



NEWSBRIEFS

Tax holiday

Shoppers will save more than ever before during the annual sales tax holiday — which now includes more than two dozen school supply items in addition to clothing and backpacks. Families will save an estimated \$65.7 million in state and local sales taxes according to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. The annual sales tax holiday weekend is coming up Aug. 21–23. State law designates the weekend of the third Friday in August for the sales tax holiday. “Most families are on tight budgets and it can be a real challenge to buy kids the clothes and supplies they need for a new school year,” Combs said. “To help out, the Legislature has added many school supplies to the list of tax-free items during the sales tax holiday. The tax break on school supplies alone will save families nearly \$9 million in state and local sales taxes this year.” The sales tax holiday covers school supplies, school backpacks and most children’s and adults’ clothing and shoes priced less than \$100. Lists of tax-free clothing and school supplies can be found at www.txtaxholiday.org. The annual August tax-free shopping spree has saved shoppers around \$442 million since it began in 1999.

— Allen Spelce

Canutillo physicals

Canutillo Middle School (CMS) in the Canutillo Independent School District, will offer middle school student athletic physicals for the 2009-2010 school year on Friday, August 21 at the CMS Gym, 7311 Bosque, for a fee of \$15. Students must have the medical history portion of an approved and updated U.I.L. physical examination form completed and signed by both the student and parent before the exam can be performed. The forms can be picked up in the main office at either middle school campus Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call 877-6600.

— Kim Guzman

Wanted

The hunt is on for Edgar Lorenzo Sealy who also uses Edgar Carrillo. Sealy is 33-years-old, 5’8” tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has brown hair and eyes. He has a tribal sun tattooed on his upper right arm and a clown on his back. Tattoos on his upper left arm include clowns, a female with hat and Michelle. Early last week, Sheriff’s Deputies assigned to the Civil Process Division attempted to locate Sealy to serve him Child Support Orders. As Deputies knocked on the front of his east



Edgar Sealy

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Always take plenty of time to make a snap decision.

— Quips & Quotes

Beware of IRS related identity theft scams

By Lea Crusberg
Special to the Courier

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service reminds consumers to avoid identity theft scams that use the IRS name, logo or Web site in an attempt to convince taxpayers that the scam is a genuine communication from the IRS. Scammers may use other federal agency names, such as the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

In an identity theft scam, a fraudster, often posing as a trusted government, financial or business institution or official, tries to trick a victim into revealing personal and financial information, such as credit card numbers and passwords, bank account numbers and passwords, Social Security numbers and more. Generally, identity thieves use someone’s personal data to steal his or her financial accounts, run up charges on the victim’s existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim’s name and even file fraudulent tax returns.

The scams may take place through e-mail, fax or phone. When they take place via e-mail, they are called “phishing” scams.

The IRS does not discuss tax account matters with taxpayers by e-mail.

The IRS urges consumers to avoid falling for the following recent schemes.

Making work pay refund

This phishing e-mail, which claims to come from the IRS, references the president and the Making Work Pay provision of the 2009 economic recovery law. It says that there is a refundable credit available to workers, consumers and retirees that can be paid into the recipient’s bank account if the recipient registers their account information with the IRS. The

e-mail contains links to register the account and to claim the tax refund.

In reality, most taxpayers receive their Making Work Pay tax credit, which was designed for wage earners, in their paychecks as a result of decreased tax withholding, not as a lump sum distribution from a federal fund. Additionally, consumers and retirees who are not wage earners are not eligible for this tax credit.

Inherited funds, Lottery winnings and Cash consignment

In this phishing scheme, recipients receive an e-mail claiming to come from the U.S. Department of the Treasury notifying them that they will receive millions of dollars in recovered funds or lottery winnings or cash consignment if they provide certain personal information, including phone numbers, via return e-mail. The e-mail may be just the first step in a multi-step scheme, in which the victim is later contacted by telephone or further e-mail and instructed to deposit taxes on the funds or winnings before they can receive any of it. Alternatively, they may be sent a phony check of the funds or winnings and told to deposit it but pay 10 percent in taxes or fees. Thinking that the check must have cleared the bank and is genuine, some people comply. However, the scammers, not the Treasury Department, will get the taxes or fees.

Form W-8BEN

In this scam, fraudsters modify a genuine IRS form, the W-8BEN, Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding, to request detailed personal and financial information. This could include

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Unemployment fraud costs taxpayers \$7,078 repaid in El Paso County

By Ann Hatchitt
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN — Efforts by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) led to more than \$460,000 in restitution orders for the first half of 2009. The orders resulted from statewide criminal prosecutions for Unemployment Insurance (UI) fraud. These funds will be returned to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund from which TWC pays UI benefits to those who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

TWC investigates and refers cases to local district attorney offices in which unemployment insurance benefits are obtained through fraud or deception. TWC’s efforts have resulted in nearly \$4 million returned to the state’s trust fund during the three-year period from 2006 to 2008.

In El Paso County, one individual was prosecuted for UI fraud and ordered to pay \$7,078 in restitution for a fraudulent UI claim this year. In addition to restitution, individuals who commit UI fraud can be ordered to pay a fine, perform community service and some serve jail time. For a list of recent statewide criminal dispositions, go to www.twc.state.tx.us/ui/bnfts/prosecutiondispo.html.

“Everyone pays the price when people

choose to cheat the system,” said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. “These cases demonstrate the results of agencywide systems implemented to detect and prevent fraud.”

TWC’s Regulatory Integrity Division is charged with detecting and preventing fraud, waste and abuse. The division enforces all regulatory statutes within the jurisdiction of the agency, including Tax, Workforce, Trade Act, Skills Development, Self-Sufficiency, Child Care and all other programs that administered by TWC. Prevention, detection and elimination of fraud, waste and abuse in the UI program are top priorities, ensuring that funds are available exclusively to those who meet the eligibility requirements.

TWC administers UI benefits to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own and are actively seeking work. TWC regularly cross matches UI claims with employer wage reports and other databases to detect possible UI fraud. If TWC discovers that claimants have received UI benefits through fraudulent applications, the agency seeks immediate reimbursement of overpayments. Examples of UI fraud include giving false information and failure to report self-employment or other earnings while receiving UI benefits.

To report suspected UI fraud, call the TWC Fraud and Program Abuse hot line at (800) 252-3642.



