



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Free WiFi

Three more public library facilities are serving up free wireless internet access for the public to use. That means students, business people, professionals, job seekers and others need simply walk into any of these facilities and get connected to their schools, jobs or clients quickly and easily. The Dorris Van Doren Branch at 551 Redd Rd., the Richard Burges Branch at 9600 Dyer and the Esperanza Acosta Moreno Branch at 12480 Pebble Hills, now offer WiFi service. Six public libraries now offer WiFi service. The Main Library, Memorial Park Branch and Judge Marquez Branch have offered the service for several months. To get connected, patrons must:

- Have a computer or other device with wireless network capability.
- Look for the wireless network entitled Digital El Paso.
- Agree to the terms and conditions set forth in a statement that pops up regarding use of the wireless network.

— Juliet Lozano

### Physicals

The Canutillo Independent School District will be hosting student physicals beginning at noon on Friday, August 20 at Alderete Middle School. CISD students can pick up packets at Alderete or Canutillo Middle Schools. Physicals are also open to students outside the district. Please bring the appropriate physical packet from the corresponding school district. Alderete Middle School is located at 801 Talbot Road in Canutillo. The cost is \$15 and only cash will be accepted.

— Patricia Tidwell

### Outstanding alum

Americas, Montwood and Socorro high schools are accepting applications/nominations for their 2010 Outstanding Alum to be honored during each school's homecoming celebrations. If you are a Trailblazer, Ram or Bulldog graduate or know one that has achieved success personally and in service to the community, please contact the campus student activities coordinators to submit your application/nomination.

- Denise Robles  
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- Elda Acosta  
eacost18@sisd.net
- Diana Mooy  
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— Daniel R. Escobar

### Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in locating the

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*The quickest way to stop gossip is for everybody to shut up.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**BIG PETS** — City of Socorro council members reviewed an ordinance this week for keeping large animals within the city limits. Mike Musgrove, owner of the Lower Valley Coliseum on Horizon Boulevard, questions the need for an ordinance. He said that most people he knows in Socorro take good care of their horses, cows, and goats.

## City of Socorro shows signs of steady growth

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — As El Paso County townships and school districts struggle to look for funds to balance their budgets, the City of Socorro is seeing signs of steady growth.

Because of that growth, according to city officials, the average taxable home value increased this year by nearly \$500 compared to last year's average home value — from \$77,533 to \$78,022. Consequently, the increase in property values decreased the effective tax rate for 2011 — from \$0.496752 to \$0.487051 per \$100. The effective tax rate is the rate needed this year to raise the same

amount of taxes as last year.

And so now, the Socorro council members are considering their options as they meet to determine the tax rate for next year. The city has scheduled two public hearings to discuss the tax rate and to get public input. The first one will be Thursday, August 19. The second meeting will be Thursday, September 2. Both meetings will be held at 6 p.m., at the Socorro City Hall, 860 N. Rio Vista Road.

The council can vote to adopt this year's effective tax rate of \$0.487051 per \$100 of taxable value. The amount of taxes imposed on the average home would be about \$380.01. This would translate into about \$5.15 annual savings for the average valued homeowner as compared to the previous year.

Or, council members can choose to keep the 2011 tax rate at the same rate as last year. Taxes imposed on the average valued homeowner would be about \$387.58, a difference of \$7.51.

According to city officials, if the same tax rate is kept, it would generate about \$3 million. Funds that, they said, would be used to pave some streets, replace old police patrol cars, and for quality of life projects including a park, swimming pool, and community center.

The City of Socorro also addressed an ordinance for keeping large animals (horses, cows, goats) within the city limits. At issue is a moratorium placed over a year ago on the existing ordinance. City council was to decide this week on a revised ordinance that would allow residents with half-acre lots or bigger to have large animals with provisions concerning health and safety codes.

Mike Musgrove, owner of the Lower Valley Rodeo Coliseum, said that the city should approach large animal regulations as a health issue on a case by case basis, because most persons take good care of their horses, cows, and goats. "I don't see how the city should be trying to make rules that don't need to be enforced," Musgrove said. "Most people moved out here to enjoy country living, that includes owning animals."

On another issue the council reviewed was an ordinance for the designation of semi-truck routes and semi-truck parking locations. The revised ordinance identifies roads that 18-wheelers can use and regulates where they can be parked.

"Socorro's traffic has increased and so has the need to regulate where semi-trucks can travel," said Jesus Gandara Jr., Council member. We are trying to use a common sense approach when it comes to regulating cargo loads that are carried through our city streets."

## Region 19 names Teachers of the Year

*Saucedo is Elementary  
Teacher of the Year*

By Daniel R. Escobar  
Special to the Courier



Amanda Saucedo

SOCORRO — Amanda Saucedo, a fifth grade science teacher at Sgt. Roberto Ituarte Elementary School in the Socorro ISD, was named the 2010 ESC Region 19 Elementary Teacher of the Year at a recognition banquet

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*Provencio is Secondary  
Teacher of the Year*

By Patricia Tidwell  
Special to the Courier



Lydia Provencio

CANUTILLO — Lydia Provencio, a teacher at Canutillo Middle School (CMS), is the Region 19 Secondary Teacher of the Year. She received the honor Aug. 14, at the El Paso Convention Center.

