

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Anthony parade

The Town of Anthony is having its annual music and light parade on Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. The parade will start on Wildcat Drive in Anthony, Texas north on Main Street to Acosta Road in Anthony, NM and then south on Fourth Street back to Wildcat Drive. They parade will have light and musical floats and various local police and fire units. Anyone wanting to join may contact the Town of Anthony at 886-3944 or Mayor Franco at 726-6788.

### Be cautious

The El Paso Police Department, after reviewing sexual assault cases, noticed that there has been an increase of nineteen percent as of Nov. 21 of this year in comparison to last year. In addition the majority of the cases involved acquaintances. A portion of these cases involved victims that may have become too intoxicated or were possibly drugged. None of these cases were related and involved different locations to include house parties and different parts of the city. For this reason the El Paso Police Department wants to remind the public of some important safety tips to stay safe while going out.

- Never leave a drink unattended.
- Never accept drinks from strangers.
- Never go out alone.
- Tell someone where you are going and who you are going with.
- Stay aware of your surroundings.
- Always know where you are going or being taken.
- Stay sober.

If you start feeling that you may have been drugged call 911 immediately. In addition don't be afraid to speak up. If you feel uncomfortable with a person or a situation, remember you have control walk away, don't be afraid to make a scene and immediately notify security personnel or police.

— Javier Sambrano

### Club meeting

The Junior Woman's Club of El Paso will be holding a meeting on Saturday Dec. 12 at the Woman's Club clubhouse at 1400 North Mesa (parking is located across the street). Provisional (new) members will meet at 9:30 a.m. followed by the general meeting at 10:30 a.m. During the general meeting a representative from the Special Olympics will speak. The club will also be discussing plans for it's upcoming Diamond Jubilee celebration in February. For information contact Ruth 525-8380 or Denise (704) 957-5202. Cost for non members is \$10.

— Beth Podol

### Cut off

The West Texas County Courier was without phones, faxes, internet and computers intermittently from last Wednesday until mid-morning on Tuesday. If attempts to contact us during that time failed, please try again. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

*You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**IT ALL ADDED UP — Canutillo High School's Math Team displays their trophy for placing first in the Number Sense category during a city invitational math meet. Team members included, front row from left, Victor Maldonado, Claudia Ivette Ramirez, and Jeannette Ramirez. Behind them, from left, are Rudy Medina (coach), Omar Garcia, Chris Abdul, Gerardo Garcia, and Alan Lara.**

## Canutillo high school math students place first in competition

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo High School Math Team captured first place in the Number Sense category, after competing recently in an invitational math meet held at Jefferson High School. The meet consisted of three events including Number Sense, Calculator Applications, and overall Math. This is the first time Canutillo High School has placed first in a city event, competing against contestants from division 3A, 4A, 5A, and private schools.

Team members who placed include Chris Abdul- who earned first place in Math as well as first place in Number Sense; Omar Garcia,

who took third in Number Sense; and Claudia Ramirez, who finished fourth in Calculator Applications. Other competing members include Alan Lara, Gerardo Garcia, Jeanette Ramirez, and Jorge Mena.

"This program, which was started just two years ago from virtually nothing, has reached quick success through the hard work of a few quality students and their advisor. Programs like this can make a significant difference in the success of our students," said Jim Fry, CHS principal.

"Through hard work, team members have learned various math strategies and skills, as well as developed great study and practice habits," said Rudy Medina, CHS teacher and Math Team advisor. "We also have seniors on the

team who want to pursue careers in the mathematics field," added Medina.

Medina explains that his team continues its rigorous practice, as it now prepares to compete in several upcoming math meets across the city. One of their biggest challenges will be the state competition for the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) state meet, which will be held in San Antonio next March.

Medina's goal is to continue building the program in the District by organizing a Math Club at the elementary school level, continuing through middle school, and culminating at the high school level. Medina says that engaging kids at the elementary school level in Math is key to boosting the program.

## Adult probationers kick off 5th annual toy drive

### Group seeks to collect over 2,000 toys this year

By Guadalupe Silva  
Special to the Courier

More than 2,000 disadvantaged children will receive a toy for Christmas this year, thanks to El Paso adult probationers who will help Santa Claus with his wish list.

The West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department (WTCSCD), a.k.a. Adult Probation, with the support of El Paso's Council of Judges, is kicking off its 5th annual Toy Drive to benefit children in need this week.

