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NEWSBRIEFS

Child support program

People who owe back child support in El Paso County won't be able to register their vehicles anywhere in Texas once a new program approved by County Commission this week goes into effect. Computerized records of the County's family court Domestic Relations Office showing past-due child support fees will be tied into those of the Texas Department of Transportation via a contract that is the first of its kind in the state. Expected to go on line later this year, it will block attempted registrations done in person, mailed, or on-line.

Mission chile fun

The first ever Mission Trail Chile Festival will be held this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, to give chile tasters a taste of the finest red and green salsa, red and green chile, and pico de gallo. Hosted by Nacho Padilla at Señor Nacho Restaurant and Beer Garden, 9173 Socorro Rd., admission is free. A contest to determine the best in these categories will send the winner to the Texas-New Mexico Chile War in Las Cruces. Chiles will be roasted and made available for sale beginning at noon both days. Live music begins 6 p.m. on Saturday. Information: 859-2999.

In other news

■ The 21-member Socorro High School varsity cheerleading squad has been selected to cheer at the 2003 Fed Ex Orange Bowl half-time show. It is one of only 30 groups nationwide to be invited. Sponsor Lori Springer said the invitation came after Socorro's first-place finish at the COA West Coast Open in March. The problem is cost. The group is trying to raise some \$38,000 to cover expenses. The cost per student is \$899, not counting \$342 for air fare. Springer said persons wishing to contribute may contact her at 860-3500.

■ It was just a long shot — about 324 yards off the tee to be exact, and it was made by Joey Pennies, teacher and golf coach at Montwood High School. As a result he will now advance to district competition in the Long Drivers of America competition on Aug. 17 at Antelope Hills Golf Course. His goal? To become the "World's Longest Hitter" during the finals in Mesquite, Nevada.

■ An End-of-Summer Arts and Crafts Fair will be held Aug. 24-25 at the Salem Galeria de Arte on the Mission Trail, 10300 Socorro Road, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Music and entertainment will be provided and vendors wishing to participate should call 678-4145 or 594-1242.

■ The Americas High School administration and faculty will break a few dress codes on Aug. 20-21 at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

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Wealthy people miss one of the greatest thrills of life — paying the last installment.
— Quips and Quotes



— Photo by Dick Harshberger

NO WAITING LIST HERE — The new Fabens Post Office has remedied a long-standing problem of not enough post office boxes to service this community which has no door-to-door mail delivery.

Fabens welcomes new postal facility

FABENS — The Fabens Post Office was already overrun with customers back in early 1999 when word came down that they would be provided a new facility.

Three years later you can almost hear the sighs of relief as the new building with spacious parking opened on July 15 to service the Fabens community.

Fabens has no door-to-door mail distribution which brings practically everyone in the community to the door of the Post Office. With 4,000 post office boxes open for business there is no waiting list as there was when only 2,734 were available in the previous location.

How long before these boxes are all filled?

"We have enough," says Robert Quesada, Fabens Postmaster.

The parking lot features a 59-space choice of parking, including three for the handicapped, quite a change from the 13 and one ratio at the old location. As customers come inside, they are greeted by more than double the square footage, 8,200 square feet as opposed to 2,700.

The Post Office stayed on Main Street, however, moving from the previous location at 510 East Main to 605 West Main. Built to the specifications of the U.S. Postal Service, the facility is on a 20-year lease so Quesada expects to be in this location for quite some time.

Mother of Loya Elementary student sets example of helping others less fortunate

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Ofelia Aguirre still remembers the day.

It was two years ago when she gave a casual glance across the cafeteria table while eating breakfast with her son at Loya Primary School in the San Elizario Independent School District.

"I saw a little boy who was in need of better looking clothes," she said. "I spoke to his mother and took it from there."

Some people find it difficult to approach a complete stranger and offer them help but Aguirre did just that. Rather than being insulted or embarrassed, the boy's mother accepted Ofelia's offer of help.

Aguirre quickly sprang into action. She began by sifting through her children's old clothes and donating them to needy children at Loya. A collections specialist at Providian Financial, she began asking her co-workers for donations, too.

"I get donations from them like clothes, personal items, blankets and shoes," Aguirre said. Her fellow co-workers donate so regularly,

once a month Aguirre has to load up her gray Chevy Lumina with donations. Counselors at Loya Primary identify the students in need and then turn to Aguirre.

"I have a co-worker who doesn't have children but wants to be an honorary mother at Loya," she said.

Management at Providian Financial was so impressed with Aguirre's efforts, she was highlighted in the company's Providian Cares 2001 Financial Report. Her time in volunteering and dedication was matched through Providian's employee matching gifts contributions. According to Dina Rivas, a Communities In Schools Program Coordinator at Loya Primary, \$500 was donated to the CIS Program for needy students at the school.

In the report, Ofelia said that children were precious and that she was very happy to give her time and efforts to families in need of help.

"I was a less fortunate child and was lucky enough to have a female role model make a difference in my life," she said.

San Elizario ISD considers itself lucky to have parents like Ofelia Aguirre.



Ofelia Aguirre

Canutillo employees to enjoy bigger paycheck, budget near approval

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Returning teachers, librarians and nurses in the Canutillo Independent School District have something to look forward to — a bigger paycheck.

In a special Aug. 7 board meeting, trustees voted to raise the teacher pay scale at each level by \$1,000 in addition to the annual step increase.

District comptroller Tony Reza pointed out another financial benefit. "Canutillo ISD will also continue to provide free health care insurance for all of its employees.

Reza explains that the pay and step increase is approximately \$1,600 at each level for returning teachers, librarians and nurses. This translates into a 3-5 percent pay hike depending on years of experience. The annual salary for a beginning teacher with no experience is \$31,015.

"Although the beginning teacher salary is lower than some of the districts in the region our teacher pay scale is very competitive when comparing salaries for experienced teachers," Reza pointed out.

"In these tough financial times, we are pleased that the teachers will be getting more," said district superintendent Charles Hart. "We are pleased that we were able to find more. We only wish it could be more."

Jan Massie, lead teacher in the advanced academics program, welcomed the pay raise on both a personal and professional level. She said the bigger paycheck is particularly welcome because three members of the Massie family are in college—herself and two children. Massie is working on her master's degree.

On a professional basis, she praises the school board "working diligently" and recognizing the efforts of the district's teachers.

"This makes us feel good," she says. "The board is making a statement in publicly recognizing our efforts—that they understand the job we are doing."

She adds, "This helps morale across the district."

In other action, the board also voted to implement the Texas Association of School Board's (TASB) recommendation of a new pay scale for administrators and hourly employees. The pay scale is based on a recent compensation survey of the district by TASB.

With the new scale, administrators and hourly employees will receive a two percent increase based at the mid-point of their respective pay scales for the coming school year.

Meanwhile, the 2002-2003 budget for the Canutillo Independent School District moved a step closer to approval on Aug. 5 at a special meeting of the board of trustees.

Trustees approved the calendar for adoption of the budget and for setting of the tax rate. The district's budget comes up for final approval at another special board meeting on Aug. 27.

Comptroller Tony Reza answered board members' Canutillo items and how the money was distributed. What may have

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Share and share alike

Sharing isn't just for kindergartners. It isn't just some pretty idea to make things work smoothly in a social situation.

Sometimes it means the very survival of a society.

Where I grew up the only water we had came from the sky. We valued every drop and preserved it carefully. Water truly was life, for us, our livestock, our very survival.

You want to talk about water conservation?

The rain fell in due season and when it didn't, or not enough fell, adjoining landowners shared. It made plain old common sense to help the fellow next to you survive because you never knew when you might need a similar favor.

Nobody questioned this, at least not until the last few years when some of the remote ranches sold to some city folks, who refused to allow neighbors to haul water from their tanks.

That kind of thinking isn't just self-ish. It's stupid.

The same kind of stupid thinking is stirring up controversy — always has, I guess — along the Rio Grande. What is so incredible about this is that some folks way up in Colorado are griping because people further down along the river are getting water.

Now these Colorado folks are getting the same amount of water allotment they always have but now they are hollering to high heaven because El Paso County is sending a little on down the stream to Hudspeth County.

Of course, the City of El Paso has been having a similar attitude problem. They are up in arms and going to court because the Irrigation District won't give them more water at the same cheap price so they can build a dam in the Upper Valley to keep more water from flowing on down to their neighbors.

Now, I'm not related to any farmers in the Lower Valley farming com-

munity. In fact, my only acquaintance with any of them would be to say hello in passing.

But I believe it is a mistake to gather water up and hoard it on behalf of city dwellers at the expense of the farming community which provides food and fiber to clothe and feed us all.

What kind of backward thinking is this? Reminds me of the man who cut off his nose to spite his face.