"Lydia is an

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS  
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE  
– CORRECTED DATE –

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., **Monday, August 30, 2010** in the SEISD Administrative Office, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., 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 | 0.00582% Increase   |
| Debt Service               | 0.29280% (Decrease) |
| Total Expenditures         | 0.28690% (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   | \$ 179,814,630     | \$ 189,975,433   |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 10,396,132      | \$ 16,796,761    |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 146,241,263     | \$ 156,751,611   |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 7,392,311       | \$ 10,970,222    |

\* “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\* \$16,199,000

\* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

|   | Maintenance<br>& Operation | Interest<br>& Sinking<br>Fund* | Total       | Local<br>Revenue<br>Per Student | State<br>Revenue<br>Per Student |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Last Year’s Rate  | \$ 1.108956                | \$ 0.051800*                   | \$ 1.160756 | \$ 366                          | \$ 7,601                        |
| Rate to Maintain Same<br>Level of Maintenance &<br>Operations Revenue &<br>Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.193280                | \$ 0.043250*                   | \$ 1.236530 | \$ 445                          | \$ 7,390                        |
| Proposed Rate   | \$ 1.108956                | \$ 0.051800*                   | \$ 1.160756 | \$ 462                          | \$ 8,003                        |

\*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  | \$ 53,774   | \$ 56,404   |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 38,774   | \$ 41,404   |
| Last Year’s Rate Versus             |             |             |
| Proposed Rate per \$100 Value       | \$ 1.160756 | \$ 1.160756 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence      | \$ 450.07   | \$ 480.60   |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes        |             | \$ 30.53    |

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 1.108956. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.108956.

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) | \$ 217,129  |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ (83,952) |

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

More problems at Arlington

I was sickened enough to learn last month about 200 graves errors at Arlington National Cemetery, but now it’s gone from bad to worse. Not only have cemetery officials known for at least five years that there were big problems, but the number of potentially mismarked graves could be as high as 6,000.

There’s more. Are you ready for this? Headstones have been found in a stream, where they’ve apparently languished for years with no one noticing they were missing.

The Washington Post, being right there in town, has done a fine job of getting all the details, especially from the Senate committee that is investigating. It reports that back in 2005, a contractor was hired to check for accuracy. That contractor revealed that there were significant errors. The errors weren’t fixed.

Eight Supreme Court justices are supposed to be buried in the Justice Hill portion of the cemetery. Even in that location there are 60 errors with the headstones (or lack of them) not matching the hand-drawn maps the cemetery uses.

Apparently the Army has initiated investigations over the years, but nothing was ever fixed in the system.

Officials have been struggling for 10 years to get all the cemetery information onto computers. They’re still using index cards and hand-drawn maps, even after spending \$8 million since 2003.

I can say without reservation that in less than 10 years, I could have entered all the information into a computer, even with my two-finger hunt-and-peck method of typing. Additionally, with a handful of likeminded veterans, I could have walked every square inch of Arlington, noted what graves were where, and found graves without headstones by using those index cards and hand-drawn maps.

Why couldn’t they?

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2010 PROPERTY  
TAX RATES  
Town of Clint  
Small Taxing Unit Notice  
– CORRECTED DATE –

The Town of Clint will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on **August 30, 2010** at the Clint Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate of \$0.417861 per \$100 of valuation.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Town of Clint by 3.02%.