"Probationers are individuals who have made a mistake in their lives," said Stephen L. Enders, WTCSCD director, explaining that part of their rehabilitation requires them to atone for their behavior by giving back to their community. "By allowing them to help the needi-

est, they are reminded of the valued place they still hold as members of this community."

The Toy Drive calls on probation to donate a toy worth a minimum of \$20 value in exchange for 10 hours of their required community service. Last year, more than 1,500 toys were collected during the drive, which were distributed among schools, churches and non-profit organizations dedicated to helping low-income families.

Enders added that probationers gladly participate in the department's community endeavor, whether it's by donating toys, turkeys, backpacks or their time and efforts. Their commitment to the community service they provide is evident in the work they have done at Concordia Cemetery, in removing graffiti throughout the city and helping keep the city clean, he said.

Ray Valdez, manager of Adult Probation's community service program, described the donations of toys and turkeys by probationers as made with heart.

"They (probationers) know their donations are going to families very much in need," he said. "Just as they know the work they do at Concordia and other sites shows off their talents. They really are proud of the work they do."

The toys are being collected at the Community Service offices on 1015 N. Campbell, from where they will be distributed to such schools and agencies as Pasodale and Vilas Elementary Schools, Cesar Chavez Head Start, Aliviane, the University Medical Center, Iglesia Cristiana Manantial del Desierto and others.

For more information on the Adult Probation Toy Drive call 771-8510.



# Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

## No cell phones in school zones

Hola, mi gente. One of the laws that passed the legislature and was signed by Governor Perry dealt with the use of cell phones in school zones. Out of all of the bills addressing the use of cell phones while driving, including my legislation, only the bill addressing the use of cell phones in school zones passed; and with enough loopholes to weaken the law.

While driving should mandate all of a driver's attention, school zones in particular warrant intense focus. Students tend to be less attentive to the traffic around them as they cross

streets to school. Add to that mix parents who skirt certain motor vehicle restrictions (stopping and standing at certain points, u-turns) and there is already a potential for accidents.

The bill that was passed prohibited the use of cell phones in a school zone but with certain limitations. First of all, it was not illegal unless a municipality or county posted a sign informing drivers of the prohibition. Second, drivers who use a hands free device would be allowed to talk on a cell phone.

Many studies have confirmed the assertion that drivers are distracted by the phone conversation whether they use the phone or a hands free device. It is very likely that a cell

phone user is a potential threat to students with or without a hands free device.

Only one municipality took the steps to enforce this law. The Horizon City Municipal government had the required signs made and posted shortly after the September 1st effective date. As a matter of fact, citations were issued to several violators. With enough tickets, one aspect of unsafe driving could possibly be reduced significantly.

I would like to congratulate Horizon City for enacting the law within their municipal code. For any of you who live in Horizon City, please be aware and do not use your cell phone within the Socorro and Clint ISD school zones.

Perhaps the majority of lawmakers will sign onto a bill, perhaps even mine, that imposes restrictions of some sort on the act of using a cell phone while driving. Many tragic stories have been reported by the news media about accidents involving cell phone use.

I just read a typical, albeit tragic, story involving the deaths of young people as a result of texting and driving. You can read the story by Brandi Grissom on the Texas Tribune

website ([www.texastribune.org](http://www.texastribune.org)). Basically it is about a young man who fails to pay attention to traffic in front of him. Because he lost control of his vehicle to avoid hitting the stopped traffic in front, the young man, a passenger in his car and an innocent young lady in another car were killed. At some point, all of us must come to the realization that our focus when driving needs to be completely on the road and traffic about us.

Writing a new law may help, but the best solution to this major problem is each person behind the wheel driving safely.

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

## View from here

By David Bozeman

## Is civility overrated?

Sometime-conservative columnist Kathleen Parker recently wrote that "growing concern about incivility is one of America's more appealing trends." Her column, entitled 'Minding Our Political Manners' cites the examples of "rowdy town-hall meetings... sideshow rants on television [and] the outburst of South Carolina representative Joe Wilson."

Whenever the chattering classes start lecturing us about civility, you can bet those boorish conservatives are exercising their Constitutional rights again. Funny how Parker failed to mention Florida congressman Alan Grayson, who says the Republican health care plan is for people to die and who referred to blood dripping from Dick Cheney's mouth.