The alleged "crime" is that the El Paso County Irrigation District has allowed some water to flow on down to farms in Hudspeth County which Colorado and the City of El Paso believe should have been diverted into their cisterns long before it got there.

Because Hudspeth is outside the Rio Grande Project, the only water they may claim is waste water from El Paso County fields, water that is unclaimed in El Paso County, and storm water that flows into the river this side of Caballo Dam at Elephant Butte. They got some this year.

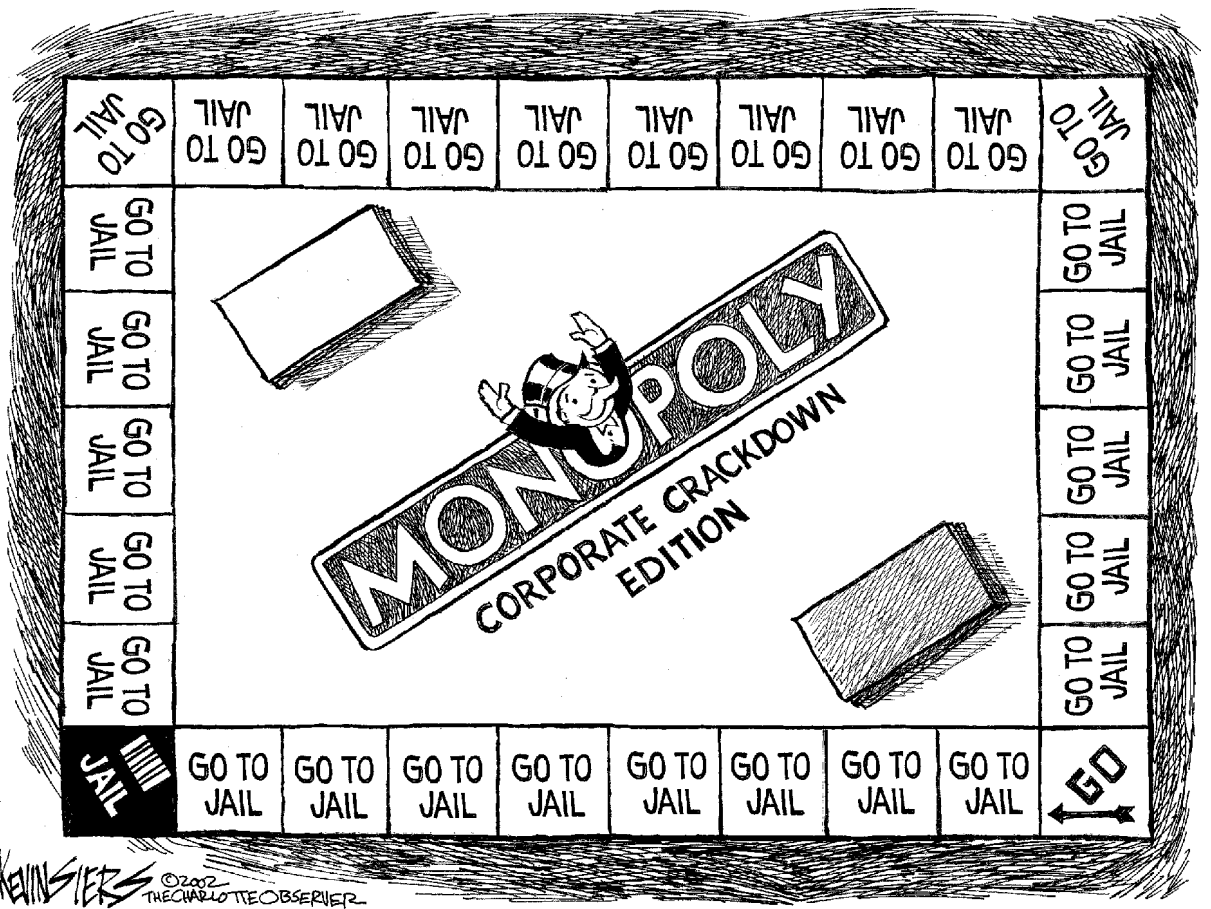
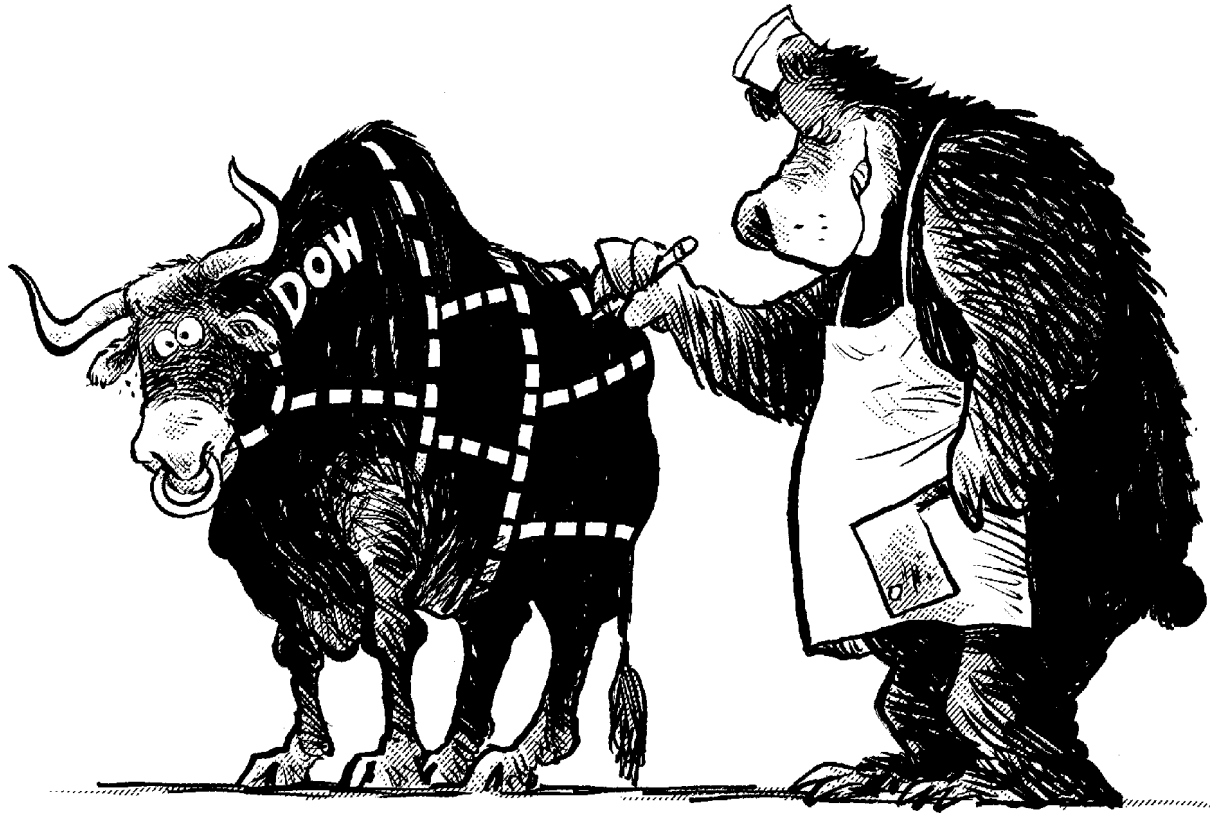
The amount of water we're talking here is supposed to be enough to supply the City of El Paso's needs for 10 months. My question is this: After 10 months of water in El Paso, what do you have to show for it? Green grass and clean city dwellers? After the same water is used on a field to grow stuff you have — guess what? — food, fiber, maybe a little steak on the plate.

I don't mean to put down city dwellers, among which I unfortunately must count myself. The plain truth is we need the farming and agricultural community. It is worth sharing a little to keep them producing.

I hate to think about the day when our artificial system of supplying food and clothing collapses and we rush to the farmer and say, please, plant your field and grow some food.

Sorry, man, he'll say. I had to sell my field and tractor to pay my water bill.

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View from here

By Elizabeth Fourzan

Another perspective to Schulte's resignation

Dear Ms. Shrum:

Thank you for your perspective in the Aug. 8, 2002 issue of the West Texas County Courier entitled "Schulte latest victim of insidious, pesky, incurable virus." I, however, beg to differ with your version. The only "virus" I see that has run amok in your column is rumor and innuendo. Based on some of the allegations you made about Craig Patton and the current school board, I believe that you have been grossly misled.

I am a very proud teacher and employee of the Socorro Independent School district who has been with the district for nine years. As a leader of one of the education associations, I have frequently attended the board meetings and I have observed the leadership in our district. Some of the leadership was good, some was not so good. But I truly believe that their best interests were for the children of this district.

