 7311 Bosque Road, Canutillo, Texas

**County Election Precinct No. 4**  
Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Avenue, Canutillo, Texas

**County Election Precinct No. 5**  
Fire Station #2, 111 Borderland, El Paso, Texas

**County Election Precincts 11-2 and 170**  
Olga Kohlberg Elementary School, 1445 Nardo Goodman, El Paso, Texas

#### Early Voting Polling Places

#### Main Early Voting Polling Place Dates and Hours for Early Voting

##### County Courthouse

500 E. San Antonio 2007  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.

#### Temporary Branch and Early Voting Polling Places

##### Canutillo Elementary School

651 Canutillo  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State Canutillo, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

##### Vinton Fire Station

510 Vinton Road  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State Vinton, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Bassett Place #A3\*

6101 Gateway West  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Carolina Center\*

563 N. Carolina  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Dieter Plaza #308\*

1605 George Dieter  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Former YMCA #N Westside\*

7105 N. Mesa  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Miner Village #B\*

2900 N. Mesa  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Rev. Pete Martinez Sr. Center\*

9301 Alameda  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Rogelio Sanchez Center\*

1331 North Fabens Street  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State Fabens, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Rushfair Shopping Center #3 & #4\*

5255 W.B. Trans. Mtn.  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through No-

vember 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Sunrise Shopping Center #32\*

8500 Dyer  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Vista Hills Shopping Center #302\*

1840 Lee Trevino  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Helen Ball Elementary School\*

1950 Firehouse Drive  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

##### Escontrias Elementary School\*

205 Buford Road  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

##### Jane Hambric Elementary School\*

3535 Nolan Richardson  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

##### Horizon Height Elementary School\*

13601 Ryderwood Avenue  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

##### Paso del Norte School\*

2501 Tierra Este  
**Dates:** October 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007 (except Saturdays, Sundays and legal State El Paso, Texas Holidays)  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Early Voting Places noted with an asterisk (\*) will also be open on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 28 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, November 1 and 2 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Early Voting Polling Places for the election shall also include all locations established by the El Paso County Elections Department as Early Voting Polling Places.

Any voter who is entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at the Main Early Voting Polling Place or at any Early Voting Polling Place.

#### Address for Early Voting by Mail:

Early Voting Clerk  
500 E. San Antonio #402  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballot by mail may be received no later than the close of business on October 30, 2007.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo

NOTIFICACIÓN DE ELECCIÓN POR EXCEDER TASA SUJETA A REVERSIÓN

A LOS ELECTORES HABILITADOS Y VECINOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE CANUTILLO:

**SE NOTIFICA QUE** se verificará elección en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo el día martes 6 de noviembre de 2007 por orden del Consejo Rector de Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo; aparece a continuación el texto substancial de dicha Orden:

ORDEN DEL CONSEJO RECTOR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE CANUTILLO CONVOCANDO A ELECCIÓN POR EXCEDER TASA SUJETA A REVERSIÓN A SER VERIFICADA EN DICHO DISTRITO; SE — ALANDO LA REALIZACIÓN Y NOTIFICACIÓN DE DICHA ELECCIÓN; ASÍ COMO DISPOSICIONES NECESARIAS Y ACCESORIAS A SUS PROPÓSITOS

POR CUANTO este Consejo Rector dictamina y determina necesario y conveniente convocar a elección del y en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo (el “Distrito”) respecto de la proposición que se consigna a continuación; y

POR CUANTO se dictamina y determina además que la junta en la que se adoptó la presente orden estuvo abierta al público previa notificación al público de la hora, el lugar y propósito de dicha junta, todo según exige el Código de Gobierno de Texas (Texas Government Code), Capítulo 551; por lo expuesto

ORDENA EL CONSEJO RECTOR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE CANUTILLO:

**Fracción 1. Hechos.**

Lo manifestado en el proemio de la presente Orden es verídico y correcto, mismo que se adopta como fondo y disposiciones operativas del presente.

**Fracción 2. Se Ordena Elección; Fecha; Proposición.**

Se verificará elección del y en el Distrito el día 6 de noviembre de 2007, sometiendo en dicha elección la siguiente proposición conforme a la ley:

**PROPOSICIÓN**

¿Se autorizará al Consejo Rector del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo la aprobación de una tasa de impuesto al valor de \$1.394946 por \$100 de avalúo en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo correspondiente al año en curso, tasa que excede en \$.06 por \$100 de avalúo la tasa del Distrito Escolar sujeta a reversión?

