



NEWSBRIEFS

Anti-bully car show

Socorro Middle School is inviting the entire community to help kick off its annual anti-bullying campaign with a car show at the school. The event takes place on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Socorro Middle School, 321 Bovee Rd. Members of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and the Center Against Family Violence will be speaking out against bullying. There will be music and food at the event. The car show is open to all categories. The Olweus Bullying Prevention program, adopted district wide three years ago, is designed for students in elementary, middle and high schools. It has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying throughout a school setting. School administrators, teachers, and other staff introduce and implement the program with the goals of improving peer relations and making the school a safer and more positive place for students to learn and develop.

—Christina Flores-Jones

Clean-Up Day

The Village of Vinton will have another "Bulk Waste Clean-Up" Day on September 28, 2013. The clean-up will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue until the roll-offs are completely full. We are now accepting used tires, car batteries, used oil, and used electronics. The only item that will not be accepted is hazardous material or hazardous material containers. In order to bring in bulk waste, residents must present their most current trash bill and a valid identification card. Any questions contact the Village of Vinton at (915) 886-5104.

—Jessica Garza

Healthcare

Gov. Rick Perry issued the following statement on Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' visit to Houston to promote Obamacare: "If Obamacare were sound health care policy, Secretary Sebelius wouldn't have to resort to video contests and prizes to tempt people to sign up. Texans are already subject to too much costly and burdensome federal regulation, and Obamacare only makes the problem worse."

—Josh Havens

Wanted

Two men steal more than six-hundred dollars in clothing from a West El Paso store. The men were captured on surveillance video, and Detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for assistance in identifying them. On Friday July 21st 2013, just before 6 p.m., the two men walked into the Banana Republic store located at the Outlet

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The ideal neighbor is the one that makes noise at the same time we do.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

AN EYE FOR DETAIL – Carlos A. Briano, center, has been named Region 19 Teacher of the Year. Briano teaches journalism at El Dorado High School in Socorro ISD. Briano was working (last school year) with students Keionna Turner, left, and Andrew Cruz on the 2012-2013 school yearbook, *The Legend*. Each student is responsible for design, layout and editing several pages of the book. Under Briano's guidance, the 2010-2011 *Legend* won the prestigious Crown Award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association of Columbia University in New York City.

Briano named Region 19 Teacher of the Year

By Paula Diaz
Special to the Courier

El Dorado High teacher Carlos A. Briano was named Region 19's Secondary Teacher of the Year, one of the highest honors in the area.

Briano, who will go on to compete for Texas Teacher of the Year, received the accolade at a gala Aug. 10 at the Judson F. Williams Convention Center.

"I was in shock," Briano said, Monday after winning. "I was in awe of all the other teachers who were there. They all had a wonderful story to tell about becoming teachers. They were so inspiring. I just never thought to hear my name being called."

SISD Superintendent José Espinoza, was ecstatic that Briano had earned such a distinction.

"As you go on to represent SISD and Region 19, we thank you for going above and beyond to ensure our students' success," Espinoza

told Briano. "You are to be commended for achieving and maintaining such high standards in the journalism field. Your passion is evident by all the individual student awards in writing, design, and photography as well as the regional and national awards received for the El Dorado High School yearbook."

Briano, who worked for the El Paso Times and later for SISD's public relations department, has been teaching journalism at El Dorado for seven years. He is also the yearbook teacher.

His journalism students weren't surprised at Briano receiving the honor, he said.

"My kids are really cocky," said Briano, 39 and father of two. "The first thing they said to me was, 'We told you.'"

His students expect him to be named Texas Teacher of the Year, he said.

"But they want me to come in second at the national level," said Briano, who will find out in the fall if he wins the state award. "I asked them why second? Because the winner takes a year off if they win. And they don't want to lose me for a year."

Briano and his students are no strangers to awards. In 2011, the journalism department won the Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for their 2011 *The Legend* yearbook.

El Dorado High School is the first school in SISD to win the prestigious Crown Award. Only five El Paso schools have received it since the Columbia Scholastic Press Association began awarding it in 1982.

He also has led his students to earn awards in story, headline and caption writing; graphic design; layout; and photography from the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association and in the UIL Press Conference Competition.

Abeln appointed to commissioners' court

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Patrick Abeln, former El Paso International Airport Aviation director, was sworn in recently by District Court Judge Anna Perez to fill the seat left open with the death of Dan Haggerty. He will now serve the constituents of northeast and west El Paso County, District 4.

County Judge Veronica Escobar named the former airport director as the county commissioner evidently because of his expertise in handling large budgets. The county judge is allowed by law to appoint a replacement to the commissioners' court or leave the position vacant until the next election.

Abeln joins Escobar and fellow

commissioners Sergio Lewis, Carlos Leon and Vince Perez on the court. Filling the vacant position means when the court votes on agenda items the majority wins. When a commissioner or judge is absent, a 2-2 vote means the item does not pass.

Abeln, 62, received high praise for his decade-long stint as director of aviation at El Paso International Airport where he oversaw \$120 million in capital improvements from 1999-2009. He retired to battle prostate cancer and is now in remission.