I was at that board meeting on July 23 where you accuse Craig Patton of being dissatisfied with the Montwood Wellness Clinic. After a power point presentation was made

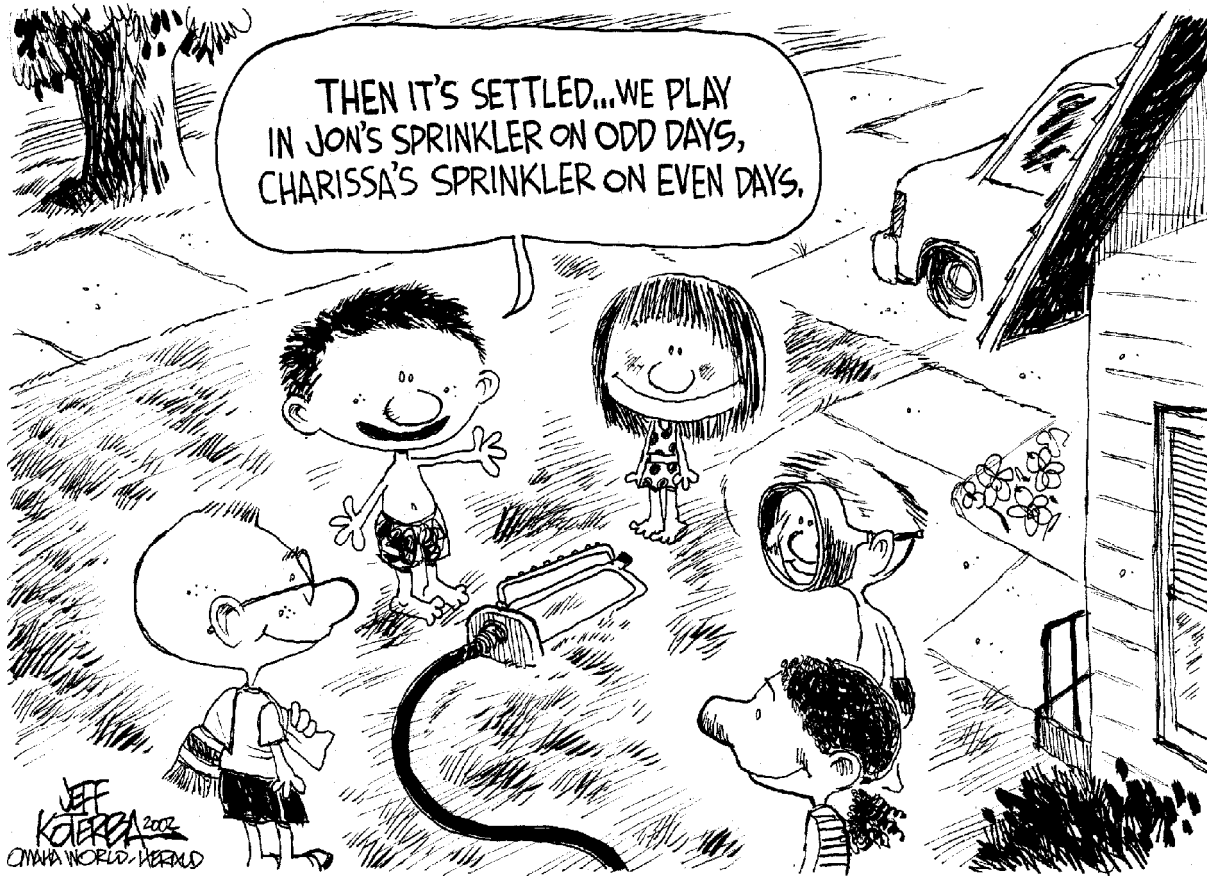
by the doctor and office manager of the wellness center in which they presented their mission and goals, I heard Craig Patton ask for documentation on the work accomplished so far. I don't think his questions were inflammatory or out of line. In fact, amid the questioning, the office manager and doctor admitted that the application forms were incorrect but that they would soon be corrected. Their claim that "no one is turned away" should be rethought.

It was the administration's recommendation to the board to table the motion on the Termination of the Wellness Center contract until further paperwork was received. That's when the meeting began to get heated. One board member scolded Patton for not getting the information himself ahead of time. Patton said that he had been asking for documentation the entire two months since he had been elected to office but had only received the information the Friday before the Tuesday meeting. The meeting grew out of order because of the behavior of some of the board members and the reaction of

the audience.

I think it's incredibly unfair for you to characterize the proposal to televise the board meetings as political posturing. Employees and taxpayers of the Socorro district have had many questions about things like the Wellness center, and the way things are run in this district. Many cannot attend the board meetings because of their circumstances. Besides, the boardroom is small and cannot hold many people. The Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District have a fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers and employees of the Socorro school district. Having the meeting televised might have been great public service. It seems to me that the only ones who voted against that motion were the one who behaved badly in that July 23 meeting.

There are plenty of people in the district who appreciate Patton's pattern of "questioning" and "investigating" which you interpret as "interfering" and "meddling." The bottom line is this, Ms. Shrum, that Socorro Independent School District provide a quality education for its students.



NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2002 Property Tax Rates in Town of Anthony

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for the **Town of Anthony**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$162,575
Last year's debt taxes	77,864
Last year's total taxes	240,439
Last year's tax base	86,151,062
Last year's total tax rate	.279090/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$240,431
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	80,320,942
=This year's effective tax rate	.299337/\$100
x1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	.308317/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$162,569
+This year's adjusted tax base	80,320,942
=This year's effective operating rate	.202399/\$100
x1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	.218590/\$100
+This year's debt rate	.093735/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	.312325/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If the **Town of Anthony** adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **.299337** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2001 taxes by **\$8,237**.

SCHEDULE A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$131,076
Debt Service (I&S)	24,307

SCHEDULE B

2002 Debt Service

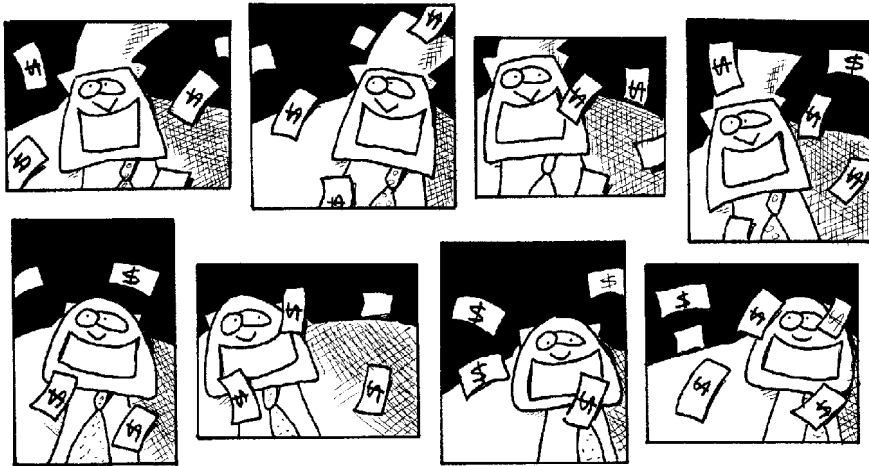
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

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
'74 GOB	\$6,000	\$ 4,669	\$-0-	\$10,669
SIB	15,904	1,298	-0-	17,202
2002 GOB	36,000	14,000	-0-	50,000
Total required for 2002 debt service	\$77,871			
-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 2002	77,871			
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2002	-0-			
=Total Debt Levy	\$77,871			

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.
Name of person preparing this notice: Juan F. Sandoval
Title: Tax Assessor/Collector
Date prepared: August 09, 2002

SO, WHO'S GOING TO SAVE US FROM BIG BUSINESS...?

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the Socorro ISD for their support in providing transportation for the senior citizens from the Socorro Community Center to attend the *VIVA El Paso!* show. I want to thank Mr. Chente Quintanilla, Brenda, and all the personnel involved who helped provide the service.

Sam Brewster
Councilman
City of Socorro

Dear Editor:

Why is the school board always at fault whenever there are problems in a school district? It is amazing to me that most people feel that if a superintendent resigns or their contract is not renewed, it is because of micro-management by the school board? Because school teachers, principals, superintendents, etc. are in charge of our children, I had always held them in higher esteem — right up there with God. But — after being on a school board, I had to change my opinion. To me — these individuals should set examples, and when they set a bad example, they should be held accountable. The superintendent is only accountable to the school

board and when he/she does something wrong, legally or morally, the board should follow procedure and act accordingly.

The Socorro Board of Trustees did this when they accepted Mr. (Don) Schulte's resignation. This is not micro-management!

Elizabeth Hill
Horizon City

Dear Editor:

Due to the publicity regarding the Socorro Police Department and the Mayor's decision to appoint a new interim Chief of Police, I need to express my opinion on this matter that affects the community.

