



NEWSBRIEFS

Tailgate party

El Paso Museum of History is hosting Pete's Eats, a tailgate party from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 10, in Cleveland Square, which is located in front of the museum (501 N. Santa Fe Street). The event will provide the opportunity to taste samples from various El Paso restaurants. A cash bar will be available. Proceeds will benefit the museum's Fifth Wall of Giants which will open February 22, 2014 and honor UTEP's 100th anniversary. Live music, UTEP cheerleaders and former athletes are expected to be present. Tickets are \$25 each, 10 tickets for \$200, children 12 and under are free. For more information, contact Jim Murphy at (915) 351-3588.

— Alfredo Vasquez

EPCC schedule

Whether you are a professional seeking to upgrade your job, personal or computer skills, an individual who wants or needs to improve his or her employment abilities to get ahead or a retired person who wants to learn a new craft or hobby, the Workforce/Economic Development and Continuing Education Department of El Paso Community College is the place to make it happen. You have many learning choices ranging from beginning and advanced classes in computers, game-designing and development, floral design and cooking, to home gardening, sewing and painting. Online classes vary from SAT, GRE and LSAP exam preparations, conversational French, Japanese and Italian, to real estate investing and catering. If you are interested in a health career, EPCC offers classes in fields such as CPR, first aid, emergency medical services, medical coding, nursing assistant, pharmacy, phlebotomy, massage therapy and many other medical fields. EPCC also offers free assessment for individuals who wish to start or expand their businesses and free assistance to business owners who want to sell their goods to local, state and federal governments. To select the class that is right for you, pick up your continuing education fall schedule at any EPCC campus or online at www.epcc.edu/ce. Registration for classes in the fall schedule starts August 5. Additional information: 831-7721 or 7795.

— Javier Sánchez

Crime Stoppers

Refrigeration units and major appliances have been the target of a series of burglaries of new homes. Investigators from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the public's assistance in finding those responsible through Crime Stoppers. These crimes have been taking place since April and have been seen in finished or nearly finished homes in Northeast, West and East El Paso. The suspects are believed to park a truck or van inside

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There are many tears in the heart that never reach the eye.

— Quips & Quotes

Commissioners address critical issues

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso County Commissioners Court approved in separate July meetings plans that address two critical issues. Commissioners approved a plan to start merging the city and county housing authorities and approved a “plus one” health benefit plan that replaces the controversial domestic partner language.

The housing authority merger plan includes a committee consisting of County Judge Veronica Escobar, Commissioner Vince Perez and representatives from the county's human resources department, the county attorney's office and the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso.

Currently, the county's housing authority provides services in Fabens, but this merger would help facilitate the union between both housing authorities which officials said will assist low-income families of Montana Vista, Tornillo, Canutillo, Clint, Socorro and San Elizario with public housing, according to Escobar.

“The goal is to avoid duplicative jurisdiction so that there's a single jurisdiction that benefits city and county,” said Escobar. “The ultimate beneficiaries are the residents who need access to public housing,” she added.

The housing merger plan requires the committee to attend resident and staff meetings and that the city housing authority and the county legal department negotiate terms for an inter-local agreement.

In another July meeting, commissioners approved a “plus one” health benefit plan that replaces the domestic partner language. The revision to the county's employee health plan continues the unmarried and gay partners benefit under a “plus one” program that county attorneys said expands the policy and makes



— Photo courtesy of El Paso County

El Paso County Commissioners are, from left, Vince Perez, Precinct 3; Carlos Leon, Precinct 1; Veronica Escobar, county judge; and Sergio Lewis, Precinct 2; (Dan Haggerty, Precinct 4, died this summer and a replacement has not been named).

it “legally defensible.”

Commissioners unanimously approved amending the language to the policy, removing references to gay and unmarried partners as well as to intimate relationships. Instead, the policy will allow county employees to add a “plus one qualifying adult” to their health coverage based on economic interdependence, officials said.

To qualify, the employee and their “plus one” must have lived together for at least a year and demonstrate they share finances, such as a mortgage or banking account. However, the “plus one” benefit does not apply to family members such as a parent or grandparent.

Commissioners decided to revise the health policy after the Texas attorney general issued an opinion saying local governments cannot extend benefits to same-sex couples and unmarried partners.