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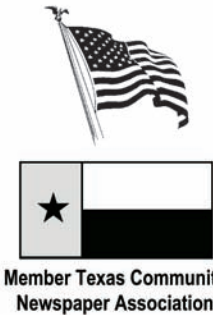
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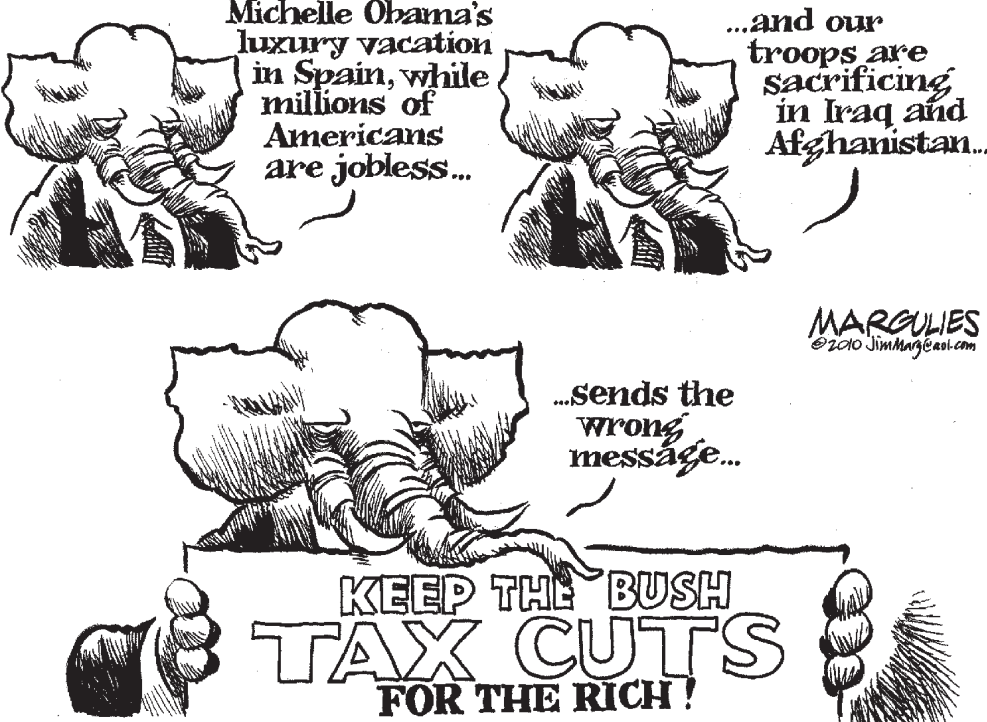
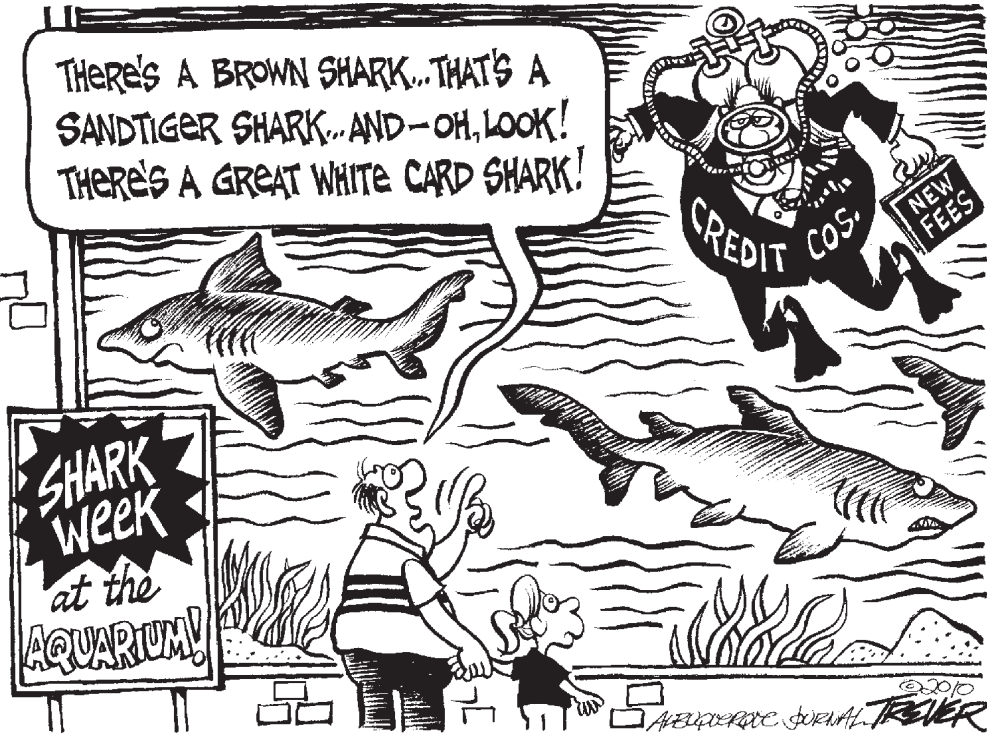
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Census count equals clout

Hola mi gente. On Tuesday, August 16, Representative Joe Pickett hosted several House Members who were in El Paso to hold a committee hearing on redistricting. The event was preceded by an informal evening reception where a good number of local elected officials had the opportunity to share their concerns and issues.

Before you can do any redistricting, you must first have a complete and accurate census count. That is the main issue that I wanted to be put before the committee so that they can understand our dilemma.

Leading up to the initiation of the census, several estimates and projections had been issued. The Texas Department of State Health Services estimated that the population in El Paso County would be around 773,000. Later, we saw a release from the U.S. Census Bureau that estimated the population count at 754,000. This summer, the State Demographer release an estimate that showed our population at 804,000.

Basically, we need as high a population as possible to avoid having a reduced representation in the House of Representatives. I have shared with you my concerns about that on several occasions in the past.

The most important issue that needed to

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Haciendas del Norte Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Haciendas del Norte Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on Thursday, August 26, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at 13931 Sagebrush Circle, El Paso, TX 79938. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Frank Wood, Jim Funk, Robert Lucero and Daniel Diaz**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **Joseph McCandless**

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)  | 0.252581/\$100      | 0.245937/\$100 |
|   | Adopted             | Proposed       |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value  | (\$ 0.006644/\$100) |                |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)   | - 2.63%             |                |
| Average appraised value   | \$ 188,175          | \$ 187,787     |
| General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ 0                | \$ 0           |
| Average taxable value   | \$ 188,175          | \$ 187,787     |
| Tax on average residence homestead  | \$ 475.29           | \$ 461.84      |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)                 | - \$ 13.46          |                |
| and percentage of increase (+/-)  | - 2.83%             |                |

**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.

## Census

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be clear was that the census did not work cooperatively with my office. We were adamant about seeing to it that an accurate and complete count was done but census personnel would not keep us informed.

The census had two stages. The first stage was the mail in forms that were distributed to El Pasoans who filled them out and mailed them back. El Paso County did quite well as 72% of the recipients responded.

However, the Census Bureau arbitrarily excluded Socorro, San Elizario and Homestead Meadows North from participation. This exclusion may very well have

alienated an estimated 50,000 residents from participating in the mail in process.

