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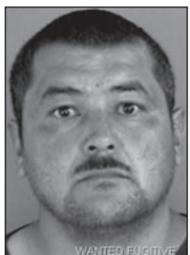
A man is believed to be responsible for two recent bank robberies. Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the Federal Bureau of Investigation in identifying and locating this suspect before he strikes again, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Tuesday, Jan. 12, just before 11:30 a.m., a lone male subject walked into the 1st Federal Bank at 7015 N. Mesa. The subject approached a teller and showed a note demanding money.



The teller feared for her safety and turned over an undetermined amount of money. Upon reviewing surveillance video, FBI agents determined that the subject had walked around the parking lot for some time, and had entered the bank prior to the robbery. On Thursday, Jan. 21, a little after noon, the same subject walked into the United Bank of El Paso, 9801 Gateway West, and approached a teller with a note demanding money. The subject is described as a Hispanic male in his late 30s, approximately 5'3" to 5'6" tall, medium build, with a shaved head, and wearing prescription glasses. The subject spoke English and was reported to have a strong body odor. If you have any information about the identity and location of this suspect or his vehicle, please call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

Wanted

The hunt continues for Manuel Jesus Rojas, 34, who also goes by Manuel Soto. He is wanted for Theft of Property and Criminal Trespass. Rojas is 5'2" tall and weighs 152 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. In the early morning hours of June 14, 2008, Deputies were dispatched to the El Paso County Roads and Bridges (Old Yard) located at FM 76 and SW Hunt in reference to theft in progress. Deputies arrived and apprehended Rojas stealing several items from the property. Rojas was caught with over \$17,000 worth of stolen property in the bed of his pick-up truck. Items taken during the theft were listed as 108



Manuel Rojas

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The height of embarrassment is when two eyes meet at the same keyhole.

— Quips & Quotes

El Paso pecan crop should be 'very good'



GOING NUTS — Farmer Craig Ivey inspects a few pecans in his pecan grove near Tornillo.

Pecan farmers anticipate profitable season

By Jamie Henneman
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Although the pecan harvest in the El Paso area has been delayed by inclement weather, farmers in the region are positive about the potential results of the 2010 harvest.

Pecan farmer Craig Ivey of Rancho Tornillo Inc. said that his trees, which bear heavy and light yields on alternating years, are in a "heavy" year and anticipates possibly breaking his farm's yield record.

"We have about a fourth of the nuts left to harvest but we may beat our record crop from two years ago. It should be a very good year," he said.

Anticipation on tallying the seasons actual results will continue to grow until the weather decides to become sunny and dry—the optimal weather for harvesting pecans.

When the weather allows things to dry out, pecan farmers typically harvest the nuts by using machine to shake the nuts to the ground and then sweepers to go along the ground and put everything into a pile. The result is something farm workers call a "chorizo" because

of its sausage-like shape. But this method only works under dry conditions.

"Our equipment only works when you can pile the harvest material into the middle and then vacuum it up into the machine that sorts out the leaves and twigs and debris," said Ivey. "Otherwise mud and wet leaves can clog up the machines."

Marketing

Once the pecans have been harvested, farmers have a variety of options in regards to marketing.

Farmers with larger yields can use a broker to try and get a good price on the open market while smaller operations usually opt to sell to one of the local processors in the area like Southwest Nut Company in Fabens.

Some farmers, like the Ivey family, also choose to band together to have greater selling power and use a broker to sell their nuts as far away as China where the deciduous tree nut is becoming a popular snack.

"In China, they aren't too creative about how they use pecans yet. What they are doing is cracking the shell open,

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Damon Murphy to head Canutillo ISD

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — On the wings of confidence and great expectations from its trustees, Dr. Damon Murphy is poised to come to Canutillo Independent School District as its 10th superintendent.

Murphy, who is coming to CISD from the El Paso Independent School District, was the sole finalist selected from a field of 18 applicants. Murphy is presently EPISD's associate superintendent for priority and secondary schools.

After being named as the sole finalist Jan 26 by the board of trustees, his selection as superintendent will become official after a state-mandated, 21-day waiting period during which public comment is invited. Board president Sergio Coronado said he plans to call a board meeting for Feb. 22 or 23 to put the final stamp of approval on Murphy's selection.

Coronado said Monday that he has had no negative feedback on naming Murphy.

Murphy will take over from Roger Parks who took the interim reins of leadership from Dr. Pam Padilla who resigned last June.

In the interview process, Coronado was impressed by Murphy who stood "head and shoulders" above the other candidates. The

board president was particularly impressed by his research on and knowledge of the critical issues relating to the district. "He is a hands-on person. He has great qualifications, and I am confident he has the knowledge to help the district.