Abeln is believed to be a moderate conservative. Haggerty was a conservative who usually voted against tax hikes and expenditures not mandated by the Texas Legislature. "I am fiscally expedient. That means every



Patrick Abeln

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

The Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2013 in the High School Cafetorium, 430-D Oil Mill, Tornillo, Texas 79853. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.090100/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.213600/\$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	1.90%	Increase
Debt Service	11.50%	Decrease
Total Expenditures	0.90%	Increase

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

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 71,415,180	\$ 74,374,239
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 1,012,084	\$ 1,442,921
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 58,372,508	\$ 61,172,713
Total taxable value**** of new property**	\$ 999,580	\$ 973,958

* "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* \$18,285,595

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.218700*	\$ 1.308800	\$ 568	\$ 7,884
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.098690	\$ 0.216360*	\$ 1.315050	\$ 564	\$ 7,363
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.090100	\$ 0.213600*	\$ 1.303700	\$ 563	\$ 7,325

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 43,860	\$ 50,282
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 28,665	\$ 35,416
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.303700	\$ 1.303700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 373.71	\$ 461.71
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (88.00)

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 1.303700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.303700.

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)	\$ 4,154,560
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 190,097

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

VA gives ground on Agent Orange

The Department of Veterans Affairs pays benefits for a number of illnesses caused by Agent Orange, including chronic B-cell leukemias, Hodgkin's disease and Parkinson's disease. For the most part, however, unless you were boots on the ground and wallowing in the stuff in Vietnam, proving exposure has been tough.

At CFB Gagetown, the VA only acknowledges a four-day window of possible exposure. Blue Water sailors have had to prove that they actually stepped foot on land or were on ships that operated in the waterways of Vietnam. Those who came in contact with the C-123K spray planes post-Vietnam were told they were unlikely to be at risk because the Agent Orange would have dried.

Officials didn't think it through. In the years before the planes were decommissioned (around 2010), they were used as medical and cargo carriers. They were still contaminated. Those affected could include National Guard, flight nurses, ground crews and flight crews. Methods of transmission would have been skin, breathing or eating. Consider: A wet wipe-down of

the plane can activate the toxin. Now, for the first time, the VA has acknowledged (in the form of disability compensation to one veteran) that those who flew in the planes that dropped the Agent Orange also could be affected.

If you flew on or worked on a C-123K between 1972 and 1982, and if you're sick from Agent Orange exposure and fighting for compensation, write this down: Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Paul Bailey had his denied claim overturned and he will receive compensation "as the result of occupational hazards onboard C-123K aircrafts." He flew on the C-123K after the Vietnam War. Bailey is ill with multiple cancers.

When his plane, sent to a museum, was tested in 1994, it was discovered to still be "heavily contaminated" with Agent Orange.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

San Eli ISD ups pay for new teachers

Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Teachers new to the San Elizario Independent School District can expect to receive a starting salary of at least \$44,500 for the 2013-2014 school year. The new compensation package approved by the San Elizario ISD Board of Trustees this summer represents a significant jump over last year's pay of \$42,504.42 for a beginning

teacher with 0 years of experience. The majority of all other district employees will receive a 2.5 percent salary increase as well under a new pay range system developed with the assistance of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

The new teacher salary, along with generous stipends for secondary math and science among many others, ensures that the district remains competitive in compensating highly

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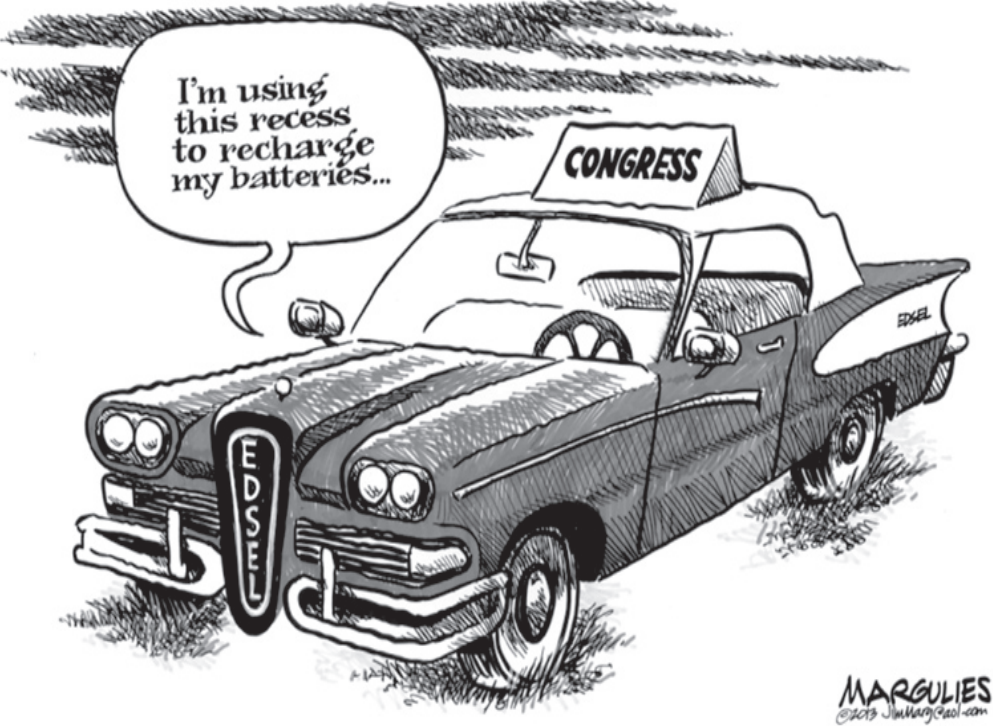
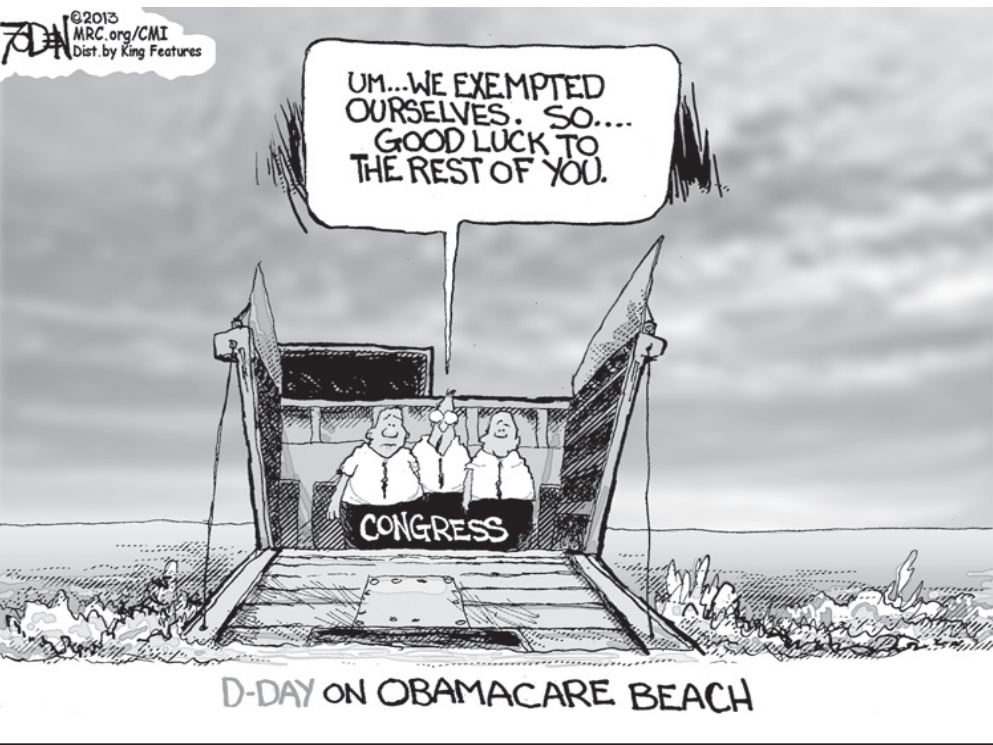