After the initial stage, the process now required census personnel to go door-to-door getting the forms filled out. This is where we became very concerned.

I had hoped that the bureau would provide information to my office that confirmed an aggressive and complete effort in east El Paso County. Even after asking for meetings, the Census Bureau was a closed door. The only information we received was an explanation of the census process. This was done over and over.

With so much on the line for my district and El Paso County, I sent a letter to the state director pretty

much demanding proof that enough money and people were used to physically contact our residents. I provided the committee with a copy of the letter. The testimony that my office provided was well received by the members of the committee.

The Chair of the committee accepted a motion that they recall the state director to answer the questions they had and also to address our issues. The scheduled meeting in the Dallas area is where the committee plans to hear from him. I will be there to meet him in person and to advocate for El Paso. Our community cannot let this issue go without forcefully standing for our needs.

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

## Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: When will I get my automatic Social Security Statement?*

A: If you are at least 25 years old and not yet receiving benefits, you should receive your annual Social Security Statement about three months before your birthday. If your automatic Statement has not arrived and you are within one month before the month of your birth or if you need a Statement sooner, you can request one at any time by going to [www.socialsecurity.gov/statement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/statement). You can learn more about the Social Security Statement and how to use it at [www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement).

*Q: What is the difference between Social Security disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability?*

A: The Social Security Administration runs two major programs that provide benefits based on disability: Social Security Disability

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## Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #10 of El Paso County

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #10 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of Southwest Water Company, 12350 Montwood Dr., Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79928. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: **Luis Ortega, Greg Spence, B.D. Reynolds Jr., Martin N. Lettunich and Antonio Gallardo**

**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**

**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**

**ABSENT:** **NONE**

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)  | 0.750000/\$100 | 0.750000/\$100 |
|   | Adopted        | Proposed       |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value  | \$ 0/\$100     |                |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)   | 0%             |                |
| Average appraised value   | \$ 232,641     | \$ 214,611     |
| General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions) | \$ 0           | \$ 0           |
| Average taxable value   | \$ 232,641     | \$ 214,611     |
| Tax on average residence homestead  | \$ 1,744.81    | \$ 1,609.58    |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)                 | – \$ 135.23    |                |
| and percentage of increase (+/–)  | – 7.75%        |                |

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION**

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the quali fied 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.

## Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #11 of El Paso County

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #11 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 11:30 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: **Curtis R. “Pete” Sellers, Darwin Voge, Jose R. Soto and Marisa Lascurain**

**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**

**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**

**ABSENT:** **Suzann Pell**

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)  | 0.750000/\$100 | 0.750000/\$100 |
|   | Adopted        | Proposed       |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value  | \$ 0/\$100     |                |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)   | 0%             |                |
| Average appraised value   | \$ 120,451     | \$ 118,415     |
| General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions) | \$ 0           | \$ 0           |
| Average taxable value   | \$ 120,451     | \$ 118,415     |
| Tax on average residence homestead  | \$ 903.38      | \$ 888.11      |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)                 | – \$ 15.27     |                |
| and percentage of increase (+/–)  | – 1.69%        |                |

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION**

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the quali fied 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.



STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Conservative author and commentator William F. Buckley Jr., a graduate of Yale University, once made the following controversial remark: “I’d rather entrust the government of the United States to the first 400 people listed in the Boston telephone directory than to the faculty of Harvard University.”

• The first auctions in recorded history were held in 450 B.C. in Babylon. Sadly, and perhaps unsurprisingly, the items up for sale were humans.

• The Goodyear company, known today for its automobile tires, was originally founded to produce rubber clothing and, oddly, musical instruments.

• Ellen Axson Wilson is reported to have exchanged approximately 1,400 love letters with her husband, President Woodrow Wilson, during their marriage.

• You might be surprised to learn that in 1952, the CIA conducted a study of UFO sightings, and concluded that the objects were a threat to national security. The report stated, “the reports of [sightings] convince us that there is something going on that must have immediate attention.”

• If you’re family is like one-third of families across the country, you have a Scrabble game in your home.

• It’s been reported that the world’s oldest piece of chewing gum is more than 9,000 years old. After that long, though, I wonder how they could tell what its original use was.

• Experienced boot makers reportedly can get three pairs of the footwear out of a single ostrich hide.

• When Ruth and Fred Midler were naming their newborn daughter in 1945, the were inspired by classic film actress Bette Davis. But they changed the pronunciation.

Thought for the Day: “I thoroughly disapprove of duels. If a man should challenge me, I would take him kindly and forgivingly by the hand and lead him to a quiet place and kill him.”  
— Mark Twain

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Saucedo

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on Saturday, August 14 at the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center. Saucedo was selected from a group of 10 candidates representing area school districts by a panel of independent judges.

Saucedo rated high in the areas of personal experience, professional development, community involvement, philosophy of teaching, and educational issues. She has been teaching for six years, and believes teachers can be a breaking or driving force for students. This belief is reflected in her classroom, where she creates a learning inferno encouraging students rather than

breaking them.

“I have found firsthand that when students realize I genuinely care about them, they do their best and the progress is evident,” said Saucedo. “I am passionate about working towards their success (students) and will go the extra mile to help them reach that.”