"He will hit the ground running," he said.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work in the Canutillo ISD community," Murphy responds in a district press release. "It is a deep honor, and I am humbled by the trust that has been placed in me. I pledge to do my best in protecting the trust that has been given me," he added.

Coronado's comments reflect and underscore that trust in Murphy. "I believe he can raise the district to Recognized status. It is doable. He is someone who can take us to the next level."

Achieving Recognized status is also on Murphy's mind.



COMING SOON — Damon Murphy is slated to take the superintendent's job in Canutillo ISD.

path toward higher academic achievement at all levels. We need financial viability and sustainability. And, lastly, we need to boost community and parental involvement and build on that partnership to support the direction and vision of the district over the next five years," he adds.

Like Coronado, Shonda Jordan, former president of the Canutillo school board, was also very impressed by Murphy. His view on vision for CISD stood out in her mind. That vision embraced teamwork.

"Everything is about teamwork — as a team," she said enthusiastically of his presentation during his interview. "I loved that.

"He has done an outstanding job; I have nothing but good to say about him. I look forward to working with him," she concluded.

Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

El Paso MPO locks in state money

Hola mi gente. It is not unreasonable to say that most people perceive government agencies as ineffective. Most news stories about the government are mostly written about failures, or near failures, and less often about positive occurrences. This may be the basis for the overall opinion being less than supportive.

However, if one were to look hard, there are plenty of good news stories about many agencies. Since the press won't provide you with those stories, I shall share one with you.

The El Paso Municipal Planning

Organization (MPO) was formed many years ago. The MPO was created to allow for uniform local transportation policy between federal, state, municipal and county offices. The main board of authority for the MPO is comprised of city personnel, county personnel and the entire state legislative delegation.

Before I bestow the compliments on the MPO, let me first share with you facts about the money from the federal coffers intended to reverse the recession. During the last legislative session, the legislature

was informed that billions of dollars would be available for a variety of projects. Regarding transportation monies, one requisite was that projects designated for the federal money must be "shovel ready." This phrase refers to projects that have completed administrative procedures, such as environmental impact studies, and are at the point where contracts can be signed for work.

Unfortunately, as the session went forth, the guidelines from the feds for the money kept changing. No one was absolutely certain what requirements were in place. At a certain point in the session, budgets were set but once again factors

were amended. The hard working legislators who were appointed by the Speaker to be on top of the money had to work overtime to keep the process rolling. At the end of the session, it seemed that the feds had finally decided on certain rules.

Locally, the MPO was responsible for taking the money obtained by the state from the feds and deciding what projects should be prioritized. Even after the session closed, more changes were coming down from Washington. On more than one occasion, the elected members of the MPO had to engage in heated debate over programs that were given a lower priority than others.

On top of the changes regarding guidelines, the MPO had to deal with changes in the amount of state money that was to be available for the same "shovel ready projects." For months, our MPO along with the others in the state had to re-write

short and long term transportation plans. Since the money for which the Texas MPOs were applying was finite, the competition was stiff. The community that could respond the fastest to change would benefit the most.

That is where our MPO deserves to be highly lauded. The staff worked diligently with the local TxDOT staff and probably did the best job in Texas responding and locking in projects before many other MPOs. I commend staff and management of the El Paso Municipal Organization along with the staff of our local TxDOT office for doing such a great job on securing the project money for El Paso County.

This is just one of the positive stories about which you should be able to read. If only the main media would follow suit.

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

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Special Ops claims

Thousands of Special Ops veterans haven't been able to prove their service so they can file claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs. It's the nature of the beast: Military personnel go where they're instructed to go, and often the missions are off the books. The VA has been denying those claims, of course, because, according to them, there's no record.

But a change is in the wind. If you have a claim for service-connected illness, disability or injury you received while on a Special Ops mission, your claim will no longer be automatically denied.

The DOD and the VA have decided to work together to confirm that you were where you say you were and doing what you say you were doing. A special investigative unit has been created just for this very purpose — digging up that info.

A Fast Letter recently went out to VA Regional Offices and

Centers detailing how to handle a claim when documents are missing because the veteran was on a classified mission. To read the Fast Letter and view the form at the end, Google this: VA Fast Letter 09-52.

Review the questions at the end. You'll need to remember the place and approximate date of the incident. If there was an injury, provide details. The Veterans Service Rep adds special info to your claim, and off it goes to the unit that's been developed to verify what you say. There could be some back and forth with letters in the mail, but it's part of the process to get every bit of info it possibly can. Cooperate by getting your replies turned around and back quickly.