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Shoppes at 7051 South Desert. The men walked into the store and walked over to the back area where shirts are. Once there, one of the men acted as a look out while the other took shirts with the hanger and placed them in shopping bag from another store. A total 15 shirts were taken by the men with a total value of more than six hundred dollars. The two men managed to walk out of the store without being noticed. The men are both described as being Hispanic and in their early to mid-20s. The first suspect is described as 5'7" in height, 150 lbs., thin build, with a light complexion. He was dressed with baseball cap and a white polo shirt. The other is described

as having a heavy build approximately 200 lbs., 5'9" in height brown hair and dark complexion. He was dressed with a purple shirt and dark pants possibly jeans. Anyone with any information on the identity of the men captured on video is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc. is a non-profit organization that brings together the community, law enforcement, and the media to solve crime.

— Javier Sambrano

Paseo del Este Municipal
Utility District No. 2
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 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: Doug Borret, Joann Wardy, Hector Esparza and Ann Jorjorian-Raynal
- AGAINST the proposal: NONE
- PRESENT and not voting: NONE
- ABSENT: Alejandro Limon

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	\$ 264,433.00	\$ 259,691.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 264,433.00	\$ 259,691.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,983.25	\$ 1,947.68
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	– \$ 35.57	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	– 1.79%	

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.

Finances

By Jason Alderman

Honoring grandparents who raise their grandkids

In 1978, Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. Presidents since Jimmy Carter have issued proclamations urging citizens to, in the words of President Barack Obama, “honor those who have helped shape the character of our nation, and thank these role models for their immeasurable acts of love, care and understanding.”

At a stage in life when many people are already comfortably retired, some 2.7 million grandparents have taken on the responsibility of providing basic needs for their grandchildren, according to data compiled by Generations United. An alarming 21 percent of these vital caregivers live below the poverty line, even though 60 percent are still in the workforce.

All told, an estimated 7.8 million children under 18 live in households headed by grandparents or other relatives, including those whose parents are absent due to death, substance abuse, military deployment or other reasons.

Ironically, even though many of these “grandfamilies” barely scrape by, they save taxpayers more than \$6.5 billion each year by keeping children out of the foster care system. So it only seems fair that many federal, state and local aid programs are available to help these guardian angels provide financial and emotional safety nets for their grandchildren.

Among the many difficulties these families sometimes face:

- If you become your grandchild’s foster parent, you’re responsible

for day-to-day decisions and care, although the state retains legal custody and pays for the child’s care.

- Unless you establish some form of legal relationship (custody, guardianship or adoption), the parent may be able to take your grandchild from your home at any time.
- In some states, it’s difficult to enroll the child in school or get medical care without some form of legal relationship.
- Most senior-only housing complexes don’t allow child

residents – which is legal – so some grandfamilies are forced to move.

However, grandfamilies may be eligible for several federal tax credits:

- A Child Tax Credit of up to \$1,000 for each qualified grandchild, provided they lived with you for more than half the filing year and are under 17 at year’s end.
- If you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, you may be eligible for an additional amount for grandchildren you support.
- A Child and Dependent Care Credit for childcare expenses incurred so you can work or seek employment.
- If you adopt your grandchildren,

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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 3

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 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:	Ken Weaver, Mark Dyer, Ivan Alcocer and Sandy Boswell	
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE	
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE	
ABSENT:	Gus Haddad	

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
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 113,891.00	\$ 113,867.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 113,891.00	\$ 113,867.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 854.18	\$ 854.00
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	– \$ 0.18	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	– 0.02%	

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.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 10:15 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 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:	Mike McLean, Juan Sandoval, Humberto Juarez, and Veronica Lascurain	
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE	
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE	
ABSENT:	Salvador Alonzo, Jr.	