I support the Mayor's decision to appoint a new chief. Remember, Mayor Sanchez has been in office three months and she has had the tenacity to start cleaning things up and do what no other administration has been willing to do. The disorganization, lack of respect for the community and the lack of respect for the badge create a department of the kind that we have today.

Attitude reflects leadership!

There has been no leadership in the department. If the job is not being done, we need to get someone who will do the job and do it right. Furthermore, it appalls me to see Rep. Gary Gandara come out on TV act-

ing like an angel who got his wings cut off questioning the Mayor, when he has not taken a leadership role in the town's function.

Therefore, I urge the entire community to think about whom they voted into office. Let's come together and support the Mayor in cleaning up this town. Being a public servant is more than collecting a check and coming out on TV.

It's a responsibility!

Antonia Ordonez
Socorro

Dear Editor:

For the past couple of days I have been hearing about how "upset" our Socorro City Council is with Mayor Irma Sanchez' decision of appointing Officer Irma Molina as Interim Police Chief to oversee our police department. What is being said is affecting me, since I am a member of that council.

Our Mayor is working hard to change the things that she feels need changing. She had her reasons for removing the previous interim police chief (who I thank for his work in the department) and appointing a new one.

When she, the mayor, was elected, she promised she would be a full-time

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore August 6, 1842, Charles Eliot arrives at Galveston to become Britain's charge d'affairs to the Republic of Texas.



Canutillo

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appeared as a cut in funding in one area, he explained was only the same money serving the same purpose channeled through other de-

partments.

Reza repeated what he had said at the June 11 board meeting, that the state is giving less and less to the school districts with more of the financial burden falling to taxpayers. Actual funding levels for are not available pending incorporation of

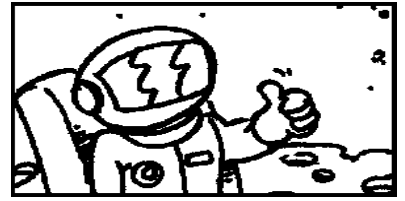
new financial data/formulas from the state into the district budget.

A budget workshop is scheduled Aug. 20 to put the final budget numbers together.

Reza explains that when there is a loss in money from the state, the funding formula allows for an in-

crease in the effective tax rate to offset that decrease. Reza expects the district tax rate to be approximately \$1.50 per \$100 in property valuation, an increase of about 10 cents over last year.

The total operating budget for the year is \$30.7 million.



The first word spoken on the moon was "Okay."

Classified Ads

LEGAL

Fabens Independent School District

Invitation to Respond:

Notice of invitation to submit proposals for Athletic Equipment, Training Supplies & Uniforms, RFP No.01-02-04. Fabens Independent School District will accept sealed proposals until 10:00 a.m. August 19, 2002 at the Fabens Administration Building on 821 N.E. "G" Avenue, Fabens, Texas. Specifications may be secured by writing to the Business Office, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, TX 79838 or fax request to (915)764-

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received by 12:00 noon on Aug. 30, 2002. Owners reserve the right to reject any and all offers. 8/1-8/15/02

SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous Grupo Paso Del Norte meets at 8501 Kingsway in Westway, Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 886-4948 for information.

Alcohólicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte sesiones lunes a sábado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Visitemos. Alcohólicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 15360 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, sesiones lunes a sábado a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Anthony, Texas Texas Community Development Program Projects

The Town of Anthony, Texas, will hold a public hearing concerning the submission of an applications to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for grants of all categories from the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP). The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs statements, the amount of TCDP funding available, activities that are eligible under TCDP, and use of past TCDP funds. The Town of Anthony encourages its residents to participate in the development of TDCP applications and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the Office of the Mayor at the Anthony Town Hall.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact Anthony Town Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the municipal offices at least two days before the hearing, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2002
Time: 6: 30 P.M.
Location: Anthony Town Hall

Notices will be published in the newspaper at a later date, and no later than five (5) days prior to the submission of each of the proposed applications, describing the proposed projects, and specifying location, cost, and benefit to local residents of Low and Moderate Income. At that time, a copy of the specific application will be available for review at the Anthony Town Hall during regular business hours.

El público en general está invitado a asistir a una audiencia sobre el programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas. La presentación y las discusiones sobre este programa se haran en español para aquellas persons que así lo deseen.

**Art Franco, Mayor
Town of Anthony, Texas**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **San Elizario Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2002 in the Central Administration Office, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

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	\$ 1.4208	\$ 0.0792*	\$ 1.5000	\$ 362	\$ 6,423
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 2.0449	\$ 0.0728*	\$ 2.1177	\$ 573	\$ 6,234
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.5000	\$ 0.0773*	\$ 1.5773	\$ 407	\$ 6,607

*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	\$ 36,968	\$37,070
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 21,827	\$21,995
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.5000	\$ 1.5773
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 327.40	\$ 346.93
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 19.53

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 2.487161. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 2.487161.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,100,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 64,400

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during the "Not So Fashion, Fashion Show," as they model examples of what back-to-schoolers should *not* wear to class, such as gang-related garments, skimpy or excessively torn clothing. Information about school rules, graduation requirements, attendance, scholarships, special programs and extracurricular activities will be slipped in there somewhere, as well. Call Dot Whitman, 856-4300 for information.

■ The next meeting of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group will be held on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. (Mountain time) at the Rio Grande Council of Governments 6th floor conference room, 1100 North Stanton Street, in El Paso. There will also be a meeting of the Executive Committee prior to the regular planning group meeting, on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 11:30 a.m.

(Mountain time). The Executive Committee will be interviewing the two nominees for the vacant seat on the planning group, representing Electric Generating Utilities. The main items on the agenda include discussion and action on revising the scope of work for the supplemental planning task of developing a 50-year water supply plan for the city and county of El Paso, action on the Executive Committee's recommendations on an electric generating utilities representative, and several presentations on water planning issues in the region, including: New Mexico issues (Mary Helen Follingstad), runoff forecasts and operation of the Rio Grande (Mike Landis), and irrigation and drought issues on the Rio Grande (Edd Fifer).

■ Two northbound lanes on Lee Trevino Blvd., from Gateway West to Rojas Dr., will be open to traffic on Saturday, Aug. 10, according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The westbound Lee Trevino Entrance Ramp to IH-10 will be closed on Monday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. for approximately three weeks. Westbound traffic may enter IH-10 at the Lomaland Entrance Ramp. Southbound traffic on Lee Trevino Blvd., from James Watt Dr. to Gateway West, will be reduced to one lane and shifted to the existing northbound lane on Tuesday, Aug. 13. This closure will begin at 9 a.m. and last approximately four weeks. Eastbound traffic on Rojas Dr. must detour at Kaiser Dr. to Gateway West. Eastbound traffic will have access to the businesses west of Lee Trevino Blvd. Westbound traffic on Rojas Dr. will be detoured south on Lee Trevino Blvd. to Gateway West. TxDOT disclaimer says all work is dependent upon weather conditions

■ A horse in Haskell County, about 50 miles north of Abilene, tested positive Wednesday, Aug. 7, for the mosquito-borne disease West Nile Virus (WNV). This is the 21st horse to test positive for WNV

in Texas, and is the westernmost detection of the virus in the state. "Previously, WNV had been detected only as far west as Travis County," reported Dr. Joe Garrett of the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health. "The virus was confirmed in a dead blue jay submitted from southwest Austin on July 17. He noted that infected birds have been found in seven counties: Collin, Dallas, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant and Travis. Infected mosquitoes have been detected in Dallas, Fort Bend, Harris, Orange and Jefferson counties. "We're continuing to urge owners to have their horses, donkeys, mules and other equids vaccinated against this form of 'sleeping sickness' which continues to spread westward," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). If your animals are exhibiting signs of neurological distress, notify your veterinary practitioner and TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.

Canutillo ISD accepting applications to fill board vacancy

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District board of trustees voted recently to accept letters of interest from district residents who want to be considered for appointment to the board position left vacant by the resignation of Linda Samples whose term ends in May 2003.

Samples, who graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in May, will pursue a law degree at the University of Michigan starting this fall.

To be eligible for consideration, an individual must be a United States citizen, 18 years of age, a registered voter, resident of Canutillo ISD for six months, and be willing to serve without compensation.

Individuals should submit a letter of interest to Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees President, 7965 Artcraft Road, or mail to P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835. Deadline to submit a letter of interest is 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 29.

For information, call 877-7444. — Alfredo Vasquez

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Canutillo Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2002 in the Canutillo ISD Administrative Office, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

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	\$ 1.406268	\$ 0.200602*	\$ 1.606870	\$1,925	\$ 5,318
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.596260	\$ 0.289000*	\$ 1.885260	\$2,204	\$ 5,062
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.289000*	\$ 1.789000	\$2,166	\$ 4,990

*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	\$ 54,284	\$55,879
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 38,998	\$40,708
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.606870	\$ 1.789000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 626.64	\$ 728.27
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 101.63

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 1.937212. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.937212.

