

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Canutillo bus program

Canutillo Independent School District (CISD), will pilot a pre-kindergarten bus program for the 2009-2010 school year, beginning with the first day of classes, Monday, August 24. The pilot program encourages parents to send older siblings on the same bus with their younger brother or sister. Juan M. Miranda, Transportation Supervisor, who recently came to CISD from Socorro ISD, is hoping to provide a feeling of security and support for these young students as they transition from home to school. In addition, all pre-kindergarten buses have an adult bus monitor assigned to each route. "In cooperation with the elementary principals, we will monitor all the routes to ensure that this pilot program is meeting the needs of the students," said Miranda. For more information, call 877-7735.

— Kim Guzman

### No trucks

The El Paso District of the Texas Department of Transportation is installing NO TRUCKS LEFT LANE signs. Maintenance crews will install 14 signs, two ground mounted and 12 overhead signs, along I-10. These signs will be placed from the Mesa Entrance Ramp (eastbound) to the Zaragoza Overpass. Trucks will be restricted to the center and right hand lanes of I-10 from Mesa to Zaragoza.

— Blanca M. Del Valle

### Pay raise

The Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees approved, during its regular School Board meeting held Tuesday, August 11, a compensation package for the 2009-10 school year that will provide a state-mandated pay increase of \$1,025 for teachers, librarians, counselors, speech language pathologists, and nurses, plus a step increase if applicable. This now sets a beginning teacher's salary in the CISD at \$42,175. Additionally, as part of the CISD compensation package, all district employees will receive a two percent pay increase at midpoint across the board. District officials agree the bump in pay will allow CISD to remain competitive with other area school districts. "Last year, only teachers received a state-mandated pay increase; therefore, this year the district is weighing its options to provide an equitable pay raise for all employees. As a district, our compensation must remain at the same level as our competitors in order to attract quality educators," said Renee O'Donnell, CISD Executive Director for Human Resources.

— Patricia Tidwell

### Wanted

The hunt is on for Vicente Manuel Rivas, 23, who also uses Vincente Rodriguez and Manuel Camacho. This week's Manhunt Monday fugitive is a subject the El Paso

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*The modern home is a place where nothing can be accomplished if the electricity goes off.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Socorro ISD construction continues

By Daniel R. Escobar  
Special to the Courier

Superintendent Dr. Xavier De La Torre and Trustee Michael A. Najera joined members of the Citizen's Oversight Committee on Saturday, August 1 to tour 2004 bond projects and see recent progress in construction and housing developments firsthand.

"It is amazing to see how much our District has grown in recent years," said Herb De La Rosa, Chair of the COC. "I was really impressed with and proud of the progress the District has made."

Along the route, the group walked construction sites for the new Eastlake High School, the new Pebble Hills 9th Grade School, and the new KEYS Academy. Eastlake, the District's fifth comprehensive high school, and the Pebble Hills 9th Grade School are scheduled to open in 2010. Work for the new KEYS Academy is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009.

The group also toured the new Chester E. Jordan Elementary School. Opened this year, the campus is the area's first school designed and built to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified green school standards. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system that creates benchmarks for the design and construction of new schools to ensure they are healthy for children, comfortable for teachers and operate efficiently.

"We are proud to be leaders in progress and innovation in our schools," said Superintendent Dr. Xavier De La Torre. "Not only are we setting new standards in academic and extracurricular achievement, we are also committed to improving our operational efficiency and being good environmental citizens."



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**FEELING TINY** — This massive covered entrance at the new Eastlake High School leads to the administrative offices on the left and a reception office on the right. The classrooms are forward.

## Tornillo ISD high school built with eye on future

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

TORNILLO — Construction of the new Tornillo High School suits TISD Superintendent Paul Vranish to a "T."

With an eye to the future, Vranish explains the plan for the "T"-shaped high school's completion which is expected by the end of September 2009.

Vranish, 53, sits behind his desk wearing a black shirt with the district logo and the inscription "Kids Come First." As if he were signaling for a time out in a football game, he puts his hands together in the familiar sign. He then rotates his hands downward until the edge of his hand representing the top/crossbar of the "T" rests on the desk top.

That top part, which will house classrooms and administrative offices, will be the first occupied portion of the new \$14 million facility.

The other part of the "T" will be virtually hollow and unused — for the time being at least. He expects that to change with the construction of the new international bridge in the Tornillo area.