Saucedo will advance to compete for the Texas Teacher of the Year title, the highest honor that the state of Texas can bestow upon a teacher. The Texas Teacher of the Year becomes a candidate for the National Teacher of the Year competition. The ESC Region 19 Teacher of the Year Program serves as a platform to honor El Paso’s outstanding educators for their excellence in teaching.

Provencio

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inspiration to us all. I congratulate and thank her for her dedication and commitment not only to her students, but to the district. We are proud to have her in the Canutillo ISD family,” said Dr. Damon Murphy, Canutillo ISD Superintendent.

Provencio, a Special Education teacher at CMS, now advances to the State Teacher of the Year competition in Austin. The Texas Teacher of the Year annual event is

the highest honor that the state can bestow upon a teacher. The Texas Education Agency rewards and recognizes excellence in teaching through the Teacher of the Year Program.

“It is no surprise that Lydia Provencio would be recognized at the regional level because she is a nurturing and committed teacher. She brings 100 percent to the classroom each and every day. The Canutillo Middle School family is very proud of her hard work and accomplishments,” said Dr. Monica Reyes-Garcia, Principal of CMS

Briefs

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persons responsible for the theft of a long-haul trailer containing electronic equipment, making this the “Crime of the Week.” On Sunday, July 25, 2010, about 4:00 p.m., the owners of HOWL Transportation located at 300



J. Betancourt

N. Zaragoza arrived to find the front gate wide open with the chain and lock missing. At first, nothing seemed to be missing; however, the next morning a driver came to pick up his load and discovered that it was gone. After reviewing surveillance tape, the owners saw a former employee and an unidentified man hook the trailer up to their rig and depart. The trailer was later found at

12801 Azogue on the far east side with its contents missing. The merchandise in the trailer had been five separate model numbers of IHome electronic equipment, a total of 2838 pieces stolen. The total value of the merchandise stolen is \$233,664.42. The former employee has been identified as Javier Betancourt, born on April 7, 1966. He is 5’10”, 210 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. There is no information about the whereabouts of the suspect. The other subject has not been identified. If you have any information at all about the identity of the persons responsible for these burglaries, or the location of their vehicles, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso 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

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 I

DY U IBGBQUOHBIBO QUHBN U

JMAEW SY KMJDMSN

TOSQDNBN, ESMGK IWBZ JB

TWSAB-Z EGUDQN?

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Public Notice  
Village of Vinton, Texas  
Texas Community Development  
Block Grant Program

The Village of Vinton will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on August 24, 2010, at Vinton City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community Development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views or inquiries in writing to the Jessica Garza, City Clerk at the City Hall at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915) 886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jessica Garza  
City Clerk

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by Linda Thistle

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# Where have all the role models gone, long time passing...

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Anyone who has ever raised a child knows that the best way to teach is by example.

It’s not so much what you say – it’s more what you do and how you live your life that really becomes ingrained in the youngster’s psyche.

Of course the old “teaching by example” thing is getting harder and harder these days, especially if your kid watches sports of any kind.

If you want your kid to learn that his word is his bond, you teach him that once he’s made a decision he has to stand by it – no matter what.

If he watches football, however, he’s learning that you can go back on your word whenever you want.

He sees that the New York Jets’ Darrelle Revis was a hold out before his rookie season even started in 2006 and ultimately received a 6-year \$30-million contract.

Now your kid learns that just three years into the contract Revis signed, he is holding out again for even more money.

Seems Revis had one great season in 2009 and now wants to be the highest paid defensive back in the NFL.

Maybe this is a good opportunity to teach your kids about being greedy and selfish.

It’s tough, but many parents also want their children to grow up with some humility no matter how successful they become. You teach them not to brag about themselves and to have respect for everyone they come in contact with.

But what if your 10-year-old is a Cincinnati Reds fan and he hears what Brandon Phillips said about the St. Louis Cardinals prior to their three-game series last week.

Phillips went against every respectful code most players live by and told a reporter (and I’ll clean it up for any youngsters reading this), “All [the Cardinals] do is \*itch and moan about everything, all of them. They’re little \*itches, all of ’em.”

Of course most of you have already heard about the big brawl that occurred when the two teams played each other the next day.

After all he said – Phillips walked into the batters’ box his first time up in the series and poked his bat against the shin of Cardinals’ catch Yadier Molina. Molina, understandably, took exception and the fight was on.

Maybe we can take this time to tell our kids that some people (like Brandon Phillips) have mouths that are way bigger than their brains.

One of the most important rules you teach your kids at a very early age is that there are

consequences for their actions – and not to be a bully.

I sure hope they aren’t baseball fans.

Because if they are they might have caught the news about New York Mets relief pitcher Francisco Rodriguez and how he treated his father-in-law like a human piñata last week.

Rodriguez has always been a hot head. In his year-and-a-half with the Mets, he has had run-ins with a team official, a coach and an opposing player.

But Rodriguez was especially angry after his team was beaten by the Colorado Rockies last week. He had a spat with reporters after the game, then met his family in the lounge area of Citi Field.

Soon afterward, Rodriguez attacked 53-year-old Carlos Pena, who was taken to the hospital with a scrape on his face and a bump on his head, allegedly after Rodriguez threw the man’s head against the wall.