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
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.000000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value*	N/A	N/A
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value*	N/A	N/A
Tax on average residence homestead	N/A	N/A
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	N/A	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	N/A	

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.

**This District has no residence homesteads for tax year 2012.*

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you may be eligible for a nonrefundable Federal Adoption Credit of up to \$12,970 per child.

In addition, depending on your income and the health/disability status of your grandchildren, you may also be eligible for benefits from Medicaid, your state’s Children’s Health Insurance Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and numerous other federal, state and local aid programs.

Helpful resources for grandfamilies include:

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, a government-sponsored site at www.usa.gov, that provides links to various subject-matter experts.
- AARP’s comprehensive GrandFamilies

Guide (at www.aarp.org).

- Benefits QuickLINK, an AARP tool to find out whether you or your grandchildren qualify for 15 different public benefits.

• GrandFacts, a searchable database at www.aarp.org, where you can locate key state and local resources, foster care policies and services, public benefits, financial and education assistance, and relevant state laws.

- Generations United, whose “Grandfamilies” website highlights challenges often faced by these households (www.gu.org/OURWORK/Grandfamilies.aspx).

Do something to honor your own grandparents this Grandparents Day. And if you know others who are raising their grandkids, make sure they know about the many available resources.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

Abeln

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financial decision I make is a careful analysis,” stated Abeln in a recent news report.

Escobar told reporters that when she walked out of her meeting with now-Commissioner Abeln, she was elated. “I felt like a huge weight was lifted off my shoulders,” she stated. The goal was to give constituents someone to go to, but Abeln’s experience in overseeing large airport budgets was also a factor in her decision, according to the county judge.

As the temporary commissioner, Abeln will earn a \$60,855 salary and remain in office until the next election.

San Eli

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qualified educators.

The revised pay structure for all other employees was created based on a TASB salary study that called for the establishment of guidelines for minimum, midpoint and maximum rates of pay. The main objectives of the study were to assign appropriate pay for the value of different jobs, recruit and hire skilled employees, retain good employees, and manage costs. The pay plan becomes effective as of the new academic year.

Send your event to:
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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 6 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 6 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 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: **Bob Peterson, Jimmy Ray Pell, and Jerry Romero**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Lorraine Huit and Sheldon Wheeler**

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	\$ 0.000000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value*	N/A	N/A
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value*	N/A	N/A
Tax on average residence homestead	N/A	N/A
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	N/A	N/A

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.

**This District has no residence homesteads for tax year 2012.*

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 7 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 7 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 3:00 p.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 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: **Rene Goldfien, Chris Cragin and Lana Ulrich**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Manuel Gamica and Tom Hansen**

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	\$ 0.000000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value*	N/A	\$ 142,053.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value*	N/A	\$ 142,053.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 0	\$ 1,065.40
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ \$ 1,065.40	N/A

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.

It’s the law

By Texas AG Greg Abbott

Texas human trafficking laws updated

Human trafficking is a horrific crime that subjects its victims to modern day slavery – forced labor – for little or no pay. According to the U.S. State Department, as many as 27 million men, women and children worldwide remain trapped as slaves by traffickers who strip away their dignity and basic human rights by preying on their vulnerabilities and exploiting them for involuntary labor and compulsory prostitution services.

This horrendous crime touches victims across the globe – and right here in Texas.

Eliminating human trafficking is a lofty goal, but it is well worth the effort because the cause is just – saving those who suffer the anguish, pain and shame of servitude. In 2003, the State of Texas took major steps to fight human trafficking by passing one of the first state-level anti-trafficking laws in the U.S. At the same time, regional task forces and other collaborative efforts were established across the state to identify human trafficking victims,

create service response systems, and bring traffickers to justice.

In 2009, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 4009 by Sen. Leticia Van de Putte and Rep. Randy Weber, creating the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force. The Task Force’s inaugural report to the 82nd Texas Legislature highlighted the Task Force’s collaborative approach to address human trafficking on a statewide and regional level. Of the 35 legislative recommendations identified in the 2011 Task Force

Report, the Texas Legislature enacted 32. The anti-trafficking legislation, which was sponsored by Sen. Van de Putte and Rep. Senfronia Thompson, provided an improved legal framework for combating human trafficking by:

- Defining sex and labor trafficking
- Increasing penalties upon conviction
- Creating automatic life sentence for subsequent convictions
- Affording more protection for child trafficking victims
- Including certain convictions in the sex offender registry
- Opening the use of protective orders for victims
- Fostering closer cooperation between investigating agencies

Unfortunately, while Texas has made significant progress, traffickers continue to adapt their criminal enterprises to entrap more victims and evade law enforcement. To eradicate human trafficking within our borders, Texas must meet these challenges head-on and with renewed commitment – providing new building blocks for law enforcement, prosecutors and service providers.

Recognizing that the most successful efforts will be those that utilize collaborative endeavors and pooled resources, the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force published its report for the 83rd Texas Legislature – outlining

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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 8

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 8 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on Friday, September 13, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 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:

Manuel A. Quiñones, A.J. Silva, Suzan Spurlin, Sylvia Touchstone, and Alejandro Contreras

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
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.000000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value*	\$ 52,569.00	\$ 54,683.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value*	\$ 52,569.00	\$ 54,683.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 394.27	\$ 410.12
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 15.86	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 4.02%	

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.