The change will be effective January 2014, and county employees can begin applying for the benefit during the fall enrollment period, said Betsy C. Keller, director of the county's Human Resources Department.

County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal stated in a recent news report that the “plus one qualifying adult” language is used by numerous government agencies and is not subject to the same scrutiny as same-sex benefit policies.

Time to update vaccines

By Dusty Warden
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Back-to-school season is here. It's time for parents to gather supplies and back packs. It's also the perfect time to make sure your kids are up to date on their vaccines. To celebrate the importance of immunizations throughout life – and make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need – Immunize El Paso is proudly participating in National Immunization Awareness Month.

Throughout the month of August, Immunize El Paso will be canvassing every corner of El Paso County as well as expanding the operating hours of both their Eastside and Downtown clinics.

Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by CDC's immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children's health – and that of

classmates and the community. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to check with us to find out what vaccines your child needs.

All El Paso area schools require children to be current on vaccinations before enrolling to protect the health of all students.

Today's childhood vaccines protect against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, including polio, measles, whooping cough and chickenpox.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk and can spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

School age children need vaccines. For example, children who are 4 to 6 years old are due for boosters of four vaccines:

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Candelaria to speak on Mission music

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Dr. Lorenzo Candelaria, music professor at the University of Texas at Austin, will share an illustrated presentation, titled *Mission Music in the Franciscan Southwest*, at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 10, at the El Paso Museum of History, located at 510 North Santa Fe Street.

The special presentation is in conjunction with the History museum's lecture series on the Missions of Spain in the Borderlands and complements the Fourth Wall of Giants exhibit that is currently on display at the museum.

“Music is an integral part of any church service, Candelaria stated, “but what was done for music in the early missions?” He said that his lecture will present an overview of how the Franciscan Order used music and dance to overcome cultural barriers in the Catholic education of native communities in what is now the American Southwest.

The presentation begins by looking at music and dance in the missions of Mexico's central valley and extends northward through El Paso and toward Santa Fe, New Mexico, Candelaria commented.

Candelaria is an accomplished violinist, an active lecturer, and author. His recent books include *American Music: A Panorama*



Dr. Lorenzo Candelaria, a UT Austin music professor, said that his research focuses on Catholic music in sixteenth-century Spain and its subsequent impact on devotional cultures in Latin America and the southwestern United States.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2013 in the Anthony ISD Board Room, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.158200/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	9.60%	Decrease
Debt Service	31.79%	Decrease
Total Expenditures	10.82%	Decrease

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 224,749,735	\$ 240,633,276
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 12,270,155	\$ 11,042,910
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 163,237,899	\$ 177,416,924
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 10,153,191	\$ 9,996,922

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$5,865,868

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.130000*	\$ 1.170000	\$ 2,308	\$ 6,539
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.034360	\$ 0.116190*	\$ 1.150550	\$ 2,340	\$ 6,947
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.158200*	\$ 1.198200	\$ 2,415	\$ 6,977

*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	\$ 89,115	\$ 92,862
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 73,970	\$ 77,395
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.170000	\$ 1.198200
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 865.45	\$ 927.35
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 61.90

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 1.198300. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.198300.

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)	\$ 2,336,450
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Scanned claims not up to speed

The Department of Veterans Affairs has converted more than 30 percent of disability claims into digital files, according to a recent VA report. So far, 165 million pages have been scanned and uploaded by contractor Systems Made Simple from paper, photos, faxes, DVDs and flash drives.

Those files now are at the fingertips of claims raters, and finishing up claims should move along faster. But results so far are mixed, and success in speeding up the process depends on the region of the country. Here are a few locations compared with a few months ago:

- White River Junction, Vt., had 834 veterans waiting an average of 239 days. Wait time for first claims was at 559 days. Now there are 869 veterans waiting an average of 193 days, with 525 of them over the 125-day mark and 183 waiting over one year. First-time claim average wait is still 559 days.

- Lincoln, Neb., had 2,560 veterans, with 695 over 125 days. Average wait time was 143 days. Now there are 3,002 veterans

waiting, 841 of them over 125 days, with an average wait time of 106 days.

