



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Canutillo volunteers

Canutillo Independent School District is seeking individuals who are parents of enrolled students, persons who reside in the community, and business persons who have an interest in the Canutillo school district to volunteer to serve on the District and Campuses Site-Based Management Committees. Volunteers and nominations for open positions are now being taken for the 2009-2010 school year. If you would be willing to serve, or you would like to nominate someone, please contact the CISD public information office at 877-7481.

— Patricia Tidwell

### Traffic enforcement

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation Education and Enforcement (TXDOT) will be utilizing a grant for additional patrols this Labor Day Holiday season for DWI traffic enforcement. The purpose of this program is aimed at getting speeding and impaired drivers off the roadways. Extra Deputies will be out on the streets during the Labor Day Holiday period. The push is to deter drunk driving. The enforcement program began Friday, August 21 and continues through the Labor Day Holiday weekend until Monday, September 7, 2009. Statistics from the Texas Department of Transportation indicate Texas leads the nation when it comes to the number of traffic fatalities where the driver or motorcycle operator was legally drunk. Last year, Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2008 death toll of 3,468 was an increase of 0.20% from the 3,461 deaths recorded in 2007. In 2008, there were 975 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 28.1% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.

Based on reportable crashes in 2008:

- 1 person was killed every 2 hours 32 minutes; and
- 1 person was injured every 2 minutes 10 seconds.

Penalties for a first-time DWI offense include:

- Up to \$2,000 fine;
- 72 hours to 6 months in jail;
- Driver's license suspension for up to one year; and
- \$1,000 annual fee for 3 consecutive years to retain drivers license.

Deputies will be focusing on other law enforcement issues including:

- Possession of Alcohol by a Minor;
- Purchase of Alcohol by a Minor;
- Attempt to Purchase Alcohol by a Minor;
- Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor;
- Misrepresentation of Age by a Minor;
- Driving Under Influence of Alcohol by a Minor;

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*Don't pray for rain if you're going to complain about the mud.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Balesh earns highest food service credential

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

The Canutillo Independent School District's (CISD) Food Service Director, Adele Balesh, has earned her School Nutrition Specialist (SNS) credential, the highest credentialing within her profession.

Balesh had to meet rigorous academic and experience requirements, as well as demonstrate competency by passing a national standardized test for school foodservice and nutrition. She is one of over 1,000 professionals to have earned this designation.

Balesh, who has 27 years experience in educational food service, has worked for CISD for 17 years. She oversees nine campuses and the District's test kitchen, which is open to the public for breakfast and lunch. In addition to managing both the school year and summer meal programs for students and families, she oversees the test kitchen's catering for schools and Board of Trustee events.

Balesh earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico (UNM) in Albuquerque in Home Economics, Nutrition and Food Service and her Master's degree in Home Economics Vocational Education, also from UNM.

The SNS credential is offered through the School Nutrition Association, a nonprofit organization of over 55,000 members that encourages the highest standards in school foodservice and nutrition programs. This credential recognizes those who have obtained a high level of professional achievement.



Adele Balesh

"SNS professionals are committed to providing nutritious school meals that help students build lifelong healthy eating habits," said Katie Wilson, PhD, SNS and School Nutrition Association President.

"Providing professional school food service to school children daily is not only a job for me. It gives me self satisfaction by allowing me to provide a very special service towards the promotion of health and well being for our future generation," said Balesh.

## Solis-Cera is finalist for Texas Teacher of the Year

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

Teacher Virginia Solis-Cera had an exciting first day of school on August 24 with meeting her new class of students and learning that she



Virginia Solis-Cera

had been named as one of three finalists for the Texas Teacher of the Year competition. Superintendent Mike Quatrini delivered the good news to Solis-Cera as she had just begun her first instructional day for the 2009-2010 school year. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) notified the school district that Solis-Cera had been selected as a fi-

nalist at the elementary level. She will now travel to Austin to be interviewed by an independent panel of judges on September 12.

It was less than two weeks ago that Solis-Cera was chosen as the Education Service Center-Region 19's Elementary Teacher of the Year on August 15. Now she has emerged as one of a half dozen finalists from a field of 40 extraordinary teachers vying for the state titles of Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year and Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Solis-Cera is beginning her 10th year as an educator and is currently a 5th grade teacher at Sambrano Elementary School. She holds two degrees from UTEP — a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in Early Childhood and a concentration in science and a master's degree in education with a major as an Instructional Specialist in Reading.

The Texas Education Agency will host and awards ceremony on October 30 to announce the winners of the 2010 Texas Teacher of the Year honors.

## Clint ISD cadets attend DC conference

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

Clint High School, JROTC Cadets, James and Betty McKenzie, attended the National Security Policy Program in Washington D.C. this summer as Presidential Classroom (PC)

Scholars. As PC Scholars, both were given an in-depth look at the National Security process from diplomacy to securing peace after conflict.

Upon their arrival in Washington, James and Betty, were placed in working groups and then

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## Socorro ISD enrollment tops 40,000

By Daniel R. Escobar  
Special to the Courier

2009 has been a year of milestones for the Socorro ISD. In April, the SISD was one of only five school districts nationwide selected as a finalist for the 2009 Broad Prize for Urban Education. In June, the District became home to the 5A state championship baseball team. At the end of July, the confirmed TAKS results reflected significant gains in student academic success and earned the District a Texas Education Agency Recognized rating. This month, the District has reached another significant landmark — its enrollment has surpassed 40,000 students for the first time.

"The rapid growth of our District reflects the confidence families have in our system to provide their children with excellent academic and extra-curricular opportunities," said Superintendent Dr. Xavier De La Torre. "Growth does however bring unique challenges."

The District anticipated growth of some

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## Menchaca named Socorro Middle School principal

By Daniel R. Escobar  
Special to the Courier

The Socorro Independent School District Board of Trustees confirmed the ap-



Rosemary Menchaca

pointment of Rosemary Menchaca as principal of Socorro Middle School. Menchaca has served as dean of instruction for Math and Science at El Dorado High School since 2007. Prior to that, she was an assistant principal at the school for three years and earned recognition as the 2007 Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Assistant Principal of the Year. She taught at Socorro and Americas high schools from 1997 through 2004, serving as a department chair in Socorro from 2000 through 2004. Menchaca began her career in 1988 as a teacher at Riverside Middle School in the Ysleta ISD. She was honored as the school's Teacher of the Year in 1996.

