



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Flu shots

Children and adults will be given another great opportunity to get vaccinated against the flu bug before the virus becomes more prevalent in our region. Although state health department reports have shown reports of influenza already being tracked in El Paso, it is not too late to get vaccinated. During National Influenza Vaccination Week, Immunize El Paso will provide FREE FluMist vaccinations to all children up to 18 years of age. Additionally, adults can take advantage of \$10 vaccinations throughout the weeklong observance. "National Influenza Vaccination Week provides an excellent opportunity for healthcare providers to tell people how important it is to get an annual flu shot," said Dusty Warden, outreach coordinator for Immunize El Paso. "Getting vaccinated is the single best way to protect not only themselves against the flu, get their loved ones as well." Immunizations will be distributed daily through the agency's new eastside clinic located at 1580 George Dieter, at the intersection of George Dieter and Vista Del Sol. Vaccine will be provided from 8 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Influenza vaccinations have been and will continue to be available to anybody who wishes to protect themselves against the potentially fatal flu virus this season. Medicare, Children's Medicaid, CHIP and some insurances are accepted. For more information call 915-533-3414 or visit immunizeelpaso.org.

— Dusty Warden

### Telephone scam

The Social Security Office has been receiving calls from people stating that they are getting early morning phone calls advising them they are due funds because of a mandate from President Obama. People are given a specific dollar amount of what they would be receiving. The scam artist is soliciting bank and other personal information from the recipient of the call. Social Security wants to alert seniors receiving Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits to be aware of telephone fraud. In one instance, an individual was told \$2,632 was being sent to them and the scam artist said he needed verification of account information. Please do not give out any personal information to anybody over the phone. Call the Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 if you have any concerns.

— Ray Vigil

### Telephone scam II

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is warning the community of El Paso to beware of unscrupulous scammers

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— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** – Anthony Chief of Police Edward Miranda has been chairperson for the Community Relations Board since 2006. He has been head of Anthony's police force since 2003. Chief Miranda has been in law enforcement for over 28 years.

## Community Relations Board holds drive

*'Feed Them for a Week' theme for this year's effort*

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

The expressions of surprise, of joy, of gratitude on the faces of family members who receive the food items, blankets, toys

and bicycles being given to them for the holiday season by the Community Relations Board members are enough to "affirm that our efforts are truly worthwhile," said Anthony TX Police Chief Edward Miranda.

The Community Relations Board (CRB), which includes local government agencies, city governments, school districts and colleges, and community organizations, meets quarterly at the training center at La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution in

Anthony, Texas. The group comes together every three months to maintain open lines of communication among the participants and to share resources.

According to Chief Miranda, one of CRB's objectives is to help some of the neediest families in the Upper Valley communities; and for the past four years, the Board has sponsored a Christmas project known as "Feed them for a Week".

"Words can't describe how I feel when we, as a community, exercise our ability to help less fortunate families during this time of the year. It's a humbling experience; it helps us appreciate our own families' blessings that much more," Chief Miranda said.

This holiday season CRB plans to provide 24 families with foodstuff, blankets, and gifts for their children for Christmas. The Anthony, Canutillo and Gadsden school districts refer the families to CRB. Seven families from Anthony, seven from Canutillo, and ten from Gadsden will benefit from this year's drive.

"In the past, the Christmas service project provided families with a turkey dinner. Then, the idea arose to provide families with enough food staples for at least a week instead of one day, as many of the recipients do not have the space to store or cook a turkey," said the Police Chief.

Items are scheduled to be distributed beginning at noon, Friday, December 17, at the La Tuna FCI training center. The selected families will be invited to the center to pick up their holiday gifts.

CRB members who are contributing money, in-kind donations, and volunteering their time for this year's project include: Dona Ana Community College/ NMSU Department of Education, El Paso Community College Law Enforcement Academy, Anthony Texas-New Mexico Chamber of Commerce, Placement



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**THIS WON'T HURT A BIT** – Loya Primary student Katelyn Montoya waits to be examined by Griselda Valdez of EP Dentistry 4 Kids.