Witnesses said the pitcher hit Pena in the face over and over again before he was pulled away.

The funny thing is that supposedly the fight started after witnesses say Rodriguez spoke

down to his wife. Her father told him that he couldn’t speak to his daughter that way and K-Rod then went nuts in front of family, friends, kids... everybody there.

Just when you thought it was tough enough for your kids to hear about this kind of behavior.

The Mets organization proved that the consequences for this kind of dastardly behavior can be harsh – just not this time.

They punished Rodriguez by suspending him without pay for two days.

Two days!?

What kind of a punishment is that? What kind of a message does that send?

All I can say is that it’s getting tougher and tougher to teach your kids to do the right thing when they see the way many athletes live their lives.

Hey, maybe they can turn away from sports figures and be more like Hollywood actors... no wait a second... maybe politicians... that won’t work... maybe aspire to be lawyers... humm... religious leaders... oh boy... this could take a while...

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Question everything

Ask me if I think Jerry Rice is the greatest wide receiver who ever lived and whether or not I think Emmitt Smith is the greatest running back of all time, and I’ll say, “sure, why not?” Both stand as supremely talented professionals, championship winners and the all-time statistical leaders for their respective positions.

Ask me similar, less-specific questions, and I’ll offer another set of answers. Of the players I’ve seen and/or reported on, who was the best running back of all time? Walter Payton. Who was the best running back for a short period of time? I’ll take Bo Jackson. The most talented running back I’ve ever seen was Barry Sanders, the most entertaining was Tony Dorsett, but Eric Dickerson would be the guy I’d choose from all of them if starting a franchise. Ask my dad who was the best of all time at each spot and he’d probably say Jim Brown or Gayle Sayers, Ray Berry or Don Hutson.

When it comes to the wide receiver position, Jerry Rice is actually the reason why I de-emphasize the importance of wide receivers come draft day. Here’s a guy who couldn’t get a Division-I team to take a chance on him, so he hits Division-II so hard he ends up the key piece on Bill Walsh’s ‘49ers late-century juggernaut in San Francisco – a 16th-round draft pick. Given the benefit of hindsight, is there any team that wouldn’t have drafted

him second to Bruce Smith that year? Questionable, to say the least.

Detractors of Rice generally point to two things: he was the centerpiece of Bill Walsh’s “West Coast Offense” – an offence that featured short, accurate throws by the quarterback – and his quarterbacks just happened to be two guys named Joe Montana and Steve Young. Would we be having this same discussion if he was playing for Ray Handley and his quarterback was Ryan Leaf? Conversely, could Lionel Manuel be enshrined if he played for Walsh, Montana and Young? Probably not, but maybe Al Toon – drafted six slots before Rice in ‘84 – would have.

And while there is no question Smith is the all-time leading league rusher, whether or not he was the best of all-time or even of his era, is a far different argument. Smith benefited from a dominant offensive line and a more balanced attack with Troy Aikman and Michael Irving in the mix. That gave him the longevity needed to break Payton’s record. Others, in the same setup, could be the all time-leader.

But there are no others, Rice and Smith are the leaders, and a few weeks ago took their place among the greats at Canton, Ohio, a place they certainly belonged – without question.

*Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.*

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### LEGALS

#### Town of Horizon City

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**A PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 during the Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ordinance No. 0105 – An Ordinance regulating School Zones within the Town limits of the

Town of Horizon City, Texas and repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 0105, passed on November 25, 2008.

2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ordinance No. 0176 – Budget Ordinance for The Town of Horizon City, Amendment No. 002.

3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ordinance No. 0182 – An ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, calling an election for the submission of Charter Amendments and a referendum on the designated use of Sales Tax to be held within the City, on November 2, 2010; making

provisions for the conduct of the election and other provisions incident and related to the purpose of this ordinance.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at

the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Karen Ellefson City Clerk Town of Horizon City

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## 2010 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #1

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for the El Paso County Emergency Services District #1. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

#### Last year's tax rate:

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 1,075,069     |
| Last year's debt taxes      | \$ 158,983       |
| Last year's total taxes     | \$ 1,234,052     |
| Last year's tax base        | \$ 1,234,052,000 |
| Last year's total tax rate  | 0.100000 /\$100  |

#### This year's effective tax rate:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)     | \$ 1,228,841     |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 1,200,480,113 |
| = This year's effective tax rate  | 0.102362 /\$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) | \$ 1,070,530     |
| + This year's adjusted tax base  | \$ 1,200,480,113 |
| = This year's effective operating rate   | 0.089175 /\$100  |
| <b>x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate</b>   | 0.096309 /\$100  |
| + This year's debt rate  | 0.008581 /\$100  |
| = This year's total rollback rate  | 0.104890 /\$100  |

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the El Paso County Emergency Services District #1 (ESD#1) adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.102362 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$60,195.