**This District had no residence homesteads for tax year 2012.*

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on Friday, September 13, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 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:

Elizabeth Bustamante, Yvette Lascurain, Rchard Owen and Ben Qualls.

AGAINST the proposal:

NONE

PRESENT and not voting:

NONE

ABSENT:

Olivia Zuniga

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
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.000000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.750000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	N/A*	
Average appraised value*	N/A	N/A
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	N/A	N/A
Average taxable value*	N/A	N/A
Tax on average residence homestead	N/A	N/A
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	N/A	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	N/A	

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.

**This District had no residence homesteads for tax year 2012.*



– Photo courtesy Clint ISD
New Clint ISD superintendent, Juan I. Martinez. Martinez joined CISD as Superintendent of Schools in this August.

Clint ISD marks new school year with convocation

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

Aspirited parade of schools during the Clint ISD District Convocation on August 19th marked the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year for the District’s 1500 employees. The 2013 Convocation Celebration “Together...We Build Tomorrow” was sponsored by the El Paso area Teachers Federal Credit Union (TFCU) and brought together the District’s teachers, administrators, and support staff, board members and special guests to celebrate the coming school year.

The event, held at Clint High School, began with a dignified presentation of colors by the Montana Vista Elementary Color Guard. Clint High School Junior, Catrina Lasyone, sang a beautiful rendition of the national anthem and Horizon High School JROTC cadets Monica Chaparro and

Christopher Bayne led attendees in the pledges. Greetings were given by District Teachers of the Year Lizette Cedillo and Davette Alonzo-Kilkenny. Claudia Green, President and CEO of TFCU, also gave a welcome message. An energetic and engaging keynote address was given by Jim Van Allan of the Jon Gordon Co. and co-author of “The Energy Bus”.

The annual event also marked the first address to employs by new Superintendent, Juan I. Martinez. Mr. Martinez reprised the District vision

“Together...We Build Tomorrow” which was established by the Board of Trustees over 13 years ago. Mr. Martinez closed the event asking the entire staff to commit to this vision. Mr. Martinez joined the District as Superintendent of Schools in August of 2013 bringing with him 19 years of experience. He began his career in 1994 as an Elementary Teacher and then became an Assistant Principal in Clint ISD in 1997. While in Clint ISD, he served as the Principal of Montana Vista Elementary for four years and the

Director of Personnel Services for six years. Mr. Martinez was named the Chief Human Resources Officer for Socorro ISD in 2010 before returning to Clint ISD in 2013. Mr. Martinez was accompanied by his wife, Brenda, also an educator, their two children and other family members at the event to celebrate the occasion.

Clint ISD will welcome students back to school on August 26, 2013. The District is expecting nearly 12,000 students to fill the classrooms of its 14 campuses.

Canutillo Independent School District 2013-2014 Meal Policy

The Canutillo Independent School District will provide free meals to students enrolled in the districts at no charge, under the Provision II program, regardless of income, through the academic year of 2013-2014. The U.S Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual’s income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Política sobre Alimentos para 2013-2014 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo proporcionarara alimentos a todos los estudiantes inscritos en el distrito sin costo alguno, durante todo el ciclo escolar 2013-2014 sin importar el ingreso familiar, bajo el programa Provision II. El Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (por sus siglas en inglés “USDA”) prohíbe la discriminación contra sus clientes, empleados y solicitantes de empleo por raza, color, origen nacional, edad, discapacidad, sexo, identidad de género, religión, represalias y, según corresponda, convicciones políticas, estado civil, estado familiar o paternal, orientación sexual, o si los ingresos de una persona provienen en su totalidad o en parte de un programa de asistencia pública, o información genética protegida de empleo o de cualquier programa o actividad realizada o financiada por el Departamento. (No todos los criterios prohibidos se aplicarán a todos los programas y/o actividades laborales). Si desea presentar una queja por discriminación del programa de Derechos Civiles, complete el USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (formulario de quejas por discriminación del programa del USDA), que puede encontrar en internet en http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, o en cualquier oficina del USDA, o llame al (866) 632-9992 para solicitar el formulario. También puede escribir una carta con toda la información solicitada en el formulario. Envíenos su formulario de queja completo o carta por correo postal a U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, por fax al (202) 690-7442 o por correo electrónico a program.intake@usda.gov.

Las personas con dificultades auditivas, o con discapacidad del habla pueden contactar al USDA por medio del Federal Relay Service (Servicio federal de transmisión) al (800) 877-8339 o (800) 845-6136 (en español).

El USDA es un proveedor y empleador que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades.

Notice of Public Hearing on Adoption of the Proposed 2013/2014 Budget

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Horizon City will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget. The hearing will be held:

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, Horizon City Town Hall
14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas

The public hearing is for the purpose of allowing the public to question and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget. Any person with questions on the accessibility of the facility should contact the City Clerk at the above address or by telephone at 915-852-1046. Persons needing interpreter services must notify the City Clerk no later than September 6, 2013.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for your review at the City Clerk’s Office at the Town of Horizon City, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

WTCC: 08-22-13

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CryptoQuip Answer

When a company’s top dog stays somewhere long-term, I’d call him the resident president.

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LEGALS

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During a Regular City Council Meeting on **Tuesday, June 11, 2013** the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) Ordinance No. 0202,AnOrdinance amending the 2020 Major Thoroughfare System as detailed in the Major Thoroughfare Plan of the Vision 2020: Comprehensive and Strategic Plan and its related documents as originally approved by the Horizon City Council in 2013, to realign a proposed east-west Future Minor Arterial and downgrade it to a Future Collector and a Future Collector with Hike/ Bike Trails.