Menchaca received both master's and bachelor's degrees in education from the University of Texas at El Paso. She replaces former principal David Pena who was promoted to serve as principal of Americas High School.



## Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

### I-10, Horizon exchange finished

Hola, mi gente. Last week I participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating the completion of work at Horizon Blvd. and Interstate 10. After months of barriers and road work, TxDOT put the final touches on the best I-10 intersection in El Paso County.

Two summers ago, I wrote the TxDOT District Engineer for El Paso, Charles Berry, and shared with him my concerns about the traffic congestion that would result from the construction. Cars were already

backed up and if the lanes crossing above I-10 were closed for any length of time, motorists were going to be inconvenienced greatly.

As a result of the letter, TxDOT put forth a plan to perform the construction in phases. This plan kept the overpass lanes completely open until it absolutely had to close some lanes. I commend Mr. Berry and all of the engineers at the El Paso office of TxDOT for their response to my concerns; which of course reflected the concerns of constituents who use the intersection.

The intersection now, as I stated previously, is the best in El Paso county. After reviewing many of the problems at other intersections further west of Horizon, TxDOT planners designed their plans with

changes that made a lot of sense.

First of all, the exit lane from I-10 to the intersection was pushed much further west; thus, eliminating the consistent backlog of cars on the interstate. That was a dangerous situation with cars backed up almost a mile.

Then the traffic on the access road was addressed. It used to be that cars intending to cross over to the other side of Horizon stopped at the light in addition to the cars turning left or right. TxDOT designed a lane that passed under the intersection for those intending to cross to the other side of Horizon. Also, there is now a turnaround lane for those cars wanting to travel on the west bound access road. And, there is a dedicated turning lane for both north and south bound traffic on Horizon.

While much was done to the access road, the over pass on I-10 was also improved. There are now six lanes for traffic to pass over the interstate. Traffic lights have also been

put into place so that eighteen wheelers can exit the truck stops without disrupting or endangering motorists.

All of those changes have combined to transform a normally cluttered and dangerous intersection into one that is quick to navigate and safe. Our engineers at TxDOT heard the concerns and complaints from motorists who use that intersection and developed one great piece of engineering.

This project is just one of many by the State of Texas which has pumped millions of dollars into our economy since I was first elected. There are more projects and more millions that we are dedicating to El Paso County. This area of the county is the most dynamic when it comes to transportation construction. Loop 375 at I-10 and Loop 375 at Montwood will be getting makeovers in the near future as well.

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

## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### Parkinson's Disease on Agent Orange list

One year ago, the Institutes of Medicine organized a committee to update the information on Vietnam veterans and Agent Orange. Its goal was to take another look at the links between Agent Orange and health effects being suffered by veterans, adding to the information it first started studying in 1994.

The IOM just came out with the seventh update — Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 2008. Two illnesses have now changed category. The report finds that there is “limited or suggestive evidence of an association between exposure ... and early-onset transient peripheral neuropathy Parkinson’s disease.” Additionally, heart disease was moved to this new category, after being on the “inadequate or insufficient evidence” list.

In the report’s summary, the committee notes that it was asked to make recommendations for any additional studies. One of the recommendations was that research needs to be done quickly for a number of illnesses, including Parkinson’s disease.

It calls for an expanded defini-

tion of Vietnam veterans, too. The committee doesn’t believe that veterans who were actually on the ground were the only ones affected by Agent Orange. Ships that distilled drinking water from seawater could have had that water contaminated by “drift from herbal spraying.” The evidence, they say, suggests that Blue Water Navy veterans “should not be excluded” from the group of exposed Vietnam-era veterans.

You can read the report at [www.nap.edu](http://www.nap.edu). Put “Agent Orange 2008” in the search box, and you can read it online.

Another good source of information is The Agent Orange Review. To see previous issues, go online to [www.VA.gov](http://www.VA.gov) and put “The Agent Orange Review” in the search box. You also can subscribe to an e-mail version of the Review.

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## View from here By Christine Gleason

### A heartfelt thanks

The new school year is upon us. Summer looms in the distance. Business attire and closed toed shoes replace shorts and t-shirts. The smell of crayons in the hallways and fresh baked cafeteria rolls permeate the slightly humid air of the school. Squeals of delight and nervous laughter in the distance signals children are anxious to find their new classroom and greet their teacher. A general excitement can be felt like mist from a morning fog, but something more ominous looms in the distance.

Is it the turbulent economy? The controversial war in Iraq? The increasing border violence? No. What hangs its nasty head in the hallways of our schools like motivational posters on the classroom walls of a first year teacher is those dreaded four letter words — TAKS, TEKS, ELPS, PDAS, SIOP, the list goes on.

But, there is one word that is never part of the equation — TIME.

Teachers have to complete lesson plans, grade papers, call parents, and compete with iPods and Youtube on a daily basis. Teachers fill out forms, raise money, coach athletics and academic events, attend faculty meetings and make copies. We check dress code, rearrange desks, sharpen pencils and take away cell phones. More often than not, teachers spend more time with other people’s kids than they do with their own. Teachers attend after school events, organize papers, team-teach, discuss educational issues in the hallway, serve on committees and do duty. We tutor, plan, revise, re-teach, create new lessons, sit through ARD’s, and attend professional development workshops.

And yet, teachers still have TIME to wipe away a child’s tears when he or she doesn’t pass “the test.” We still find TIME to guide kids through the heart-

breaks of adolescent love, comfort them when a family member dies, and render advice when their parents are getting a divorce. We steer kids in the right direction when they succumb to the pressure of their peers, and put a smile on their face when they are having a bad day.