#### 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) | \$ 1,125,269 |
| Debt Service (I&S)            | \$ 166,406   |

#### SCHEDULE B – 2010 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 |
|--|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| 2008 Ladder Truck, 2009 Brush Truck, and 2009 Chevy Tahoe                                | \$ 95,788  | \$ 12,720                               | \$ 0                     | \$ 108,508    |
| Total required for 2010 Debt Service   |  |   |                          | \$ 108,508    |
| - 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 2010  |  |   |                          | \$ 108,508    |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2010 |  |   |                          | -0-           |
| = Total Debt Levy  |  |   |                          | \$ 108,508    |

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

Name of person preparing this notice: **Victor A. Flores, R.T.C.**

Title: **El Paso County Tax Assessor-Collector** Date prepared: **August 9, 2010**  
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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



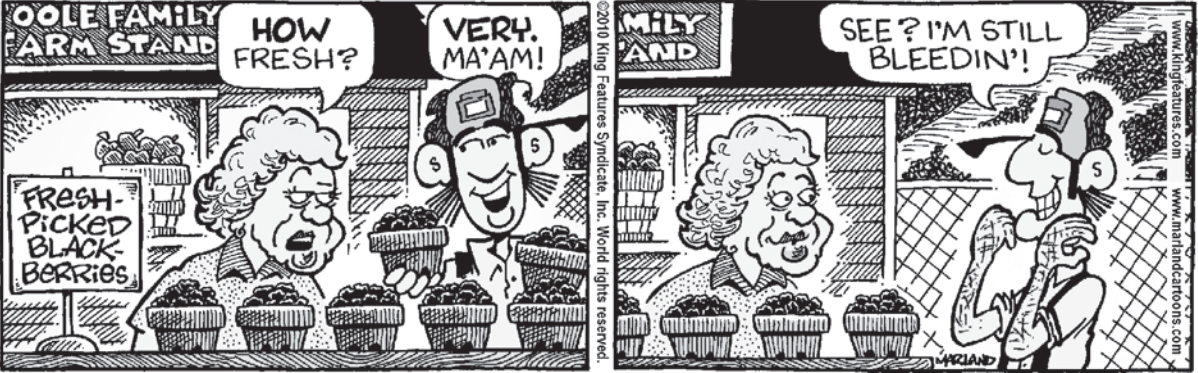
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THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I got a sudden attack of dizziness that landed me in bed. I couldn't stand. Finally, with the help of my husband, I got to the doctor, who said I had a viral infection called vestibular neuritis. I am taking medicine and am somewhat better, but the dizziness isn't completely gone. Will it go? When? – L.T.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 17-year-old son is a baseball pitcher. Last week he came home with his pitching arm greatly swollen. I was alarmed, and I told my husband we needed to take the boy to the emergency room. My husband thought I was overreacting, but I insisted. I am glad I did. He had a blood clot in a vein that caused the swelling. They treated him with medicine to dissolve the clot and put him on a blood thinner. Will he ever pitch again? – R.C.

I have to warn readers that the causes of dizziness are diverse, and vestibular neuritis, while common, is only one of many causes. The vestibule of the inner ear has three fluid-filled canals that work like a carpenter's level, that gadget whose center contains a fluid-containing tube with a bubble in it. The balance tells the carpenter if a piece of wood is aligned. The inner ear canals tell people if they are aligned. They send signals to the brain that keep us balanced. A viral infection of those canals or of the nerve that sends signals to the brain makes people feel like they've been put in the spin cycle of a washer.

Not only are affected people dizzy, they become nauseated and often throw up. Symptoms of vestibular neuritis lessen in two to three days, but full recovery can take up to six or more weeks.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I drink skim milk every day for its protein and calcium. I can't stand the taste, so I add chocolate syrup to it. Now I heard that chocolate blocks calcium absorption. Is this true? – J.D.

A cortisone drug taken within the first three days of illness can ease symptoms. And medicines like promethazine relieve dizziness and nausea, but they make some people so drowsy that they prefer the dizziness.

Oxalate in chocolate can interfere with calcium absorption, but the amount of oxalate added to a glass of milk doesn't significantly reduce calcium's entry into the body.

The booklet on dizziness discusses vestibular neuritis as well as the other dizziness causes. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No.801W,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

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. (c) 2010 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

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- 24 "The \_ Is High" ('80 hit)
- 25 Cashew kin
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- 30 Catchall abbr.
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- 40 "Beat it!"
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- 48 TV's " \_ & Greg"
- 50 Tax shelter
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- 52 Green house?
- 53 Pianist Glenn
- 54 Light beer
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- 59 PR concern
- 60 Shuffleboard stick
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- 66 Word with man or maiden
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- 80 Dietary need
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  - 11 Muslim pilgrimage
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- Bolivia
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- 41 WWII admiral
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- 57 Expert
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- 64 Pupil's place
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- 79 Rug type
- 81 Arthur of "Maude"
- 83 Mongrel
- 84 Handle
- 85 Kudrow of "Friends"

- 86 James or Jones
- 88 Cozy coat
- 89 "Hulk" Ferrigno
- 90 Decorative vase
- 91 Chianti color
- 95 Comic Howie
- 96 Dull
- 97 Set loose
- 100 Suit
- 101 Screenwriter Nora
- 103 High-toned guy?
- 104 Actress MacDowell
- 105 Henry VIII's house
- 107 Dumbstruck
- 108 "Citizen Kane" prop
- 109 Somewhat, to Solti
- 110 For men only
- 111 Lorre role
- 112 Patriot James
- 113 Hawaii's state bird
- 114 "Cheerio!"
- 115 Perpetual lab assistant
- 116 Starting at
- 117 Binchy's " \_ Road"
- 118 It may be strapless