Nonetheless, couldn't the state of our national discourse use a little softening? Of course it could, but therein lies the banality of the current civility movement. There's nothing new in that proposition — it's like arguing with a greeting card.

Jimmy Carter recently hurled accusations of racism at President Obama's detractors. Al Gore and others stated that President Bush lied to drum up support for invading Iraq. While conservatives consider both instances rude and uncivil, the right is not overly concerned with the din in the political arena. We just want our turn at the microphone. Hashing out minor grievances such as name-calling and speaking out of turn, while occasionally necessary, does not foster spirited debate, it reduces it to endless my-side-your side nitpicking and detracts from more pressing matters, such as fending off an ever-encroaching bureaucracy and defending national security.

But you best mind your manners. Parker profiles the Civility Project, a bi-partisan coalition formed by an Atlanta public-relations executive to "promote a grassroots, voluntary effort toward renewed civility." Those still not motivated might consider the Bipartisan Policy Center's Inaugural Political Summit, dedicated to ending the political strife in Washington and organized by such capable but uninspiring public figures as Tom Daschle, Howard Baker and Bob Dole. Just the event our perilous times are crying out for!

In truth, American political life is mostly civil, sometimes nauseatingly so. State of the Union addresses typically overflow with bipartisan goodwill, however contrived, thus the Joe Wilson outburst stood out. The ever-congenial John

McCain chose the moral 'high road' in 2008, refusing to highlight Barack Obama's ties to radicals. Was America better off knowing less and not more about those who helped shape the worldview of its next president?

Civility warriors might want to talk about an overall electronics-obsessed, de-personalized culture, provided they are not interrupted with always more-pressing cell-phone calls. They might want to revive such out-dated notions as decorum and respect for elders. Streaming insults set off sitcom laugh tracks, and young people, who once yelled 'Hi, Mom!' when caught by a TV camera, are today as likely to be heard spewing profanity on music channel reality shows.

Revive our sagging culture and bear in mind that politics, by nature, is a passionate pursuit. Ordinary people without a voice often get loud when given their moment. So be it. Righteous, often angry, individuals built this country and fought its gravest injustices. In trying times, the bold and decisive may have to kick the pre-programmed, sound bite-spewing Miss Manners Institute graduates off the stage. But we are a good people, and we will forgive each other afterward.

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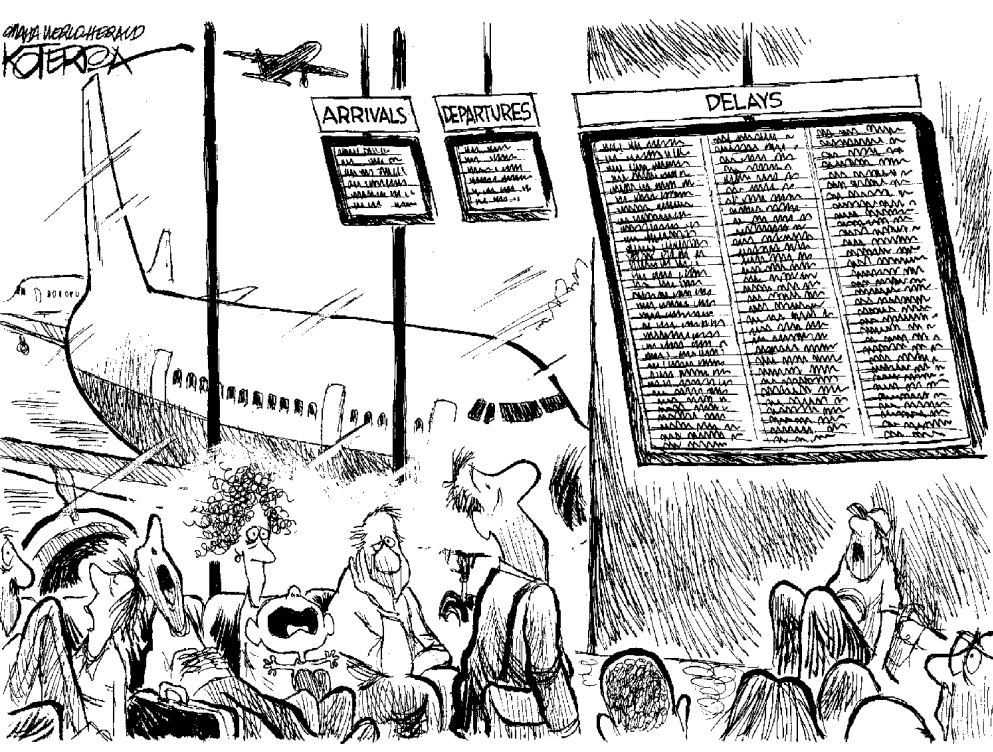
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# Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

## Operation Homefront

I've written in the past about Operation Homefront, but it wasn't until today that I met someone who works with them. I'm now more impressed than ever.