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)	\$ 595,288
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 534,345

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Village of Vinton, Texas Texas Community Development Program Projects

The Village of Vinton, Texas, will hold a public hearing concerning the submission of an applications to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for grants of all categories from the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP). The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs statements, the amount of TCDP funding available, activities that are eligible under TCDP, and use of past TCDP funds. The Village of Vinton encourages its residents to participate in the development of TDCP applications and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the Office of the Mayor at the Vinton Village Hall.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact Vinton Village Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the municipal offices at least two days before the hearing, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2002
Time: 6: 30 P.M.
Location: Village Council Room, Vinton Town Hall

Notices will be published in the newspaper at a later date, and no later than five (5) days prior to the submission of each of the proposed applications, describing the proposed projects, and specifying location, cost, and benefit to local residents of Low and Moderate Income. At that time, a copy of the specific application will be available for review at the Vinton Village Hall during regular business hours.

El público en general está invitado a asistir a una audiencia sobre el programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas. La presentación y las discusiones sobre este programa se haran en español para aquellas persons que así lo deseen.

Antonio Castro, Mayor Village of Vinton, Texas **Date Published: August 15, 2002**

Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

Q: A relative of mine recently died and left me a sizeable inheritance. Will this money affect my Social Security retirement benefits in any way?

A: Income from an inheritance, pension, IRA or annuity will not affect your Social Security benefits. Only income you earn from working can affect your benefit amount. However, if you have high income, your Social Security benefits might be subject to the federal income tax. About 20 percent of beneficiaries fall into this category.

Q: I received my Social Security Statement in the mail, and it showed an estimate of my Social Security retirement benefit. Once I retire, will my benefit amount stay the same forever?

A: Once you begin receiving Social Security, your benefits will increase automatically in January, if the cost-of-living has increased. Also, if you work after retirement, your earnings also could increase your benefit entitlement.

Q: Why do I keep hearing different ages for Social Security retirement? I always thought the retirement age was 65, but a friend told me he will have to be age 66 for full retirement benefits. Please clear this up for me.

A: Because of longer life expectan-

cies, Congress changed the Social Security law to gradually increase the full retirement age. In 2003, for example, people must be 65 years and 2 months old to receive full retirement benefits, and the age will continue rising until it reaches age 67 for people born in 1960 and later.

Q: My husband died recently. Would you please explain widow's benefits?

A: As a widow, you can receive benefits from Social Security as early as age 60 (or at any age if you have a child who is under 16 or disabled in your care.) The amount you receive depends on your age, and the amount of benefits your husband would have been entitled to when he died. For example, if you choose to receive widow's benefits at age 60, you would get 71 percent of your deceased husband's benefit amount. But if you wait until age 65 to begin receiving widow's benefits, you'll receive 100 percent of what your husband would have received if he were still living.

Q: I disagree with the decision I received in the mail after my disability hearing. What is the next level to appeal my claim?

A: If you disagree with your hearing decision, you may ask for a review by the Social Security's Appeals

Council. The Appeals Council looks at all requests for review, but it may deny a request if it believes the hearing decision was correct.

Q: Where can I get a list of disabling impairments for Social Security disability?

A: Disability Evaluation Under Social Security, SSA Publication No. 64-039, contains the medical criteria that Social Security uses to determine disability. It is intended primarily for physicians and other health professionals. This 205-page book can be obtained free of charge by visiting our website.

Q: I have multiple sclerosis. I applied for Social Security disability benefits about five years ago and was denied benefits because I was able to work. My condition has deteriorated. Can I reapply for disability benefits?

A: Yes, you may reapply for benefits. Sometimes a person's condition changes after being denied benefits and the change may mean the person now qualifies for benefits.

For more information visit your local Security office, see www.ssa.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, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935

Public Notice Tornillo Independent School District 2002-2003 School Meal Policy

The Tornillo Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All children in the district will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2002-2003. All children will receive a free breakfast and free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, age or national origin.

Noticia Publica Poliza de Comida del Año 2002-2003 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo servira desayuno y almuerzo cada dia escolar. Todo los niños del distrito recibiran comida sin cobro durante el ano escolar 2002-2003. Todo los niños recibiran un desayuno gratis y un almuerzo gratis a pesar de sus ingresos. En la operacion del programa de comidas para niños, ningun niño sera discriminado por su raza, color, religion, genero, incapacidad, edad o origen nacional.

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Public Notice Special Needs Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2002-2003 School Year

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

Services are provided to identified auditorially and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Paul Vranish, Superintendent, Tornillo ISD, at 915-764-2366.

Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo para el año 2002-2003

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

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

Conforme al Acto de Confidencia y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 94-142, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas informacion o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educativos. Favor de comunicarse con: Paul Vranish, Superintendente, Tornillo ISD, 915-764-2366.

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Public Notice City of Socorro

Balance Budget Recap for FYE 09/30/2003

1. Revenues	<u>\$ 6,541,665</u>
General Fund	
2. Administration	730,030
3. Public Works	547,349
4. Police	946,591
5. Court	454,349
6. Planning and Zoning	303,199
7. Health	185,582
8. Special Projects (M&O)	260,572
9. Rio Vista Community Center	89,883
Sub-total General Fund	<u>\$ 3,517,555</u>
Debt Service Fund	
10. Debt Service	327,477
11. Interest	2,733
Sub-total Debt Service	<u>\$ 330,210</u>
Other Funds	
12. Special Projects	1,764,007
13. Tourism-Hotel Tax	11,845
14. Interest	12,300
Sub-total Other Funds	<u>\$ 1,788,152</u>
Allocations	
15. Street Projects 1993/1999 Series	431,898
16. Court, Planning, Museum 2001 Series	283,850
17. Court-Savings	7,000
18. Parks-Reserve	83,000
19. Settlements-Savings	100,000
Sub-total Allocations	<u>\$ 905,748</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 6,541,665</u>
Expenses Over Revenues	<u>\$ -0-</u>

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View from here **By Micheal Quinn Sullivan**

Survival of American culture at stake in textbook fight

Should public schools teach children to hate America? According to some social studies textbooks proposed for use in our schools, and their apologists on the political left, the answer is yes.

As the battle over social studies textbooks continues later this month at Texas' State Board of Education hearings, the very survival of our way of life is at stake.

Of course, the blame-America groups conduct their "I Object" campaigns of anti-Americanism under the pretense of combating "censorship" and promoting "academic freedom." Make no mistake, though: left-wing groups want censorship. They unabashedly seek to censor the triumph of the American Experiment while discrediting opponents with assertions of hidden agendas colored with pejoratives.

In their view, America and free enterprise are to blame for everything bad. One textbook describes socialist systems as operating "for the good" of all people, while condemning our economy as greedy. Never mind that the quality of life, by any measure, in socialist countries is far below that of the United States.

One need only look at the standard of living in China, Cuba, Sweden, and elsewhere to see the utter failure of socialism. Why else do millions risk life and limb coming to the US

from the "progressive" economies of the socialist world?

Those fanatics objecting to Texas' open textbook selection process contemptuously sneer at "flag-waving conservatives" seeking to imbue classrooms with patriotism.

What is so wrong with patriotism? The laws of Texas demand patriotism be taught "in regular subject matter...and (considered) in the adoption of textbooks." A deeply-held respect for our country, rooted in its ideals and history (failures and achievements alike), should be a source of honor, not scorn.

The Texas Education Code, Section 28.002, continues, "A primary purpose of the public school curriculum is to prepare thoughtful, active citizens who understand the importance of patriotism and can function productively in a free enterprise society with appreciation for the basic democratic values of our state and national heritage."

Patriotism — not a flag on a pole — inspired men to live and die so the beacon of liberty could shine brightly in our world. Our children must be taught the immeasurable contribution our nation, people and system has made improving the human condition. If children do not learn the historical value of our system today, as adults they will accept any other.

Some textbooks ridiculously claim slavery was invented by Western European societies. But while African and Asian nations still tolerate — even encourage — slavery, the people of the United States work to eradicate the shameful institution from the face of the planet. Similarly, the United States has led the way in protecting the environment, while socialist countries like China recklessly pollute our world.

Our children should learn it was the free-market culture of the United States that liberated Jews from Hitler's socialist party-run death camps. The blood of thousands of Americans flowed at Omaha Beach so millions — indeed, billions — of

people could live free of tyranny. It was the moral, economic and military might of the United States that crumbled the evil empire of the Soviet Union.

It wasn't the socialist economies of Europe praised in textbooks that eradicated so much disease and pestilence; it has been the United States. The same system that put a man on the moon also makes it possible for high school dropouts from the worst of neighborhoods to become millionaires. No other nation can make such claims.