Pauline Dow

Dow leaves Canutillo ISD

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — “I am leaving here on a high note,” says Dr. Pauline Dow, associate superintendent for the Canutillo ISD.

Dow, who has held the No. 2 position in the district for three years, leaves Aug. 31 to accept a new position as chief academics officer for the Ysleta Independent School District.

In a special presentation during a board meeting, CISD trustees presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service to the district which goes back to 1989 when she was hired as a bilingual teacher at Canutillo Elementary School.

“It was a beautiful tribute,” she says. “They wish me well.” The plaque reads: “In appreciation of your 20 years of outstanding service and contributions.”

Dow’s departure will mark the second major change in the district administration. Dr. Pam Padilla retired as superintendent on June 30.

“Change is a good thing,” says Dow, 49, who is in the process of relinquishing her duties to other department heads. Those duties include overseeing the district’s academic program departments and supervising campus principals.

She would also seek community support for bond and tax issues.

Because a new superintendent may desire a different administrative structure, there are no immediate plans to fill her position.

Dow is a graduate of Austin High School and went on to earn her bachelor’s (1984) and two master’s degrees (1987 and 1989) from UT El Paso. With a perfect 4.0 grade point average, she earned her doctorate in educational leadership from UT El Paso in 2008, speaks of opportunity.

“This is a tremendous professional growth opportunity for me.” She characterizes it as “inspiring work,” work for which she is “well prepared.”

As she speaks of the future, she acknowledges the “debt of gratitude” she owes to those with whom she has worked for the past 20 years.

“This has been a wondrous opportunity for

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Fabens Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in the Boardroom of the Central Office, 821 N.E. “G” Street, Fabens, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.212900/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	5.25% (Decrease)
Debt Service	1.47% (Decrease)
Total Expenditures	6.72% (Decrease)

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	\$ 194,750,745	\$ 204,050,445
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,722,714	\$ 11,888,740
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 129,697,354	\$ 129,940,400
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,688,043	\$ 10,451,060

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

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

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$26,995,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.216500*	\$ 1.256500	\$ 634	\$7,291
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.014040	\$ 0.245900*	\$ 1.259940	\$ 705	\$7,852
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.212900*	\$ 1.252900	\$ 691	\$8,202

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 50,189	\$ 53,784
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 34,590	\$ 38,784
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.258800	\$ 1.252900
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 435.42	\$ 485.92
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 50.50

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.252900. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.252900.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5,138,894
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 37,073

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Milspeak: Putting your story down on paper

A retired Marine Corps gunnery sergeant by the name of Sally Drumm has hit on something worth noting. She believes that writing about our experiences in the military is a step on the way to healing.

Four years ago, Drumm started Milspeak, a series of no-cost creative-writing workshops that bring veterans together to put their stories — memoirs, if you will — down on paper.

There’s also a Web site: www.milspeak.org. Check out the stories in the Writers Gallery. They include a Marine who worked in the military mortuary in Iraq and one who writes of his experience in Desert Storm. There’s a story by a teenage girl who has been raised in the military, another by a Korean War veteran and dozens more. All are worth reading.

Check the Milspeak Memos, writing from veterans like us. Volumes 1 through 3 detail the Vietnam War experience, taps and tattoos, and sea stories.

Additionally, there is an invitation to submit work. Milspeak is accept-

ing submissions for Volume 4 of the Memos until Oct. 3. The overall topic is essays, memoirs and poetry about Gulf Wars 1 and 2.

Milspeak has just come out with a 474-page anthology, “Milspeak: Warriors, Veterans, Family and Friends Writing the Military Experience.” The anthology is a mix of memoirs and handbook for military folks who want to write. Drumm’s wish is that profits from the sale of the anthology go to keeping the Milspeak creative-writing seminars alive, at no cost to participants.

You can order the anthology online or through the publisher, Press 53, at 336-414-5599.

If you’ve ever wanted to get your own story down on paper, the anthology might be the push you need if you can’t attend the workshops.

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Scams

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nationality, passport number, bank account and PIN numbers, spouse’s name and mother’s maiden name, or other personal or financial information or security measures for financial accounts. The scammers may use the genuine form number and name or may make up a new form number, such as W-4100B2.

They either e-mail or fax the form or letter. If only a letter, the letter itself contains the request for the personal and financial information. The letter, which claims to come from the IRS, states that the recipient will face additional taxes unless he or she quickly faxes the required information to the number provided by the scammer.

In reality, taxpayers file the genuine Form W-8BEN with their financial institutions, not with the IRS. Additionally, the genuine W-8BEN does not request the taxpayer’s passport number, bank account number, security or similar information.

Refund scam

The bogus e-mail, which claims to come from the IRS, tells the recipient that he or she is eligible to receive a tax refund for a given amount. It instructs the recipient to click on a link contained in the e-mail to access and complete a form for the tax refund. The form requires the entry of personal and financial information. The refund scam is the most common one seen by the

IRS. Several recent variations on this scam have claimed to come from the Exempt Organizations area of the IRS. Some others have included the name and purported signature of a genuine or a made-up IRS executive.

Taxpayers do not have to complete a special form to obtain a refund. Taxpayer refunds are based on the tax return they submit to the IRS.

How to spot a scam

Many e-mail scams are fairly sophisticated and hard to detect. However, there are signs to watch for, such as an e-mail that:

- Requests detailed or an unusual amount of personal and/or financial information, such as name, SSN, bank or credit card account numbers or security-related information, such as mother’s maiden name, either in the e-mail itself or on another site to which a link in the e-mail sends the recipient.
- Dangles bait to get the recipient to respond to the e-mail, such as mentioning a tax refund or offering to pay the recipient to participate in an IRS survey.
- Threatens a consequence for not responding to the e-mail, such as additional taxes or blocking access to the recipient’s funds.
- Gets the Internal Revenue Service or other federal agency names wrong.
- Uses incorrect grammar or odd phrasing (many of the e-mail scams originate overseas and are written by non-native English speakers).
- Uses a really long address in any link contained in the e-mail message

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Hard to say goodbye

By Taprina Milburn

I started writing “For Sanity’s Sake” years ago when I was a mom with young children. There were days as a stay-home mom that I craved interaction with humans that didn’t include smelly diapers, puréed carrots or refereeing turf wars.