Its mission statement says it best: Operation Homefront provides emergency assistance and morale to our troops, to the families they leave behind and to wounded warriors when they return home.

Here is a sample of some of the programs it offers:

- Car repair — fixing the car of deployed service members when it's the only transportation available to the family.
- Computers — When the service member is away, communication is important. Operation Homefront takes donated laptop computers and fixes them up so families can stay in touch during deployment. Wounded Warriors get laptops too, sometimes with specialized equipment such as voice activation.
- Financial assistance — Rent, utilities and car payments can be tough if VA compensation hasn't kicked in. Baby needs, emergency airfare, rent-free housing near Brooke and

Walter Reed for wounded warriors — it's all important, and all payments are made directly to the creditor.

Check its Web site [www.operationhomefront.net] for more information. Click on How We Operate, and then click on Needs. You'll see a long list of specifics that are needed. Are you a roofer, mechanic, electrician or other trade? Sign up to volunteer your services. Look at the map of chapter sites. Click on one close to you and see how you can help.

If there's no chapter near you, consider sending money. The national office will make sure it goes to a good cause. You can call them at (800) 722-6098. Operation Homefront rates an impressive four stars from Charity Navigator, the organization that assesses the way charities use their dollars.

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## Students learn about having pearly whites

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Students at Deanna Davenport Elementary School (DDE), in the Canutillo Independent School District, aren't only learning about reading, writing, and arithmetic; they are also learning about dental health. Students recently received a lesson about teeth from local dentist, C. Shivaram and his staff from Doniphan Family Dental, who visited DDE to provide a free presentation and dental screening for all the students.

The program provided students a dental health lesson and a brief screening which will improve the students' overall dental health. Through the program, the dental needs of DDE students were identified and provided in a written referral to parents. Parents were encouraged to follow up with additional dental exams as needed to address any den-



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD  
**BRUSH THIS WAY —** Fifth grade students Jose Ochoa, left, and Miguel Soto demonstrate the correct way to brush teeth.

tal problems.

"Some kids have never been to a dentist, so providing this opportunity to receive dental health education from community dental experts, while kids are in school is an added educational benefit for both parents and students," said Margarita Alvarez, physical education and health teacher at DDE.

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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore **Dec. 4, 2009: The earliest snow fall ever recorded in Houston. Al Gore explains it all.**



— Photos courtesy Clint ISD

Clint students noted at art exhibit

Mariel Duarte ( left), a junior at Horizon High School, won First Place for her entry in the El Paso Community College Salute to the Arts K-12 Art Exhibit. Duarte, shown with her artwork, was presented a trophy and a certificate during a reception held at the EPCC Administrative Services Building. Also recognized at the reception were Mountain View High School's Jessica Perez and Nydia Perez (above). Jessica, left, a sophomore, won a third place trophy for her entry. Nydia, a senior, received an honorable mention plaque for her entry.

— Laura Cade

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# STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was French author, philosopher and journalist Albert Camus who made the following sage observation: “Nobody realizes that some people expend tremendous energy merely to be normal.”
- According to records kept by the Social Security Administration, the name “Barack” was ranked 2,409th in 2008, up more than 10,000 spots from 12,535th in 2007.
- Large cities often use high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in order to encourage carpooling and help reduce traffic congestion. As soon as the lanes appear, however, people start getting creative about ways to get around the restriction. Pregnant women have claimed to be carrying an extra passenger even when all the other seats are empty, and more than one person has placed a mannequin or inflatable doll in the front seat in an effort to fool authorities. Recently, an undertaker in Los Angeles went to court to appeal a judgment against him, claiming that the body in a coffin in the back should count as a passenger.