- Fargo, N.D., had 1,122 veterans with 375 waiting more than the 125 days. Average wait time was 131 days. Now Fargo is up to 1,357 veterans with 395 of them waiting over 125 days, but the average wait time is down to 105 days.

- St. Petersburg, Fla., had 50,492 veterans waiting an average of 319 days. Of those, 34,860 were over the 125 days. Now there are 49,928 veterans waiting an average 233 days. Of those, 35,734 are over 125 days and 11,091 veterans have waited over one year.

To reach its goal of claims being processed in 125 days, the VA has a very long way to go.

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

Briefs

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the garage of these homes and begin to load the vehicle with the appliances. In some cases other building materials have been taken. The incidents are believed to be happening between the late afternoon hours and early morning hours. Several of the burglaries have taken place during weekends. The suspects involved may appear to be working on the construction site and investigators ask the community to report any suspicious activity at these sites. Investigators know that someone

in the community knows who these burglars are and are asking your help in solving these cases. Anyone with any information on the identity of these thieves is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

- Javier Sambrano



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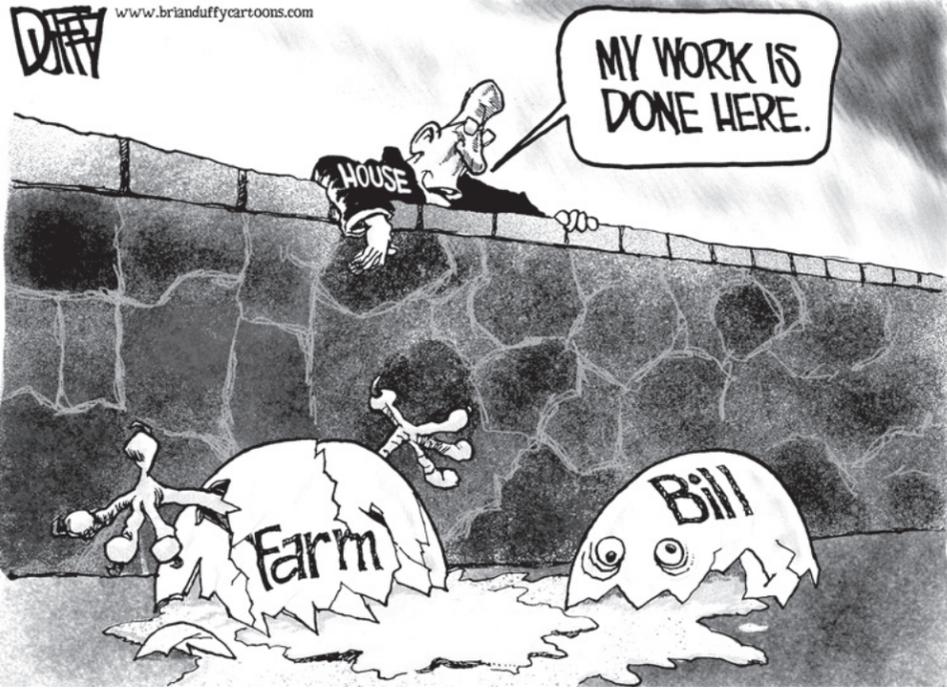