In a long-ago conversation with my grandfather, a highly decorated soldier whose service spanned multiple wars and decades, I asked what he thought of the vitriolic, anti-American protests of the 1960s and '70s.

"It made me proud," he said to my surprise, before explaining: "More friends than I can count died, and I killed more people than I want to remember, to ensure stupid people could believe, say and do ridiculous

things."

That is the essence of our freedom. The anti-American movement is alive and well only because our system protects their freedom. If they succeed, and our children are brainwashed with anti-American, socialistic vitriol, our freedoms will be weakened in ways we cannot imagine.

Let the stupid people make their case, but Texans must demand the law be followed and textbooks promote what is good and just: our values, our ideals, and our history.

Abraham Lincoln warned that the philosophy of the classroom in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next. That insight should cause us to shudder with fear, and inspire us to action. Our way of life is at stake.

(Michael Quinn Sullivan is director of media and government relations for the Texas Public Policy Foundation. The Foundation's textbook review is available at www.tppf.org.)

Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2002-2003 School Year

- 1.) Tornillo Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Business Education, Agricultural Science and Technology Education, Health Science Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Technology Education (Home Economics), Trade and Industrial Education, and Marketing Education. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Tornillo ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.
- 2.) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or disability in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3.) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4.) Tornillo ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- 5.) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact: Paul Vranish, Superintendent, P.O. Box 170, 19190 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915)-764-2366.

Notificación de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnología Tornillo ISD por el año escolar del 2002-2003

- 1.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo esta ofreciendo programas de carreras y tecnología en Educación de Negocios, Ciencia de Agricultura y Educación en Tecnología, Ciencia de Salud Tecnología Educativa, Ciencia de Consumidor y Familia Tecnología Educativa (Economía del Hogar), Comercio y Educación Industrial, y Educación de Mercado. La admisión a estos programas es basada en la matriculación actual en el distrito escolar de Tornillo, y también que se aiga cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.
- 2.) Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnología, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Título IV de 1964, que fue enmendada; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.
- 3.) Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, incapacidad, o edad en sus practicas de empleo como esta requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Título IV de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y el Acta de discriminacion a la edad de 1975 como enmendada; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.
- 4.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y partipacion en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.
- 5.) Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con: Paul Vranish, Superintendent, P.O. Box 170, 19190 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 764-2366.

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Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

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

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

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Superintendent Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 764-2366. Fax: (915) 764-2120.

Notificación Publica

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

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

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuniquese con Superintendente Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 764-2366. Fax: (915) 764-2120.

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Flooding becomes old story for many in Lower Valley

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The headline reads: "Socorro wants regional plan to prevent flooding." It could have been written last week but it was printed in the *Courier* on June 24, 1999, and the Socorro mayor asking the county and state for help was not Irma Sanchez but her predecessor, Ray Rodriguez.

The story is getting old but the damage is all too new for many residents in Socorro and, as of last weekend, the Town of Clint.

Once again on Saturday afternoon the rains came down in torrents, flooding waterways and carrying mud and debris onto roadways and private property which is going to cost hundreds of thousands to clean up and repair. And residents find themselves asking if it is even over for this year.

Unfortunately, some don't have adequate insurance or funds to clean up and will suffer extraordinary financial loss.

While flooding in Clint is less frequent than in Socorro, the frustration is still high. Friends and neighbors were out in force early this week helping cleanup inundated homes in Clint, some with mud several feet deep inside.

Governmental agencies such as towns and the county can clean up roadways and public right of ways but are prohibited by law from assisting with any damage on private property.

Many are again repeating Socorro's request of 1999, calling for erosion control to handle the runoff from higher elevations of the East County.

Some are blaming continuing development in the Horizon area above Interstate 10 for heavy flooding. Some support that claim by pointing out that Socorro received only a fraction of the inch and a half of rain experienced in Horizon on Saturday afternoon, yet the flooding in Socorro was far greater.

County Commissioner Miguel Teran and other officials held a public meeting in Socorro last month to tell affected residents that although the East County has been approved for an extensive flood control project, any real relief is still years away. In essence, damage on private property from flooding is the sole responsibility of the property owner.

Meanwhile, not all current efforts at erosion control are proving successful in areas where concrete structures are mounted on sandy soil.

Water running alongside or overflowing the concrete waterways undermine the structures, causing the rigid waterways to collapse under their own weight.

Clearly the shifting sands of East El Paso will present a challenge to the Corps of Engineers when they finally arrive.



"Do vegetarians eat animal crackers?"

Horizon City Community Chapel

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday Yth. Group 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Night
 Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Dean Pinney, Pastor

Spanish Services

Estudio Dominical 9:45 a.m.
 Servicios en Español ... 10:45 a.m.
 Estudio en Español
 Biblico Jueves 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Pablo Gonzalez, Assoc. Pastor

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NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2002 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #1

This notice concerns 2002 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	\$315,358
Last year's debt taxes	-0-
Last year's total taxes	315,358
Last year's tax base	340,669,763
Last year's total tax rate	.092570/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$314,937
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	338,210,091
=This year's effective tax rate	.093118/\$100
x1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	.095911/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$314,937
+This year's adjusted tax base	338,210,091
=This year's effective operating rate	.093118/\$100
x1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	.100567/\$100
+This year's debt rate	-0-/100
=This year's rollback rate	.100567/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #1** adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **.093118** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2001 taxes by **\$25,098**.

SCHEDULE A Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$364,244
Debt Service (I&S)	-0-

SCHEDULE B 2002 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
NONE	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Total required for 2002 debt service				\$-0-
-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 2002				-0-
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2002				-0-
=Total Debt Levy				-0-

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

Name of person preparing this notice: Victor A. Flores

Title: County Tax Assessor-Collector

Date prepared: August 6, 2002

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2002 Property Tax Rates in the Town of Clint

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for the **Town of Clint**. 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	\$100,790
Last year's debt taxes	-0-
Last year's total taxes	100,790
Last year's tax base	29,423,184
Last year's total tax rate	.342553/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$100,790
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	29,355,141
=This year's effective tax rate	.343347/\$100
x1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	.353647/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$100,790
+This year's adjusted tax base	29,355,141
=This year's effective operating rate	.343347/\$100
x1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	.370814/\$100
+This year's debt rate	-0-/100
=This year's rollback rate	.370814/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **Town of Clint** adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **.343347** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2001 taxes by **\$2,097**.

SCHEDULE A Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$-0-
Debt Service (I&S)	-0-

SCHEDULE B 2002 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
NONE	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Total required for 2002 debt service				\$-0-
-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 2002				-0-
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2002				-0-
=Total Debt Levy				-0-

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Name of person preparing this notice: Victor A. Flores

Title: County Tax Assessor-Collector

Date prepared: August 5, 2002



— Photo by Francis Shrum

GONE WITH THE WATER — This concrete waterway collapsed after recent flooding in a ponding area in Horizon City near the Carroll T. Welch Middle School. Water running around the structure eroded the ground underneath and left concrete reinforcements around posts on the safety fence suspended in mid-air.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Fabens Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 29, 2002 in the Boardroom of the Central Office, 821 N.E. "G" Street, Fabens, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

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	\$ 1.419997	\$ 0.080003*	\$ 1.500000	\$ 590	\$5,539
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.447900	\$ 0.080003*	\$ 1.527930	\$ 550	\$5,545
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.078496*	\$ 1.578496	\$ 575	\$5,851

*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	\$ 39,049	\$39,167
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 24,027	\$24,159
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.500000	\$ 1.578496
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 360.40	\$ 381.35
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 20.95

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 1.644144. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.644144.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,196,882
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 119,493

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NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2002 Property Tax Rates in the El Paso County Water Authority - Horizon

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for the **El Paso County Water Authority**

- **Horizon**. 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	\$967,975
Last year's debt taxes	628,798
Last year's total taxes	1,596,773
Last year's tax base	340,686,334
Last year's total tax rate	.468693/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,594,643
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	338,210,091
=This year's effective tax rate	.471494/\$100
x1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	.485638/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$966,684
+This year's adjusted tax base	338,210,091
=This year's effective operating rate	.285824/\$100
x1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	.308689/\$100
+This year's debt rate	.184568/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	.493257/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **El Paso County Water Authority - Horizon** adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **.471494** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2001 taxes by **\$127,092**.