**Fracción 3. Distritos y Casillas de Votación.**

Los distritos electorales para dicha elección así como la casilla de votación correspondiente a cada uno de los distritos respectivos el día de la elección quedan establecidos y designados en el Anexo A adjunto a la presente, mismo que se incorpora y forma parte de Ésta como si estuviera transcrito a la letra para los fines a que haya lugar.

**Fracción 4. Votación Anticipada.**

Se designan conforme señala el Anexo A que se adjunta a la presente, la Casilla Principal de Votación Anticipada y Casillas de Votación Anticipada para la realización de votación anticipada por comparecencia personal y el domicilio para votación anticipada por correo en dicha elección.

**Fracción 5. Horarios de Votación.**

(a) El día de la elección las casillas quedarán abiertas desde las 7:00 A.M. hasta las 7:00 P.M.

(b) Las fechas y horas de votación anticipada por comparecencia personal en la Casilla Principal de Votación Anticipada y Casillas de Votación Anticipada serán las que consigna Anexo A a la presente.

**Fracción 6. Funcionarios Electorales.**

Las personas que se desempeñen de funcionarios en la realización de dicha elección el día de la elección y en la votación anticipada serán designadas en términos del Código de Gobierno de Texas (Texas Government Code).

**Fracción 7. Cédulas Oficiales.**

(a) La votación en dicha elección el día de la elección y en la votación anticipada por comparecencia personal y por correo será mediante el uso de un sistema de votación de pantalla táctil.

(b) Se elaborarán las cédulas oficiales en dicha elección con apego al Código Electoral de Texas (Texas Election Code) a fin de permitirle al elector votar “A FAVOR” o “EN CONTRA” de la proposición ya citada, misma que se consignará substancialmente en el formato que sigue:

**PROPOSICIÓN**  
APROBACIÓN DE LA TASA DE IMPUESTO AL VALOR DE \$1.394946 POR \$100 DE AVALO EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE CANUTILLO CORRESPONDIENTE AL A— O EN CURSO, TASA QUE EXCEDE EN \$.06 POR \$100 DE AVALO LA TASA DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR SUJETA A REVERSIÓN.

**Fracción 8. Materiales Electorales Biling es.**

Los materiales electorales que enumera el Código Electoral de Texas (Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 272.001, et seq.), se imprimirán y se brindarán en inglés y español para su uso en casillas de votación y votación anticipada.

ACORDADO Y APROBADO el día 27 de agosto de 2007.

ANEXO A

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE CANUTILLO  
ELECCIÓN POR EXCEDER TASA SUJETA A REVERSIÓN  
6 de noviembre de 2007

Votación el Día de Elecciones — Casillas de Votación

Horario de votación:  
7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

**Distritos Electorales del Condado de El Paso**  
(o porciones de los mismos dentro del Distrito Escola Independiente de Canutillo) y Casillas de Votación:

**Distrito Electoral del Condado No. 2**  
Cuartel de Bomberos Vinton, 510 Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas

**Distrito Electoral del Condado No. 3**  
Escuela Intermedia Canutillo, 7311 Bosque Road, Canutillo, Texas

**Distrito Electoral del Condado No. 4**  
Primaria Canutillo, 651 Canutillo Avenue, Canutillo, Texas

**Distrito Electoral del Condado No. 5**  
Cuartel de Bomberos #2, 111 Borderland, El Paso, Texas

**Distritos Electorales del Condado 11-2 y 170**  
Primaria Olga Kohlberg, 1445 Nardo Goodman, El Paso, Texas

**Casillas de Votación Anticipada**

**Casilla Principal de Votación Anticipada**  
**Fechas y Horarios de Votación Anticipada**

**Edificio de la Corte del Condado**  
500 E. San Antonio  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 8:00 a.m. a 5:00p.m.