Although it is a little tight now, he can accommodate the present student population comfortably.

However, with an anticipated influx of new business to support the bridge operation, he expects growth in the school district, "rapid growth." So, rather than scrambling to provide adequate new facilities after the fact, he is building ahead in the present to make it to have classrooms more quickly in the future.

Vranish has good news for Tornillo taxpayers.

One thing that is not a part of the new school is a science lab. It is not an oversight, but done deliberately to save taxpayers' money. The Tornillo superintendent has \$411,000 in grant money waiting in the wings to be used to build

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

Virginia Solis-Cera

## Virginia Solis-Cera named Region 19 Elementary Teacher of the Year

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

Billed as "A Night of Winners" the 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year Gala held on August 15 at the El Paso Convention Center was a memorable awards ceremony recognizing outstanding teachers from school districts throughout Region 19. Representing San Elizario Independent School District were Delia Dominguez, San Elizario High School science teacher and Virginia Solis-Cera, 5th grade teacher at Sambrano Elementary. Both were already considered winners in San Elizario ISD with Dominguez being nominated as Secondary Teacher of the Year and Solis-Cera nominated as Elementary Teacher of the Year back in May. Among the 21 nominees honored for their excellence in teaching, Solis-Cera was selected as the Education Service Center - Region 19 Elementary Teacher of the Year. Solis-Cera will next represent San Elizario ISD and the Region 19 service area at the upcoming Texas Teacher of the Year competition.

Virginia Solis-Cera has been a teacher at Sambrano Elementary School for the past four years most recently teaching 5th grade level classes. Cera has over nine years of teaching experience and holds a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in Early Childhood and a concentration in science and a master's degree in education with a major as an Instructional Specialist in Reading — both degrees are from UTEP. Solis-Cera currently also serves as a mentor teacher and a Teacher Support Team member assisting teachers in various areas such as technology integration and developing interventions for struggling students. On a personal level Solis-Cera has been actively involved with the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure as a participant

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**Por la Gente** By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

## Communication channels

*County Courier* that have focused on current events, important issues or about some of the occurrences in Austin during a legislative session. During the past few years, I have failed to do one important thing.

El Paso County has four news periodicals that provide most of the information for our area. These newspaper sources (print and internet) do a fairly good job of providing impartial articles. It is, however, impossible for them to do everything.

The *El Paso Times*, *El Paso Inc.*, the *Newspaper Tree* and *Diario El Paso* are subject to a variety of limitations. Print space for news competes with advertising; news invariably comes in second. This is after all a capitalistic society and money trumps.

Hola, mi gente. In the past, I have submitted articles to the *West Texas* We in El Paso also have some second tier periodicals. Some of these are partners with other periodicals; some very independent publications that produce only one paper. In any case, we need these additional sources of news even if they are distributed only once a week.

I am very fortunate to be welcomed by the editor, publisher and accounts manager of the *Courier*, Rick Shrum, as a regular contributor to his paper. His distribution runs in the thousands and from what I see, all of the papers are picked by people passing by.

It would be a prohibitive cost to my budget to be able to communicate with thousands of people on a weekly basis. That is what makes the *Courier* so very important for you and for me. His little paper does what the bigger publications cannot do and that is to provide a very specific region of the county with local news. I am always happy when I read articles about some of the great accomplishments of the students

whom I represent. Those articles related the students are the good news about our young people that the big guys choose to sacrifice for advertising space.

At the beginning of the article, I mentioned that I have failed to do one important thing during the time I have provided articles for the *Courier*. That important thing was to thank Rick Shrum for all of the hard work and sacrifice that he goes through on a weekly basis to publish the *Courier*.

This week is tax week. The tax rates that you will be charged are in your hands. The *Courier* gives you the information you need to assess how elected officials are doing. Use it.

I have expressed my appreciation for the *Courier*. I hope that somehow you do the same. It would be a shame to one day lose this very special publication.

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

## — CORRECTION —

### Public Notice

#### Tornillo Independent School District

Four Public Notices that appeared in the August 13, 2009 edition of the *West Texas County Courier* had some conflicting dates for the information contained in the notices. All of the information, in each notice, was correct, however the headers contained incorrect school years for the notice. The three incorrect headers were:

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

• Public Notice

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

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

**The correct school year for each notice and its headers is 2009-2010.**

The *West Texas County Courier* regrets any inconvenience caused by the incorrect information.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The TOWN OF ANTHONY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 20.62 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on **August 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM** at Town of Anthony City Hall, 401 Wildcat, Anthony, TX 79821.