## San Eli students get visit from dentist

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – While many children, and a few adults, dread a visit to the dentist for some students in the San Elizario

Independent School District the process of getting their teeth examined was made a little easier as the dentist came to them. The E P Dentistry 4 Kids mobile dentistry unit made stops at five San Elizario ISD

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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Medicaid still a hot issue

Hola mi gente. Twice in the past year I wrote about the pending cuts or elimination of Medicaid in Texas. One article was published in late May and the second was published in November. Both articles pointed out the negative impact if the conservative leaders decide to gut Medicaid services.

Just a few days ago, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) released a study that also points out the negatives of gutting Medicaid. The study was so stark that the previous position by Governor Perry to discontinue participation in Texas was reversed. Instead of opting out, Perry now states “I have discussed these issues with other governors and policy experts, and will be working on ways to improve the utilization of Medicaid dollars in Texas.”

I certainly hope that the statement is meant to focus Medicaid dollars in areas that are more deserving. If there are cuts, then the areas with the lower property wealth should be given relief before more wealthy communities receive benefits.

The issue that my office has focused the most attention is the well being of seniors. Medicaid assists a great number of my constituents. Just consider, statewide, Medicaid assists two-thirds of Texans in nursing homes. Without that funding those good residents might get booted to the street.

While the welfare of corporations

has not been my worry, eliminating Medicaid would place a huge burden on the profits of private hospitals. The study disclosed that *billions* of dollars are reimbursed to private and public hospitals for the care of indigent, uninsured and undocumented immigrants. For El Paso, that would mean some hospitals would close their doors. More of the burden would be placed on the county hospital and local taxpayers.

There isn’t anyone reading this who would not have a concern for the health of children. Medicaid and the companion Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) provide healthcare assistance to over 3.8 million low income Texans each month. These Texans include Anglo-Americans, African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Asian-Americans and, yes, the children of undocumented immigrants. They are here, so the choice is to treat them or let them deteriorate in health with a

possible impact on other Texans.

With regards to state expenditures, if the conservative leadership opted out of Medicaid, the state would lose out on \$15 billion that go to the well being of deserving Texans. And, if you notice the deduction on your paycheck, Texans would still pay the federal tax but our dollars would benefit other states 100%.

The study made one viable recommendation with which I agree. Since immigration is a federal issue, the federal government should reimburse 100% of claims for any foreign nationals, including undocumented immigrants. Our local taxes should not be tapped for the care of non-citizens.

There will be cuts to state funds to support Medicaid expenses. We cannot escape that fact. But those impacted by the cuts are people, not just line items on a budget spreadsheet. We need to remember that.

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

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Wounded Warriors

The Department of Defense has announced the creation of the Wounded Warrior Task Force. According to a press release, the task force will advise and make recommendations about such matters as: staffing of wounded warrior organizations, performance and accountability standards, availability of services for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder, support systems to ease the transition from the DoD to Veterans Affairs and the effectiveness of the Senior Oversight Committee.

That’s a lot of advising and recommending. It could take them a while.

Meanwhile, another group, the Wounded Warrior Project, has been busy actually taking care of veterans and their families. The group serves veterans who received service-connected illnesses or injuries in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The WWP has programs in four areas: Mind, Body, Economic Empowerment and Engagement.

Whether you’re a veteran with amputations, TBI, burns, cognitive mental health conditions, PTSD or spinal cord injuries, the Wounded Warrior Project has a recreation and sports program available. Aligned with Sports USA, it provides year-round programs that, besides offering a chance at some real competition, also aid in rehabilitation.

It offers higher education, including IT training, as well as employment assistance services. The end goal: long-term financial stability.

WWP’s Family Support and Combat Stress Recovery Programs offer seminars on PTSD, as well as caregiver retreats and more.

The Engagement program might be the most valuable of all, as it helps wounded warriors stay in touch with each other through an alumni program and peer mentoring.

If you’re a veteran with traumatic injury or are a family member, check out the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org). Scroll around the website, and you’ll likely find programs that can help.