So I began the column to keep my sanity, consequently the title, “For Sanity’s Sake,” the reason I write. I also began the column because I have a deep love for family and firm belief that the love in a family can change the world. I’m of the Christian faith and have proudly watched my religion send missionaries all over the world to spread the Good News. But I’ve often had the thought that if we’d simply be missionaries in our own homes, offering love, grace, mercy and Good News to those we sit across from at the breakfast table each morning, the world would be a different place.

I also believe it’s the ordinary families, ordinary times in life, ordinary accomplishments that make the world go around. The magazine, newspaper and Internet news headlines won’t tell you this, but believe me, it’s true.

Since I married a little more than 20 years ago, I’ve had a clipped magazine article on my refrigerator. The clipping is a six-point list titled, “Ingredients of an Emotionally Healthy Family.” I’ve read it every morning when I grab the coffee creamer out of the refrigerator or each evening as I prepare

dinner. Some years we’ve managed to live according to the list; some years we have fumbled like most of us humans usually do.

The list reads: be in charge, spend time, encourage children to become good at something, model good communication, get support, and anticipate and plan for change.

It’s the last point on the list that we are working on in this season of our life. We’re no longer the parents of little kids, but teenagers. I went back to work nearly two years ago after being a stay-home mom for 14 years. My husband’s career looks different than it did 20 years ago, too. We’ve moved to a new community after living in the same place my husband and children were born.

It’s a new beginning for our family — kind of exciting and scary at the same time.

I don’t like goodbyes, but this is the last column I will be writing. Thank you, faithful readers. You’ve made writing a weekly column almost easy. I’ve always felt that I’ve been writing your stories. The goal of my writing has always been to remind myself to enjoy the everyday moments in parenting and family.

I hope you too will remember to soak up those moments in your own homes — even as you anticipate and plan for change.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **San Elizario Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in the SEISD Administration Office, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.108956/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.051800/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	2.00%	Increase
Debt Service	0.06% (Decrease)	
Total Expenditures	1.94%	Increase

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

	<u>Preceeding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 174,159,657	\$ 181,495,639
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 7,406,672	\$ 10,411,114
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 141,658,746	\$ 148,516,474
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 7,299,360	\$ 7,548,658

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

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

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$4,174,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operation</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.068956*	\$ 1.108956	\$ 398	\$8,908
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.001410	\$ 0.001260*	\$ 1.002670	\$ 389	\$7,632
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.108956	\$ 0.051800*	\$ 1.160756	\$ 461	\$8,258

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

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

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 51,990	\$ 54,048
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 36,990	\$ 39,048
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.108956	\$ 1.160756
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 410.20	\$ 453.25
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 43.05

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.108950. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.108950.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,681
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 87,934

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Tornillo Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2009 in the TISD Administration Building, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.090100/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.249000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	4.4% Increase
Debt Service	23.8% Increase
Total Expenditures	28.2% 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	\$ 62,552,860	\$ 64,283,820
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 3,215,361	\$ 1,404,328
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 50,971,014	\$ 52,199,730
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 2,986,421	\$ 1,142,964

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

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

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$22,838,537

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.261600*	\$ 1.351700	\$ 567	\$8,353
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.098110	\$ 0.267720*	\$ 1.365800	\$ 569	\$7,962
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.249000*	\$ 1.339100	\$ 557	\$8,573

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 43,334	\$ 43,095
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 27,898	\$ 27,735
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.351700	\$ 1.339100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 377.09	\$ 371.39
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (5.70)

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.339100. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.339100.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,936,694
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 69,000



Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Houston registrar stretches law

Hola, mi gente. If you read the article that I submitted last week, you may recall that the subject matter was the voter id bill. One of the points that was in the article was about the belief by many that one of the intents of the voter id bill was to manipulate elections. This would be done by an inordinate number of identifications being questioned.

In many conversations with the public, the point was consistently made that there is no evidence of tampering with our elections other than voter fraud. In fact, there is no great amount of voter fraud. There is evidence of improprieties involved in the registration of new voters however. Some of those improprieties involved incentives for the number of people which were registered by election workers. Those problems were well publicized and those involved punished.

Shortly after reading my last article in the *Courier*, I received an article that alarmed me. The article reported on a scheme which actually took voters off of the list of eligible voters in the Houston area.

For the purpose of background, House Bill 1268 was passed in 2005 and signed by the Governor. The bill made subtle changes to the voter registration card. A box was added that

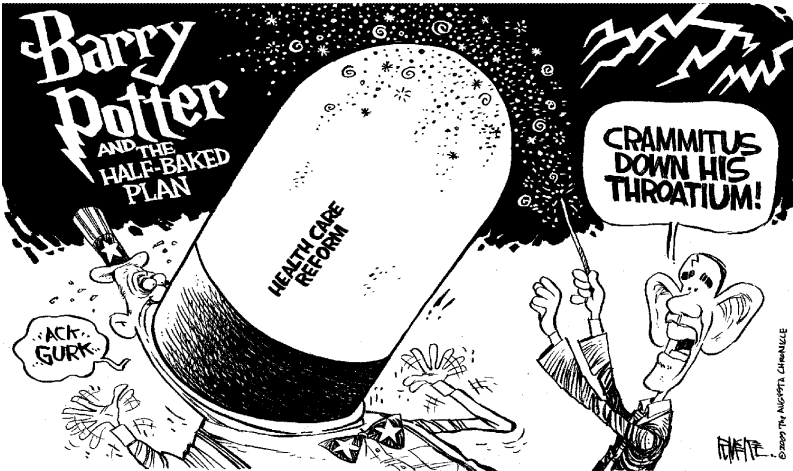
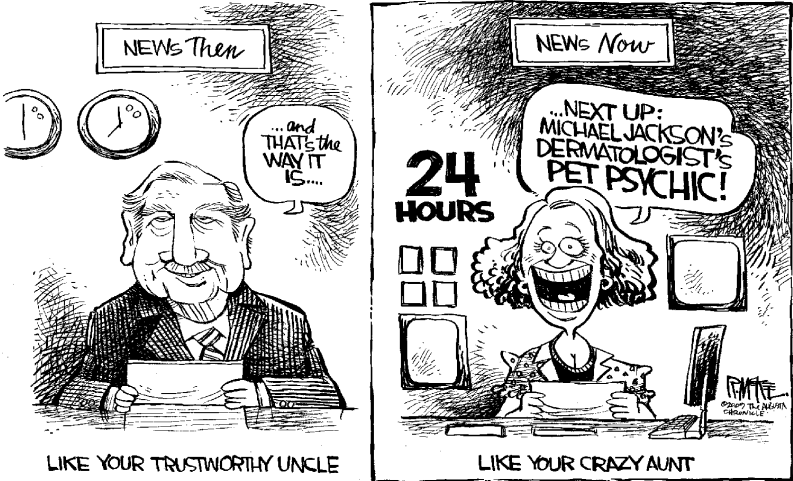
was intended to indicate that a person did not list a license to drive or social security number as verification of eligibility. This is in addition to indicating that the person registering is a citizen of the United States.