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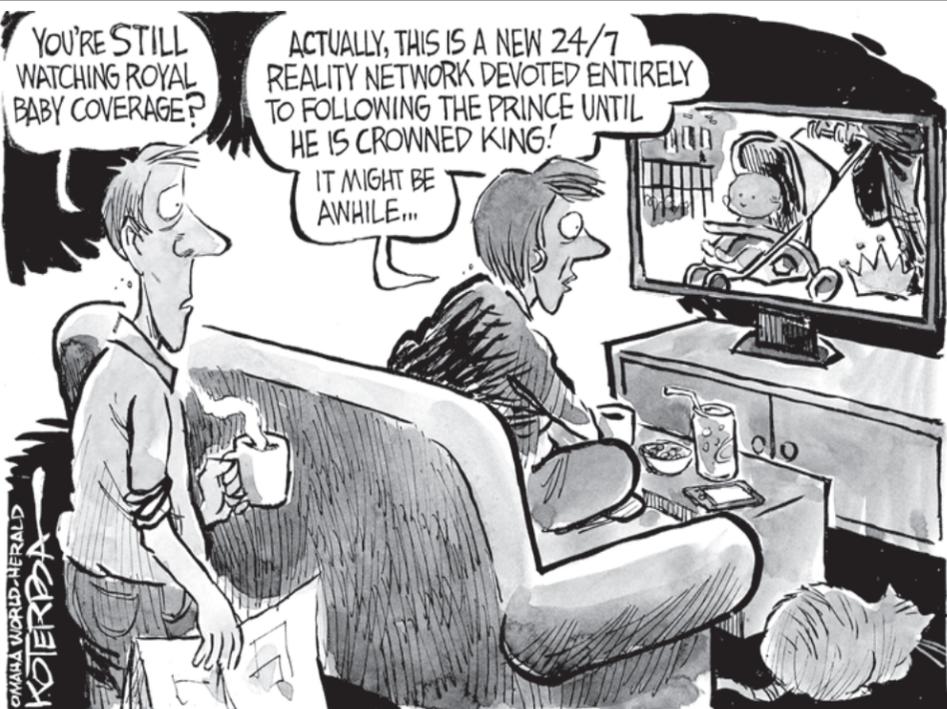
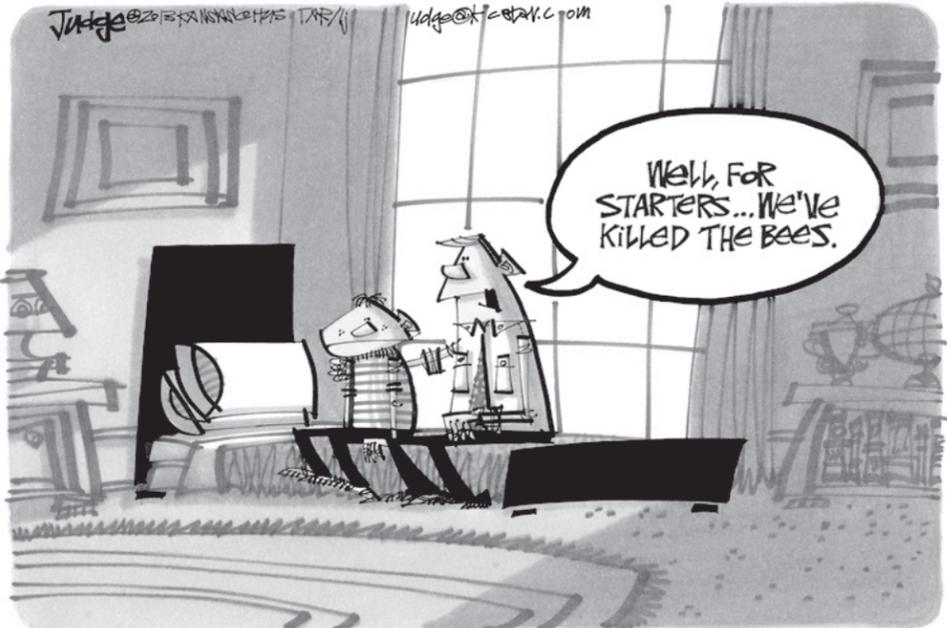
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Finances By Jason Alderman

Coping with expensive extracurricular activities

When budgeting for back-to-school expenses, parents generally include routine fare like clothes, school supplies and maybe a new backpack. But if your kids participate in extracurricular activities, whether it's sports, music lessons or art classes, you could be on the hook for hundreds – or even thousands – of dollars in additional expenses throughout the year if you're not careful.

As parents, we hesitate to stifle our children's athletic and creative urges, especially when it can be so difficult to drag them away from their iPods and Xboxes. But sometimes you've just got to step back, weigh the different options available and decide what you can afford without upsetting your other financial goals and responsibilities.

You'll face tough questions like, "Is it better for my child's future to spend \$500 on a soccer day camp he'll really enjoy or to invest the money in a 529 College Savings Plan?"

My wife and I commonly wrestle with these types of questions. For example, last fall our son had outgrown his baseball equipment and was begging us for a new bat that cost \$125. A year later, it sits on the sidelines because he prefers to use a friend's bat. (We're not complete pushovers, however: When he recently obsessed over a \$200 pair of high-

tech gym shoes, we said no.)