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS  
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, 2010 in the Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, 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 | 5.0600% Increase |
| Debt Service               | 0.0763% Increase |
| Total Expenditures         | 2.3300% Increase |

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

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$ 1,148,330,441   | \$ 1,173,537,217 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 46,799,837      | \$ 45,487,482    |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 933,361,485     | \$ 953,008,077   |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 44,288,247      | \$ 41,068,449    |

\* "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\* \$137,339,698

\* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

|   | Maintenance<br>& Operation | Interest<br>& Sinking<br>Fund* | Total       | Local<br>Revenue<br>Per Student | State<br>Revenue<br>Per Student |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate  | \$ 1.040050                | \$ 0.295000*                   | \$ 1.335050 | \$ 1,114                        | \$ 7,344                        |
| Rate to Maintain Same<br>Level of Maintenance &<br>Operations Revenue &<br>Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.040360                | \$ 0.320150*                   | \$ 1.360510 | \$ 1,124                        | \$ 7,161                        |
| Proposed Rate   | \$ 1.040050                | \$ 0.295000*                   | \$ 1.335050 | \$ 1,115                        | \$ 7,444                        |

\*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  | \$ 86,715   | \$ 85,665   |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 71,369   | \$ 70,347   |
| Last Year's Rate Versus             |             |             |
| Proposed Rate per \$100 Value       | \$ 1.335050 | \$ 1.335050 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence      | \$ 952.81   | \$ 939.17   |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes        |             | \$ (13.64)  |

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 1.371100. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.371100.

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) | \$ 21,171,798 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 2,386,084  |

Q&A

From Page 4

Insurance (SSDI) and SSI. SSDI is financed with Social Security taxes paid by workers, employers, and self-employed persons. To be eligible for a Social Security benefit, the worker must earn sufficient credits based on taxable work to be "insured" for Social Security purposes. Disability benefits are payable to blind or disabled workers, survivors, or adults disabled since childhood, who are otherwise eligible. The amount of the monthly disability benefit is based on the Social Security earnings record of the insured worker. SSI is a needs-based program financed through general revenues. SSI disability benefits are payable to adults or children who are disabled or blind, have limited income and resources, meet the living arrangement requirements, and are otherwise eligible. The monthly payment varies up to the maximum federal benefit rate, which may be supplemented by the State or decreased by countable income and resources. To learn more about SSDI and SSI disability benefits, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and visit the links along the top of the page

for Disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Q: Can I get both Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and Social Security benefits at the same time?

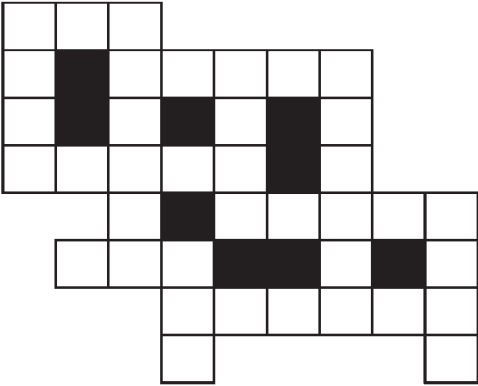
A: Many people eligible for SSI may also be entitled to Social Security benefits. In fact, the application for SSI also is an application for Social Security benefits. Eligibility for SSI depends on your income and resources, so if you receive a large Social Security check, you won't be eligible for SSI. However, if your Social Security payment is low and your overall income and resources are low, you might be eligible to receive an SSI payment to supplement your Social Security benefits. To learn more about SSI, read the publication You May Be Able To Receive SSI at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11069.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11069.html)

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

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ORP  
GUDDER  
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ERRPIM  
♥EOD  
MODR  
GRIYD  
PGY  
♥PELDYE  
MUREL  
♥YEDD



Answer Page 8

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE ). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART ). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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

CryptoQuip  
Answer

If a telemarketer makes a bunch of dubious promises, could they be phone-y claims?

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|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| DEAL   | CARL    | DAHL    | BANAL  |
| OLLA   | OLEO    | ALAI    | FEDORA |
| FLIT   | EMIL    | TIDE    | ALMOND |
| FATHER | SDAY    | IS      | JUST   |
| ETC    | ANT     | WHET    |        |
| LOP    | READING | SHOO    | FOP    |
| ADELE  | LINK    | DHARMA  | IRA    |
| MORE   | BANK    | GOULD   | LAGER  |
| BRUTAL | FRETS   | IMAGE   |        |
| CUE    | MOO     | TEEM    | IRON   |
| MOTHER | SDAY    | ONLY    | YOU    |
| ERIE   | BEET    | MOE     | ERR    |
| NADER  | FIBER   | SICKLE  |        |
| ICITLY | PILED   | LURE    | UNIT   |
| ALE    | AMANDA  | BORE    | FROST  |
| LED    | AREA    | BLUNDER | BAA    |
| TANK   | TEA     | PEA     |        |
| SPEND  | AS      | UCHON   | THE    |
| BLONDE | TODD    | TEAR    | AGRA   |
| RECOIL | ATOM    | INTO    | POOR   |
| ADORE  | GORE    | SEAN    | ERMA   |