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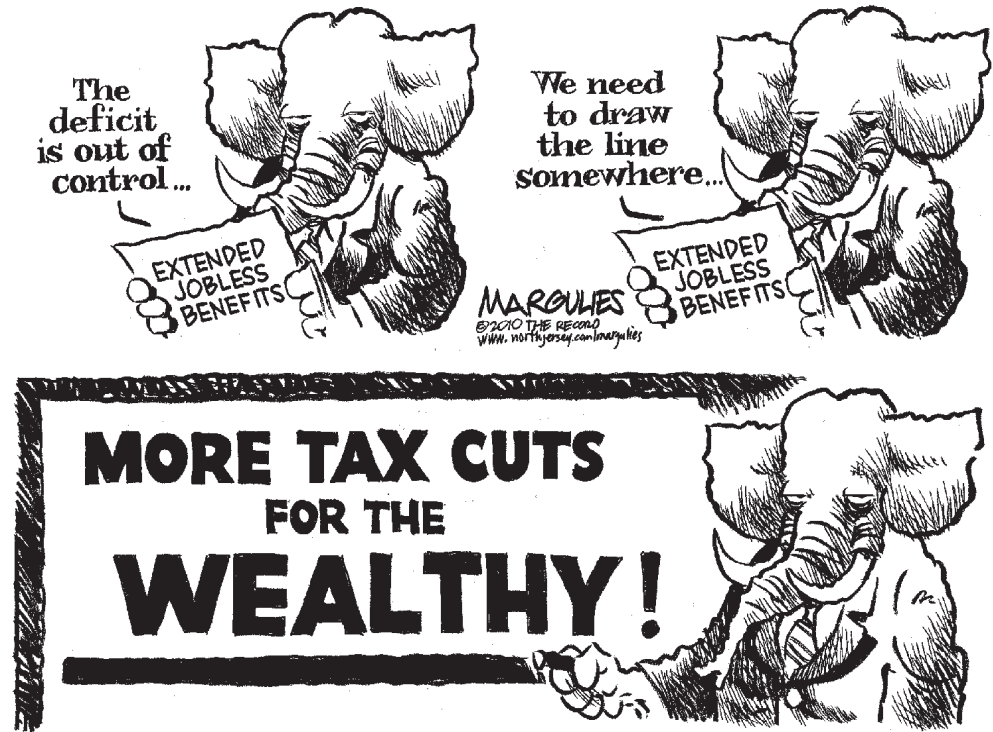
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It's the law By Texas AG Greg Abbott

Debt relief companies prohibited from collecting advance fees

On Oct. 27, federal rules governing debt relief services were changed in order to help prevent debtors from being defrauded.

Under new provisions of the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Telemarketing Sales Rule, debt relief service companies are prohibited from charging advance fees. Before the change, many debt relief service companies required their customers to pay large up-front fees for debt consolidation and reduction services.

Today, however, debt relief service companies can only charge customers after they have successfully reduced, settled or otherwise negotiated the terms of at least one of the customer's debts. Additionally, any debt settlement fees must be clearly detailed in a formal written contract between the company and the customer. All fees must be proportionate to the amount of debt at issue. Both the FTC and the Texas Attorney General's Office will have authority to enforce the new rule.

The new federal rule also allows debt relief service companies to require that their customers set aside service fees – along with savings for creditor payments – into a separate, dedicated account. Providers may only require a dedicated account if five conditions are met:

- The account is maintained at an insured financial institution;
- The account is set-up in the customer's name and under the customer's full control;
- The customer has the right to withdraw the funds at any time without penalty;
- The provider does not own, control or have any affiliation with the financial institution administering the account; and
- The provider does not exchange any referral fees with the company administering the account.

In addition to these protections, the new FTC rule requires debt relief service companies to disclose a debt reduction settlement's potential negative consequences to the client. Debt relief service companies must also tell clients how long it will take to see a settlement's results. Finally, the new rule prohibits debt relief service companies from misrepresenting success rates or falsely claiming to be a nonprofit company.

The new rule applies to telemarketers of for-profit debt relief services, including credit counseling, debt settlement and debt negotiation services. The rule does not cover nonprofit firms, but does cover companies that falsely claim nonprofit status.