The second public hearing will be held on **September 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM** at Town of Anthony City Hall, 401 Wildcat, Anthony, TX 79821.

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

**FOR:** Orlando Garcia, Demetrio Cuellar, Chanan Singh, Rosie Holguin and Luis Vela

**AGAINST:** NONE

**PRESENT and not voting:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the TOWN OF ANTHONY last year was \$82,190. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.398817 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$327.79.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the TOWN OF ANTHONY this year is \$86,478. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.373665 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$323.14.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.450721 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$389.77.

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

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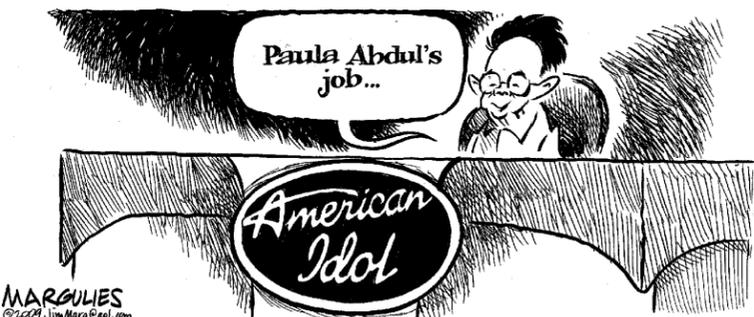
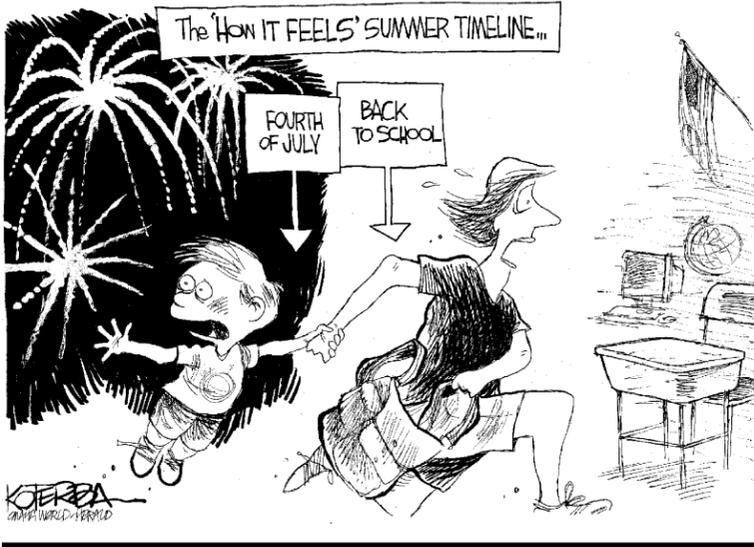


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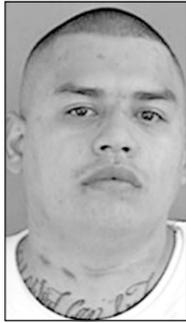
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**Briefs**

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Vicente Rivas

Community may remember well. In July 2008 Rivas, along with several other accomplices, terrorized a mobile home park in Montana Vista. He has previously and repeatedly threatened law enforcement officers. Rivas is 5'7" tall and weighs 170 pounds. His hair is black and eyes are brown. He has many tattoos. On his left arm he has MOB, Live For Money Die For Money, skulls, \$\$\$ and drawings of females. Rivas' chest has a woman labeled Irma. He has a tribal tat, two women and a clown with skulls on his neck. Rivas has an extensive violent criminal history and is known to carry handguns with him at all times. Rivas

continues to elude capture and is believed to remain in El Paso. In April 2009 Deputies arrested Rivas after a hit and run, finding a black box belonging to Rivas containing a 9mm Taurus handgun, two magazines and extra 9mm ammunition. They also found a plastic bag of cocaine (30.5 grams). Rivas was subsequently arrested for Possession of A Controlled Substance and Unlawful Carrying Weapons. Rivas bonded out a short time later and has not been seen since, never reporting for court. Sheriff's Officials are asking the Public if anyone has seen or knows the whereabouts of Rivas to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individuals featured. Do not approach this man. He is violent and carries weapons.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