The bill also authorized voter registrars to reject the voter registration for two reasons: one, that no license or social security was submitted and the box was not checked; and two, that the box was checked even though a license or social was noted. In Houston, an aggressive effort by the associate voter registrar resulted in 70,000 rejections of voter applications based on the "Catch 22" provisions of HB 1268. No other county came close to alienating voters in the same manner as Harris County. Dallas County rejected only 1,800.

What is even worse is the fact that the same associate voter registrar is a business partner of the bill's author. What is the business they partner in you ask. Both are involved in a political consulting firm called Campaign Data Systems (CDS). CDS has as its clientele in the Houston area conservative politicians and candidates.

If any candidate was successful in reducing the number of voters who supported his opponent, you would have to agree that the race would be

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side home located in the 11000 block of Agua Ct., El Paso, Sealy bolted out the back door eluding authorities. Deputies later discovered Sealy was already wanted on an outstanding Criminal Warrant for Criminal Non-Support with no bond. Since then, several attempts have been made to located Sealy but he continues to elude capture. Sealy has an extensive criminal history with previous arrests for various offenses such as Harrassment, Assult, Family Violence, Possession of Marijuana, Parole Violation, Criminal Trespass, and DWI. Sealy is believed to remain in the area. Sheriff's Officials are asking anyone who has seen or knows the whereabouts of Sealy to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individuals featured.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting Police officers from the Mission Valley Regional Command Center who are investigating a series of Burglary of Habitation cases in which the burglar makes his women victims undress, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Thursday, June 25, between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m., the suspect made entry through a front window into an apartment on the far eastside. The suspect then located the circuit breaker, and turned off electrical power to the bathroom where the victim had been taking a shower. The subject then demanded that the victim pose nude in compromising positions. This same subject

is believed to have been involved in two other similar incidents. One was also in east El Paso, on Dec. 23, 2008; and the other was in Horizon City in February. The subject is described as a black man, approximately 5-foot-3 to 5-foot-6 inches tall, with curly black hair, bushy eyebrows, full lips, yellow teeth, and a deep voice. He also had a light growth of beard. In the June 25 incident, he was wearing a blue and yellow printed t-shirt, blue jeans, and black shoes. If you have any information at all about this crime, call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you could earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

Busted

During the week of August 4 - 8, 2009, the El Paso County Sheriff's Strike Team spear-headed Operation John. The operation was a reversal prostitution operation in which female undercover Deputies posed as prostitutes. The operation covered several areas in El Paso County that are known for prostitution activity. During the operation Deputies arrested a total of 15 people for either offering to engage, or agreeing to engage in sexual activity for a fee. Those people were charged with Prostitution. Of those arrested for prostitution, two people had current, outstanding warrants. Deputies also arrested two people for possession of narcotics (1 for marijuana and one for cocaine). One other person was arrested for three outstanding criminal warrants and another for Disorderly Conduct peeping in motel windows.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Canutillo Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in the Board Room, Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.100000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.252095/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	6.78% Increase
Debt Service	7.45% Increase
Total Expenditures	6.86% Increase

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

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,776,243,202	\$ 1,900,173,454
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 161,373,675	\$ 59,616,854
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,272,507,862	\$ 1,376,356,874
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 159,500,480	\$ 57,317,151

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$74,074,994

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.252095*	\$ 1.292025	\$ 3,054	\$6,638
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.024360	\$ 0.274240*	\$ 1.298600	\$3,200	\$ 5,095
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.100000	\$ 0.252095*	\$ 1.352095	\$3,297	\$ 5,556

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 133,403	\$ 138,123
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 116,267	\$ 122,203
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.292095	\$ 1.352095
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,502.28	\$ 1,652.30
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 150.02

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.292095. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.292095.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,226,785
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,003,008

Dow

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me,” Dow says looking back. “It really has.

“I feel I have been paid by my work here.

She goes so far as to say, “There is always opportunity for me.”

“It has been a privilege to work with an amazing school district. Everyone is a consummate professional.

“The district is set for greatness.”

Dow’s departure is not the only one in the district.

Alfredo Vasquez, longtime pub-

lic information officer for the district, retired June 30. Replacing him is Patricia Tidwell, who has worked for several El Paso TV stations. She also has public relations experience with various agencies as well as for a maquila operation in Juarez.

“This is a perfect position for me.

“I know the city; I understand El Paso,” says Tidwell. “I bring an edge in representing the school district.”

Before applying for the job, Tidwell said she had researched the district in which she and her family now reside. “I was impressed by the quality of education here.

“It is my community.”



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Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Tornillo Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Tornillo Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Superintendent Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 765-3000. Fax: (915) 764-2120.

Notificacion Publica

Es la norma de conducta de el distrito escolar de Tornillo prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o deshabilidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

El distrito escolar de Tornillo esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificadas por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendado, el Título IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, como enmendado, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, el Acta de la Discriminacion por edad de 1975 como enmendada, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilidades.

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuniquese con Superintendente Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 765-3000. Fax: (915) 764-2120.

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Chente

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easier to win. In a county like Harris that is beginning to swing away from Republicans, an advantage like that would be worth the risk.

The actions described may be completely unlawful; or, they may be lawful but terrible technical actions on the part of the registrar. The point is that our efforts in the state of Texas should be always working to increase voter participation.

The jury is out as far as this case is concerned. The evidence is not there to prove that any political ramifications are serious enough to take further actions. But if you take all the information, the collaborations and the 70,000 denied voter applications looks very bad.

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

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Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2008-2010 School Year

1.) Tornillo Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Business Education, Agricultural Science and Technology Education, Health Science Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Technology Education (Home Economics), Trade and Industrial Education, and Marketing Education. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Tornillo ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.

2.) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis or race, color, national origin, gender, or disability 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 Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, 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.) Tornillo ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5.) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Geoffrey Kimble, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 765-3000.