Too often when people find out I am a high school teacher they say “ooh, I’m sorry.” Or “wow, I could never do that.” Rather, teachers should be as revered as doctors and as well paid as corporate lawyers. Teachers should be given the same status in society as a Rocket Scientist or a Physicist. Every kid in our classroom will walk away with something we said or something we taught them. Every kid who passes through our doors will be forever changed because we are teachers. It’s TIME to realize that teachers have always been and will continue to be the backbone of the future.

Without further ado, it is undeniably TIME to thank teachers for all that they do.

Granted, teaching has its other rewards. Mostly they come in the form of a college graduation invitation to a former student’s commencement ceremony or a surprise visit from a former student. But how often do teachers find the time to thank each other?

This year make it a point to add one more thing to your already overwhelming list. Pat a colleague on the back. Remind them that they are extraordinary and paramount to the success of the future.

So, from the State Teacher of the Year, thank you. Believe me, you are all my hero’s for everything that you do to educate our kids.

And for all of the non-educators out there, the next time you find out someone’s a teacher, don’t grimace. Instead, say “Thank You.”



Christine Gleason

*Gleason is the Texas 2009 State Teacher of the Year.*

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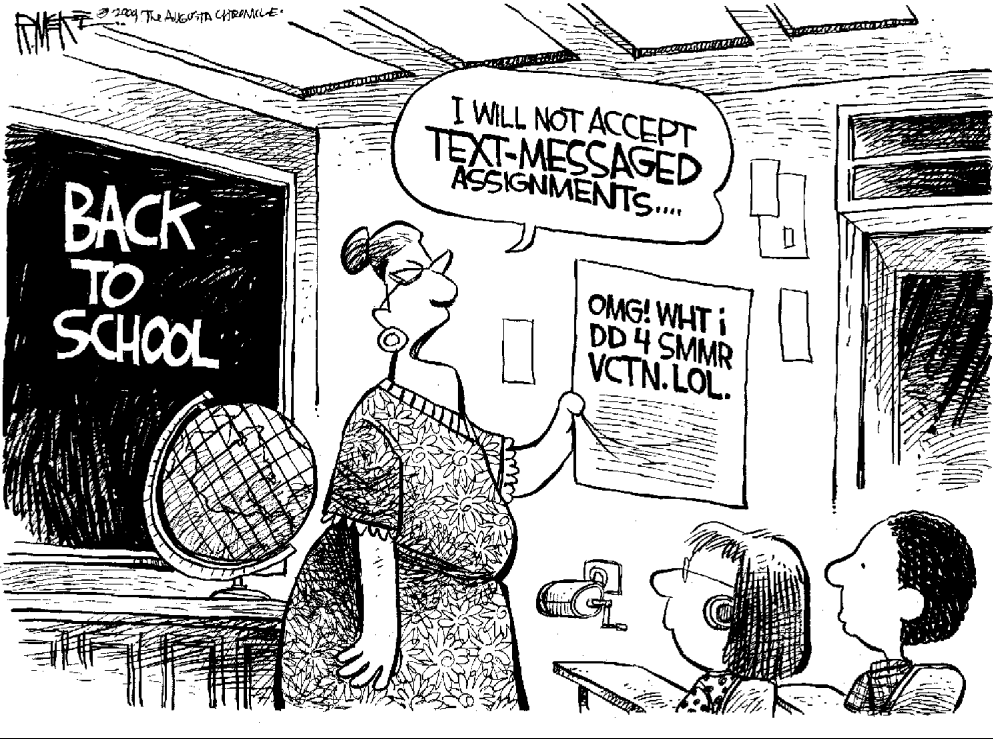
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What’s up, doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

Of mammograms and telegrams

The ritual of the yearly mammogram screening has reached epic proportions, with vast numbers of our “over-50-ish” fairer sex trudging down to their family care providers, gynecologists, or radiologists religiously, in order to receive peace of mind for another 365 days. Mammograms were originally conceived of to preclude nasty surprises and their subsequent urgent telephone calls and telegrams. But are they foolproof? Does being a “good girl” and getting one’s annual mammogram avert a worst-case scenario, namely, advanced-stage breast cancer with little chance of cure? Lo and behold, we now learn that no two breasts are exactly alike, and that mammography can detect only about half of all breast cancers in women with dense breast tissue. And how, for that matter, is a woman to know if her breasts are dense? We need to throw some light and accurate medical information on a subject that directly or indirectly affects us all. As products of a mother’s milk, we would be remiss to do otherwise.

Breast tumors are dense and, when coupled with dense breast tissue, make for a difficult game of hide-and-seek, with anatomical camouflage making discovery difficult, at best. To make matters worse, dense breasts are not the exception to the rule and, actually, are quite frequent. The medical literature indicates that half of women under age 50 and one-third over 50 have this density dilemma, if we may call it that. The younger a woman is, the more likely she is to have dense breasts. If that were not all, even if a woman were to be aware of her individual density issue, chances are that she would be blatantly unaware of the fact that her annual mammogram might actually miss its intended target. Were radiologists to inform their patients of this particular, not only would mammograms drop below radar screens and get scratched off shopping lists, but women might protest en masse and further embarrass a health care system already reeling from assaults by Congress, local politicians, the elderly, the poor, and the downright fed-up.