**Crime Stoppers**

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting officers from the Crimes Against Persons (CAP) unit of the El Paso Police Department in identifying

and locating the person or persons who abducted and murdered an eastside woman, making this the Crime of the Week. On Saturday, July 25, about 5:30 p.m., Ms. Gloria Ann Marmolejo returned to El Paso following an extended 5-month visit in Phoenix with her son. She made the trip in her car, and met with family members at her home in the 1800 block of Sonoma Place on the eastside. Shortly thereafter, both Marmolejo and her vehicle disappeared. The vehicle was found a few days after her disappearance, within two blocks of her residence. On Friday, July 31, Marmolejo's body was found in the desert area off Aircraft Road in Santa Teresa, New Mexico. Her death was ruled a homicide. At this time, investigators are asking for the public's help in solving this violent crime. If you have any information at all about this crime, call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

**Paseo Del Este  
Municipal Utility District #2  
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

The Paseo Del Este Municipal Utility District #2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on September 10, 2009, 1:00 p.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4401 N. Mesa., El Paso, Texas 79902. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal: Doug Borrett, Joanne Wardy, Isaac Valles, Alejandro Limon and Ann Jorjorian-Raynal
- AGAINST the proposal: NONE
- PRESENT and not voting: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.750000/\$100	\$0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		+ \$0.000000/\$100
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average taxable value	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		N/A
and percentage of increase (+/-)		N/A

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

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

\*This District has no residence homesteads.

# Bulldogs get rings, Stoltz signs with college



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Aaron Olivas showed off his new hardware at a ring ceremony held at Socorro High School on Monday, August 17. Members of the 2009 Bulldogs baseball team and their coaches were presented with championship rings for winning the 5A state tournament. The rings were purchased through fund raisers held by the players' parents and members of the community.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Sporting his championship ring, Socorro High School graduate George Stoltz was joined by family and friends as he signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his education and baseball career at McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas. Stoltz was the leadoff hitter for the 2009 Socorro Bulldogs, which became only the second team in El Paso history to win a baseball state championship.

## Paseo Del Este Municipal Utility District #3 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo Del Este Municipal Utility District #3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on September 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4401 N. Mesa., El Paso, Texas 79902. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal: Ken Weaver, Ivan Alcocer, L. Gus Haddad, Mark Dyer and Sandy Boswell
- AGAINST the proposal: NONE
- PRESENT and not voting: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.750000/\$100 Adopted	\$0.750000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		+ \$0.000000/\$100
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$ 141,001	\$ 140,253
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average taxable value	\$ 141,001	\$ 140,253
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,057.51	\$ 1,051.90

Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) - \$5.61  
and percentage of increase (+/-) - 0.5%

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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals O

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PEMMCPJCX YETCMW,  
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JRC QCWJ HW RHWJEQU.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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## San Elizario ISD administration prepares for back-to-school

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

Before students return to school from summer fun and even a few days before teachers begin setting up their classrooms, San Elizario

ISD administrators have already been preparing and finalizing plans to kick off the new school year. Recently, the district held its annual Leadership Academy from July 27-30 for all campus administrators and department directors to receive training to bring their

knowledge and skills up to date. This four-day summer training event is primarily focused on topics for campus and instructional staff aimed at improving learning in the classroom and streamlining school operations.

The Leadership Academy also

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the science lab. Through grant funds, the cost of the lab is taken off the backs of the taxpayers.

He sees it as getting more bang for the education buck, likely getting a better science lab than if it had been a part of the original construction plan.

Vranish spoke of good news and bad news for the Tornillo Independent School District.

The good news is that recent TAKS test scores are up for the district which already has highly-rated schools. "They jumped dramatically," he says. The elementary school was rated Exemplary by TEA,

the Texas Education Agency. The intermediate school earned Recognized status, only two percentage points shy of Exemplary. The junior high school was Recognized.

The bad news is that the individual school ratings were insufficient to achieve Recognized status for the district, says Vranish. The reason, he adds, is "completers."

The new "completers" program, mandated now by the state, requires districts to track those who drop out of school and see if they completed high school elsewhere. A rate of completion is compiled. TISD's low completion rating denied them Recognized status.

Vranish says that many of those who have dropped out of TISD classes have returned to their homes

in Mexico where it is impossible to track them.

He feels it is unfair for TISD to be penalized for not being able to track those students. He has appealed the state ruling, but is not optimistic about winning.