Notificacion de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnologia Tornillo ISD por el año escolar del 2009-2010

1.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo esta ofreciendo programas de carreras y tecnologia en Educacion de Negocios, Ciencia de Agricultura y Educacion en Tecnologia, Ciencia de Salud Tecnologia Educativa, Ciencia de Consumidor y Familia Tecnologia Educativa (Economia del Hogar), Comercio y Educacion Industrial, y Educacion de Mercado. La admision a estos programas es basada en la matriculacion actual en el distrito escolar de Tornillo, y tambien que se aiga cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.

2.) Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar segun la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnologia, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, que fue enmendada; Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.

3.) Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar segun la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, incapacidad, o edad en sus practicas de empleo como esta requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, que fue enmendada, Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y el Acta de discriminacion a la edad de 1975 como enmendada; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.

4.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y partipacion en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.

5.) Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, y/o la coordinadora de la Seccion 504, Geoffrey Kimble, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 765-3000.

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A sporting view By Mark Vasto

The reinstatement gamble

An interesting precedent was set in the world of sports when NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell reinstated — with conditions — former quarterback Michael Vick.

Vick, as you know, was sentenced to prison for basically overseeing a dog holocaust in his backyard and was subsequently banned from the league, declared bankruptcy and got a job working construction.

According to the deal, the former Atlanta Falcon is a declared free agent and allowed to sign with any team that will have him. Vick may participate in practices and play the final two preseason games, but will be barred from playing in any regular-season games until Week 6, when Goodell will make his final determination regarding Vick's reinstatement.

Barring some sort of insanely heinous off-field escapade, this would be a formality, since the franchise that signed and invested in him — even at what will likely be a bargain base-price — would probably make a convincing case for his reinstatement.

There were several arguments against the reinstatement of Vick. There was, of course, the dog torture. And there was the fact that he ran a gambling ring — gambling being one of the great taboos for professional

athletes. But there are those who said Vick had the right to work — even if he lied to his boss, and playing in the NFL is a privilege and not a right — and that he had paid his debt to society when he completed his prison term. Also, they point out, Vick did not gamble on NFL games.

Meanwhile, in Milwaukee, Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig is watching. On his desk is a file concerning the reinstatement of Pete Rose. Rose, as you may remember, is

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Public Notice
Special Needs Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2008-2009 School Year

Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one. Instructional Program: Including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12), Diagnostic Services, Transportation Services, Speech Therapy, Assistive Technology Equipment, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, School Health Services, Homebound Services, and Career & Technology.

Services are provided to identified auditorially 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 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL 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: Paul Vranish, Superintendent, Tornillo ISD, at 915-765-3000.

Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo para el año 2008-2009

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes programas/servicios educativos a niños que son identificados como incapacitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años. Programa de instruccion: infacia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), y cuarto de recurso (K-12), incluyendo servicios diagnosticos, servicios de transportacion, terapia de habla, equipo auxiliar de tecnologia, terapia fisica, servicios de salud escolar, servicios de clases en el hogar y servicios de carrera y tecnologia.

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

Conforme al Acto de Confidencia y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 94-142, 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 informacion o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educativos. Favor de comunicarse con: Paul Vranish, Superintendente, Tornillo ISD, 915-765-3000.

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Public Notice
Tornillo Independent School District 2009-2010 School Meal Policy

The Tornillo 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 2009- 2010. All children will receive a free breakfast and free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, age or national origin. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Geoffrey Kimble, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas, 79853, or call (915) 765-3000.

Noticia Publica
Poliza de Comida del Año 2009-2010 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo servira desayuno y almuerzo cada dia escolar. Todo los niños del distrito recibiran comida sin cobro durante el año escolar 2009-2010. Todo los niños recibiran un desayuno gratis y un almuerzo gratis a pesar de sus ingresos. En la operacion del programa de comidas para ninos, ningun niño sera discriminado por su raza, color, religion, genero, incapacidad, edad o origen nacional Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendente, y/o la coordinadora de la Seccion 504, Geoffrey Kimble, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 765-3000.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Anthony Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in the Anthony ISD Board Room, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.160000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	2.48%	Increase
Debt Service	0.02%	(Decrease)
Total Expenditures	2.46%	Increase

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

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 192,566,798	\$ 203,917,784
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 10,629,209	\$ 7,412,065
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 139,679,106	\$ 153,999,595
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 10,603,769	\$ 7,381,858

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$4,197,235
* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.129100*	\$1.1691000	\$ 2,186	\$7,049
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.041890	\$ 0.147010*	\$ 1.188900	\$2,296	\$6,985
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.160000*	\$ 1.200000	\$2,296	\$7,316

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 84,353	\$ 88,013
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 67,984	\$ 72,705
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.169100	\$ 1.200000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 794.80	\$ 872.46
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 77.66

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.200000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.200000.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,470,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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Public Notice Clint Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the District’s Section 504 Coordinator, Julia Truax, at 926-4041, or mail at 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, Julia Truax, al numero 926-4041, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

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Clint Independent School District Public Notification of Nondiscrimination

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

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

Notificación Pública de Prácticas No-Descriminatorias

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

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

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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
- 11) Dyslexia 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) *terapia de habla*
- 5) *servicios de consejo*
- 6) *servicios de equipaje adaptivo*
- 7) *terapia física*
- 8) *terapia ocupacional*
- 9) *servicios de salud escolar*
- 10) *servicios de clases en el hogar*
- 11) *servicios de dyslexia*

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 79386, o al teléfono (915) 851-8383.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Clint Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in the Central Administration Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

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

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	10.14% (Decrease)
Debt Service	2.57% (Decrease)
Total Expenditures	3.58% (Decrease)

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

	<u>Preceeding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,085,583,396	\$ 1,155,555,317
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 74,569,447	\$ 45,137,333
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 898,353,384	\$ 948,003,264
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 71,481,606	\$ 43,951,409

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

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

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$141,811,402

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operation</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.040050	\$ 0.295000*	\$ 1.335050	\$ 1,163	\$7,017
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.041840	\$ 0.300370*	\$ 1.342210	\$ 1,136	\$ 6,903
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040050	\$ 0.295000*	\$ 1.335050	\$ 1,145	\$7,197

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

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

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 86,684	\$ 86,715
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 70,120	\$ 71,369
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.335050	\$ 1.335050
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 936.14	\$ 952.81
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 16.67

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.343900. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.343900.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$19,094,094
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,268,386

Miners face seven bowl teams this season

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The UTEP football season will kickoff before you know it and the obvious goal of coach Mike Price and company is to win the conference and play in a bowl game.