Casillas Auxiliares Temporales y de Votación Anticipada

**Primaria Canutillo**  
651 Canutillo  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días Canutillo, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

**Cuartel de Bomberos Vinton**  
510 Vinton Road  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días Vinton, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 3:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Bassett Place #A3\***  
6101 Gateway West  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Centro Carolina\***  
563 N. Carolina  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Dieter Plaza #308\***  
1605 George Dieter  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Ex-YMCA #N Westside\***  
7105 N. Mesa  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Miner Village #B\***  
2900 N. Mesa  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Centro 3ra. Edad Revdo. Pete Martínez\***  
9301 Alameda  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Centro Rogelio Sánchez\***  
1331 North Fabens Street  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días Fabens, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Centro Comercial Rushfair #3 & #4\***  
5255 W.B. Trans. Mtn.  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas

Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Centro Comercial Sunrise #32\***  
8500 Dyer  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Centro Comercial Vista Hills #302\***  
1840 Lee Treviño  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Primaria Helen Ball\***  
1950 Firehouse Drive  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

**Primaria Escontrias\***  
205 Buford Road  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

**Primaria Jane Hambric\***  
3535 Nolan Richardson  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

**Primaria Horizon Height\***  
13601 Ryderwood Avenue  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

**Escuela Paso del Norte\***  
2501 Tierra Este  
**Fechas:** 22 de octubre de 2007 al 2 de noviembre de 2007 (salvo los días sábado, domingo y Días El Paso, Texas Festivos por Ley Estatal)  
**Horario:** 9:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Las Casillas de Votación Anticipada señaladas con asterisco (\*) también estarán abiertas los días sábado 27 de octubre de 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m. y domingo 28 de octubre de las 12:00 del mediodía a las 5:00 p.m., y los días jueves y viernes 1 y 2 de noviembre desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.

Las Casillas de Votación Anticipada correspondientes a la elección también comprenderán todos los lugares establecidos por el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de El Paso en calidad de Casillas de Votación Anticipada.

Todo elector con derecho a voto anticipado por comparecencia personal podrá ejercerlo en la Casilla Principal de Votación Anticipada o en cualquiera de las Casillas de Votación Anticipada.

**Domicilio para Votación Anticipada por Correo:**  
Early Voting Clerk (Secretario de Votación Anticipada)  
500 E. San Antonio #402  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Se recibirán las solicitudes de cédula por correo hasta el cierre del horario hábil el día 30 de octubre de 2007 a más tardar.

# Number one is dangerous place in college football

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

How many college football teams would like to be ranked the best in the land? I can answer that with total accuracy: None.

Have you seen what’s happened to top-ranked teams this season? They get beat as quickly as you can say “heavily favored.”

Maybe it started with Appalachian State’s startling upset of Michigan. Then it continued with Stanford’s stunner of Southern Cal.

Whatever it is, no team is immune. This can clearly be called the year of the upset in college football.

Oklahoma was knocked off by Colorado, Kentucky knocked off top-ranked LSU, Cal falls to Oregon State, heck, even UTEP lost to NMSU.

Is nothing sacred? Don’t these underdogs know their place?

Teams that were ranked high to start the year, like Louisville, Michigan, Florida State, USC, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Penn State and Wisconsin have disappointed, while the teams at

the top of the rankings just don’t seem to belong there.

Look at the teams that are among the best in college football, South Florida, Boston College, South Carolina, Oregon, Kentucky, Arizona State, Kansas, Missouri, Hawaii and Cincinnati.

What is going on here? South Florida is the second best college football team in the nation. Now I know the end of civilization is just around the corner.

I have to admit it’s good to see some new faces at the top. But it takes some getting used to.

Of course, there’s plenty of the football season still to go, but if the second half of the season is the same as the first, the BCS title game will feature a couple of two-loss teams.

## Anything but rocky

I know that Colorado is the land of Coors beer, but there must also be something in the water that’s made the Colorado Rockies the darlings of professional baseball.

After winning 14 of their last 15 games of the regular season, the Rockies have continued their unbelievable play in the postseason.

And they’re doing it, except for Todd Helton, with no names and, dare I say it — pitching.

As the regular season came into its final month there was talk about several possible playoff teams. The Yankees, the Dodgers, the Mets, the Phillies, the Padres, the Tigers, the Mariners and the Diamondbacks among them.

But there was no serious talk about the Colorado Rockies. After all, they’re that team that plays in that rarefied Denver air where a normal 300-foot fly ball turns into a 350-foot home run.

Whether or not the Rockies can win the World Series is still a mystery, but their tremendous play at the end of the season has been a joy to watch. The team has got much of the country intrigued.

Most fans can’t name three players on the team, but that’s okay. How many people in the city know your name?

You see, they’re one of us. Kind of makes you feel like you can relate to their anonymity.

## Dallas demoralized

The Dallas Cowboys may be the best team in the NFC, which still puts them light years behind the best of the AFC.

The New England Patriots took the best the Cowboys had and still manhandled America’s Team like they were the league’s unwanted stepchildren.