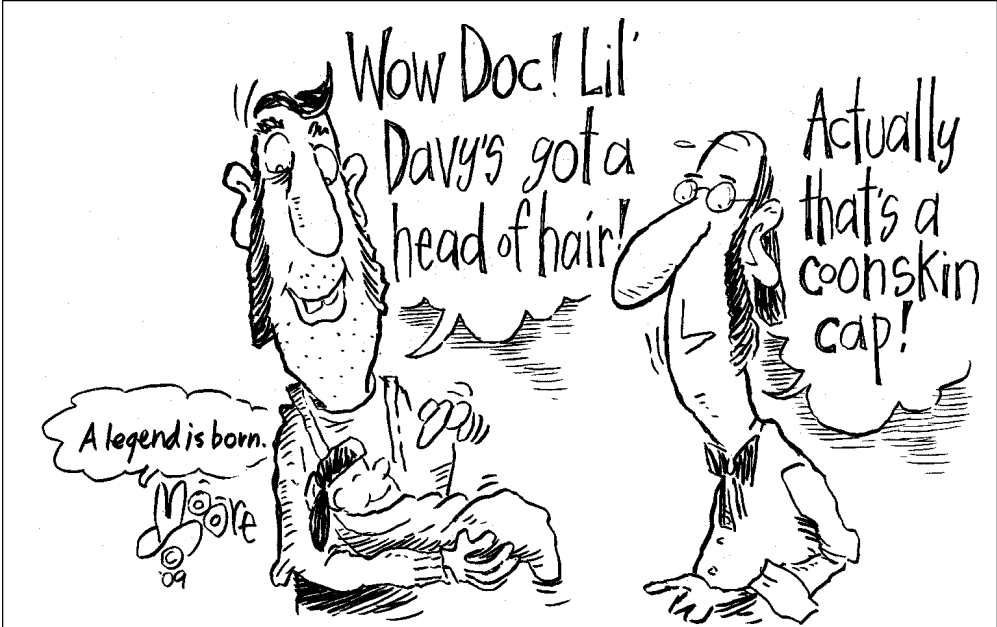
So, in simple terms, one might say that the question is whether or not screening mammograms are worth their weight in biological gold. Do they, indeed, reduce a woman’s chances of dying from breast cancer? If not, why is there so much ado about nothing? In that case, we might be better served by simply moving on to another form of detection, more sensitive and specific than pressing one’s upper torso against a plate. The fact is that mammograms reduce women’s chances of dying from breast cancer by 22% when they are aged 50 and over, and by 15% in those in their 40s. No small numbers, especially when female friends and family members are set adrift in the choppy waters of cancer fear, doubts, and medical misinformation, and cling

to the only life preserver and communication beacon heretofore available, namely, the screening X-ray. However, when breast density is thrown into the mix, any attempt at treading water becomes problematic, to say the least. Enter our hero, the breast ultrasound.

While screening ultrasound adds little to the diagnostic picture in women with category 1 (fatty) and category 2 (somewhat fatty) breasts, in whom screening mammography is 98% and 80%, respectively, effective in detecting breast tumors, it can nonetheless commute a death sentence in women with category 3 and 4 (dense) breasts. The latter have only a 50% chance of having their breast tumors detected on a mammogram before they become palpable on physical examination, and ultrasound excels at individuating these silent killers in dense breast tissue. It is not a panacea, however, and with the good comes the bad, and sometimes even the ugly. Ultrasound pinpoints abnormal breast findings 10% of the time that turn out to be benign, when subsequent breast biopsy is done. Not only that, but it is unavailable in many radiology centers and, at a miserly \$87 dollars a pop for 20-30 minutes of work, few radiologists are ready, willing, and able to perform it. After all, time is money! Who knows that better than radiologists, who further state that the combination of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and mammography is almost twice as effective as ultrasound and mammography at detecting tumors in women with very high breast cancer risks. Those “roentgen masters” are just itching to employ MRI more widely, and being held back only by its \$1,000 per test price tag. And when all is said and done, we save the ugly for last. Even were ultrasound to be employed on a large scale, there is no data as yet to tie improved tumor detection with ultrasound to a reduction in deaths from breast cancer. So, currently, an end justifies the means argument cannot be made.

Cancers come, and most often do not go. Until now, their early detection has been the name of the game to improve survival statistics. But what about those lazy, indolent tumors that are so slow-growing that early detection makes little difference, and similar, acceptable survival results can be achieved without a precipitous “jump on the horse,” expensive technology with little financial remuneration for its purveyors, and a rush to judgement? We must ask ourselves whether mammograms, ultrasound, and expensive MRIs influence the survival equation in a meaningful way, or whether cheaper, more patient friendly, and perhaps more delayed detection procedures and devices can achieve equivalent reduction of those fateful telephone calls, letters, and telegrams.

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The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,462,056.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,524,863.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,602,555.

The Board of Commissioners of EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 22, 2009 at Fabens Fire Department, 219 W. Main, Fabens, Texas at 7:00 pm.

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Cadets

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faced with a massive threat to American security. They were given just hours to make decisions just as the President's emergency response team would do. During the six day program, they also examined the relationships between the President, the National Security Council, Congress, Unified Commands, the secretaries of Defense, State and Homeland Security, the intelligence community and private citizens.

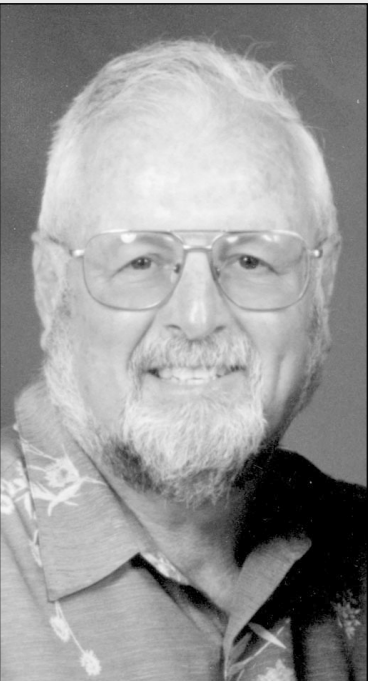
"This extraordinary experience has allowed them to view the importance of being active and informed on the national security issues our nation faces," said Elizabeth McKenzie, James and Betty's mom.

Program highlights included on-site community briefings with the CIA and FBI, seminars and panel discussions at the Department of



STANDING TALL — JROTC Cadets Betty and James McKenzie were rewarded for being Presidential Classroom (PC) Scholars with a trip to Washington D.C. to attend the National Security Policy Program in this summer.

State, and an exclusive tour of the Pentagon. This program was developed by the Department of Defense and private citizens.



Knapp, 72, dies at home

Morgan Lee Knapp died outside his Horizon home after struggling with cancer on April 18, 2009. Morgan was 72, born on April 25, 1937. He lived in El Paso for 34 years and Horizon City for 14 years, spending part of each summer in New York.