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

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City

WTCC: 08-22-13

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During a Regular City Council Meeting on **Tuesday, August 13, 2013** the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) Ordinance No. 0203. An Ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, calling a special election for the submission of charter amendments to be held within the City, on November 5, 2013; making provisions for the conduct of the election and other provisions incident and related to the purpose of this Ordinance; and providing for the following: findings of fact; severability; effective date; and proper notice and hearing.

2) Ordinance No. 0017, An Ordinance defining a nuisance and establishing the powers of the Town of Horizon City

regarding such nuisances which exist within the Town Limits and the Extraterritorial Limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas: to prohibit the creation and maintenance of nuisances, to require the abatement of nuisances and provide authority for the Town to abate waste, weeds and other nuisances, and to create a duty for property owners to remove graffiti; and providing for the following: findings of fact, Repealer, and Severability; and Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No 0017 and any amendments therein; the penalties being as provided in Section 0017.020 of this Ordinance.

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

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City

WTCC: 08-22-13

City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

OnAugust 15, 2013 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

1) ORDINANCE 320 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 304 AS AMENDED AND ORDINANCE 280 AS AMENDED.

2. ORDINANCE 321, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, HEREBY ESTABLISHING TERMS OF OFFICE AND PROCEDURES FOR

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, SOCORRO MUSEUM COMMISSION, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION, PUBLIC FINANCE AND INVESTMENT BOARD AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 303, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGULATING MUNICIPAL PARKS, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND PERMITS WITHIN CITY PARKS, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR HOURS OF OPERATION, SPECIAL EVENTS, ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 252, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SOCORRO MUSEUM COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 147, AS AMENDED; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 144, AS AMENDED; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 287, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OFAHISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING TERMS OF OFFICEFORSAID COMMISSION AND THE MEANS AND METHODS FOR HISTORICAL LANDMARK PRESERVATION WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE

NO. 250, AMENDMENT 1, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A STRATEGY AND INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 186, AMENDMENT 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 186 AS REVISED 5OCTOBER 2010, AMENDMENT NO. 3 OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CIVIL SERVICE AND FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING AND AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 214; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

3. ORDINANCE 306, AMENDMENT NO. 3,ANORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2012-2013 ADOPTED BUDGET.

The Ordinance(s) effective date is immediately upon adoption and publication.

Published by order of the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas

Copies of the ordinance are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sandra Hernandez
City Clerk

WTCC: 08-22-13 08-29-13

TOWN OF CLINT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code 102.006, the Town

of Clint will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013/2014. The hearing will be held on September 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clint Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd.

Persons with disabilitieswhomay require auxiliary aids or services to attend this meeting should contact City Hall (915) 851-3146 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements.

Susana Rodriguez
City Clerk
Town of Clint

WTCC: 08-22-13

TOWN OF CLINT

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on September 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. during the regular City Council meeting at 200 N. San Elizario Rd. (Senior Center), Clint, Texas.

Purpose of the public hearing is to allowanyinterested person to appear and testify on the following:

Second Reading, Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 18 of the Town of Clint(Amendment No. 18G): relating to creating and applying zoning classifications of real property in the city limits: to amend Sections 3 (Zoning Districts), 3A (Set back Requirements), 8 (R-1 Single-family Residential District), 10 (R-3 Multiple-Family Residential District), 15 (Specific Use Permit Regulations), 16 (Off-street parking and Loading Space Requirements), 17 (Building Spacing), and 20 (Change and Amendments); to add Section 8A (R-1A, Single Family Residential District, Small Lots); to provide for new types of single-family and multiple-family zoning and impose appropriate requirements to provide for cellular telecommunications facility construction, to correct references and spelling, and revise the fees for requesting a change of zoning; and providing for the following: findings of fact; repealer; severability; effective date; proper notice and hearing;

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 2013 on Thursday, August 29, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Rita Hall, 19211 Cobb St., Tornillo, TX 79853. 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: **Jose Luis Soria, Eliberto Nuñez, Luis Vega, Clemente Escalante, Alexandra Hernandez and Nancy Tarin**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Guadalupe Alcala**

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
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.090000/\$100	0.097535/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.007535/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	+ 8.37%	
Average appraised value	\$ 43,778	\$ 43,625
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 43,778	\$ 43,625
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 39.40	\$ 42.55
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ \$ 3.15 + 7.99%	

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.

the penalty as provided in Section 21 of Ordinance No. 18 of the Town of Clint, creating a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.	Clerk at 915-851-3146, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this hearing.	September 10, 2013, during a Regular Council Meeting at City Hall at 15001 Darrington Rd. (Court/Police Dept. Bldg.) in the Council chambers, Horizon City, TX.	The proposed Capital Program is available for inspection by the publicuponrequest from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.	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 hearing.
Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Town Clerk of Clint. Accommodations for disabled persons will be available and individuals in special need of assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the Town	<i>Susana Rodriguez</i> Town Clerk Town of Clint WTCC: 08-22-13	TOWN OF HORIZON CITY PUBLIC NOTICE A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday,	The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and commentregarding the following: 1) The City’s proposed Capital Program.	<i>Karen Ellefson</i> <i>City Clerk</i> <i>Town of Horizon City</i> WTCC: 08-22-13

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Trafficking

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additional steps the State must take to prevent human trafficking.

Once again, Sen. Van de Putte and Rep. Thompson made human trafficking prevention a major focus of their lawmaking efforts. During the 83rd legislative session, these two seasoned, tireless legislators authored and guided several human trafficking prevention bills through the lawmaking process. The new laws will toughen penalties against offenders who employ, authorize or compel a child to work in a sexually oriented business; improve victim identification, shelter and assistance; develop additional preventative

strategies; and expand the duties of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force.