I know we’re just in the sixth week of the National Football League season, but the Patriots already resemble a team that can threaten the 1972 Miami Dolphins record of 17-0.

In six games, the Pats have won every game by at least 17 points. If that wasn’t impressive enough, quarterback Tom Brady has thrown 21 touchdown passes while throwing only two interceptions.

At his current rate, Brady is on pace to crush Peyton Manning’s record of 49 touchdown passes in a season.

The Patriots have got it all, great runners, all-star receivers, a great defense, one of the best quarterbacks in the league and a great head coach (though his cheating and unlikable demeanor has cost him a bit of respect among the fans and opposing coaches). But I doubt Bill Belichick cares.

The Patriots still have some big tests to come this season. They will play at the Indianapolis Colts, at the Baltimore Ravens and still have a home game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

So nothing is etched in stone for the Patriots, except a 48-27 pasting of the Cowboys.

## Classified Ads

### LEGALS

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS AND REVENUES AND REQUEST TO RECOVER MINE CLOSING COSTS

El Paso Electric Company (“EPE”) petitioned the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission”) on August 31, 2007 for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of March 1, 2004 through February 28, 2007 (“Reconciliation Period”). In its petition, EPE has also requested to carry over the cumulative Reconciliation Period fuel under-recovery balance into the subsequent Reconciliation Period beginning March 2007. This petition, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. This petition has no effect on EPE’s non-fuel base rates.

During the Reconciliation Period, EPE incurred a total of \$543,399,689 in eligible fuel, fuel-related, and purchased power expenses to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers. At the conclusion of the Reconciliation Period, EPE had a cumulative under-recovery of such expenses of \$18,249,736. EPE seeks to carry over the cumulative Reconciliation Period fuel under-recovery balance of \$18,249,736 into the subsequent Reconciliation Period beginning March 2007.

EPE also requests Commission ap-

proval for a mechanism to recover EPE’s allocated share of the projected final mine closing reclamation costs for the Navajo Mine as reconcilable fuel costs.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this Petition may contact El Paso Electric Company at 123 W. Mills, El Paso, Texas 79901, or call toll-free at 1-(800)-592-1634 (when instructed, press 7, then four-digit extension 5947 plus #) during normal business hours. A complete copy of this Petition is available for inspection at the address listed above. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this Petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll-free at 1-(888)-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) at 1-(800)-735-2989. A deadline for intervention will be established for this proceeding.

WTCC: 10/18/07

#### AVISO DE SOLICITUD PARA RECONCILIAR LOS COSTOS E INGRESOS POR COMBUSTIBLE Y SOLICITUD PARA RECUPERAR LOS COSTOS DE CIERRE DE MINA

El 31 de Agosto de

2007, El Paso Electric Company (“EPE”) solicitó ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (“la Comisión”) autorización para reconciliar sus gastos e ingresos elegibles por combustible del período de 1 de Marzo de 2004 al 28 de Febrero de 2007 (el “Período de Reconciliación”). En su solicitud, EPE solicitó también trasladar el saldo acumulado por combustible no cobrado del Período de Reconciliación al siguiente Período de Reconciliación que inicia en Marzo de 2007. Esta solicitud, de ser autorizada, afectará a todos los clientes de menudeo de Texas quienes pagan factores fijos de combustible. Esta solicitud no tiene efecto para las tarifas no basadas en combustible de EPE.

Durante el Período de Reconciliación, EPE incurrió en un total de \$543,399,689 en gastos elegibles de combustible y energía adquirida para generar y adquirir energía eléctrica para sus clientes de menudeo de Texas. Al final del Período de Reconciliación, EPE tenía un saldo acumulado no recuperado de \$18,249,736 por dichos gastos. EPE busca trasladar el saldo acumulado del Período de Reconciliación de \$18,249,736 por combustible no recuperado al Período de Reconciliación subsecuiente que inicia en Marzo de

2007.

EPE solicita t a m b i é n aprobación de la Comisión de un mecanismo para recuperar, como c o s t o s reconciliables de combustible, la parte proporcional correspondiente a EPE del costo final proyectado por el cierre de la Mina Navajo.