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Martinez going to State... again



— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

BLOWIN' HIS HORN — Fabens junior trumpeter Adan Martinez, 16, has been selected to participate in the TMEA/ATSSB All-State Music Convention in San Antonio from Feb. 10 to 14. This is his third straight trip. As a 2008 freshman, Martinez was selected to the State Concert Band — the only freshman trumpeter. In 2009 he was the only sophomore trumpeter to be selected for the State Symphonic Band. Martinez started playing the trumpet in the seventh grade and plans to attend a major university to study Music Education or Music Performance. He is ranked third in the state as a trumpeter.

— Robert Gonzalez

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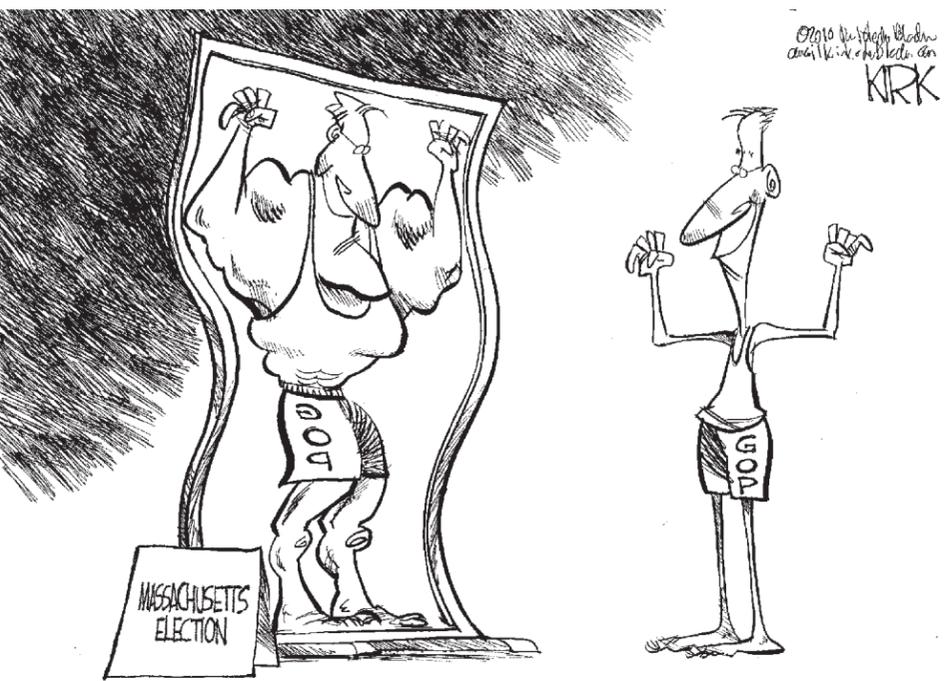
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What's up doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

From the heart

You've eaten too much. You've promised to never do it again. This year is going to be different. You've made your New Year's resolution. You think you are indestructible, that life will go on whatever your excesses, and then, "Wham, bam, thank you, Ma'am," a sinking feeling from the heart tells you that even the best laid plans have expiration dates. That pressure on the chest, pain in the jaw radiating down the left arm, or air hunger spells "I told you so," as you hover above your body and make that journey toward the white light. If only you'd listened, if only bran muffins had trumped jelly rolls, if only that primordial spark and DNA imprint in your genes had coded for an unconscious "Forbidden" sign to modify dangerous behavior, you'd still be around to give away the bride, watch the Super Bowl, or engage in that harmless mischief that puts smiles on faces and separates *homo sapiens* from a vast evolutionary assortment of biped, quadruped, finned, and slithering creatures who, while knowing no better, perhaps live fuller lives.

Gut a lowly lizard on the evolutionary scale, and you'll find cardiac machinery similar to your own, minus the plaqued arteries, scarred endocardium, and enlarged cardiac chambers. Plumbers in white may be able to intervene on your cracked chest, but wouldn't an ounce of prevention have preempted painful coronary bypass surgery, polyethylene tubes running into places you never thought existed, an apothecary's delight as you fork out the thousands of dollars necessary to keep a sinking heart afloat, and the charade attached to the "I feel better than ever," when the grim realization sets in that your thoracic "little engine that could," cannot?

You've heard the drill before, that keeping your weight down, increasing physical activity, banning those nightly excursions to the neighborhood Seven Eleven for smokes, and taming your high blood pressure and cholesterol will assuredly add years and quality to your life.