Vranish, in his eighth year as superintendent, says a new effort will focus on boosting the district's athletic programs. He explains that the new effort will apply the same principles — finding the same passion — that brought academic excellence to TISD.

"I love my job." From his posted resume on the Internet, he adds. "This is true primarily because I love the opportunities provided by this job to help people — both staff and students — realize their goals and make their dreams come true."

included a special educational leadership conference hosted by Region 19-ESC featuring Dr. Daniel Duke entitled, "Tools for Effective Campus Planning and

Leadership." Dr. Duke is a professor of education at the University of Virginia and is nationally

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## Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #10 of El Paso County Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #10 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of Southwest Water Company, 12350 Montwood Dr., Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79928. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	Greg Spence, B.D. Reynolds, Jr., Martin N. Lettunich and Antonio Gallardo
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE
ABSENT:	Luis Ortega

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

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.750000/\$100	\$0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000000/\$100
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$ 242,347	\$ 232,978
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$ 242,347	\$ 232,978
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,817.60	\$ 1,747.34
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		- \$70.26
and percentage of increase (+/-)		- 3.87%

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## 2009 PROPERTY TAX RATES Town of Clint Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Town of Clint will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on, Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at the Clint Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate of \$0.406099 per \$100 of valuation.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Town of Clint by 0%.

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# Every athlete does not deserve a second chance to make millions

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Those of you who did not spend last week in the middle of the rain forest or in a bio dome of some kind must have heard about the signing of Michael Vick by the Philadelphia Eagles.

As a Dallas Cowboys fan I really didn't need another reason to hate the Eagles — but I'll take it.

A lot of people in the world of sports, including players, coaches and media types, are supporting Vick and his second chance.

I am not.

I do not believe that every person deserves a second chance to make good — if I did I'd be yelling for the release of Charles Manson and Bernard Madoff.

Some of you may be arguing that Madoff never killed anyone. Neither did Manson. But there are certain crimes that irreparably destroy people's lives and the lives of their families.

These are crimes that are so heinous they go beyond the bounds of rational behavior. They spit in the eye of everything decent, honorable and good.

In Vick's case, I do believe the guy deserves a second chance to make a living. And I'm sure there are many construction companies that would be glad to have him.

I do not believe he deserves the opportunity to make millions in the NFL again. In his new contract he will make about \$1.5 million this year and over \$5 million next season.

If any of you had done what Vick did you'd never even get our old job back.

And why don't we talk a little about what Vick did — because no one else is.

Oh, we keep hearing the words "bank-rolled a dogfighting ring," but that sounds like he was on the 42nd floor of a penthouse suite a thousand miles away okaying the transfer of funds over the phone.

Turns out that Vick was more of a hands-on type of businessman.

The following information came out during the Michael Vick investigation and he pleaded guilty to all of it.

From 2002 to 2007 Vick, along with some of his buddies, personally killed 13 dogs by either wetting them down and electrocuting them, or hanging, drowning and shooting them. In at least one case they slammed a dog's body on the ground until he was dead.

Anybody still think this guy just made some bad choices or some mistakes in judgment?

Wait, there's more.

The report also stated that many of the dogs were starved in order to make them more vicious come fight time.

If all you've read hasn't changed your mind about this degenerate, then this might.

Investigators also found out that Vick and his buddies put some of his family pets in the ring against the pit bulls.

The USDA's inspector general-investigations division revealed that,

"Vick, Peace and Phillips [his two friends] thought it was funny to watch the pit bull dogs belonging to [Vick's] Bad Newz Kennels injure or kill the other dogs."

Now I ask you, what kind of sadistic human being has that kind of evil in his heart, not only to run this sort of thing — but to sit back and actually enjoy it?

But like I said earlier, no one wants to even talk honestly about it.

I actually saw one reporter on TV make this observation on Vick's opportunity to speak against cruelty to dogs. "Vick will have the chance to play a bigger role in saving dogs than he did participating in the elimination of them."

"In the elimination of them?" He couldn't even use the word "kill."

And of course all of you know that

there is no dog fighting without betting. Whether it's professional boxing, cockfighting or pit bulls, there are guys putting their money down on a potential winner.

It's funny, Pete Rose was banned from professional baseball for life for betting on MLB games and on his own team to win. They said it hurt the integrity of the game.