Las personas que tengan dudas o deseen información adicional acerca de esta Solicitud, pueden ponerse en contacto con El Paso Electric Company en 123 W. Mills, El Paso, Texas 79901, o llamar sin costo al 1-(800)-592-1634 (cuando le sea solicitado, oprima el 7, seguido por la extensión de cuatro dígitos 5947, mas el signo #) en horas normales de oficina. En la dirección arriba mencionada, podrá encontrar una copia completa de esta Solicitud para consulta. Las personas que deseen p a r t i c i p a r formalmente en este proceso o que deseen expresar sus comentarios en relación a esta Solicitud, deberán ponerse en contacto con la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, a la Oficina de Protección del Consumidor, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, o llamar al (512) 936-7120, o sin costo al 1-(888)-782-8477. Los individuos con dificultad del habla o el oído que cuenten con teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden llamar al (512) 936-7136 o usar Relay Texas (sin costo) al 1-(800)-735-2989. Se establecerá una fecha límite para intervenir en este proceso.

WTCC: 10/18/07

#### EP County WCID #4



#### Notice of the Availability of a Supplemental Information Record (SIR) from the 2001 Fabens Water and Waste water System Improvements Environmental Assessment

USDA Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from El Paso Water Control and Improvements District No. 4 Fabens Water and Wastewater System Improvements. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, a Supplemental Information Record (SIR) from the 2001 Environmental Assessment has been prepared, which revaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Supplemental Information Record for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of the following phases as summarized below:

#### Summary of Recommended Wastewater Plan

##### Wastewater System

WWTP — The EPCWCID No. 4 has determined that immediate construction of the Fabens Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is necessary for compliance with TCEQ regula-

tory requirements and to ensure adequate wastewater treatment. The existing WWTP is deficient in several areas including aeration capacity within the oxidation ditch, capacity of the secondary clarifier and chlorine detention time.

Four treatment processes were evaluated under six facility alternatives using economic and non-economic criteria. It was determined that construction of a new 1.2 MGD AeroMod prepackaged plant would reduce the system complexity and O&M costs of the treatment system. The project includes a headworks structure with screens and grit removal, secondary treatment systems, sludge handling operation with belt filter press, new disinfection and other miscellaneous structures. The EPCWCID No. 4 submitted an amendment to the TCEQ for the existing TPDES permit and has obtained the revised permit necessary to operate the new facility.

#### Summary of Recommended Water Plan

10th Street Water Treatment — The water quality continues to experience problems and EPCWID No. 4 proposes to implement this project utilizing BEIF resources.

10th Street Booster Station — Additional booster pumps and appurtenances are required. In addition the existing pump building needs to be expanded to accommodate the additional new booster pump.

Well No. 4 Equip-

4 proposes to complete this project, as planned, with the support of BEIF resources. This project has been designed and the estimated construction cost is provided below.

0.5 MG Reservoir — The existing 0.5 MG 10th Street Reservoir is currently the largest in the system and the storage capacity is critical to satisfy daily demands.

District No. 4 proposes to implement a project that will replace the 10th Street Reservoir rather than constructing the additional storage project at Well No. 4, in order to meet the original environmental objective related to adequate storage capacity ensuring that the distribution system and service to the community is not compromised. The 10th Street Reservoir Replacement Project consists of fabrication, delivery and installation of a 0.5 MG above ground welded steel water storage tank and associated appurtenances to replace the existing structure with an equivalent facility. TCEQ has authorized District No. 4 to construct the reservoir. The existing booster station site will accommodate the new reservoir.

#### Summary of Recommended Water Plan

To avoid and or minimize impacts to environmental resources, the following mitigation is proposed:

- Cultural Resources Discovery Mitigation
- Floodplain Mitigation

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the

USDA Rural Development Office located at 11930 Vista del Sol, Suite C, El Paso, TX. 79936.

For further information contact Anita N. Sprinkle at 11930 Vista del Sol, Suite C, El Paso, TX 79936. Phone (915) 855-1229, Ext. 4. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by November 16, 2007.

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#### SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

##### Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007**

**DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CSP NO. 199-1022-8021 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 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. WTCC-10/18/07

#### 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 South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - JNICA2100ST605521, Nssan, burgundy, license plate JMP 196. WTXCC-10/18/07

#### PUBLIC NOTICE AYUDA, Inc. Invitation for Bids

AYUDA, Inc. is a recipient of HOME Contract for Deed Conversion Grant, contract #1000562. AYUDA will receive sealed bids for four residential rehabilitations and two new construction on:

**Nov. 15, 2007**

at 1325 Beverly Ann, in San Elizario, TX from:

**8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Submitted envelopes must be marked “Home Deed conversion Bid” on the lower left hand side of the envelope.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for:

**Oct. 30, 2007**

at 1325 Beverly Ann, in San Elizario, TX from:

**11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants are not discriminated because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. AYUDA reserves the right to reject any bid or to waive any informality in the bidding. AYUDA is an Affirmative Ac-

tion/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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### COUNSELING SERVICES

D A M I A N MAUREIRA, LCSW - Professional 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.

### DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE

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

### 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

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OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



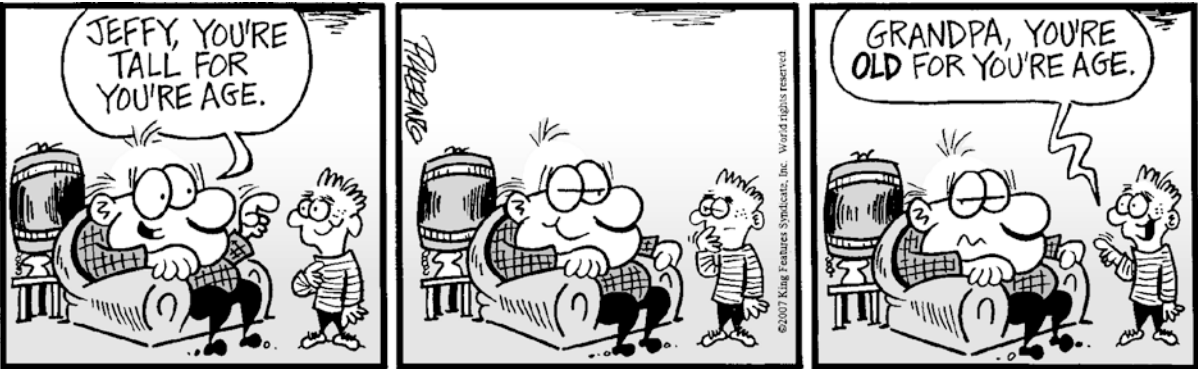
AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Incredible Hulk attends wedding

By Don Flood

It was only a half hour before the wedding — but hey, no problem, because we were at a hotel 10 minutes away and it only takes me five to get dressed.

I took my freshly laundered shirt off the hanger and put it on.

Uh-oh.

The shirt was so tight I couldn't even button the top button. I could just barely button the front buttons. With no time to get another shirt, I was going to a classy wedding looking like a doofus.

(My wife wondered why that was a problem.)

There was only one logical explanation: I had, without my knowledge, encountered gamma rays, perhaps at the barber shop or car wash, and now I had been transformed into the Incredible Hulk.

Any second now I was going to start turning green and rampaging about breaking things — the sort of behavior that usually comes well after the wedding, during the reception.

(Another possibility — even more frightening — was that I had packed on 20 pounds that morning.)

My wife, who has no understanding about gamma rays, thought it was more likely that I had taken our son's shirt rather than suddenly turned into the Incredible Hulk.

I agreed this was possible, though it was also something of a letdown. Becoming the Incredible Hulk would mean major changes in my lifestyle — including fearsome battles with the likes of Wolverine and Cobalt Man — but there were definite advantages.

After all, the Incredible Hulk commands a certain of level of respect. If, for example, you're sit-

ting in a restaurant waiting to be served, turning into the Incredible Hulk would help capture the waitress' attention.

("Would you like your coffee warmed up, Mr. Hulk?")

If service still proved substandard, you could simply destroy the restaurant, which would be a more effective and satisfying way of indicating your displeasure than leaving a bad tip. (Also cheaper, since the Incredible Hulk never pays for the destruction he wreaks.)

My wife, naturally, said no one would notice my unbuttoned shirt.

Of course they would notice. Who are they supposed to look at during the wedding, the bride? I knotted my tie as tightly as possible to hide my button and look presentable.

Not that it fooled people.

At the reception, an amazing number of people said, "Tell me, did the bride ever show up? I was so thoroughly disconcerted by your ill-fitting shirt, I never even noticed."

Well, OK, no guests actually said that, but that's what they were thinking. (Mind reading is one of the super powers I possess even without benefit of gamma rays.)

They were just afraid to say anything about my shirt for fear of me turning into the Incredible Hulk and consuming all the shrimp at the reception.

(For the record, I did NOT eat all the shrimp at the reception.)

Later, though, while we were dancing, I figured it would be OK to loosen my tie.

I'm sure the Incredible Hulk would have done so hours before.