Among the best advice I've received from other parents is, when your kids are exploring new activities, don't overcommit your time or money until you know whether they'll stick with it or quickly move on to the next thing.

For example, before you sink a small fortune into private swimming lessons, start small with a summer class at your local Y or recreation center. If your kid shows a genuine aptitude and doesn't balk at long hours of practice, then you can explore more costly alternatives. Just remember who'll be driving to practice and out-of-town swim meets; in other words, make sure you can honor the time commitment before signing on.

Here are a few tips for prioritizing extracurricular events and keeping your costs down:

- Focus on one sport or activity per kid, per season, especially if they involve multiple practice sessions or games per week.
- Form carpools with other parents. You'll save gas money and time, especially if your kids are practicing at different locations.
- Learn how much equipment and instruction the sport requires. Some, like

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**Public Notice
Village of Vinton, Texas**

PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held at 6:30 p.m. according to the following schedule at City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas. The purpose of the public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

The adoption of the Fiscal Year 2013- 2014 Annual Budget and Tax Rate commencing October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014 for the Village of Vinton, Texas.

The Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2013- 2014 was presented on August 6, 2013 at the Regular Meeting of the City Council. Public Hearings will be held according to the following schedule:

- August 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing/Special Council Meeting
- August 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing / Regular Council Meeting
- August 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Special Council Meeting
- **September 3 at 6:30 p.m.**
Regular Council Meeting / Budget Adoption
Presentation of Tax Rate
- September 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing Tax Rate/Regular Council Meeting
- September 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Special Council Meeting/Adoption of Tax Rate (if needed)
- September 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Special Council Meeting/Adoption of Tax Rate (if needed)
- **September 30 at 6:30 p.m.**
Special Council Meeting
Last Day to Adopt Budget & Tax Rate

Those unable to attend are invited to submit their views in writing to the Village of Vinton, Attn: Mayor Madeleine Praino, 436 E. Vinton Road. City Hall is accessible for handicapped persons. Handicapped persons in need of special assistance to attend the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Secretary at (915) 886-5104, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of the budget are available for review at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821.

Jessica Garza
City Secretary

Vaccine

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DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis), chickenpox, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) and polio. Older children, like preteens and teens, need Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), MCV (meningococcal conjugate vaccine) and HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccines when they are 11 or 12. In addition, yearly flu vaccines are recommended for all children 6 months and older.

Parents can find out more about the recommended immunization schedule where to find the closest outreach clinic by visiting www.immunizeelpaso.org.

Clinics

Downtown Clinic
Tillman Health Center
222 S. Campbell, Basement, 79901
Mon. to Fri., 9 a.m. - Noon, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
533-3414

Eastside Clinic
1580 George Dieter, Ste 102, 79936
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2013 Property Tax Rates in Town of Anthony

This notice concerns the 2013 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 \$ 403,240
 Last year's debt taxes \$ 238,698
 Last year's total taxes \$ 641,938
 Last year's tax base \$ 153,757,973
 Last year's total tax rate \$ 0.417499/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:
 Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) \$ 640,782
 ÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) \$ 155,486,542
 = This year's effective tax rate \$ 0.412114/\$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) \$ 402,513
 ÷ This year's adjusted tax base \$ 155,486,542
 = This year's effective operating rate \$ 0.258873/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate \$ 0.279582/\$100
 + This year's debt rate \$ 0.141532/\$100
 = This year's total rollback rate \$ 0.421114/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the Town of Anthony adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.412114 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2012 taxes by \$ 38,808.

SCHEDULE A – Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Funds	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$ -0-
Debt Service (I&S)	\$ 47,654

SCHEDULE B – 2013 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
Tax Refunding Bonds 2012	\$ 139,000	\$ 47,134	\$ 0	\$ 186,134
SIB	\$ 44,059	\$ 3,595	\$ 0	\$ 47,654
Total required for 2013 Debt Service				\$ 233,788
- 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 2013				\$ 233,788
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2013				\$ -0-
= Total Debt Levy				\$ 233,788

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at City of El Paso Tax Office, 221 N. Kansas, Suite 300, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Name of person preparing this notice: **Maria O. Ramos, RTA**
 Title: **Tax Deputy Administrator** Date prepared: **July 25, 2013**