The Miners got off to a tough 0-3 start last season before rallying to finish the year in semi-respectable fashion with a 5-7 record.

And two of the Miners’ final four losses were by just five points each.

What UTEP is going to have to do is keep from repeating last year’s pattern — but it’s going to be tough.

Six of UTEP’s first seven games this year are against teams that went to bowl games last season.

Except for the short trek to Las Cruces in week three for their annual battle with the New Mexico State Aggies, the Miners’ schedule is a nightmare.

First they open the season at home to Buffalo (International Bowl), who whipped the Miners 42-17 last year.

Then UTEP hosts Big-12 power

Kansas (Insight Bowl), who is ranked #26 by USA Today.

In week four, the Miners make the frightening trip to Austin to take on the second-ranked Texas Longhorns (Fiesta Bowl) and all-everything quarterback Colt McCoy.

The Miners will then return home for the Conference USA opener against preseason league favorite Houston (Armed Forces Bowl), who outlasted UTEP a year ago 42-37.

The tough conference games just keep coming the following week as the Miners travel to Memphis (Magic Jack Bowl) before returning to the Sun Bowl for what should be a scoring-fest against Tulsa (GMAC Bowl).

In case any of you have forgotten, the Golden Hurricane routed the Miners last year by the embarrassing tune of 77-35.

Now before any of you rush out to return your season tickets, the second half of the schedule gets considerably easier with four of their last five opponents recording losing records in 2008.

In fact, those four teams finished with a combined record of 11-37

last year.

UTEP is back in the Sun Bowl to start the final stretch of the season for an encounter with Alabama-Birmingham (4-8 in 2008).

The Miners then hit the road for three straight weeks, starting at Tulane (2-10) and then at SMU (1-11). UTEP knocked off both teams in the Sun Bowl last year.

The Miners will then finish their road trip against the one powerhouse on the back end of the schedule, Rice (Texas Bowl). Rice and UTEP played a great game a year ago with the Owls escaping the Sun Bowl with a 49-44 victory.

UTEP returns home to close out the regular season with Marshall (4-8).

With seven bowl teams on the Miners’ 12-game schedule, there’s no doubt the team will be hard-pressed to play in a bowl game when it’s all said and done.

But the Miners do have an offense that can put up 30 points on any defense in the nation. The question is whether the Miners will have the kind of defense that can hold their opponents under 40 points.

It’s that simple. The defense holds the key to any league titles or bowl invitations.

Some fans believe the main man on the Miners’ roster is quarterback Trevor Vittatoe, but the real name to watch is listed on the UTEP roster under “coaches.”

Osia Lewis is in his second season as the defensive savior for the Miners and if he can get his players to perfect his 3-3-5 scheme, this could be a special season for the team.

The Miners lost four games last season in which the offense scored at least 33 points. I’ve got the funny feeling Miner fans won’t accept that this year.

Oh, and if any of you are going to start that “Mike Price should be fired” talk if the Miners get off to another slow start, think about this.

In his five years at UTEP, Price has compiled at 30-30 record and taken the Miners to two bowl games. In the three years prior to his arrival, Gary Nord recorded a 6-30 record at UTEP.

All we long-suffering UTEP football fans ever asked for was a team that could be competitive and we now have that.

Think about this, before Price’s arrival, what was the likelihood that Texas and Kansas would have made appearances in the Sun Bowl?

It’s called credibility.

Gamble

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baseball’s all-time hits leader who did gamble on his own games and wasn’t repentant enough for former commissioner Bart Giamatti, or Selig, to be reinstated.

Smart money (not gambling money) has Rose being reinstated, if only to help Selig salvage his legacy — a legacy that has him presiding over the Steroid Era with a blind eye, robbing an entire generation of any meaningful statistics (but that’s OK, statistics aren’t important to baseball anyway). In fairness, Selig did bring about the era of the wild-card, interleague

play, and ‘roided up the All-Star Game by making it count toward the winning league’s World Series home-field advantage. Maybe a reintroduction to Charlie Hustle’s career and clearing Rose will clean up memories of Barry Bonds’ using “the clear.”

Of course, if he does that, Selig also should be prepared to exonerate “Shoeless” Joe Jackson and the rest of the “Black Sox.”

How will fans react to the reinstatement of these players? As it is in most things, when it comes to sports, it’s a gamble.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sports-writer and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.77 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate 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 first public hearing will be held on **AUGUST 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM** at West Valley Fire Department, 510 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas 79821.

The second public hearing will be held on **SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM** at San Elizario Fire Department, 1425 San Antonio St., San Elizario, Texas 79849.

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

FOR:	Ray Trevizo, William Adler, Nick Sierra and Henry Magallanes
AGAINST:	NONE
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2** last year was \$70,101. Based on last year’s tax rate of \$0.100000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$70.10.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2** this year is \$73,267. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.097305 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$71.29

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$73.27.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

CryptoQuip Answer

With hair dyed blond,
the girl tried to appear
sultry, but her roots
were showing.

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Deadline: Mondays
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Horizon City, TX 79928