It's a good thing Michael Vick only trained pit bulls to kill each other, and only killed dogs by painfully torturing them, and only put his own family pets in there with the pit bulls, and only paid for the dog fighting events himself, and only starved the dogs to get them in a foul mood to put on a better killing show.

Vick is lucky he only did that. If he had bet on football games then he'd really be in trouble.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### For your (re)consideration

Many have interpreted last month's vote to elect Jim Rice, in his final year of eligibility, into the Baseball Hall of Fame as a shift in the fundamental thinking of requirements for making the Hall.

Chosen each year by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, any player who has been retired for five years is eligible to be elected into the Hall, and a player must receive at least 75 percent of the vote to do so. Those that don't receive the votes after 15 years are then referred to the Veterans Committee, made up of living Hall of Famers, and the process is about the same (only grumpier).

According to Major League Baseball rules, "voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played." For the past few decades, milestones have dominated the way writers voted — 300 wins and you're in; 500 smacks and you get a plaque; 2,632 consecutive games and you're in the Hall of Fame.

And then came the steroids era. In apparent enforcement of the "integrity" and "character" clauses of the eligibility requirements, those players having been outed as steroid users have not been voted into the Hall — to wit, Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco. Now, thanks in part to clearer-thinking baseball minds like Peter Gammons and George Will, writers are starting to pay more attention to the eras in which the play-

ers participated and a more objective look at their abilities and contributions, as the Rice selection (something "A Sporting View" has argued for for years) indicates. The question now becomes who, in baseball's bubble category, gets re-evaluated and is given their shot at immortality?

Assuming that Rafael Palmeiro, Sammy Sosa, Manny Ramirez, Roger Clemens, Gary Sheffield, Barry Bonds and Alex Rodriguez are similarly blackballed by the writers (and you know the Veterans will be even harder on them than the writers), a new crop of players who completely dominated during their era should see their stocks rise. "A Sporting View" will advocate on behalf of a few players for the next two columns. This week, for your re-consideration:

Andre Dawson — Power, speed, defense and game-changing clutch hitting marked this superstar's long career. The only knock is his relatively lower batting average. Get over it. "The Hawk" was awesome to behold in his day.

Dale Murphy — One of the best hitters of the era with a supporting cast of castoffs and retreads hitting behind him, "the Murph" was also among the greatest fielders of his day and a class act.

Next week: The best of the rest.

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

## Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #11 of El Paso County Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #11 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 10:15 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	Curtis R. "Pete" Sellers, Suzann Pell, Darwin Voge and Jose R. Soto
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

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

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.750000/\$100	\$0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000000/\$100
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$0	\$ 126,491
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$0	\$ 126,491
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0	\$ 948.68
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		+ \$948.68 + 0.00%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

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1412 Coronado	3/2	1,013	77,400	329 Tierra Linda	4/2	1,345	82,400
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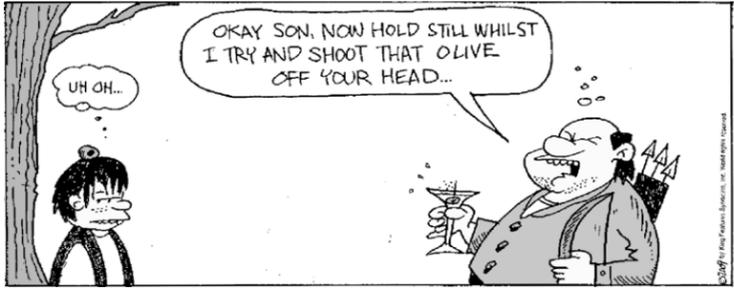
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## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



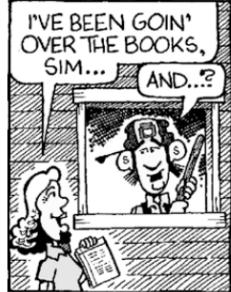
## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