2013 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #2

This notice concerns the 2013 property tax rates for the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2. 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 \$ 742,107
 Last year's debt taxes \$ 2,090,038
 Last year's total taxes \$ 2,832,145
 Last year's tax base \$ 2,832,145,000
 Last year's total tax rate \$ 0.100000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:
 Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) \$ 2,826,049
 ÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) \$ 2,808,700,430
 = This year's effective tax rate \$ 0.100617/\$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) \$ 740,509
 ÷ This year's adjusted tax base \$ 2,808,700,430
 = This year's effective operating rate \$ 0.026365/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate \$ 0.028474/\$100
 + This year's debt rate \$ 0.076159/\$100
 = This year's total rollback rate \$ 0.104633/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.100617 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2012 taxes by \$69,035.

SCHEDULE A – Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Funds	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$ 226,630
Debt Service (I&S)	\$ -0-

SCHEDULE B – 2013 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
Clint	\$ 151,062	\$ 122,421	\$ 0	\$ 273,483
Fabens	\$ 263,704	\$ 92,931	\$ 0	\$ 356,635
Montana Vista	\$ 211,622	\$ 110,567	\$ 0	\$ 322,189
San Elizario	\$ 293,971	\$ 96,964	\$ 0	\$ 390,935
Socorro	\$ 308,091	\$ 165,847	\$ 0	\$ 473,938
West Valley	\$ 282,385	\$ 96,407	\$ 0	\$ 378,792
Total required for 2013 Debt Service				\$ 2,195,972
- 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 2013				\$ 2,195,972
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2013				\$ -0-
= Total Debt Levy				\$ 2,195,972

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 221 N. Kansas, Suite 300, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Name of person preparing this notice: **Maria O. Ramos, RTA**
 Title: **Tax Deputy Administrator** Date prepared: **July 25, 2013**

The NFL should let the Pro Bowl die any kind of death

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

With the Dallas Cowboys-Miami Dolphins Hall of Fame game over the weekend, the National Football League season is officially underway.

That means that we are going to have football of all types, professional, college and high school for the rest of the year.

And other than your child being born and winning the lottery, what can be better than that?

One of the things that has made the NFL as popular as it is has been the decisions it has made over the years.

From instant replay to the Red Zone network to trying to make the game a little safer, the league is constantly trying to improve its product.

But that doesn't mean that the all-mighty league gets it right all the time.

Last week the league made an announcement that proved some of the decision-makers there, like many of their players on the field, may have taken a few too many blows to the head.

I think everybody now has seen that the decision to bail out certain industries that collapsed back in 2008 was a big mistake. Sometimes when an institution is failing, I don't care how successful it once was, the best thing to do is let nature take its course.

There will always be something to come around to take its place.

It's much better to die with dignity than to be kept alive artificially, slowly deteriorating day-by-day into a shell of what you once were.

After a while, a once proud and respected entity evolves into an embarrassment.

And that brings us to the NFL's Pro Bowl game.

The big wigs at the big league aren't stupid. They know the Pro Bowl has deteriorated into a glorified touch-football game with defensive players treating offensive players like they're all running around with a highly contagious form of the plague.

The game has become totally unwatchable with players basically using the game as a paid weekend in Hawaii for themselves and their families.

Not bad for a bunch of mega-millionaires.

A few years ago, the league was flirting with doing the right thing – allowing this faltering event to die with dignity.

But nooooo! The league decided to keep it going and naturally, nothing has changed.

So the league announced this week that they have a fix for the useless game.

Remember when you were in middle school and stood against the wall waiting for your name to be called for a pick-up game? The NFL is about to do the same thing.

The Pro Bowl will now feature players from both leagues basically standing against a much-more-expensive wall and wait for their names to be chosen for a side by a couple of team captains.

This woeful decision is up there with New Coke, Rocky 6, Obamacare and Anthony Weiner's photo album.

The NFL has decided that Deion Sanders and Jerry Rice, along with two fans, will be the ones in charge of picking players, regardless of what conference they play for.

So basically, the league has changed the way the players are chosen to play in the game, but how does this change the way they will compete in the game?

Players in this meaningless game are afraid of being injured. So they go about every play with the same enthusiasm they had for attending their college classes.

The league said they will help eliminate the chance of injury by getting rid of any kickoffs in the game.