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King Super Crossword

- IN LINE

ACROSS

1 School tool

6 Sahara vision

12 Crestfallen

15 Pigskin prop

18 "Carmen" and "The Consul"

20 Genesis peak

21 In-your-face item?

22 Director Ashby

23 SIDE LINE

27 Extremity

28 Nurse's helper

29 East ender?

30 Sly trick

31 Composer

Thomas

32 Rocky's rival

36 Author Antonia

38 Mingo's portrayer

41 Fiddling emperor

42 Turn of phrase

44 SKY LINE

52 Nonclerical

53 New Jersey athletes

54 Scuba site

55 TV's " \_ Fly Away"

57 Mischief-maker

58 Rhone feeder

59 Has on

61 Singer Khan

63 Naldi or Talbot

65 Sty guy

66 Mardi \_

67 Went white

68 HAIR LINE

74 Breakfast fruit

77 Jeroboam contents

78 Color

79 Criticize

83 Speak one's mind

84 Accent feature

86 Singer Vaughan

88 Mrs. McKinley

89 "Lorenzo's \_" ('92 film)

90 Dividend

91 41 Across' tutor

92 Be a pest

93 LIFE LINE

99 Took on board

100 " \_ No Sunshine" ('71 hit)

101 Content completely

102 Aptitude

105 " \_ and Misdemeanors" ('89 film)

107 Act like a chicken

110 Belligerent deity

111 Reminder

112 Shade of green

113 Year, in Yucatan

116 BLOOD LINE

124 Actor Chaney

125 Past

126 Expects the worst

127 Maris or Mantle

128 She's a sheep date

129 \_ down (destroy)

130 Petrarch product

131 Kingdom
- DOWN

1 Dressing gown

2 "Once \_ a midnight dreary ..."

3 Balloon material?

4 Be human

5 Tracking tool

6 Medieval weapon

7 Bother

8 Math abbr.

9 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"

10 Boyle's concern

11 Lucy's landlady

12 Made cotton candy

13 Broadcast

14 Thieves'

headquarters?

15 Anatole France novel

16 Combs of baseball

17 Glue guy

19 Pelt

24 Chemical suffix

25 Poultry purchase

26 Wise guy

31 \_ blond

32 Leg joint

33 Pride of the pumped-up

34 " \_ pro nobis"

35 Prune

36 Vassal's holding

37 Linear measure

38 " \_ a day's work"

39 Biscayne Bay city

40 "Aida" setting

43 Club cost

45 QB's stats

46 Bounded

47 Shun

48 Beatles beater

49 Cocky

50 Medicine bottle

51 Actress Sommer

56 Youngster

59 Squeezed out the suds

60 Vacation sensation

61 Numbers man?

62 Kansas city

64 Soon

66 Show one's teeth

69 Vane letters

70 Serengeti sahib

71 Cut of meat

72 Blender setting

73 Show one's feelings

74 Bovine bellow

75 "The Ramayana," e.g.

76 Coloratura Pons

80 Neighbor of Niger

81 Man or stallion

82 Patrick of "A Clockwork Orange"

84 Shakespearean infinitive

85 Kind of print

86 Factions

87 Owns

90 Leonine Lahr

91 Reasonably
- balanced

94 See 109 Down

95 China's \_ Biao

96 Skater Babilonia

97 Amis' "Lucky \_"

98 Sound of disapproval

102 Under the \_ (secretly)

103 Cupid's missile

104 Sierra \_

106 Philharmonic section

107 Bleak critique

108 Whirlpool

109 With 94 Down, fragrant container

111 Cornfield critter

112 Only

113 "Puppy Love" singer

114 Gallagher of Oasis

115 Utah city

117 Actor's lunch?

118 Self-esteem

119 Theater sign

120 Word with take or hang

121 Solo of "Star Wars"

122 Coleridge composition

123 " \_ Good Cop" ('91 film)

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Briefs

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competition in Houston the Nike

Cross Country Invitational. A few more tune up meets are scheduled and the district championships will be Oct. 27, 2007. Regionals will be Nov. 4, the state championships Nov. 11.

■ In a time when more people are increasingly conducting business online, Social Security Administration will be sponsoring electronic service workshops both in El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New

Mexico on Oct. 27, 2007. The Las Cruces event will take place at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library at 200 E. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The El Paso workshop will take place at the El Paso Main Library at 501 N. Oregon, El Paso, Texas 79901 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Social Security employees will be on hand to provide instructions and guidance on how to access Social Security online services, applying for a password and how to file for social security benefits and much more. If you have any questions, please call (505) 523-0771 in Las Cruces and 915-782-4610 Ext. 3004 in El Paso.