Now, however, come the scare tactics. Each year about 1.1 million Americans suffer heart attacks, and, sadly to say, 500,000 do not survive them. Let's keep this train of thought going. While twenty-five percent of Americans over age 50 have at least two risk factors for heart attack, such as high blood pressure, increased cholesterol, or elevated blood sugar, only 10 percent of all Americans have all risk factors under control. The stark mismatch, reality of the matter, and increasing body count have not bred behavior modification. This is especially troubling when the

medical literature has provided a "silver lining," and, namely, that while a 50-year-old man with no risk factors has only a 5 percent chance over the next 45 years of ever having a heart attack, just one risk factor increases the likelihood of a family visit to the undertaker to 50 percent. Women should not be left out of the equation either, as their chances of having a heart attack over the same time period increase from 8 to 38 percent, depending on the presence of none or just one risk factor, respectively. Numbers are numbers, however, and human nature precludes teaching "an old dog new tricks." It takes a leap of faith to practice what is preached here.

So, what are you going to do about it? Are you going to finally heed a message that you know to be true, or are you going to continue to play dumb? The platitude that, "I know this is bad for me, but I don't want to live forever," just doesn't cut it here, especially when the Grim Reaper may not come for you, but instead leave you physically maimed and a financial and emotional burden to your family.

You need to shoot for still more, easy to remember and attain, numbers, instead of shooting yourself in the foot, or worse. So-called bad cholesterol, or LDL cholesterol, should be kept under 100, blood pressure below 120/80, and blood sugar after fasting between 70 and 130. Then, again, you knew that! Losing weight will make those numbers more "palatable," and kicking the "cancer stick" or cigarette habit will undoubtedly lower your blood pressure, raise the level of HDL (good) cholesterol, and reverse or halt the damage already done to your blood vessels.

Even if you've been smoking for years, kicking cigarettes to the curb will help your heart. Studies have shown that smoking cessation not only cuts heart attack risk by half within one year, but also nearly reduces it to the level of a nonsmoker within 15 years. Add 30 minutes of moderate exercise, such as brisk walking, most days of the week to the mix, and you have a prescription for a new lease on life that will promote healthy heart function, while at the same time cutting those high financial costs of blood protein CRP tests, heart scans, and drugs to drive down cholesterol. Laboratories, drug companies, and morticians will hate you for it, but they certainly won't go hungry without your business.

Taking to heart this message from the heart may mend a broken heart in more ways than one!

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Feb 1, 1882: A groundbreaking ceremony was held for our present State Capitol building.

Quatrini happy to be in San Elizario ISD, keeps moving forward

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — The vision in the San Elizario Independent School District is students' success.

To make that academic goal more than just a vision statement, the focus is on boosting student achievement with quality program and staff.



Mike Quatrini

This is the guiding principle of Dr. Mike Quatrini, now in his 14th year as superintendent of the Lower

Valley school district.

In casual attire on a Friday, he sits relaxed and comfortable in his administrative office on Chicken Ranch Road. With his 14 years at the helm of SEISD, it is believed he is in the Top Ten superintendents

statewide in terms of continuous service.

"It has been a great and quick 14 years," he recalls. "I was green when I began, (but) I have learned a lot."

Quatrini, 56, came to San Elizario in July of 1996 from the Socorro ISD where he was principal of Socorro High School. With his training in Socorro, Quatrini says he had the blueprint which he followed, a blueprint of expectations and standards.

Things were so bad for the San Elizario school district at that time, that the focus was not so much student success as it was "getting out of a hole" as Quatrini characterizes the situation. Because it was then such a low-performing district, SEISD was under close scrutiny from the state.

Problems he dealt with included a curriculum was out of alignment, and some teachers who were not certified.

"It hasn't been dull," he says

with a smile. "For the first year or two there were a lot of changes as he brought the curriculum into alignment and saw to it that the teachers were certified.

However, with time, that blueprint with which he started has proved to be successful.

Quatrini says he came within one percentage point of achieving one of his main goals, that of Quality District. Four out of five campuses have achieved Recognized status. And Exemplary status is "well

within reach."

"This is a top-notch district with visionary leadership," he says with quiet conviction. He emphasizes first person plural, "we," rather than the first person singular "I" as he points to reasons for the turn-around in the district's academic status. He points to quality of others he has brought into the district — support staff and teachers and administrators as the real architects of success.

"We have no trouble recruiting good teachers," he adds. "Salaries are very competitive."

Into this academic equation of success, Quatrini adds the important support of the school board, the parents and the community. He speaks of the importance of good communication with his board of trustees who draw his praise for their dedication.

"We are all on the same page."

He says things are "going very well" in the district, but guards against complacency. He notes it is important "to maintain and improve" as well as to "tweak and fine-tune" its academic operations.

He speaks of San Elizario as a community school district with very supportive parents. It is "a small city."

The long-term superintendent sees the school district as a "safe, learning-friendly and clean environment."