Morogan worked for and retired from American Airlines.

Morgan was a member of the Oz Glaze Senior Center, the Eastlake Lions Club and Faith Presbyterian Church. Many in Horizon will remember his ability to sell roses each Mother's Day for the Lions Club.

He enjoyed sports and was an avid UTEP fan. He liked golf and could often be seen walking his dog, Smokey.

He is survived by his wife, Avis; his children, Karen Knapp, Randy (Laurie) Keen, Reneé (Art) Arguilez and Robyn (Adrian) Sierra; grandchildren, Jennifer and Matthew Keen, Johnathan Fadel, MiKayla and Tarzan Arguilez and Amanda, Ashley and Ryan Sierra; his brother Maurice (Janet) Knapp; and his sister Marva (Don) Fridley.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 661 Lomaland, El Paso, TX. Morgan will be interred in New York where a second service will be held for friends and family there.

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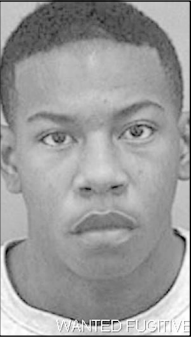
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• Sale to a Minor;  
• Purchase of Alcohol for a Minor; and  
• Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. Sheriff's Deputies will ticket and/or arrest drivers who ignore traffic laws. The zero tolerance on seat belt/child safety seat use will be enforced as well as drinking and driving. Another focus will be aggressive driving, and those who fail to obey the speeding.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Wanted

The hunt is on for Alex Ross, who also uese Alex Albratina. Ross is 18-years-old, 6'1" tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. In July 2009 Sheriff's Deputies drove into the



Alex Ross

parking of a service station in the 1100 block of Joe Battle when they observed a male and female arguing next to their vehicle. Upon making contact with the couple, Deputies noticed two other individuals sitting inside the vehicle where a strong smell of marijuana was emitting from the car. Deputies sought and obtained consent to search the vehicle from the car owner — Ross. Deputies found crack cocaine in the glove compartment of the vehicle and a small baggy of marijuana in the rear seats where the couple was sitting prior to exiting the vehicle. All four persons were arrested for charges ranging from Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Controlled Substance, and Failure to Identify. All subjects were transported to the Montana Patrol Station for processing. During his time in custody, Ross claimed to be feeling ill and was transported to the hospital which prevented him from being booked at the El Paso County Detention Facility. Shortly after, Deputies worked up an arrest warrant for Ross and have been unsuccessful locating him. Ross knows he is wanted and continues to elude

capture. Ross remains in the borderland hiding from authorities. Ross hass a previous arrest for Possession of Controlled Substance (Cocaine) just this past April 2009. Officials are asking anyone who has seen or knows the whereabouts of Ross 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 investigators from the Fire Marshals Office of the El Paso Fire Department in identifying the individuals who burned down a school playground in the north-east part of the city, making this the Crime of the Week. On Friday, August 14, about 12:30 a.m., seven units with the Fire Department responded to a fire at Dolphin Terrace Elementary School, 9700 Pickeral. First units on the scene reported that the playground equipment at the school was fully engulfed in flames, and placed a condition II on the fire. The arriving firefighters said that five male subjects were seen running away from the school shortly after the fire started. Investigators from the Fire Marshals Office determined that the fire was intentionally set, and ruled the fire as arson. The investigators also reported that there was a failed attempt to set another fire at a smaller playground in the school, and evidence from that attempt was collected. Total damages to the playground were reported at over \$150,000. This is the second playground fire set at Dolphin Terrace Elementary School. The first fire at this school was set on Oct. 11, 2006, and caused more than \$110,000 in damages. The total cost for all school playground fires in El Paso is more than \$700,000. 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](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

Socorro ISD

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500 students for the current school year; however, that number has already been surpassed by 700 — or the equivalent of enrollment for a new elementary school. As of Thursday, August 20 the SISD has 41,013 students. Enrollment at the end of 2008-2009 was 39,748.

“As our District continues to grow at an unprecedented rate, we as a community must commit to excellence by design around managing the growth to ensure that our students’ and teachers’ needs are met,” added Dr. De La Torre. “Equally important, is the sense of urgency around improving our existing facilities in the interest of guaranteeing equity and access to all students and teachers. All students and teachers benefit from a

comfortable teaching and learning environment needed to deliver powerful instruction to meet the demands of the competitive global economy and society that they will inherit.”  
If the past is any indication of what the future could be, then the District’s growth during the past 5, 10 and 20 years will continue. In the 1982-1983 school year, the SISD had 6,095 students. Figures show that in the 2012-2013 school year, the student population will grow to 48,053 students.

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El Paso County Tornillo Water  
Improvement District  
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on September 3, 2009, 6:30 pm, at St. Rita Hall, 19211 Cobb St., Tornillo, Texas 79853. Your individual taxes may increase or 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.

FOR the proposal:	Jose Luis Soria, Emma Muñoz, Clemente Escalante, Eliberto Nuñez and Luis Vega	
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE	
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE	
ABSENT:	Norma Morales	

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.074645/\$100 Adopted	0.074645/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.000000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	+ 0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 66,407	\$ 70,033
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions)	0.00	0.00
Average taxable value	\$ 66,407	\$ 70,033
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 49.57	\$ 52.28
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+ \$2.71	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 5.47%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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: D equals T

LZ VAW DQV MBX DQV  
DA QCIMLQ DGC XQVCQ  
MBX ZMLK, VAW YWRD  
RLYIKV DGQAN LB DGC DANCK.

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# Bolt: Catch him if you can (and you can't)

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Whenever talk begins about whom the world's most dominant athlete is, the answers are as diverse as the sports they play.

Some might say that the answer is easy — Tiger Woods dominates golf like no other athlete dominates his sport.

Some might say that when you think of soccer, you immediately think of David Beckham.

Some might say that the world's most dominant athlete is baseball's Albert Pujols or tennis' Roger Federer or swimming's Michael Phelps or basketball's LeBron James.