## King Super Crossword

- POETIC PEOPLE ACROSS**
- 1 Gravy vessel
  - 5 Lord of the ring?
  - 8 School subject
  - 11 Energy
  - 14 Early bird's reward
  - 18 Competent
  - 19 Land mass
  - 21 Epoch
  - 22 Field of study
  - 23 Prime-time cartoon character
  - 25 Speed
  - 27 Discern
  - 28 Fill to the gills
  - 29 Rug material
  - 30 W. Hemisphere grp.
  - 31 Lend an \_ (listen)
  - 33 "Cheers" actress
  - 37 Marvels
  - 41 "Star Trek" navigator
  - 42 Novelist Ayn
  - 43 \_ -Magnon
  - 44 Late-night name
  - 46 Limber with language
  - 48 Proclamation
  - 52 "In the Heat of the Night" role
  - 56 Grant and Elwes
  - 59 Muckraker Nellie
  - 60 Actress Braga
- DOWN**
- 61 Schoolboy's shot
  - 62 "Friends," e.g.
  - 63 NASA affirmative
  - 64 Marley's music
  - 67 Blind part
  - 69 Common street name
  - 70 Egg on
  - 71 Gary Cooper role
  - 75 Pacific archipelago
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  - 84 Snow White's dwarfs, e.g.
  - 86 Bach's "Bist du bei \_"
  - 88 Civil Rights org.
  - 90 "I kid you \_"
  - 91 John of "The Addams Family"
  - 92 '37 Masters
  - Tournament winner
  - 95 Mournful sound
  - 97 Granola fruit
  - 99 Challenge
  - 100 RN's specialty
  - 101 Spanish-American coin
  - 104 Shape
  - 106 Hung loosely
  - 109 TV pioneer
  - 112 Mintz or Whitney
  - 113 Offense
  - 114 A Ford
  - 115 Cinderella's soiree
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  - 124 "The Pink Panther" director
  - 128 Prayer finale
  - 129 Pub potable
  - 130 \_ cuff
  - 131 James of "Rollerball"
  - 132 Moreno or Hayworth
  - 133 Take-home
  - 134 What a feller needs
  - 135 " \_ Day Now" ('62 hit)
  - 136 Rotund wrestling?
  - 10 Catch some rays
  - 11 Problem for Pauline
  - 12 Pencil end
  - 13 Tropical treat
  - 14 Gum gob
  - 15 Sky stalker
  - 16 Price twice
  - 17 Giants Hall-of-Famer
  - 20 Intelligent
  - 24 Author Cornelius
  - 26 Malady
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  - 47 Uncovered
  - 49 Bridge support
  - 50 Drain problem
  - 51 Little guy
  - 53 Tenor Beniamino
  - 54 Emilia's husband
  - 55 "Petrouchka," for one
  - 57 Annoys
  - 58 Neighbor of Oman

- 62 Tempestuous
- 65 Llama turf
- 66 "Aida" setting
- 68 Cover girl Carol
- 70 Ordinary
- 72 Foul-smelling
- 73 Yankovic descriptive
- 74 Completed
- 75 Informer
- 76 Computer image
- 77 Burlap fiber
- 81 Sample the soufflé
- 82 Negative one?
- 84 Honors
- 85 Kind of paint
- 87 Highway
- 89 MBNA competitor
- 92 Class ring?
- 93 New Deal agcy.
- 94 Hawaii's state bird
- 96 Cholesterol letters
- 98 Rocky hill
- 102 Basketball's
- Dennis
- 103 Store sign
- 105 Cross words?
- 107 Be happy
- 108 Fragrant flowers
- 109 TV's " \_ Vice"
- 110 Small bay
- 111 Stephen Vincent \_
- 113 Night light?
- 116 Alias initials
- 117 " \_ smile be your..."
- 118 Spinks or Trotsky
- 120 Writer Shirley Ann
- 121 Leading man?
- 123 \_ nutshell
- 124 Bikini part
- 125 Deli delicacy
- 126 Word with cell or spell
- 127 \_ -Cat (winter vehicle)

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

The Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on August 27, 2009 at 13931 Sagebrush Circle, El Paso, Texas 79938 at 6:30 pm. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Frank Wood, Jim Funk, Robert Lucero, Joseph McCandless, Daniel Diaz

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.260263	\$0.252581
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		(\$0.007682)
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)		- 2.952%
Average appraised value	\$ 180,478	\$ 187,765
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions)	0	0
Average taxable value	\$ 180,478	\$ 187,765
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 469.72	\$ 474.26
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+ \$4.54
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+ 0.97%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

## CryptoQuip Answer

In my library I have collected novels, some cookbooks, and the rest is history.

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**San Eli**

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recognized for his work on educational change and reform, school leadership and accountability policy. This one-day session was held at the Chito Samaniego Multi-Purpose Center. Other sessions to update school programs were held throughout the academy.