As for himself, he reports, "... things have worked out very well. I have achieved a balance in my life."

Highlights from the Jan. 13 meeting of the SEISD board of trustees

George Luevano, director of Support Services, reported on potential population growth within district boundaries. He says a developer plans to build a 22-unit housing complex for low-income families. It is called Presidio Dolores and will be located at Castro Acres near Thompson and Socorro Roads.

He also confirmed that Tropicana Homes is constructing new houses on Alarcon and Gonzalez Roads.

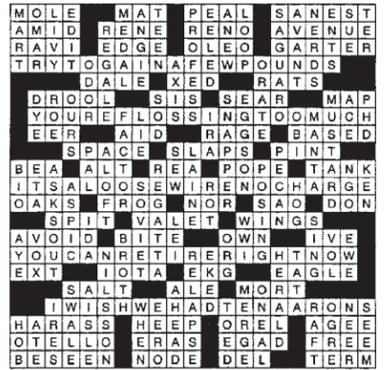
Luevano said he was in communication with the Texas Department of Transportation about installing a traffic signal at Herring and Socorro Road. He indicated funds were available, but justification is needed. TXDOT conducted traffic counts Jan. 5 and 6.

He said the signals are necessary because of high traffic and an 80-unit housing complex under construction in the area.

The district has received, Luevano also reported, the first of two checks from El Paso Electric as a part of SCORE incentive program to reduce electric usage. The check was for \$5,023.50. The second check is for \$2,500 and is expected within a month.

Tornillo Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2009

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 751,482	\$ 27,907	\$ 158,493	\$ 937,882
5800 State Program Revenues	9,720,590	—	1,273,076	10,993,666
5900 Federal Program Revenues	681,517	—	1,253,404	1,934,921
5020 Total Revenues	11,153,589	27,907	2,684,973	13,866,469
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	5,225,582	—	1,354,469	6,580,051
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	26,658	—	85,227	111,885
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	37,822	—	41,314	79,136
0021 Instructional Leadership	247,451	—	—	247,451
0023 School Leadership	454,168	—	—	454,168
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	46,184	—	—	46,184
0033 Health Services	36,349	—	65,688	102,037
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	393,841	—	—	393,841
0035 Food Services	660,712	—	23,421	684,133
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	319,640	—	—	319,640
0041 General Administration	620,287	—	—	620,287
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,129,838	—	—	1,129,838
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	117,564	—	—	117,564
0053 Data Processing Services	273,443	—	—	273,443
0061 Community Services	27,584	—	36,250	63,834
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	45,000	—	520,000	565,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	52,662	—	532,340	585,002
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	—	1,924	1,924
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	—	13,020,902	—	13,020,902
6030 Total Expenditures	9,714,785	13,020,902	2,660,633	25,396,320
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,438,804	(12,992,995)	24,340	(11,529,851)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	411,337	9,232,397	—	9,643,734
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(9,643,734)	—	—	(9,643,734)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(9,232,397)	9,232,397	—	—
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(7,793,593)	(3,760,598)	24,340	(11,529,851)
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	10,540,930	3,563,730	100,255	14,204,915
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,747,337	\$ (196,868)	\$ 124,595	\$ 2,675,064



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CryptoQuip Answer

I like to neatly stack
and straighten my
cash rolls, thus
creating a tidy sum.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American writer Cullen Hightower who made the following sage observation: "Laughing at our mistakes can lengthen our own life. Laughing at someone else's can shorten it."

• If you were asked to name the northernmost of the United States, I'm sure you'd have no trouble naming Alaska. And you probably also know that Alaska is the westernmost state of the union. You might be surprised, however, to learn that Alaska is also the easternmost state. Yep. The Aleutian Island chain crosses the International Dateline, placing a few of the islands in the Far East.

• Thanks to the fact that their eyes are placed on the sides of their heads, rabbits can see behind themselves without turning their heads.

• In the town of Arcadia, Calif., there is a law on the books that grants peacocks the legal right of way when crossing any street or driveway.

• Those who study such things claim that there are 293 different ways to make change for a dollar.

• In 2002, a research firm conducted a poll on Americans' beliefs about the existence of alien life in the universe. It seems that a whopping 68 percent of us feel that the U.S. government knows about alien life but refuses to publicize that knowledge.

• The Russian Space Agency has a full-fledged space tourism program — and a popular one, at that. Despite the \$20 million price tag, all the available trips were fully booked by (wealthy) civilians in 2009.

• If you and your spouse are like the average modern married couple, you spent more than \$2,500 on photos and videos of your wedding.

Thought for the Day: "I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life." — George Burns

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Pecans

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submerging the nut in a kind of brine and then selling them as a snack item," said Ivey.