There is no doubt that all those athletes are dominating or have dominated their sports for many years, but neither is even close to being the most dominant athlete in the world.

That distinction goes to Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt.

We all remember Bolt literally running away from the competition at the China Olympics last year.

Usually, the winning sprinter beats his near-

est opponent by an outstretched chest hair or two at the tape. On many cases the judges have to go to the videotape to verify who the winner actually was.

But when Bolt wins a race, he is so far ahead that he sometimes slows down at the end just to keep the other guys in the camera lens.

Okay, I expand a bit on the truth, but there is no doubt that he is the most explosive sprinter of our time and maybe in history.

Bolt proved once again that he is the world's most exciting athlete at the recent World Games in Germany.

Bolt set world records in both the 100- and 200-meters in Berlin. But he didn't only set world records, the new times he recorded would normally have taken about 20 years to achieve — but he set them in just a year.

Bolt's new world record time of 10.58 in the 100 meters crushed his 10.69 run in the Olympics. His new 200-meter time of 19.19 obliterated his old record of 10.30.

And just like in the Olympics, Bolt's two wins in Germany were spectacular. He ran away with the races without a hint of any competition.

Naturally, when a person breaks records with this much ease it can remind some people of

how several home run records were broken in Major League Baseball.

Obviously the talk of possible steroid use will follow Bolt as long as he continues to break records.

But until then, let's enjoy his remarkable achievements, and let's hope they are all legitimate.

## Friday night lights

It's here everybody.

Finally, after months of waiting it's time for everybody to jump into the car and head for their local high school football stadium for a little Friday nights lights.

The cheerleaders, marching bands and teenage football players hit the fields this weekend for the return of one of the best times of the year.

And though every team in the city is enjoying a perfect record right now, some schools will eventually separate themselves from the pack - let's take a peak at how the district races should go.

The 1-5A race should go the way it usually goes. Four teams will be eligible for the playoffs and five teams should vie for those spots.

Montwood. Franklin and Coronado are prob-

ably locks for three of those four slots but the fourth and final spot should be fought between El Dorado and Hanks.

El Dorado took the final spot a year ago, Hanks has the best quarterback in the city in Matt Reyes. His arm should make the difference for the Knights.

The District 1-4A race is a little more complicated.

The first team to clinch playoff berth should be Chapin. The remaining three spots are completely up for grabs.

The Austin Panthers lost most of their team to graduation. Burges, Address, Irvin and Jefferson are so unpredictable any of the five could make the playoffs.

In District 2-4A, the same four teams that made the playoffs a year ago, Canutillo, Parkland, Del Valle and Riverside, should represent the league in the postseason again this season.

Oh, and watch out for Canutillo's John De La Rosa, who rushed for 2,015 yards and scored 22 touchdowns last year.

But don't be surprised if Horizon or Ysleta make a run this season.

No matter which teams make the playoffs — it's a great time of year because football is back.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY** 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 1.80 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 **September 4, 2009 at 5:30 PM** at City Hall located at 14999 Darrington Road.

The second public hearing will be held on **September 11, 2009 at 5:30 PM** at City Hall located at 14999 Darrington Road. The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:** Mr. Ruben Mendoza, Mr. Tony Aguilar, Ms. Kathy Masters and Ms. Carole Zimmerman

**AGAINST:**

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:** Mr. Ron Kelley, Mr. Charlie Ortega and Mr. Bill Armas

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY** last year was \$120,812. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.294019 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$355.21.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY** this year is \$120,802. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.288819 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$348.90.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.294019 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$355.18.

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

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

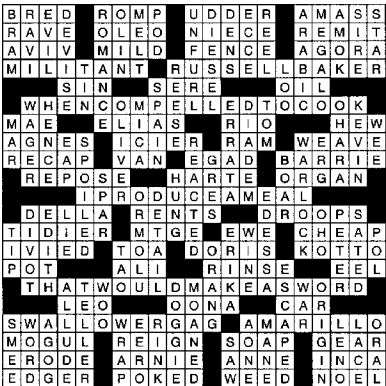
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★★★ HOO BOY!

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## CryptoQuip Answer

If you try to repair the dryer and fail, you must simply throw in the towel.

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you please explain Hashimoto's disease? My daughter has it. What steps should be taken? — L.S.

Because Hashimoto's disease sounds exotic, it perceived as being a rare illness. It is not. It's an immune attack on the thyroid gland that, over time, stops the production of thyroid hormone and leads to hypothyroidism — too little of that hormone. (Dr. Hashimoto was the Japanese physician who was the first to describe it.)

The gland's destruction occurs slowly, so signs and symptoms creep up on a person almost imperceptibly. When they reach their maximum, people know for sure something is quite wrong. They are tired all the time, their skin dries, they're cold when others are warm, they gain weight without taking in additional calories, their hearts beat slowly and their hands and feet become puffy. Menstruating women have fewer periods, and sometimes no periods. Constipation is another common sign. Often, the gland enlarges — a goiter.

The proof that the immune system is to blame can be shown by examining thyroid gland tissue microscopically. Lymphocytes, one variety of white blood cells and an important part of the immune system, have infiltrated the gland. In addition, antibodies against the gland are found in the blood. Antibodies are products of the immune system.

The treatment of Hashimoto's disease is straightforward. Replace the missing hormone in pill form. Once treatment starts, signs and symptoms go.

The thyroid booklet deals with the major problems of this gland and how they are treated. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 401W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's

printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What information can you give me on Huntington's disease? I am 62, and I may have it. My doctor's office said they can't help me. I went to the hospital for the genetic test, but I was told I needed counseling before and after the test. I understand it is expensive. I know the illness gives people tremors. — J.D.

Huntington's disease is an inherited illness whose signs typically don't appear until a person is between the ages of 30 and 50 (but the range is between 3 and 70). The principal sign is involuntary movements of the face, trunk, arms and legs. The movements are much more than tremors. They are quite big and disruptive. Speech is often affected, and control of eye motion can be lost. Personality changes and a diminution of thinking ability also take place.