Improving and strengthening the State’s human trafficking prevention laws will give Texas law enforcement agencies more training, tools and power to recognize and battle this problem. In light of human trafficking’s complexity as a criminal enterprise, we all need to work together to find solutions that help victims and punish their oppressors.

For a copy of the publication, “The Texas Response to Human Trafficking,” please visit our agency website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov. Peace officers may direct additional inquiries to Captain Greg Lucas of the Criminal Investigations Division at (512) 936-1335.



There are now 11 states that have more people on welfare than are employed. The Senate Budget Committee reports that in fiscal year 2012, between food stamps, housing support, child care, Medicaid and other benefits, the average US household below the poverty line received \$168.00 everyday in government support. America’s median household income is just over \$50,000, which averages out to \$136.99-plus a day. To put it another way, being on welfare now pays the equivalent of \$29.48 an hour for a 40-hour week, while the \$50,000 a year job pays \$17.12 an hour.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 10 of El Paso County

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 10 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 12:00 p.m. at the offices of Severn Trent Environmental Services, 12350 Montwood Drive, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas 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:

Greg Spence, B.D. Reynolds Jr. and Martin N. Lettunich
- AGAINST the proposal:

NONE
- PRESENT and not voting:

NONE
- ABSENT:

Luis Ortega and Antonio Gallardo

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	\$ 201,009	\$ 195,184
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 201,009	\$ 195,184
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,507.57	\$ 1,463.88
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	– \$ 43.69	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	– 2.90%	

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.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 11 of El Paso County

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 11 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on Thursday, September 12, 2013, 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, Mary Suzann Pell, Darwin Voge, Jose R. Soto and Marisa Lascurain
- 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	\$ 129,783	\$ 138,662
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 129,783	\$ 138,662
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 973.37	\$ 1,039.97
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 66.60	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 6.84%	

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.

Baseball needs an instant replay for instant replay plan

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I don’t truly know if this officially qualifies but many of us have been witnesses of an absolute miracle.

Oh sure, it may not have the world-impacting importance of some other miracles but this one is just as unbelievable and amazing.

Well actually, it isn’t a completed miracle yet. It still has to pass more phases of debating and voting before it can be clearly defined as an authentic miracle.

Of course, I’m talking about Major League Baseball’s decision to courageously step out of the 19th century and join the rest of us here in the future and institute an instant replay plan.

I know what all you non-believers are saying, “it will never happen; the grand commissioner would never allow it; combining baseball with the modern world is blasphemy.”

Well here’s a shocker; Bud Selig is totally behind the idea. Okay, so he had to be brought along kicking and screaming, but

he’s still for it. The important thing is that he has established a plan for instant replay.

All he needs is the approval of the owners, the players’ association and the umpires.

What a second, I can see the owners and the players association wanting to vote on this plan. The players don’t allow a new brand of popcorn to be sold at the ballpark without a vote.

And do you know how difficult it is to get the owners to stop counting their money long enough to focus on any vote?

But the umpires – why do the umpires get a say?

All the umpires should have to do is ask the owners how they want this implemented? Not whether it should be.

And speaking of implementation, I’m a little foggy on how this is going to work.

It seems like these guys try to make things as difficult as possible. When I watch a baseball game and see a bad call, I’m not alone, the game announcers see it and the fans see it.

I’m sure if the announcers and fans see the error, an umpire sitting in the booth would

also see it. All he has to do is phone down to the home plate umpire and tell him what the correct call should be.

But no, what these baseball bozos have decided to do is give each manager one challenge for the first six innings of the game and another two challenges from the seventh inning on.

What if there are two bad calls during the first six innings of a game?

Okay, so it isn’t anywhere near perfect, but is it any less a miracle?

Like the Great Pyramids, the Parthenon and Betty White – baseball has existed seemingly unchanged for what seems like a millennium.

While football and basketball and tennis and just about every other sport on the planet has gone to digital instant replay to correct bad calls, baseball has insisted that human error is better than any so-called advancements in technology.

But the sport has finally seen the light.

There’s no doubt that as the camera angles have improved, the calls on the field have not.

There have been many embarrassingly bad

calls this season, which I’m sure prompted Selig to swallow his pride and join the 21st century.

Here’s another weird situation concerning the new instant replay rules. It appears that they will be put to the test during the playoffs of 2014.

Why wait for the playoffs to use an unproven method? Why not use it all season long so everybody is used to it for the most important time of the season – the postseason.

Selig said one of his main concerns is that the new rule would slow down the game.

The truth is, it’s the bad calls that bring a manager out of the dugout to argue with an umpire for five minutes, resulting in the eventual kicking of dirt, throwing of a base and nose-to-nose theatrics.

By the time the manager is tossed from the game, 10-15 minutes have gone by.

This other way everyone can see the play on a monitor and no one can argue.

Much quicker, everyone is satisfied and the game can speed along at a pace never before seen.

Now that’s a miracle.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Birth of a legend

Legends are born from great conflict. A legend is an exemplary individual or a tale of great courage, a triumph over adversity, a surmounting of overwhelming odds. Legends prevail and often do so with a special valor, spectacular flourish or an uncommon grace.

If there ever was one, J.C. “Jesse” Owens is a legend. His achievements at the 1936 Berlin Olympics stand as one of the greatest sporting exhibitions of all-time – certainly

the greatest of the 20th century. But his legend extended far beyond a track or a field, his legacy has lasted longer than a 200 meter sprint.