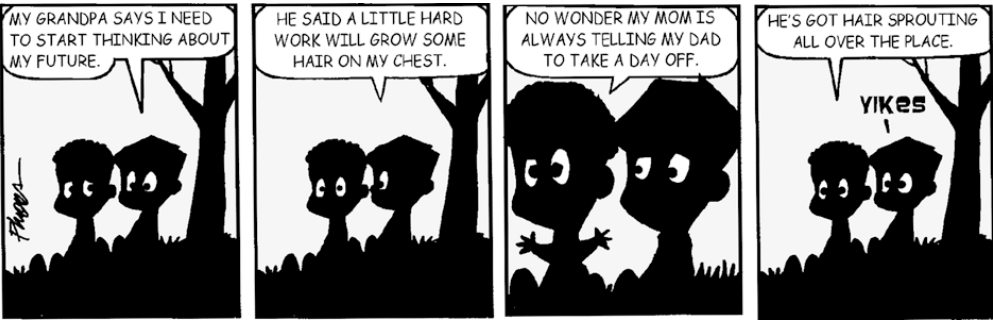
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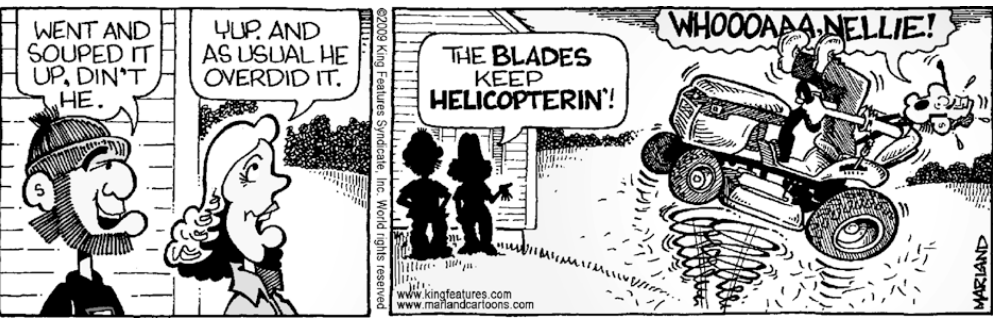
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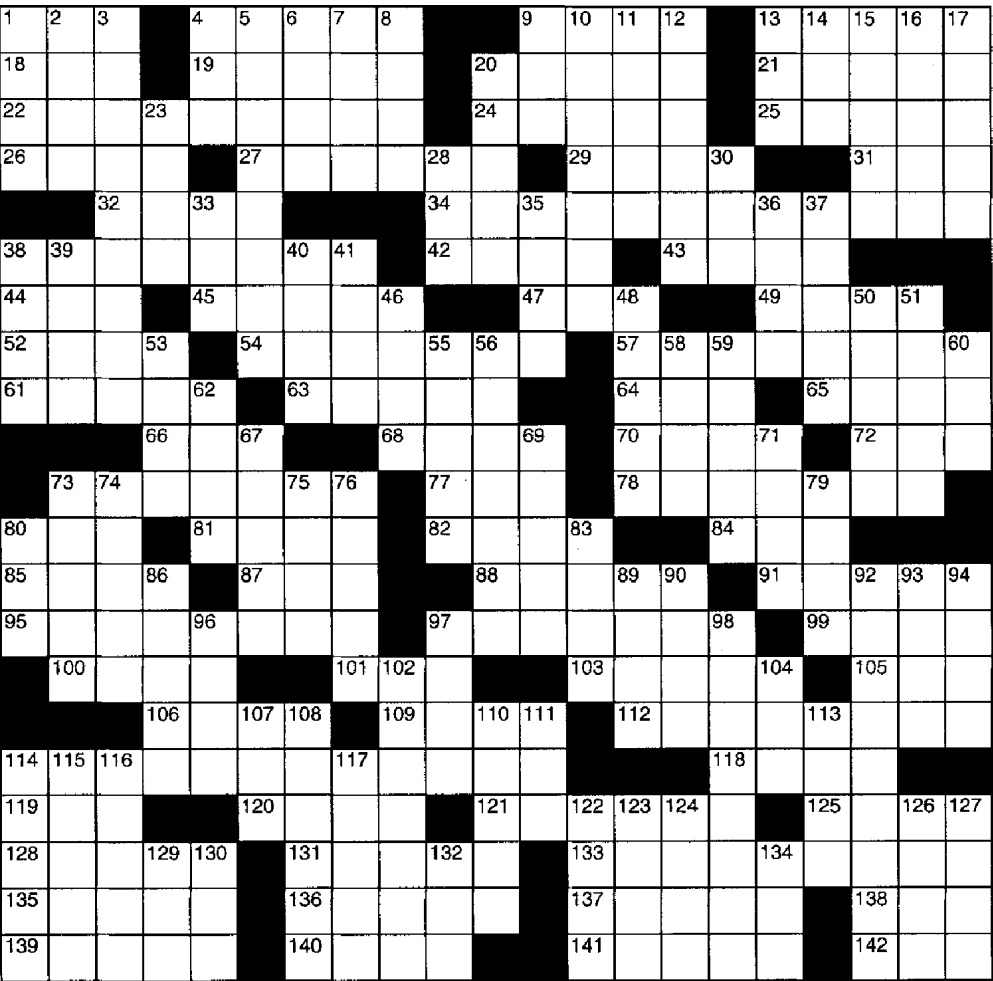
THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



King Super Crossword



- SOUNDS TOUGH!**

ACROSS

1 Big _

4 "Stop, sailor!"

9 James of "Misery"

13 Swashbuckling novelist
- 18 Grand _ Opry

19 Actress Berger

20 Mourful music

21 "F Troop" corporal

22 Start of a remark by Milton Berle

24 Mid-size band
- 25 "Andrea _ "

26 Costa _

27 "Family Feud" host

29 Division word

31 Aachen article

32 Basilica feature

34 Part 2 of remark
- 38 TV's "General _ "

42 Like some sheep

43 Part of HOMES

44 Inclined

45 Senator Thurmond

47 "Waking _ Devine" ('98 film)
- 49 Wee serving

52 Composer Schifrin

54 Circus performer

57 Put on a pedestal

61 Soft tissue

63 Tangle

64 Damage

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2009 Property Tax Rates in Town of Anthony

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for the **Town of Anthony**. 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	\$ 341,540
Last year’s debt taxes	\$ 180,673
Last year’s total taxes	\$ 522,213
Last year’s tax base	\$ 130,940,507
Last year’s total tax rate	0.398817 /\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 521,059
÷ This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 139,445,205
= This year’s effective tax rate	0.373665 /\$100

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

This year’s rollback tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 340,785
÷ This year’s adjusted tax base	\$ 139,445,205
= This year’s effective operating rate	0.244386 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	0.263936 /\$100
+ This year’s debt rate	0.186785 /\$100
= This year’s total rollback rate	0.450721 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **Town of Anthony** adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of **\$0.373665** per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by **\$22,521**.