The genetic test confirms the diagnosis. Since this is such a devastating illness, counseling before the test is essential, and counseling after a positive test is also required.

Does this illness run in your family? It does in 97 percent to 99 percent of those who have the illness.

Contact the Huntington's Disease Society of America at 800-345-4372 or on the Internet at [www.hdsa.org](http://www.hdsa.org). The people there can tell you if you are wise to pursue testing for it.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Health newsletters also may be ordered from [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com). (c) 2009 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

King Super Crossword

- GOURMET DISMAY

ACROSS

1 Had kittens?

5 Frolic

9 Elsie's appendage

14 Gather

19 Come unglued

20 Spread in a tub

21 Sib's kid

22 Send the money

23 Tel \_

24 Balmy

25 Build a barrier

26 Where Athenians assembled

27 Combative

29 Speaker of remark at 34 Across

31 Sloth or anger

32 Bone-dry

33 Lubricate

34 Start of remark

43 Dogpatch's Daisy \_

44 Inventor Howe

45 - Grande

46 Chop

48 Bronte's "- Grey"

51 More aloof

53 Merino male

54 Emulate Arachne

56 Summarize

57 Rocker Morrison

58 "Gracious me!"

60 Actress Wendy

61 Dignified calm

63 Writer Bret

64 Church instrument

65 Part 2 of remark

69 With 29 Down, "Touched by an Angel" star

72 Leases

73 Gives in to gravity

77 Not as messy

78 Bk. loan

79 53 Across' mate

81 Rock's \_ Trick

83 Like Yale's walls

84 \_ degree

85 Day or Duke

87 Yaphet of "Homicide"

88 Saucepan

89 Actress MacGraw

90 Get the soap off

92 "Sea Hunt" shocker

93 Part 3 of remark

101 \_ G. Carroll

102 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin

103 Ferris-wheel unit

104 End of remark

110 Texas town

115 Tycoon

116 Time on the throne

117 Word with pad or powder

118 Equipment

119 Disintegrate

120 Football's Herber

121 Frank or Francis

122 Peruvian Indian

123 Gardening tool

124 Elbowed

125 Dandelion, for one

126 Playwright Coward

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4 Concoct

5 Bookstore section

6 Ken or Lena

7 Dissolve

8 Seal school

9 Open Old Glory

10 Fuel choice

11 Lions' lairs

12 "Behold!" to Brutus

13 Virginia \_

14 Mideastern tongue

15 Word form for "great"

16 Run \_ (lose control)

17 Father

18 Showstopper

28 Pewter base

29 See 69 Across

30 Card game

32 "Carmen" setting

34 Bet

35 Ergo

36 Master Twist

37 Isinglass

38 Thiss and thaat

39 Highfalutin' headgear

40 " \_ Dooley" ('58 hit)

41 Actress Maureen

42 Sorbo or Spacey

43 Deface

47 Elfin

49 "The Bells" monogram

50 Bad

52 Showed one's feelings

54 Sorcerer

55 Unit of work

59 Univ. tests

60 Piglet's papa

62 Practice boxing

63 \_ up (detained)

66 Imitation gold

67 Feature

68 Crusader kingdom

69 St. Andrews clod

70 Writer Wharton

71 Recline

74 "Now I've got you!"

75 Lorre or Lely

76 Gorged

77 Hint

79 Slezak or Eleniak

80 Jeroboam

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82 Office seeker, for short

84 Eastern "Way"

86 Primate

91 Flew the coop

94 Refer (to)

95 Bank employee

96 Court

97 \_ bag

98 Lamented

99 Conflict

100 Starting point

104 Hoskins in "Hook"

105 Puzzle part

106 Like kids at Christmas

107 Certain sandwich

108 Architect Saarinen

109 Hughes' milieu

110 Top-notch

111 Lion's pride

112 Jocular Jay

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TOWN OF HORIZON CITY

Invitation to Bid

Bid Number:  
2009-007

Date Issued:  
August 19, 2009

Opening Date:  
September 4, 2009

The Town of Horizon City is soliciting proposals for Health and Supplemental Insurance Coverage. Proposals will be received at Horizon City Town Hall, City Clerk's office, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928 until 2 p.m. September 4, 2009. Bids will be open on September 4, 2009 at 2 p.m. and only the names of the proposers will be read out loud at the Horizon City Town Hall. Detail specifications and proposal packages are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling Administration office (915) 852-1046.

Karen Ellefson  
Town Clerk  
Horizon City  
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Socorro Independent School District

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION/CHILD FIND

The Socorro Independent School District provides services for children who are eligible for special education. Eligible special education students will be afforded a free, appropriate public education beginning on their third birthday and continuing through their 21st year. Children who are identified as auditorially impaired, visually impaired or deaf-blind may be served from birth through 21 years of age. The Socorro Independent School District provides special education and related services to students residing within the District boundaries. A student with a disability must meet eligibility guidelines in one or more areas including physical disability, mental retardation, emotional disturbance, learning disability, autism, speech disability, traumatic brain injury, visual

or auditory impairment. This impairment must significantly affect the student's ability to progress adequately without support services. If a child is experiencing learning difficulties, the parent may contact the person listed below to learn about the district's overall general education referral or screening system for support services. This system links students to a variety of support options including referral for special education evaluation.