- Are you a hypergelast? If you are, it’s nothing to be ashamed of; in fact, it might mean you’re the life of the party. A hypergelast is someone who laughs a lot.
- Moore’s Law is not good news to those of us who might be a bit technologically challenged; it states that computer technology doubles in complexity every 18 to 24 months.

- Those who study such things claim that, when it comes to accidents involving household appliances, you’re more likely to be injured by a washing machine, but if you are injured by a clothes dryer, it’s more likely to be fatal.

Thought for the Day: “Happiness is an imaginary condition, formerly attributed by the living to the dead, now usually attributed by adults to children, and by children to adults.” — Thomas Szasz

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**HIGH TECH SCIENCE LESSONS** — Sambrano Elementary students learn about their galaxy via vidio conference. The program is offered NASA’s Digital Learning Network (DLN) which offers free, interactive programs to schools.

## Science lessons at San Elizario blast off

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
*Special to the Courier*

Students at Sambrano Elementary School received special science lessons directly from the experts at NASA during the month of December. Through the technology of video conferencing first through fifth grade classes were able to participate in live instructional sessions featuring different NASA professionals and education specialists.

According to Sambrano Librarian, Nancy Williams, students at Sambrano Elementary have been excited to get to actually visit with

NASA through videoconferencing since about October when they began reading the book of the month selection “G Is for Galaxy: An Out of this World Alphabet” by Janis Campbell and Cathy Collison. Williams and other Sambrano faculty approached Kathrin Salazar, computer lab teacher, about finding video conferencing opportunities for students that would compliment activities for the book of the month. With the help of the district’s technology department, Salazar was able to connect with NASA’s Digital Learning Network (DLN) which offers free, interactive programs to schools.

“The sessions each last about 50

minutes and they give us pre-conference lessons and a quiz, as well as post-activities and the quiz to see if the students learned something from the sessions,” Salazar stated.

Sambrano Elementary chose topics appropriate for each grade level that would also match the corresponding science Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum standard. On separate days, each grade level took part in the following science lessons: Dec. 2 third grade students participated in “Our Solar Neighborhood”; Dec. 3 first grade students learned about “Our Magnificent Sun”; and on Dec. 4 and 5 both the fourth and second grades discovered “The

Moon.” The final NASA interactive program to be offered will be “Apollo Revisited” scheduled for January 21 for the fifth grade.

Assistant Principal Jose Zavala, emphasizes the significance that collaborative activities such as the video conferences offered through NASA have on promoting lesson retention, technology integration and encouraging students to learn from multiple media.

“With this opportunity and the support of technology we are bringing in other resources so students understand the importance of studying, asking questions, and being curious about the world around them,” Zavala said.

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# Tiger becomes the prey for tabloid journalism

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

When he first appeared on the Mike Douglas Show at the age of two, with Bob Hope and Jimmy Stewart looking on, nobody had a clue how large that little boy would eventually get.

I mean how many times do you watch some prodigy make his way on to a national TV show — and then they are never heard from again.

But Tiger Woods has soared far beyond any expectations his proud father had of him. And he’s achieved more than most of the public thought he ever would — and everyone figured he’d do well.

In fact, almost everyone agrees he is the best golfer to ever pick up a club.

Now, as it turns out, it appears that his wife can also handle a golf club.

The events of the last two weeks have changed Tiger’s persona forever.

By now everyone has heard about Tiger’s famous early morning car crash that ended with a busted tree, a broken hire hydrant, and more questions than answers.

And every news outlet around the world is having a field day digging deeper and deeper into the Tigergate phenomenon for more dirt than the other guys can dig up.

Though he may be nearly flawless on the golf course, it turns out that Tiger is not a perfect human being.

Gee, who saw that coming? I guess Mother Teresa still stands alone.

Though Tiger has never actually used the words, “affair,” his website statement talked about “transgressions” and “letting down my family.”

Translation: I have been as unfaithful to my wife as a former president was with his intern.

Well, it’s finally happened. The squeaky clean Tiger Woods has proven that he is pretty much like the rest of us, totally capable of making dumb decisions and succumbing to temptation.

Though no one will ever look at Tiger Woods the same way again — some are wondering if this news will turn the famous golfer into another sports “bad guy?”

I think certainly not.

Tiger made a big mistake. But Tiger has done too many good things and given too much to

charity and thrilled too many people to totally fall from grace.