■ People and their pets can usher in autumn at the 3rd Annual Pets Alive HOWL-O-WINE Dog Walk Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at La Vina Winery in La Union, NM. Participants in the one-mile walk around the

beautiful grounds of La Vina with family, friends and favorite canines help raise funds to fight pet overpopulation and support spay/neuter programs. The on-site registration begins at 12 p.m. and the walk at 1 p.m. For more information, rules and guidelines or to register (\$15 for one dog, \$20 for two, in advance), call (915) 855-7273 or log on to [www.petsaliveelpaso.org](http://www.petsaliveelpaso.org). Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to Pets Alive-El Paso, 9398 Viscount, Bldg. 5-A, El Paso, TX 79925. Event proceeds benefit low-cost spay/neuter programs in West Texas and Southern New Mexico. The non-profit Pets Alive El Paso works to help El Paso become a “No Kill” zone of adoptable pets community by covering costs of spay/neuter services through a variety of sponsored programs. Its voucher program pays pre-determined fees to participating veterinarians to cover spay/neuter costs for area pets.

Community Meetings  
5:30-6:30 pm

October 22, 2007  
Jane Hambric School Cafeteria/Gym

October 23, 2007  
Horizon Heights School Cafeteria

October 24, 2007  
Helen Ball School Cafeteria

October 29, 2007  
Escontrias School Cafeteria

October 30, 2007  
Paso Del Norte School Cafeteria/Gym

For More Information go to Socorro ISD's [www.sisd.net](http://www.sisd.net) & ask questions through our Internet Q & A System or call us at 937-BOND (2663) Responses to questions will be posted on the website or answered by phone.



2007 Socorro ISD Bond Election

Election Day Voting:  
Tuesday, November 6, 2007  
7am-7pm

New Construction \$258,930,013.00

- ▶ 4 Pk Hubs All Feeder Patterns
- ▶ Pk-5 Elementary School Americas Feeder Pattern
- ▶ Pk-5 Elementary School El Dorado Feeder Pattern
- ▶ Pk-5 Elementary School El Dorado Feeder Pattern
- ▶ Eastlake High School - Phase II
- ▶ Pebble Hills High School - Phase II
- ▶ Socorro High School-9th Grade Center - Phase II
- ▶ Americas High School Fieldhouse & Fine Arts Wing

Renovations \$6,836,680.00

- ▶ DAEP (Discipline Alternative Education Program) Renovations
- ▶ Lighting Existing High School Athletic Fields

Fixtures, Furniture & Equipment \$18,154,794.00

Technology \$15,000,000.00

Space Needs-Standards & Equity \$ 7,500,000.00

Refrigerated Air/Life Safety \$90,624,528.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$397,046,015.00



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NOTICE OF ELECTION  
TORNILLO ISD

A special election is hereby ordered to be held on November 6, 2007 for the purpose of a Rollback Election for Tornillo Independent School District.

Voting will take place at the following times and locations: Tuesday, November 6, 2007, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Administration Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 and ending November 2, 2007.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Marisela Portillo, P.O. Box 1002, Tornillo, Texas 79853.

Applications for ballot must be received no later than the close of business on November 2, 2007.

Un Aviso De Eleccion  
Distrito Escolar De Tornillo

Una eleccion especial ha sido ordenada para que se lleve a cabo el 6 de noviembre, 2007 con el proposito de la baja de la tarifa de impuestos para el Distrito Escolar de Tornillo.

Las votaciones se llevaran a cabo con el siguiente horario y lugar: martes, 6 de noviembre, 2007 de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de la administracion, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas.

La votaciones tempranas en persona serán conducidas cada día de la semana en el edificio de la Administracion entre las horas de las 8:30 a.m. y las 4:30 p.m. empezando el 22 de octubre, 2007 y se termina el 2 de noviembre, 2007.

Las aplicaciones para el voto por correo deben ser enviadas a: Marisela Portillo, P.O. Box 1002, Tornillo, Texas 79853.

Las aplicaciones para el voto por correo deben ser recibidas a no mas tardar de la hora de clausura el dia 2 de noviembre, 2007.

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GRANDPARENTS GAME DAYS - SENIOR CITIZENS GET IN FREE

UTEP VS. SOUTHERN MISS.  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007  
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UTEP VS. UCF  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007  
MEMORIAL GYM, NOON

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