The result of the Chinese processing is a semi-salty nut that is tasty and portable.

Pecan farmers also have option on how they are paid for their nuts: either by the "per point" weight or by the pound. The "per point" price is based on a percentage of the actual weight of the shelled nuts based on a one pound sample and involves some estimation on the overall yield. The per pound price is the actual weight of the shelled nuts.

The regional price for nuts this year is around \$3.00 per point or \$1.75 per pound.

Ideally, pecan farmers need around \$1.25 to \$1.50 a pound to break even in their operations, so this season holds promise for those harvesting this winter month crop.

Long term investment

As Ivey and other pecan farmers

in the region are enjoying the fruits of their harvest, all of them know that getting to this point was a long term investment.

The pecan, which is the only nut tree that grows naturally in North America, can take up to seven years to mature into a productive tree. With pecan seedlings running \$22 to \$25 a piece, starting a pecan grove can be a notable investment.

"It can be a pretty pricey deal but once they get going a pecan tree can conceivably last forever," said Ivey who noted even some of the 40 year old trees on his family's property are still producing.

"Originally our family had planted some 'Barton' variety pecan trees that did stop producing after about 60 years. Today many farmers are planting the 'Western' variety that seems to be doing rather well," he said.

With an ample reward for the initial effort, Ivey said pecan farmers can expect to enjoy long productivity and good markets for years to come or "as long as people want to eat pecans."

HOBY

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Guard Rail Bumb Out Stocks and 13 Street Light Heads. The property belonged to the County of El Paso. Rojas later confessed to authorities he used a hacksaw to cut the chain and enter the property. Rojas has since failed to show for court and the warrants of arrest have been re-issued for his arrest. He is believed to remain in the Borderland hiding with friends and relatives. Sheriff's Investigator's are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Rojas. You can contact the Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2280 or 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.

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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 10,317,143	\$ 2,693,147	\$ 1,428,158	\$ 230,719	\$ 14,669,167
5800 State Program Revenues	63,596,087	9,793,071	—	2,046,899	75,436,057
5900 Federal Program Revenues	6,096,329	—	—	7,471,127	13,567,456
5020 Total Revenues	80,009,559	12,486,218	1,428,158	9,748,745	103,672,680
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	41,724,651	—	139,231	7,783,339	49,647,221
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,117,296	—	—	13,887	1,131,183
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	224,708	—	—	444,240	668,948
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,167,717	—	—	755,852	1,923,569
0023 School Leadership	5,322,300	—	—	100,016	5,422,316
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,670,911	—	—	584,000	2,254,911
0032 Social Work Services	186,953	—	—	—	186,953
0033 Health Services	793,796	—	—	—	793,796
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	2,657,743	—	—	—	2,657,743
0035 Food Services	5,434,708	—	—	142,353	5,577,061
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	2,522,023	—	—	374	2,522,397
0041 General Administration	3,258,048	—	—	12,948	3,270,996
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	8,363,828	—	94,978	5,477	8,464,283
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,947,536	—	—	—	1,947,536
0053 Data Processing Services	1,311,525	—	—	—	1,311,525
0061 Community Services	117,928	—	—	66,319	191,718
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	—	5,661,677	—	—	5,661,677
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	—	7,035,682	—	—	7,035,682
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	97,556	201,832	—	299,388
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,755,972	—	19,488,659	—	21,244,631
Intergovernmental					
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	207,832	—	—	—	207,832
6030 Total Expenditures	79,785,475	12,794,915	19,924,700	9,916,276	122,421,366
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	224,084	(308,697)	(18,496,542)	(167,531)	(18,748,686)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	6,909,997	29,935,000	—	39,844,997
7915 Transfers In	1,853,620	—	—	—	1,853,620
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	—	177,433	466,832	—	644,265
8949 Other (Uses)	—	(6,910,000)	—	—	(6,910,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,853,620	177,430	30,401,832	—	32,432,882
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	2,077,704	(131,267)	11,905,290	(167,531)	13,684,196
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	19,094,094	2,946,416	50,704,214	284,166	73,028,890
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 21,171,798	\$ 2,815,149	\$62,609,504	\$ 116,635	\$ 86,713,086

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Super Bowl offers great quarterback matchup

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Well it's finally here — the most super week of the year.

Of course I'm talking about the Super Bowl and all the drama that goes along with it.

This year's encounter is pretty intriguing mainly because of the New Orleans Saints' involvement. The Saints have got to be the emotional favorite because of what the city went through after Katrina hit.

This is also the first time the Saints, regarded as the league's worst franchise for years, have ever made it to the big game.