It never ceases to amaze me how the media in this country just loves to tear down people who have achieved great things. No matter how good a person has been and no matter how many people he has helped, the media lives for the opportunity to destroy a life.

There are still a few sports personalities out there who have escaped the scrutiny Tiger is going through right now.

Derek Jeter, Peyton Manning, Albert Pujols, Tim Duncan and coaches like Joe Torre and Tony Dungy are among a few sports dudes who still have impeccable reputations, but the numbers continue to shrink every day.

No one ever said it was easy being a superstar. Famous guys with money tend to attract beautiful women looking to get “close” to them.

Now women see the chance for a big payday and are coming out of the woodwork to claim they’ve also had an affair with Tiger.

The big debate has to do with whether Tiger has handled this well. Some people feel it’s time for celebrities to take a stand and keep their private lives away from the media.

Still, others feel that if Tiger had only come out in front of the cameras from the very beginning and admitted his affair(s) — all this would have died down quickly.

Personally, I think there is no substitute for the truth — of course that’s easy for me to say sitting in my warm office in front of my computer.

Do I think the media would have backed off if Tiger had spoken early on — no way. The media is only concerned with whatever sells, and they would be on this story for weeks.

Now everyone is wondering what Tiger will do next. I think he’ll remain in hibernation until his first golf tournament of the season in late January or in February.

Of course all the questions will come up again but they will subside soon.

Take a look at Andy Pettitte for the Yankees. All the talk surrounding him in the World Series was about his pitching and not his steroid use.

This story will eventually die down.

Tiger’s eventual golfing achievements will overshadow his marital misgivings, but it’s his clean-cut all-American image that will never fully recover.

And that’s a shame for all of us.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Ali hurt more than himself

Burgundy carpet, beige couches and reheated pepperoni pizza from the night before, television tuned to WABC to watch the Wide World of

Sports... that was a typical Saturday spent with my father during the late ’70s and early ’80s.

It’s hard to understand now, in the

SportsCenter and Yahoo Sports world, but for the sports fan of the Jimmy Carter era, it was Sports Illustrated, the back of your local evening tabloid newspaper if you lived in a town lucky enough to have one, and the Howard Cosell hovel that was ABC’s Wide World of Sports. And there could be no Cosell without a peculiarly great heavy-weight boxer by the name of Muhammad Ali.

The interviews were often better than the fights. Most of the great ones I saw had been tapes of old shows, and those were even better than the ones I was watching live on those suburban Saturday mornings.

By this time, Ali — the one shown on our Sylvania cabinet television — was not “the Greatest,” at least not in the way my father used to speak of him. I watched him lose three out of four fights. I saw a lumbering, slurring man that people

cheered on relentlessly even though he was clearly losing, and laughed at all of his jokes even though they weren’t funny. Maybe only a child could see the truth — that there was something wrong — but I don’t think so. My mother called what they were doing to him as “barbaric.”

Ali was warned after his third fight with Ken Norton to hang up the gloves. The Mayo Clinic said his muscles weren’t in sync with his brains, resulting in slurred speech. His own doctor, Ferdie Pacheco, sent him medical exam results and warned Ali that if he continued fighting, he “would have no shot at a normal life” after his career.


But Ali promised easy fights. Pacheco stayed on for one last bout — a brutal mess of a war with Ernie Shavers, a fighter with 54 wins and 52 knockouts, and somehow won the decision. Pacheco jumped ship. “He

was about the strongest guy in boxing,” Pacheco said at the time. “That was easy?”

I watched Ali get pummeled by Larry Holmes and just hang on long enough to lose a decision to Trevor Berbick. Before the Berbick fight, which took place 28 years ago this week, it was all too clear that we were sending the guy to the gallows for our own amusement. Unable to talk at press conferences, he used to perform magic tricks.

My dad would just shake his head. Ali, he explained to me, used to perform magic in the ring. “He’s only hurting himself,” he would say. But I could see, sitting on that rug next to his chair, that Ali was hurting everyone else, too.

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

**Answer**

If clockmakers get into a heated argument, I suppose they get really ticked off.

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 42 and have an anemia. My doctor thinks it results from my menstrual bleeding, which is quite heavy. I have been taking iron pills, but I am still anemic. The doctor says I should have my fibroids removed, and that will stop the excessive bleeding. I have no other symptoms — no pain. Will you explain what fibroids are? They aren't cancer, are they? — E.B.