Wow, really? That's the equivalent of giving a kid a ribbon for finishing last and promising that life will always be that rewarding.

The amazing thing is that the guys in the room who got together to make this unfortunate decision got paid a lot of money for it.

I guess the idea of wasteful spending isn't confined to Washington DC.

The NFL should obviously choose a Pro Bowl team every year. Just eliminate the game.

Being chosen a Pro Bowl player at the end of the year is equivalent to being named an all star.

There's nothing more pathetic than watching someone, who doesn't have a clue, perform well past their prime.

Maybe the league will pull the plug and get it right next year.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Time for change in DC

About that Washington Redskins mascot and moniker? It's racist, and it's demeaning. I don't care what the polls say on the matter – that Redskin fans overwhelmingly support keeping the name because they don't feel it's offensive. But it is.

This past year, when asked in a USA Today interview if he'd

consider the name change, Snyder reacted with his usual over-the-top telemarketer-style bluster.

"As a lifelong Redskins fan, and I think that the Redskins fans understand the great tradition and what it's all about and what it means ... we feel pretty fortunate to be just working on next season," Snyder said, adding that he would never

change the name as long as he was owner.

"It's as simple as that," he said. "NEVER... you can use caps."

Simple in that it's stupid and uncomplicated for Snyder (and thanks for the permission to use ALL CAPS, DAN.) He says he means no offense, so there can be no offense, see? Simple. It also helps that Forbes says his brand is the third most valuable in the NFL (behind the Cowboys and Patriots), earning at least \$131 million per year on Redskin logo merchandise. Simple decision. Money changes

everything, as evidenced by his failed attempt to bully a Washington newspaper into firing a reporter in a libel and defamation suit because it, for one, depicted him as having horns. Snyder is Jewish and Jews consider that to be offensive and anti-Semitic.

And then Snyder got on his private jet with a picture on the tailfin of a red-skinned man with feathers on his head and flew off into the sunset.

Oh, the irony. Imagine if one of the Indian casino millionaires hopped across the skies with a caricature of a Hasidic Jew in a tophat and curls.

The old joke on the Catskills circuit was "I'm not saying you're wrong... I'm just saying you're wrong." What does Snyder know about "lifelong tradition?" He's 47. He treats legends like Joe Gibbs as if they were backgammon pieces. The Lenni-Lenape and Nanticoke lived where his stadium now stands for 10,000 years before they were forcefully evicted into the dust bowl of Oklahoma and Canada. And they're offended because they're not your mascots.

No, you Mr. and Mrs. Redskin fan are not guilty of those Indian

injustices. No, Mr. Snyder, you were not guilty of perpetuating their holocaust. But some traditions – just as Abe Pollin changed his team from the Washington Bullets to the Wizards, despite all the costs to do so – have to end. It's more than time to do so in Landover, Md., because in your heart, you know it's right.

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soccer and basketball can be relatively inexpensive; while others, like horseback riding, golf and ice skating involve expensive equipment or facility rental time.

- Rent or buy used sporting equipment (or musical instruments) until you're sure they'll stick with the activity. Visit Play It Again Sports stores, online ad sites like Craigslist and yard sales.

- Seek out or form a sports equipment exchange in your community where families can donate outgrown or cast-off equipment and uniforms for others to use.

- It's probably better to invest in new safety gear, like helmets and masks, than to buy it used – and potentially damaged. The same goes for items like shoes or baseball gloves that become molded to a child's body – unless they were hardly used.

Sometimes the cost of an elective program is worth making sacrifices elsewhere in your budget. Our daughter loves theater arts, so we decided it was worth shaving our vacation budget to send her to theater camp. She'll make new friends and hone her dramatic and social skills in an environment that public school just can't duplicate.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Social Security helps in troubled times

For some, recent years have been made difficult by natural disasters. Fatal tornadoes in Oklahoma. Massive wildfires and strong earthquakes in Colorado and California. Landslides in Washington. Flooding in Texas, North Carolina and Florida. Hail storms in Tennessee. Hurricane Sandy along the Eastern seaboard. And now, we brace ourselves for yet another hurricane season.