The summer Leadership Academy is just one example of how the San Elizario ISD administrative team has worked diligently to prepare for the 2009-2010 school year anticipating both challenges and triumphs in the days to come. First day of school for all students in the San Elizario Independent School District is Monday, August 24.

**Solis-Cera**

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and organizer for the past seven years.

Describing the rewards of being teacher, Solis-Cera stated, "Every single day, I feel rewarded by the teaching profession because I know that I am making a difference for the better in the lives of my students."

Claudia Green, CEO and President of the El Paso Area Teachers Federal Credit Union presented Solis-Cera with the 2009-2010 ESC-Region 19 Elementary Teacher of the Year award. San Elizario ISD Superintendent, Dr. Mike Quatrini, escorted Solis-Cera to the stage to receive her award where she was also congratulated by Dr. James R. Vasquez, ESC-Region 19 Executive Director, and Dr. Blanca Enriquez, Region 19 Head Start Executive Director.

**San Elizario Independent School District  
Public Notification of Nondiscrimination  
in Career and Technical Programs**

- 1) The San Elizario Independent School District offers Career and Technical programs in Consumer and Family Science, Business, Cosmetology, Health Science Technologies, CISCO Networking, Advertising and Graphic Design, Building Trades and Auto Technology. Admission to these programs is based on course pre-requisite and grade level classifications. For program information call Julian Encina at 872-3939, ext. 3844.
- 2) It is the policy of the San Elizario Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex 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 the San Elizario Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) The San Elizario Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all education and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Superintendent Mike Quatrini, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

**Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los  
Programas de Carrera y Tecnologia**

- 1) El distrito escolar de San Elizario está ofreciendo programas de carrera y tecnología en Ciencia al Consumidor y Familia, Negocios, Cosmetología, Técnica de Salud, Red de Computación CISCO, Publicidad/Promoción y Diseños Graficos, Técnica de Carpentería, y Técnica Mecánica. Para poderse admitir en estos programas tienen que estar registrados en el distrito de San Elizario y completar los requisitos necesarios. Para más información contacto Julian Encina a 872-3939, ext. 3844
- 2) Es la póliza del distrito de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o deshabilidad en estos programas vocacionales, servicios, o actividades requeridos por el Título IV del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.
- 3) Es la póliza del distrito de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, deshabilidad, o la edad en sus metodos de empleo exigido por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, enmendada por las Enmienda Educativas de 1972, del Acta de la Discriminación por Edad de 1975, como enmendada, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.
- 4) El distrito escolar de San Elizario tomará pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.
- 5) Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el Superintendente Mike Quatrini, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

WTCC: 08/20/09

**NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE**

**2009 Property Tax Rates in City of Socorro – REVISED**

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for the **City of Socorro**. 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	\$ 2,839,596
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 752,938
Last year's total taxes	\$ 3,592,534
Last year's tax base	\$ 721,744,546
Last year's total tax rate	0.497757 /\$100

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

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 3,585,933
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 721,868,503
= This year's effective tax rate	0.496757 /\$100

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

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)		\$ 2,834,378
+ This year's adjusted tax base		\$ 721,868,503
= This year's effective operating rate		0.392645 /\$100
<b>x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate</b>		0.424056 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate		0.090754 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate		0.514810 /\$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If the **City of Socorro** adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of **\$0.496757** per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by **\$171,766**.

**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.

<b>Type of Property Tax Funds</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$ 4,373,236
Debt Service (I&S)	-0-

**SCHEDULE B – 2009 Debt Service**

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Cert. Oblig. - 1999	\$ 105,000	\$ 22,153	-0-	\$ 127,153
Cert. Oblig. - 2001	\$ 20,400	\$ 21,107	-0-	\$ 41,507
Cert. Oblig. - 2004	\$ 81,000	\$ 68,205	-0-	\$ 149,205
Cert. Oblig. - 2008	\$ 100,000	\$ 198,704	-0-	\$ 298,704
TX Dept. of Transportation	\$ 59,039	\$ 12,103	-0-	\$ 71,142
Total required for 2009 Debt Service				\$ 687,711
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				-0-
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				-0-
- Excess collections last year				-0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2009				\$ 687,711
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2009				-0-
= Total Debt Levy				\$ 687,711

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

Name of person preparing this notice: Juan F. Sandoval  
Title: Tax Assessor/Collector Date prepared: August 18, 2009