Fibroids are not cancer. They're growths of the uterine muscle. The uterus is mostly muscle, with an inner lining designed to nourish a fertilized egg. Quite often, fibroids don't cause any problems. Large ones can lead to heavy menstrual bleeding, which, in turn, gives rise to an anemia. They also can put pressure on the adjacent urinary bladder and bring on the need to urinate frequently. Sometimes they produce pelvic discomfort, and they might be involved with infertility.

About two-thirds of women in their 40s have one or more fibroids. What causes them is still a matter of speculation. Female hormones make them grow. That's why menopause, with its drop in hormone production, usually shrinks fibroids. They also run in families, so there is a gene influence.

The best treatment for fibroids depends on their location in the uterus and their size. Sometimes removal is achieved with instruments introduced into the uterus through the vagina — no skin incision. Recovery from this procedure is fast. Laparoscopic surgery — surgery done with a scope and instruments inserted through small incisions — is another technique that permits quick recuperation. At times, the entire uterus has to be removed.

A newer and popular treatment is uterine artery embolization. Here a slender, pliable tube is threaded from a surface artery to the artery that supplies the fibroid with blood. When the tube arrives at that artery, the doctor releases tiny pel-

lets that promote the formation of a clot (embolus). Without nourishment, the fibroid shrinks and is eventually shed.

The booklet on fibroids gives greater details on this common condition. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1106W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My doctor told me that I have costochondritis. I have had it for five days, and my chest is sore to the touch. It makes me short of breath. I am on ibuprofen, but it doesn't seem to help. Is there anything else I can take? — D.H.

The "costo" of costochondritis is "ribs"; the "chondr," is "cartilage"; the "itis," inflammation. It's an inflammation of the cartilage attaching ribs to the breastbone.

Costochondritis is especially painful when taking in a breath or when twisting the chest. No one is sure what the cause is.

Your medicine and similar ones are the standard treatment for this condition. Heat, in the form of warm compresses or heating pads, eases the pain. Some find that cold works better. If the pain persists, the doctor can inject the area with cortisone. That usually brings quick relief.

Most are well in weeks to months.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2009 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

King Super Crossword

- BIG CHEESES

ACROSS

1 Scrabble piece

5 Colt color

9 Chore

13 Marine leader?

17 "Tosca" tune

18 Woody's boy

19 Synagogue singer

21 Columbo or Tamblyn

22 Cheesy football player?

25 Decree

26 Incorporate, as territory

27 Madame Tussaud

28 English trio?

29 Self-esteem

30 Scientific site

32 Cheesy TV character?

37 \_de-sac

40 Throng

42 Robotic rock group

43 Bit of hardware

44 Perched on

46 Beppu brew

49 Miscalculate

51 Award

55 Cheesy late-night host?

60 Binge

61 Gossamer

62 They just want to have fun

63 Close as can be

65 " \_ Believer" ('66 hit)

66 TV's "My Two \_"

69 Toyshop initials

70 Stocking stuffer?

71 Deface

72 Old Testament book

75 Cheesy clarinetist?

80 Sheridan or Sothern

81 Copy

82 Singer Tex

83 Tallahassee sch.

84 Baal or Elvis

86 Actress Tilly

87 Find fault

88 George Hamilton's ex

90 Chula \_ , CA

94 A Muse

96 Cheesy televangelist?

100 Throng

102 Where flocks frolic

103 Go it alone

104 Green land

105 Mississippi senator

107 Hellenic letters

110 Red cap

112 Actress Zadora

113 Cheesy basketball player?

119 Massage

121 Tempest \_ teapot

122 Mineral suffix

123 Throws down the gauntlet

125 Soprano Tetrizzini

129 Brink

131 Cheesy aviator?

135 Is inexact

136 Sporting dog

137 Toast topper

138 " \_ Came Running" ('58 film)

139 Pub missile

140 Director Nicolas

141 Request

142 Baseball's Speaker

DOWN

1 Reid of "Just Visiting"

2 Nutritional need

3 Pride papa

4 Blackboard support

5 \_4 (Toyota model)

6 38 Down city

7 Islamic deity

8 \_ Dame

9 Kind of cross

10 " \_ Day Now" ('62 hit)

11 Word with bath or shovel

12 Agile Olga

13 Pound sound

14 Peace's partner

15 Custom

16 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"

19 \_ de menthe

20 Just out

23 Final

24 Encircle

31 Cornice kin

33 Maintains

34 Comic Crosby

35 \_ shark

36 Defeat by a knockout

37 No gentlemen

38 A Four Corners state

39 A Many-splendored thing

41 "Pshaw!"