For us long-time football followers, this is like the Los Angeles Clippers making the NBA Finals.

But we can't forget about the Indianapolis Colts and their great quarterback Payton Manning.

Manning is going for his second Super Bowl title with the Colts. And if he gets it, he will certainly be considered one of the two or three greatest signal-callers of all time.

What makes this matchup exciting is the explosive offense of the Saints, led by quarterback Drew Brees.

Brees was probably the best quarterback in the league for much of the season but he struggled a bit down the stretch.

He is still plenty dangerous, especially with the rejuvenated Reggie Bush on the field.

And Brees received some great news early in the week when it was learned that Colts' quarterback killer Dwight Freeney will probably not play because of a foot injury.

But will that be enough for the Saints? I don't think so.

You know how it goes for the rookie team in the Super Bowl. Usually, the first-time Super Bowl participant loses to the team making it's second, third or fourth trip to the big game.

And this game will be no different.

The Colts will get it done. Some how, some way, Manning and the Colts will be hoisting the Lombardy Trophy at the end of the game.

Let's be honest, the Vikings outplayed the Saints in the NFC title game but fumbled it away.

My prediction for the game — Colts 33, Saints 20.

But what do I know — I'm a Cowboys fan.

How 'bout them Miners

The UTEP basketball team has caught fire

once again and climbed to the top spot of the Conference USA standings.

Three huge C-USA road victories in a row has the Miners looking like the favorite to win the whole thing.

One person who is gaining respectability is coach Tony Barbee, who has been criticized over the years for being perceived as a great recruiter, but a lousy bench coach.

And many times I've sat at courtside, trying to figure out what the heck the coach had on his mind.

But, like his players, the coach has begun to get it right. He is beginning to make the right moves and the right time.

And the team is starting to take on his tough persona. Barbee is always talking about the mental aspect of the game and the Miners are beginning to show that they can handle any situation.

What makes this team so special is that any one of six guys can lead the team on any given night.

Whether it's Randy Culpepper with his 3-pointers and flying dunks or Arnett Moultrie with his play around the basket, it's exciting. Derrick Character and his thunderous dunks and rebounds, Julyan Stone with his assists, Christian

Polk with his outside shooting or Jeremy Williams with his soft jumpers and relentless drives to the basket, they make it special.

The Miners have two huge home games this week against Houston and Tulsa.

If the Miners can sweep these two and go to 17-5, I've got to think they could break into somebody's Top 25 rankings.

UTEP received seven points in this week's Associated Press poll, making the Miners the 39th ranked team in the nation.

For all of UTEP's accomplishments over the last three weeks you've got to think that El Pasoans can get it together and fill the Don Haskins Center this week.

I think it's a travesty that the El Paso community hasn't come close to filling "The Don" this season.

I'm sure part of the reason is the economy and part of it is UTEP's almost non-existent promotional campaign.

At least I commend KVIA channel 7 for broadcasting the last two UTEP road games. I'm sure that did a lot to garner some interest in the program.

C'mon El Paso, back your team — you have no more excuses — the Dallas Cowboys are out of the playoffs.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

The tao of Dean Martin

Many years ago, over a health drink at his Wing Chun kung fu training center outside of Atlanta, Grandmaster Sifu (Chinese for "teacher") Jason Lau explained to me the principles of the art. Created by a Shaolin nun, Wing Chun is designed to allow a smaller, weaker person dismantle a larger, stronger

person in seconds.

"In the time it takes a karate student to throw one or two punches, a Wing Chun student will throw at least nine," he often would say.

During that time, I played in a softball league, and our second baseman — a former minor leaguer in the Mets system — led all batters

in every statistical category there was. He was half my size, yet he was launching rockets over the wall while I was struggling to approach the warning track. After another lackluster performance at the plate, I asked him for some hitting advice at the post-game salad bar (I was very healthy in those days).

"It's not about size or muscle, it's about bat speed and torque," he explained between forkfuls of lettuce. "You need to wait for your pitch and turn on it."

The next night, splitting a

milkshake with Sifu Lau in his namesake Chinese restaurant, I spoke to him about the hitting advice and how it seemed compatible with the principles of Wing Chun. Since I was on a knowledge quest, I wondered if he had some sage advice to impart, you know, Sifu to grasshopper.

He pointed out that while we sometimes sang with his restaurant's house band, we were no Dean Martin. Why was that? How come Dean Martin made it sound easy when he had all of those hits? "Dean Martin sang the right songs for his range," I said. "He never stretched and, he made sure to sing in key."

I could have had a V-8! Speed equals power, pick your spots, stick to your strengths and use your opponent's strength against them. Applied to just about anything, those principles are literal game changers. It was a cataclysmic revelation.