It was at Adolph Hitler’s Reichsportsfeld that Owens crushed the theory of a “superior race” when he won four gold medals and set two world records in full view of the entire world. As his family notes at his posthumous website, JesseOwens.com: “During a time of deep-rooted segregation, he not

only discredited Hitler’s master race theory, but also affirmed that individual excellence, rather than race or national origin, distinguishes one man from another.”

Jesse Owens returned to America a hero – but he still had to use the “colored entrance” when he went to an award ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria (where he wasn’t permitted to stay overnight). Owens soon was reduced to racing against horses during breaks at Negro League baseball games. He went on to pump gas before going bankrupt, and eventually was prosecuted for tax evasion by the United States government, narrowly avoiding prison time.

Before Owens died in 1980, he tried to convince President Jimmy Carter to reconsider his call for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics. The games, he argued, were meant to be a time where men came together for the sake of fair, sound competition and as a respite from war. Carter called for the boycott due to the Soviet’s invasion of Afghanistan.

Today, a third of a century later, once again there is talk of boycotting the Olympics in Russia. Only now it is America embroiled in a war in Afghanistan. This time, the considered boycott revolves around the rights of the gay community. In Russia, anything related to gay pride is a punishable offense that can lead to jail time. Just as Owens and his “negro” teammates faced Hitler less than 80 years ago, any gay athlete at the 2013 games faces persecution simply for acknowledging who

they are as a individual. That’s why President Barack Obama – America’s first black president – must not call for a boycott of the Olympic games. Just as Owens returned stateside a hero only to find he was a still a second-class citizen, the brave gay athletes facing down persecution in Russia will return to second-class situations in America.

History shows that in times like these, someone comes along who pierces our consciousness and helps us realize that we can strive to be faster, go higher and become stronger. Those are the principles of the Olympic Games, and that is why we as Americans and individuals need to be there.

It is where legends are born, and a birth is not to be missed.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: My wife doesn't have enough work under Social Security to qualify for Social Security or Medicare. But I am fully insured and eligible. Can she qualify on my record?

A: Yes. The question you've raised applies to husbands as well as wives. Even if your spouse has never worked under Social Security, she (or he) can, at full retirement age, receive a benefit equal to one-half of your full retirement amount. Your wife is eligible for reduced spouses benefits as early as age 62, as long as you are already receiving benefits. If your spouse will receive a pension for work not covered by Social Security such as government employment, the amount of his or her Social Security benefits on your record may be reduced. For more information, take a look at the fact sheet, Government Pension Offset, Publication No. 05-10007 at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10007.pdf. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov and select the "Retirement" tab.

- Part B (medical insurance) helps pay for doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical services and supplies that are not covered by Part A;
- Part C (Medicare Advantage) plans, available in some areas, allow you to choose to receive all of your health care services through a provider organization. These plans may help lower your costs of receiving medical services, or you may get extra benefits for an additional monthly fee. You must have both Parts A and B to enroll in Part C; and
- Part D (prescription drug coverage) is voluntary and the costs are paid for by the monthly premiums of enrollees and Medicare. Unlike Part B in which you are automatically enrolled and must opt out if you do not want it, with Part D you have to opt in by filling out a form and enrolling in an approved plan. More information may be found in our publication Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html or by visiting www.medicare.gov.

Q: How many parts to Medicare are there?

A: There are four parts to Medicare:
• Part A (hospital insurance) helps pay for inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing care, hospice care and other services;

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at 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.

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: E equals I

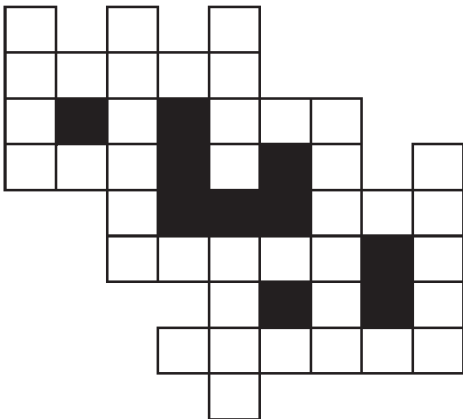
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER**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

STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• It was famed film producer and studio executive Samuel Goldwyn who made the following sage observation: "The most important thing in acting is honesty. Once you've learned to fake that, you're in."

• Sarah Bernhardt, the French star of stage and early film, who was often referred to as "the most famous actress the world has ever known" and "the divine Sarah," often slept in a coffin. She said it helped her to better understand tragic roles.

• Have you ever suffered from otorrhea? If you've had a pus-containing discharge from your ear, you have.

• In the original "Star Trek" series, a pair of the false ears worn by Leonard Nimoy in the role of Spock would last only three to five days of shooting before they had to be replaced.

• I'm sure you've heard that President Richard Nixon was sometimes called "Tricky Dick," especially toward the end of his troubled career, but you may not be familiar with other nicknames he had. In college his perceived lack of a sense of humor prompted the name "Gloomy Gus," and his tendency to spend long hours sitting and studying earned him the moniker "Iron Butt."

• Records show that during the last seven months of Elvis Presley's life, he had 5,300 different medications prescribed for him.

• In 1938, Fortune magazine published a prediction that, in hindsight, turns out to have been rather egregiously off the mark: "Few scientists foresee any serious or practical use for atomic energy. They regard the atom-splitting experiments as useful steps in the attempt to describe the atom more accurately, not as the key to the unlocking of any new power."

Thought for the Day:
"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."
— Henry David Thoreau

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