45 The \_ Piper

47 Beer barrel

48 Uplift

50 Jamaican cultist

52 \_ ballerina

53 Macho type

54 Long for

56 Olive \_

57 Lug

58 With detachment

59 Campbell or Judd

64 Knight's quaff

67 \_ vu

68 Stallion sound

72 Maestro Levine

73 Wagner work

74 Biblical repetition

76 Katmandu's country

77 Lofly initials?

78 Sahara sights

79 \_ Scotia

85 Relish

87 French painter

88 Cremona craftsman

89 From \_ Z

91 Omit

92 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"

93 Geometry calculation

95 Joust

97 Encounter

98 Landon or Kjellin

99 Johannesburg resident

101 Standards

106 Restrict Rover

108 Furniture wood

109 Railroad deps.

111 '64 Michael Caine film

113 Brandish

114 Where to eat

115 Light beer

116 Cold-war assn.

117 Certain deck

118 Sam of "Jurassic Park"

120 Pop

124 Hook's right hand?

126 Oistrakh or Stravinsky

127 Word form for "somewhat"

128 Pugnacious

129 Olympian

130 Cornerstone abbr.

132 AAA offering

133 Poultry serving

134 Stole

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Don't give to thieves

It's been said that the true spirit of the holiday season is in giving, not receiving. With this in mind, it's likely that you will be spending a bit of time shopping for presents, your credit card flying out of your wallet or purse like wind-blown snow.

But as you shop in stores and online, be sure you're not giving a surprise gift to an identity thief. Because the surprise will be on you 6 and it won't be a good one.

Sometimes when you do business, you may be asked for your Social Security number. In many cases, those asking don't really need it. If anyone asks for your Social Security number or other identifying information, ask them why they want it and whether they absolutely need it. They can refuse you service if you don't provide it, but consider whether the service is worth the risk.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. Someone who steals your Social Security number can use it to get other personal information about you. Identity thieves can use your number to apply for more credit in your name. Then, they use the credit cards but leave the bills for you. Falling victim to identity theft can ruin your credit rating and make things difficult for months or years to come.

Identity thieves can obtain your Social Security number, credit card numbers, and personal information in a number of ways, including:

- Stealing wallets, purses, and mail;
- Intercepting personal information you provide on an unsecured website, from business or personnel records at work, and personal information in your home;
- Rummaging through your trash, and public trash dumps, for personal information;
- Posing as someone who needs your information, such as a government agency, employer, bank, or landlord; and
- Buying personal information from

store clerks, employees, or other individuals who have the information.

There are things you can do to protect your identity. Don't give out your Social Security number to just anyone. Don't carry your card in your

wallet or purse; keep your Social Security card locked away in a safe place with your other important papers. Check your credit reports once a year, which you can do for free at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

Want to learn more? Read our online fact sheet, Identity Theft And Your Social Security Number, at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/10064.html](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10064.html).

If you think someone is using your number or identity, contact the Federal

Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft), or call 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338) (TTY 1-866-653-4261.)

Protect your information this holiday season, and you'll enjoy a little more "peace on earth" in the year to come.

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  
★★★ 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.

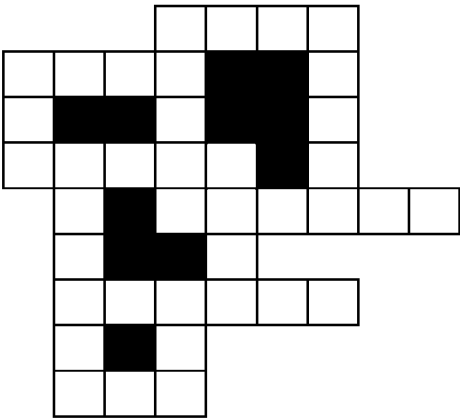
Clue: R equals F

PR AXGADQHDFIU LFZ PKZG H  
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IFHXXW ZPADFT GRR.

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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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