SCHEDULE A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$1,200,000
Debt Service (I&S)	524,000

SCHEDULE B

2002 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
Comb. U/L Tax Revenue 1995B	150,000	22,435	500	172,935
Comb. U/L Tax Revenue 1995A	70,000	13,148	500	83,648
Comb. U/L Tax Revenue 1998A	5,000	32,784	500	38,284
Comb. U/L Tax Revenue 1999	5,000	72,444	500	77,944
Comb. U/L Tax Rev. Refund 2000	60,000	270,558	500	331,058

Total required for 2002 debt service	\$703,868
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	29,055
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources	-0-
-Excess collections last year	-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2002	674,813
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2002	-0-
=Total Debt Levy	674,813

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Name of person preparing this notice: Victor A. Flores

Title: County Tax Assessor-Collector

Date prepared: August 9, 2002

Williams kids have bats in their belfry

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Just when you thought it was time to put the whole sordid Ted Williams mess behind us, there is news that the family is now fighting over something much more important than daddy's remains — they're fighting over his bats.

The argument is, again, between Williams' daughter and son, but this time it involves a different daughter.

Wow, and I bet you thought you had major disagreements with your supposed love ones.

You remember the hassle between John Henry Williams, the son, and Bobby-Jo Williams, the daughter, concerning the Hall-of-Famers' remains.

Bobby-Jo wanted her father cremated while

John Henry wants the body frozen for possible sale of DNA in the future...a kind of "Tedsickle" if you will.

Both claim they know what their father's wishes were and both have produced documentation to back it up but only a judge, poor soul, will be able to give dad a final resting place.

Now comes sister number two, Claudia. She is now in a feud with John Henry for the rights to 2,000 Ted Williams-autographed bats.

See, the bats are estimated to be worth \$650 a piece and that comes out to \$1.3-million. Apparently, Claudia has ownership but a clause in the agreement states that John Henry has the first shot at buying them if Claudia wants to sell.

Claudia tried to sell them to her greedy bro but John Henry couldn't come up with

the money and now the fight is on. John Henry doesn't want anyone else to buy until he can muster up the

cash.

This kind of family reminds me very much of the characters on the old Soap program of the '70s. At least they were harmless.

In fact, you can forget about the zany Osbourne's antics on cable. The new off-the-wall family has got to be "The Williams." The Osbournes cuss a lot and are very liberal with their kids — what's so different about that?

These guys couldn't wait for daddy to kick the bucket so they could stick it in ice. This son can't make a buck of his dad's dead body fast enough.

One daughter wants to make money off of daddy's bats and the only daughter that seems to be fighting for her father's best interests, was cut out of the will...by her father.

Truth is sometimes stranger than Anna Nicole Smith.

I haven't heard of kids this spoiled and naughty since those wacky Menendez boys.

I wrote a few weeks ago when this story first broke that the unfortunate thing was that the great Ted Williams would some day be known more for the actions of his kids rather than his accomplishments on the baseball field.

I just didn't know it would happen so soon.

An assist from El Paso

Tiger Woods won the Buick Open last week and usually it's because he blasted the field away with his stunning shots and mental toughness.

Not this time. This time Tiger won solely because of the generosity of the golfers of El Paso, who chose not to take three in a row.

O.K., I may be exaggerating just a bit. O.K., a lot, but it was great seeing J.P. Hayes and Rich Beem doing what they told America they were going to do...celebrate their back-to-back PGA Tour victories at the El Paso Country Club.

El Pasoans from all over packed the club last week to congratulate the two after they took the wins on successive weeks. It was great to see the two come back home and party here.

Not since the days of Lee Trevino has El Paso received that kind of positive national notoriety through the game of golf.

What are the odds of two different guys winning on back-to-back weeks from the same country club?

All I can say to Hayes and Beem is that I'm proud of you, El Paso's proud of you and ah...oh yeah, Tiger says thanks.

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The big chill

By Don Flood

The case of Ted Williams has sparked a new interest in cryonics, the freezing of the body after death in hopes that it will be revived later — perhaps in a wonderful future loaded with enhanced television viewing opportunities.

But the first step for the deep-freeze consumer is to set up an appointment with his or her Certified Human Popsicle Professional. A CHPP after the name means the person has been trained to guide consumers through the maze of decisions they will have to make.

Many potential cryonics enthusiasts are put off by the high cost. Freezing a whole body in liquid nitrogen can cost \$100,000. (This is true.) For this reason, some budget-minded folks are just having their heads frozen, which costs \$40,000 (Also true.)

But forty-thousand smackers is still a chunk of change, especially if your family isn't that keen on having you back anyway.

(And there's no reason you can't freeze other body parts. For example, that guy on TV who's always showing off his abs may choose to have only his abdominal area frozen.)

The important thing is to pick out a cryonics plan that's right for you

While upscale liquid nitrogen tanks are fine if they fit your budget, there's no reason you can't follow the do-it-yourself home freezing method.

After death, simply have your head removed and stored in that extra freezer in the garage, right next to the frozen peas and the side of beef.

(Make sure, however, that your family has a contingency plan if the power goes out. Also, don't skimp on plastic freezer bags. Get a good brand name, with a high-quality zip-type lock. Aluminum foil is also recommended, for added freshness.)

Those who can't afford high-priced centers but still want professional assistance may seek out independent operators, such as Billy Bob's All-Nite Cryonics Center, Truck Rental and Video Store.

Says Billy Bob, "I had some big ol' freezers I used for deer meat, but I cleaned 'em out real good."

The key, he said, is that he can put two or three whole bodies or "a whole mess of heads" in one freezer, significantly lowering his expenses.

"And naturally," he said, "I pass those savings on to the customer."

Billy Bob also offers service that few big-time centers can match. "Out front, next to the soda machine, is a freezer where drop-offs can be made 24/7," said Billy Bob. "I make sure it's cleared out every day."

Power outages don't concern him. "As long as you're not peeking in all the time, they'll do just fine."

Consumer-friendly service like this may even convince people to have themselves frozen *before* death. Here's why:

- Those frozen now can look forward to waking up in a bright new world where Britney Spears is no longer appearing in commercials.

- Riding out the stock market becomes much easier if you're frozen solid; simply leave detailed instructions with your stockbroker about when you should be revived.

And make sure you invest in cryonics.

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Be wary of school children exiting buses

What is yellow and black and carries young children and teenagers? Well, taxicabs can be ruled out, that's for sure.

It's a school bus and the beginning of the school year is upon us. Children will be crossing the streets and exiting school buses in busy areas of town. The Department of Public Safety reminds motorists to slow down and keep an eye out for children.

Motorists can expect to encounter several consequences if caught speeding through school zones or failing to stop for school buses.

"Make sure you're paying attention when you're driving, especially in and around school zones or near school buses. You don't want to become part of a tragedy," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS.

It is illegal for motorists to pass a school bus when it is flashing its alternating red warning lights. The fine can reach up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus when these lights are activated. A driver's license can be sus-

pending for up to six months if motorists pass a school bus that is loading or unloading children.

"Stopping for school buses is the law," Davis said. "We have zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses."

Commonly, most collisions occur when school buses are loading or unloading students. In fact, according to the National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, most children injured or killed while getting on or off buses are under the age of 10. According to recent studies done by the National Coalition for School Bus Safety, the State of Texas did not report any children injured or killed during the 2000-01 and 2001-02 school years.

For more information on school bus safety, please contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254-867-4611 or the Public Information Office at 512-424-2080.

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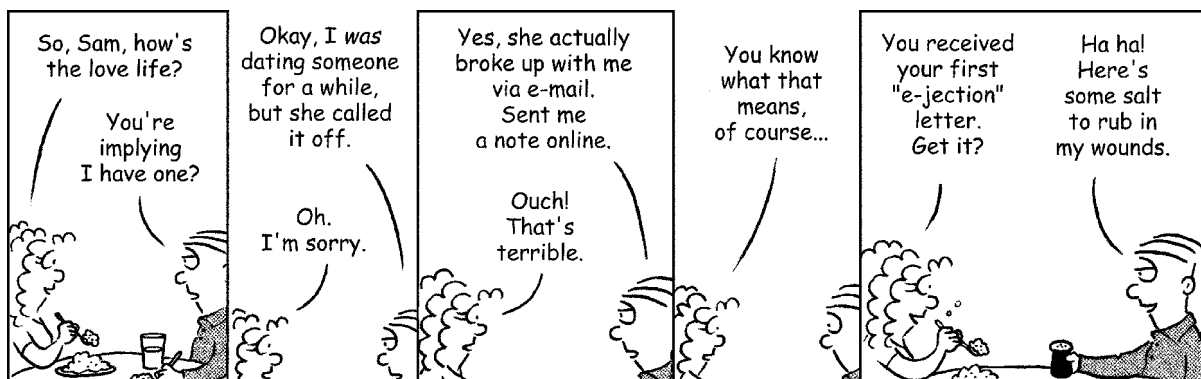