After a few more smoothies, I wondered, aloud as was the case, if it was remotely possible for me to reach across the table and smack him. Would I be able to do it or would he pull some Grandmaster move and abolish me before my palm got past the salt and pepper caddy? He theorized I would have gotten the shot in, but then what?

"You better pack a lunch," he warned.

Much like the healthy and refreshing bottled waters we had been drinking that night, the Grandmaster had distilled the principle even further: Know your limit.

Tell me quick... ain't that a kick in the head?

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

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Town of Anthony

Floodplains and Wetlands Early Public Notice

The Town of Anthony is considering implementation of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Water System Improvements project. The Town of Anthony proposes to construct a new well chlorination system and building, install a new well pump, motor, sand separator, related piping and gate valves and all necessary appurtenances and install a SCADA system at the following locations: at Well 2, SCADA at Well 1, Well 2, Well 3, the standpipe tank, the elevated storage tank and the ground storage tank. Portions of the construction zone are located in the 100-year floodplain. Floodmaps and project information may be reviewed at Town Hall. The Town of Anthony will accept

public comments regarding alternatives to the project and minimizing adverse impacts until February 22, 2010, at the office of the Mayor, Art Franco at Town of Anthony, PO Box 1269, Anthony, TX, 79821. Call (915) 886-3944 during regular business hours for more information.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Medicare Part B enrollment

If you are covered under Medicare Part A, but originally opted not to apply for Medicare Part B, now's your opportunity to enroll in Part B. The general enrollment period runs from January 1 through March 31.

But first, you may be wondering: what are Parts A and B? And why would someone get one and not the other? Here are the nuts and bolts.

Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility following a hospital stay, some home health care, and hospice care.

Medicare Part B (medical insurance) helps pay for doctors' services and many other medical services and supplies not covered by hospital insurance.

When you first become eligible to apply for Medicare Part A, you also have the option of enrolling in Part B for a monthly premium. Some people decide not to because they do not want to pay the premium or for other reasons. But you may discover that as your medical needs change, it is to your advantage to enroll. That's where enrollment periods come into play.

When you first become eligible for Part A, you have a seven-month period (your initial enrollment period) in which to sign up for Part B. After the initial enrollment period, you can only sign up during a later year's general enrollment period.

Each year, the Medicare general enrollment period runs January 1 through March 31. Your coverage begins the following July. But keep in mind that, for most people, the monthly premium increases 10

percent for each 12-month period you were eligible for, but did not enroll in, Medicare Part B.

So if you are covered under Medicare Part A and you've been thinking about applying for Part B, now is the time to act. Learn more about Medicare by reading Social Security's publication on the subject at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html. You also can learn a lot about Medicare by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov and selecting "Medicare" at the top of the page on the right side.

Or visit Medicare's website at www.medicare.gov.

Q: Are Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments only paid to disabled people?

A: No. SSI payments also are made

to people with limited income and financial resources who are age 65 or older. SSI benefits are available for both adults and children who are blind or disabled. You can learn more about SSI benefits and who can receive them by reading our online publications about SSI. To begin, refer to the online booklet, Supplemental Security Income, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html.

Q: I'm thinking about getting disability protection from a private company. If I become disabled and have a private policy, would it reduce my Social Security disability benefit?

A: No. Your eligibility for Social Security disability benefits is not affected by any private insurance you may have. But, you may be interested to know that worker's compensation and certain other public disability payments may affect your Social Security benefit. For more information go to [www.](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

[socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: I usually get a raise the first month of the year, but this year my Social Security check was the same. Did you forget to make the adjustment?

A: No. For 2010, there is no cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). With consumer prices down over the past year, monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits are not automatically going up. By law, benefits go up only if there is an increase in the Bureau

of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers from the third quarter of the last year to the third quarter of the current year. To learn more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals L

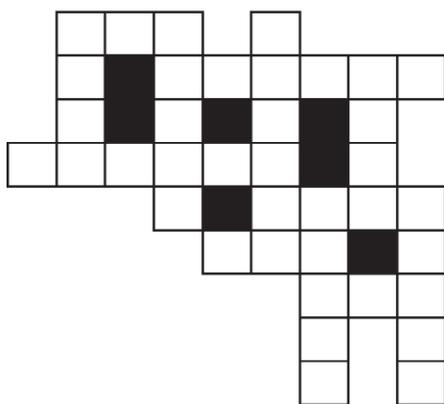
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By: rj johnson
CONQUER THE WHIRLED

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- NULA
- CAINT
- ♥ ESU
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- RAYLO
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Answer Page 4

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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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
Answer Page 4 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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