The FTC has issued a guide to help debt relief service companies comply with the amended debt relief rule. The guide describes the key changes to the Telemarketing Sales Rule – including how those changes affect debt relief services – help businesses determine if they are covered by the new rules, mandatory disclosures to customers and the collection of debt settlement fees. The guide for businesses is available on the FTC's website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

Texans who believe a debt relief service company has violated the new rule may file a complaint with the Texas Attorney General's Office online at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov) or by calling (800) 252-8011.

Greg Abbott is the Texas Attorney General.

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1908: Movie actress Joan Crawford is born in San Antonio.

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Briefs

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that are randomly calling people trying to scheme them out of large amounts of money. Last Sunday afternoon (12-05-10) Sheriff’s Deputies responded to five different calls regarding the same type of scam. The method of operation for the on-going scam is as follows:

- The scammer calls a residential landline and makes contact with the resident.
- The scammer tells the resident they are related and one of their family members was involved in an accident in Mexico. They need money because the Mexican police are asking for money to supposedly pay for another parties medical bills that was injured in the accident. (There was no accident and nobody is hurt.)
- The scammer then provides victim with information on how to send the money via Western Union.

At this time it is unknown how the phone numbers are being selected. The wire transfers were requested to Mexico cities such as Villahumada and Jalisco. One example of a conversation is as follows (translated from Spanish): “Tia it is me. Do you recognize my voice?” It appears that in an attempt to make out the voice, the resident would unwittingly say the name of a family member that they felt they voice sounded like. The scammer would then say they were that person and continue with the story about the accident. Some phone numbers retrieved through caller IDs include (313) 087-9437, (554) 984-4629 and (554) 984-9484. It is unknown if these are American or Mexican phone numbers.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

Training

The Social Security Administration and

El Paso Community College Senior Adult Program will have workshops to help people navigate the Social Security website Saturday, Dec. 11. The free workshops will begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. They will be at the EPCC Administrative Service Center, 9050 Viscount, Building B, Room 320. Contact: Ray Vigil, 866-563-9310, ext. 27404, or ray.vigil@ssa.gov.

– Ray Vigil

Luminarias

San Elizario Historic Plaza (1521 San Elizario Rd.) will be glowing on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with Luminarias. Local school students will do the traditional Posadas (Nativity pageant) and sing Christmas carols. For a small donation, visitors can sample some of the delicious tamales, menudo and champurrado and other treats. The San Elizario Genealogy & Historical Society will have hot chocolate and cookies for volunteers and event participants. Come and visit the San Elizario Historic Plaza and enjoy the Spanish-style luminarias, the posadas, the singing of Christmas carols. Meet Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, see the beautiful decorations, and enjoy some traditional Christmas food. Visit the Presidio Chapel, Los Portales Museum, the Old County Jail, the Veterans Museum and Veterans Memorial Walk, and the Art Galleries. Everything is within walking distance. Bring your cameras and camcorders. For additional information please contact the Los Portales Museum at 851-1682.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office in identifying and locating the subjects responsible for murdering a man in Socorro on Thanksgiving Day, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” Early Thursday morning, Nov. 25, 2010,

approximately 3:00 a.m., two men with handguns entered Sal’s Lounge located at 11400 Gateway East and attempted to commit a robbery. The subjects yelled in English, “This is a stickup, everybody on the ground.” At that time, bar patron Ralph Edward Tucker, age 51, a truck driver from California, grabbed a bar stool and rushed the subjects. One gunman fired four rounds, striking Tucker with two shots in the neck and killing him instantly. The other two shots struck the wall and the ceiling. Immediately after the shooting, the subjects fled the bar in an unknown vehicle. The subjects were described as wearing black ski masks over their faces, black shirts, black pants and black gloves, which makes identifying them very difficult. Because the murder occurred during the commission of a robbery, the gunmen are facing Capital Murder charges. The Crimes Against Persons division of the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office is working closely with other local, state, and federal agencies that are assisting in this murder investigation. If you have any information at all about the identity and location of these subjects, or about their getaway vehicle, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-TIPS(8477) or submit your tip online at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