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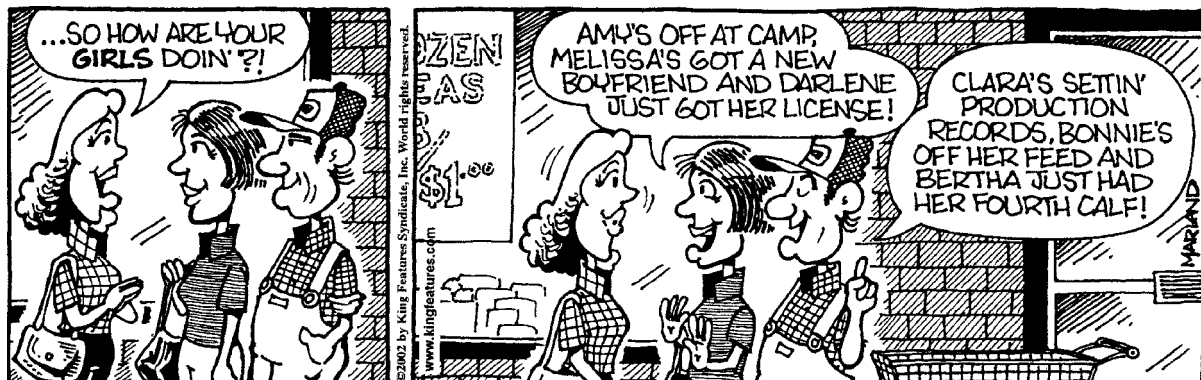
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Village of Vinton PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2002 during the Planning Commission meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed items:

- 1) Consider and take action on request for Special Permit to allow a public water storage tank on portions of Tracts 5C and 6, Maria Rodriguez Survey No. 35, Village of Vinton, El Paso County, Texas (corner of I-10 and Valley Chile Road).
- 2) Consider and take action on request for Special Permit to allow a Wooden Pallet Business on Lot 10, Block 1 Vinton Hills Commercial Park, Unit 1, Village of Vinton, El Paso County, Texas (located on Vinton Road).

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Clerk of the Village of Vinton.

CAMILLE CASTILLO
Village Clerk

WTCC: 08/15/02

Phamiliar phrases "sour grapes"

Aesop told the tale of a fox who, after trying to reach some grapes, disparaged them as sour when he could not get them. Disdain or criticism for something one does not or cannot have is called "sour grapes."

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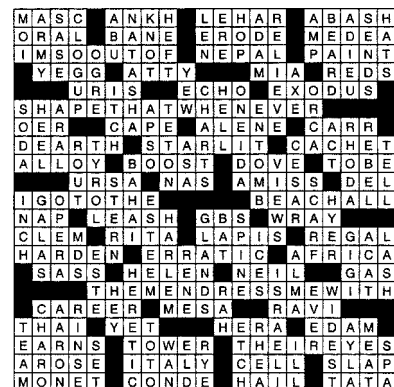
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Write stuff

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mayor, and that is exactly what she is doing. Some of us forget why we supposedly ran for office in the first place, and might get caught up in our own agendas (being oh, so conveniently guided by people who do not care what happens to the city and its people).

After reviewing the pertinent police files, which are available to our entire council for our information whenever we take the time to review

them, Mayor Sanchez picked officer Molina's file since it was clean and met the criteria for that appointment. Officer Molina is an informed, organized, conscientious individual with integrity and should be given a chance to oversee our department. The Mayor had to make a decision at that point and time.

Yes, the Mayor did not inform the rest of council of her intentions. However, the Mayor Pro tem and the councilman in charge of the police department were informed and were present when the action was taken. On the other hand, some of the mem-

bers of our council did not inform the rest of us as to what actions they have been taking as a result of this appointment.

I invite you (the public) to come to our meetings the first and third Thursdays of the month, unless otherwise posted at City Hall. Come see who has Socorro and its people in mind and who is stopping progress. Come see all the outside influences that sometimes are instrumental on how some of council votes. The people of Socorro are intelligent and can see that we could do a great deal more if we would not encounter so

much opposition (which is more often than not uninformed and vindictive) from certain persons who have their own interests in mind. I invite the media to get their information from several persons on an item (even though I know that they usually try but find it difficult) not just from a few persons that might allegedly be so hungry for power and attention that they might even distort the truth in order to obtain some of that recognition they so crave.

Let us do our job and carry our city forward or else Socorro will always be behind. As for some of us, we will

not give up, we will keep trying.

Gloria Macias Rodriguez
Socorro City Council Representative



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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partial sunshine; hot.	Patchy clouds; warm.	Mostly sunny and hot.	Hot with plenty of sunshine.	Mostly sunny and hot.	Hot with plenty of sunshine.	Sunny and very hot.	Abundant sunshine; very hot.
▲ 98°	▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 70°	▲ 96° ▼ 70°	▲ 96° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 70°	▲ 100° ▼ 70°	▲ 102° ▼ 68°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	10	Very High
Friday	10	Very High
Saturday	10	Very High
Sunday	10	Very High
Monday	10	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	10	Very High

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Thursday	100°
Friday	93°
Saturday	96°
Sunday	96°
Monday	98°
Tuesday	97°
Wednesday	99°

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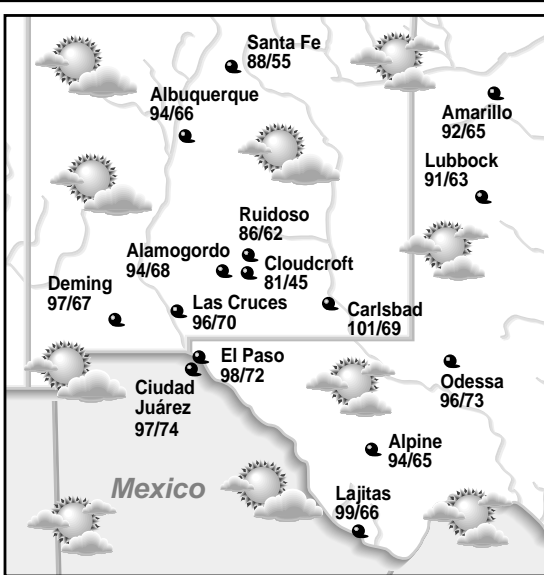
The next few days will be similar with a good deal of sunshine and hot temperatures during the days followed by warm and humid nights. Very little nocturnal dew formation is expected, and drying conditions will be excellent. There will be a good 8-10 hours of sunshine each day through the weekend, and no rainfall is anticipated.

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Anthony	98	72
Canutillo	99	73
Clint	98	72
E. Montana	98	72
Fabens	98	72
Horizon	99	73
San Elizario	94	70
Socorro	97	71
Tornillo	99	72
Vinton	99	73

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	94/66/pc	96/66/s	94/62/pc	90/60/pc	90/62/s
Atlanta	88/72/t	90/72/pc	92/74/pc	92/74/pc	92/72/pc
Atlantic City	92/74/pc	90/74/s	90/74/s	88/72/pc	88/72/s
Austin/San Antonio	92/75/pc	92/74/pc	95/74/pc	97/74/pc	98/71/pc
Baltimore	94/74/pc	96/74/s	96/74/s	92/72/pc	90/72/s
Boston	92/72/pc	90/70/t	88/68/pc	88/68/pc	85/69/pc
Chicago	86/64/pc	88/68/pc	92/72/pc	88/68/t	82/64/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	92/76/pc	96/76/pc	96/78/pc	96/77/pc	96/69/pc
Denver	92/58/s	92/60/s	90/56/pc	86/56/pc	82/54/pc
Flagstaff	83/54/s	84/52/s	82/52/s	78/47/s	78/41/s
Houston	94/76/pc	94/76/pc	96/76/pc	96/76/pc	96/76/pc
Kansas City	88/68/s	96/68/pc	92/68/pc	90/68/pc	86/70/pc
Las Vegas	106/80/s	106/80/s	104/78/s	104/78/s	102/75/s
Miami	90/80/pc	90/80/pc	90/80/pc	90/80/pc	91/76/pc
Minneapolis	84/62/t	80/60/t	78/62/pc	80/62/t	78/60/pc
New Orleans	89/77/t	92/78/pc	92/77/pc	91/76/pc	92/74/pc
New York City	92/76/pc	94/78/s	94/78/s	90/74/pc	88/74/s
Philadelphia	92/74/pc	94/76/s	96/76/s	92/72/pc	90/72/s
Phoenix	108/84/s	106/82/pc	106/82/pc	104/80/pc	104/80/pc
Portland	84/56/s	78/56/pc	78/56/pc	80/54/pc	80/54/pc
San Francisco	68/54/pc	66/54/pc	66/54/pc	66/54/pc	68/56/pc
Seattle	76/54/s	68/54/c	70/54/pc	72/54/pc	74/54/pc
Tucson	102/74/s	100/74/s	100/72/pc	98/74/pc	98/76/pc
Washington, DC	94/76/pc	96/78/s	98/78/s	94/74/pc	92/76/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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