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 Funds	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$ 258,000
Debt Service (I&S)	\$ 507,000

SCHEDULE B – 2008 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
General Obligation Bonds - Series 1974	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,575	-0-	\$ 9,575
Tax and Revenue Bonds - Series 2007	\$ 22,000	\$ 6,825	-0-	\$ 28,825
SIB Loan	\$ 39,169	\$ 8,486	-0-	\$ 47,655
2002 Cert. Oblig.	\$ 17,000	\$ 7,931	-0-	\$ 24,931
2007 Cert. Oblig.	\$ 22,000	\$ 17,810	-0-	\$ 39,810
2009 Cert. Oblig.	\$ -0-	\$ 121,503	-0-	\$ 121,503

Total required for 2009 Debt Service	\$ 272,299
- 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 2009	\$ 272,299
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2009	-0-
= Total Debt Levy	\$ 272,299

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' 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:** July 27, 2009

65 Actress Ward

66 Baseball's Boudreau

68 Enchilada alternative

70 "Trinity" author

72 Neighbor of Wyo.

73 Obeys the dentist

77 Part 3 of remark

78 '80s Joe Penny series

80 Crank's comment

81 Skater Lipinski

82 Noun suffix

84 Sundown, to Shelley

85 Actor Arkin

87 See 106 Across

88 "Love Train" group

91 Thick of things

95 Denizen

97 Geological phenomenon

99 The Chipmunks, e.g.

100 Comic Carvey

101 Galena, for one

103 _-ski party

105 Priest's robe

106 With 87 Across, type of liqueur

109 Merit

112 _ blanket

114 Part 4 of remark

118 Well-informed

119 "So that's your game!"

120 Nonflowering plant

121 "The Addams Family" uncle

125 Does Little work

128 Croc's kin

131 Chateau valley

133 End of remark

135 Wear away

136 Computer key

137 "The Lady _" (79 film)

138 Child welfare org.

139 Rock's Meisner

140 Stocking stuffers?

141 Dispositions

142 "The Bells" monogram

DOWN

1 Physicist Niels

2 "The Time Machine" people

3 English port

4 Simile center

5 Feud

6 Novelist Seton

7 Pack

8 Homeric characters

9 Pres. Clinton, e.g.

10 Performer

11 Actor's actor?

12 Irritate

13 Rigoletto, to Gilda

14 Actor Tognazzi

15 _ Gras

16 Sharon of Israel

17 Trap singer

20 "Tiny Bubbles"

23 Comics' "Andy -"

28 He gives a hoot

30 " _ the fields we go..."

33 Slangy sib

35 Ain't right?

36 Extensive

37 Toast start

38 Grapefruit serving

39 October birthstone

40 Curved lines

41 Forsaken

46 Ditch under a drawbridge

48 Object

50 Change for the better

51 Brawl

53 Sonja Henie's birthplace

55 Acts like an ass?

56 Spirits

58 Amritsar attire

59 Nonsense

60 Smidgen

62 Throw a party

67 Custom

69 Message board?

71 Goblet part

73 Lost luster

74 _ apso

75 Gray or Moran

76 _ Domingo

79 "What's _ for me?"

80 Candy quantity

83 Spotted rodent

86 Belarusian city

89 Puppy protests

90 Withered

92 Downspout

93 Bank deposit?

94 "Twelfth Night" role

96 Spanish surrealist

97 Equipment

98 Happened again

102 Heal a rift

104 Eat in the evening

107 Right _ the bat

108 A hole near the sole

110 Allude (to)

111 Dundee denial

113 Loud laugh

114 Bet

115 "Pal Joey" author

116 Boca _, FL

117 Maine town

122 Willowy

123 Baseball's Martinez

124 Spanish river

126 "I could _ horse!"

127 Break suddenly

129 Eccentric

130 Curious George's creator

132 Musical syllables

134 Pitches

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

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals O

LMIS SYMK EBVE QFRZE,
ISV TMKF IKMVE IR
YGGVYK UCFIKB, QCI
SVK KRRIU LVKV
USRLMZT.

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Scams

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or one that does not start with the actual IRS Web site address (www.irs.gov). To see the actual link address, or url, move the mouse over the link included in the text of the e-mail.

What to do

The IRS does not initiate taxpayer contact via unsolicited e-mail or ask for personal identifying or financial information via e-mail. If you receive a suspicious e-mail claiming to come from the IRS, take the following steps:

- Do not open any attachments to the e-mail, in case they contain malicious code that will infect your computer.

• Do not click on any links, for the same reason. Also, be aware that the links often connect to a phony IRS Web site that appears authentic and then prompts the victim for personal identifiers, bank or credit card account numbers or PINs. The phony Web sites appear legitimate because the appearance and much of the content are directly copied from an actual page on the IRS Web site and then modified by the scammers for their own purposes.

- Contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to determine whether the IRS

is trying to contact you.

- Forward the suspicious e-mail or url address to the IRS mailbox phishing@irs.gov, then delete the e-mail from your inbox.

Genuine IRS

The only genuine IRS Web site is IRS.gov. All IRS.gov Web page addresses begin with http://www.irs.gov/. Anyone wishing to access the IRS Web site should initiate contact by typing the IRS.gov address into their Internet address window, rather than clicking on a link in an e-mail.

Across & Down

by Donna Pettman

Rearrange the letters in each group to form a word. Place the words into the diagram so that the same words read both across and down. The first word across is the same as the first word down, the second word across is the same as the second word down and so on. The letter groups are not necessarily placed next to the row of the diagram in which they go.

RIAA
ALTE
IFTL
ALWL

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Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Clint Independent School District for 2009-2010 School Year

Clint Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Business Education, Agricultural Science and Technology Education, Health Science Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Technology Education (Home Economics), Trade and Industrial Education, and Marketing Education. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Clint ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.

It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or disability 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.

It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, 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.

Clint ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Robert Mendoza at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 and/or Section 504 Coordinator Julia Truax at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4041.

Notificacion de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnologia Clint ISD por el año escolar del 2009-2010

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint esta ofreciendo programas de carreras y tecnologia en Educacion de Negocios, Ciencia de Agricultura y Educacion en Tecnologia, Ciencia de Salud Tecnologia Educativa, Ciencia de Consumidor y Familia Tecnologia Educativa (Economia del Hogar), Comercio y Educacion Industrial, y Educacion de Mercado. La admision a estos programas es basada en la matriculacion actual en el distrito escolar de Clint, y tambien que se aiga cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.

Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint no discriminar segun la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnologia, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, que fue enmendada; Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.

Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint no discriminar segun la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, incapacidad, o edad en sus practicas de empleo como esta requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, que fue enmendada, Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y el Acta de discriminacion a la edad de 1975 como enmendada; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y partipacion en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.

Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Robert Mendoza, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Julia Truax en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4041.

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