In addition to the catastrophes caused by Mother Nature, there are man-made tragedies, such as the theater shooting in Aurora, Colorado that killed 12 and injured 58; the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, which left 26 children and staff members dead; and the Boston Marathon explosions, killing three and injuring more than 260.

When disasters strike, despite the immediate response by so many well-intentioned people and organizations, it's often hard to know where to turn. But when it comes to the need for disability and survivors benefits, Social Security is always here to serve those who require our services.

Dependent survivors of wage earners, such as spouses, minor children, and in some cases parents or grandchildren, may be eligible for survivor benefits when the family's provider dies. The sad fact is that about one in eight of today's 20 year-old workers will die before

reaching age 67. The good news is about 96 percent of people age 20 to 49 who work have survivors insurance protection if they die and leave behind young children and surviving spouses.

Social Security is here to help people inflicted with disabling conditions as well. In fact, disabled workers account for about 19 percent of all Social Security benefits paid. One in four of today's 20 year-old workers will become disabled before reaching age 67.

Our emergency services reach more than the limited numbers of people who die or become disabled as a result of a tragedy. For example, if you are still receiving a paper check and the delivery of mail is interrupted due to severe weather, in many cases any Social Security office can issue an immediate replacement payment. To avoid this situation, however, switch to electronic payments as required by law. Even if your mailbox – or home – is destroyed due to an emergency, or you are evacuated or displaced, your payment will always arrive on time every time if you receive it electronically.

Sometimes, emergencies cause Social Security offices to close. If you want to check whether your local office is open, the best place to go is to Social Security's *Office Closings And Emergency Information* page at www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency. This site is a great place to visit before you try to go to an office,

especially when severe weather is affecting your area.

The emergency page also offers valuable FEMA advice that can help you prepare for or cope with emergency situations.

While we all hope and pray to avoid disasters, unfortunately, they are bound to occur. The best we can do is to be as prepared as possible to deal with them if they happen. And know that Social Security will be here for you when you need it.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted wit, playwright, essayist and poet Oscar Wilde who made the following sage observation: "A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it."

- If you're heading to the state of Washington with mischief on your mind, you'll need to keep in mind this state law: "A motorist with criminal intentions (must) stop at the city limits and telephone the chief of police as he (or she) is entering the town." I'll bet that one has been really effective in stopping crime.

- You might be surprised to learn that only 3 percent of all mammal species actually mate for life.

- If you're an average person having an average dream, it will last about 20 minutes.

- It was Irishman Cedric Gibbons who designed the Oscar statuette given to the recipients of the annual Academy Awards. Interestingly, Gibbons moved to Hollywood and worked for MGM as an art director and set designer, and his work earned him 11 of the Oscars that he himself designed.

- Those who study such things say that bats always turn to the left when exiting a cave.

- You probably think you know that bears love honey – after all, popular culture is full of images of bears going after a hive. The bears do, in fact, eat the honey, but they're really after the bees, their pupae and their larvae.

- There are more than 2,000 species of plants that contain some form of cyanide.

- If you are a logophile, you might know that the word "obstreperous" means "noisy and difficult to control." You probably don't realize, though, that the noun most likely to follow the word "obstreperous" is "teenager." But I doubt you'll be surprised.

Thought for the Day: "Some editors are failed writers, but so are most writers."
– T.S. Eliot

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

	x		+		13
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+		x		-	
	+		÷		5
10		9		7	

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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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: K equals S

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ST'K PLQLIHBI RST JLAXHU MJ

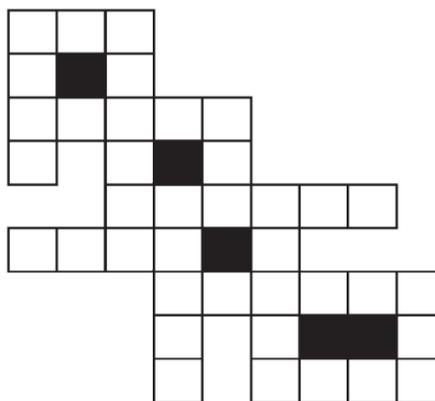
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- SHIMET
- ♥APTLE
- EPEP
- ♥LEMASP
- ♥YMA
- OEHM
- ♥PYLTA
- ♥OTM
- ♥EPASIR
- ENTAM
- HEYT



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

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