Students having difficulty in the regular classroom should be considered for tutorial, compensatory, and other support services that are available to all students. At any time, a parent is entitled to request an evaluation for special education services. Within a reasonable amount of time, the district must decide if the evaluation is needed. If the evaluation is needed, the parent will be notified and asked to provide consent for the evaluation. The district must complete the evaluation and the report within 60 calendar days of the date the district received the written consent. The district must give a copy of the report to the parent. If the District determines that the evaluation is not needed, the district will provide the parent with a written notice that explains why the child will not be evaluated. This written notice will include a statement that informs the parent of their rights if they disagree with the district. Additionally, the notice must inform the parent how to obtain a copy of the Notice of Procedural Safeguards-Rights of Parents of Students with Disabilities. For more information, contact the Director of Special Education, Susan Kelch at 12300 Eastlake Dr. (915)-937-1800

STUDENT RECORDS

Access to any personally identifiable student records will be available to the parents or adult students. If material in the records includes information relating to their student, the parent only has the right to review and inspect the information relating to their student. Personally identifiable information in the records may be released without the written consent of the

student's parents to school officials, including teachers who have legitimate educational interests. Those individuals with legitimate interests would include anyone providing educational or supportive services to that student. The school must maintain a record of access that indicates all individuals, agencies, or organizations that requested or obtained access to the students' educational records. Confidentiality of personally identifiable information in collection, storage, disclosure and destruction or records is protected for all students in the District. The Socorro Independent School District also abides by all business associate requirements related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

Confidentiality requirements apply to the records of non-disabled and disabled students. Information may be withheld by request if parents or eligible students (18 years or older) request in writing that they want directory-type information withheld from public information. Directory-type information includes the student's name, phone number, and address. For more information or to request withdrawal of information from public information documents, contact Dr. Carmen Olivas Graham, Assistant Superintendent for the Human Resources Department, 12450 Rojas Dr., or call (915)-937-0201 or 937-0000.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Socorro Independent School District offers career and technology and special education in a wide variety of programs. Admission to these programs is based on age, grade level, or need for services. It is the policy of the District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in its career and technology and special education programs, services or activities as required by Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1972, as amended. The Socorro Independent School District will take steps to assure that

a lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all special education and career and technology programs. For information on your rights or grievance procedures contact the Department of Human Resources at 12450 Rojas Dr., 915-937-0000, the Director of Career and Technical Education, George Thomas at 12450 Rojas Dr. 937-0000 or the Director of Special Education, Susan Kelch, 12300 Eastlake Dr., 915-937-1800.

504 Child Find Notice

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 programs, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator Susan Kelch at 937-1800 or by mail at 12300 Eastlake Dr.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN NOTIFICATION

The Socorro Independent School District, in compliance with government regulations requiring the development of a written plan for the management of asbestos containing materials (ACM) in schools, has completed and updated Management Plans for all facilities in the District. School districts nation-wide have expended a great amount of effort and a substantial number of dollars in identifying materials in our buildings which may contain even small amounts of asbestos. Many of these materials are the same materials we have in our homes; some are located in areas not accessible to students or teachers; others are covered with

protective coverings, which restrict direct access. The intent of the governmental requirements is to identify these materials and develop a written document dealing with the ways of managing them to ensure that they continue to be non-threatening. This document is available as a reference for public inspection by parents and employees, should they so desire. Copies can be made for which the District will charge a reasonable cost. The Management Plan is available for inspection during normal business hours at either the administrative office of the school or at District Operations. The contact person is Rafael Padilla Jr. and he may be reached at 937-0719 or rpadi05@sisd.net.

HOMES

12748 Quijano, \$87,600 reduced to \$84,000. Carlos Aguilar, (915) 269-1251. Broker.

New homes available in Horizon, Anthony and San Elizario. Prices starting from the 90s. USDA program available for ZERO down payment and ZERO percent closing cost. New homes also available in other areas. Call Pete at 633-6179.

SELF-HELP

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

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

STORAGE

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I currently receive Social Security disability benefits. I now have a second serious disability. Can my monthly benefit amount be increased?

A: No, your payment will remain the same regardless of how many disabilities you have or how severe they are. Your Social Security disability benefit is based on the amount of your lifetime earnings before your disability began and the fact that you have a disability, or combination of impairments, that makes you unable to work. Your actual payment amount is not based on the degree, type, or severity of your disability or how many disabling conditions you have. For more information about Social Security disability benefits, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan).

Q: I know my wife, who hasn't worked outside the home, doesn't qualify for Social Security or Medicare on her own record. Can she qualify on mine?

A: This answer applies to husbands as well as wives. A spouse who has never worked under Social Security can receive a benefit equal to one-half of your full retirement amount at his or her full retirement age. How-

ever, your spouse cannot receive benefits on your record until you begin receiving retirement benefits. We have a page at our online Retirement Planner dedicated to benefits for spouses. You can visit that page at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/yourspouse.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/yourspouse.htm).

Q: My mother receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. She may have to enter a nursing home. How does this affect her SSI benefits?

A: Moving to a nursing home can affect your mother's SSI benefits, but it depends on what type of facility it is. In many cases, the SSI payment is reduced or stopped. Whenever your mother enters or leaves a nursing home, assisted living facility, hospital, skilled nursing facility or any other kind of institution, you need to let Social Security know. Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to report changes in your mother's living arrangements. To learn more about SSI and reporting responsibilities, read our online fact sheet, What You Need To Know When You Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11011.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11011.html).

2009 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #1

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #1**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes _____	\$ 1,070,714
Last year's debt taxes _____	\$ 53,598
Last year's total taxes _____	\$ 1,124,312
Last year's tax base _____	\$ 1,155,380,173
Last year's total tax rate _____	\$0.097311 / \$100

<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) _____	\$ 1,121,030
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) _____	\$ 1,194,273,658
=This year's effective tax rate _____	\$0.093867 / \$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	

<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) _____	\$ 1,067,589
+This year's adjusted tax base _____	\$ 1,194,273,658
=This year's effective operating rate _____	\$0.089392 / \$100
<b>x1.08</b> = this year's maximum operating rate _____	\$0.096543 / \$100
+This year's debt rate _____	\$0.012883 / \$100
=This year's rollback rate _____	\$0.109426 / \$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**  
If the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #1** adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$ 0.093867 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$ 49,247.

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O) _____	\$ 769,207
Debt Service (I&S) _____	\$ 161,077

**SCHEDULE B — 2009 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 to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Pierce Arrow XT,	\$73,176	\$35,332	\$0	\$108,508
2009 Chevy Tahoe & Pierce Brush Truck				
Equipment Tanker	\$51,890	\$679	\$0	\$52,569
Total required for 2009 Debt Service _____				\$161,077
-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 _____				\$161,077
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2009 _____				\$0
=Total Debt Levy _____				\$161,077

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

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