– James Klaes

Wanted

Carlos Duran, 19, also known as Alberto Duran, Carlos Arias and Alberto Arias is this week’s Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5’3” tall, weighs 120 pounds with has brown hair and eyes. He has tattoos on both arms. On Jan. 29, 2009 at 7:10 p.m., an El Paso Police Department (EPPD) officer observed

Duran spray painting (tagging) the side doors of the Albertsons located at 3100 N. Mesa in El Paso. The officer quickly detained Duran and proceeded to search him. Duran then suddenly struck the officer on the chest with his right elbow and attempted to flee. Despite getting struck, the officer was able to grab Duran and a struggle ensued causing both to fall to the ground. Duran kept striking the officer and tried to retrieve the officer’s taser gun. Duran was arrested and charged with multiple offenses. In October 2010 Duran was residing at a Multi Use Facility (halfway house) under the terms of his probation from the 346th District Court. On Oct. 30 Duran was allowed to leave the facility to get medical treatment at a local hospital for an earache. Duran never returned to the facility. Since Duran absconded from the facility, the 346th District Court has issued a warrant of arrest for Duran for both the assault and fleeing. Duran is also wanted for a Dec. 2008 evading incident where he and another accomplice ran from EPPD Officers. Duran is believed to remain in the Borderland. He has several contacts in the El Paso area and could possibly be hiding with friends or relatives. Sheriff’s officials are asking for any information on the whereabouts of Duran. People 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.



Carlos Duran

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

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STRANGE  
BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was French playwright Albert Guinon who made the following sage observation: “There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves.”

• Most people at all familiar with the name Max Schmeling know him as the Great Nazi Hope, the boxer produced by Adolf Hitler in the 1930s to defeat Joe Louis, supposedly proving Aryan superiority. (He did defeat Louis in a match in 1936, though he lost a rematch in 1938.) What most people don’t realize, though, is that Schmeling did not subscribe to Hitler’s beliefs – he wasn’t even a member of the Nazi party. In fact, during World War II, Schmeling risked his life to save two Jewish children.

• For reasons that are unclear now, the Supreme Court in 1893 declared that a plant eaten during a main course was a vegetable and one eaten afterward was a fruit.

• What do King Henry VIII, science-fiction author H.G. Wells, English naturalist Charles Darwin, American author Edgar Allan Poe and composer Sergey Rachmaninoff have in common? They all married their cousins.

• The 1958 film “Gigi,” starring Leslie Caron and Maurice Chevalier, has the distinction of having the shortest title of any film to win the Academy Award for Best Picture.

• The home of sitting U.S. presidents, the White House, didn’t become widely known as the White House until 1902, during Theodore Roosevelt’s term in office. The building was originally called the President’s Palace, but the word “palace” was deemed to be too royal-sounding, so the name was changed to the Executive Mansion.

Thought for the Day: “We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.”  
– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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Canutillo ISD earns ‘Bragging Rights’

By Gustavo Reveles  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District’s community-based approach to cutting \$4 million from its budget has earned it the Texas School Business Association’s Bragging Rights! Award, officials announced this week. Canutillo is one of only 12 districts given the award this year.  
Because of its innovative Citizens Budget Stakeholders Committee, Canutillo is featured in a three-

page article in the December, 2010 issue of Texas School Business magazine.  
The award was given to Canutillo for finding a way to involve more than 20 parents, taxpayers, business owners and employees in the painful process of cutting the \$49 million 2010-11 budget to \$45 million.  
“It speaks highly of our community that we were able to put together such a successful program and eventually win this prestigious award,” Dr. Murphy said. “Although it has been difficult to move through the significant budget cuts, it is

gratifying to feel the support of the Canutillo community and receive these accolades.”  
With the help of the stakeholders committee, the CISD Board of Trustees was able to approve a balanced budget despite drastic shortages.  
The budget cuts proposed by the committee and approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees included:  
• The elimination of 66 positions, mostly through attrition;  
• The reduction of various district programs; and  
• The requirement of a six day,

unpaid furlough for all employees from executive director to all hourly employees, excluding teachers.  
Dr. Murphy is convinced that the positive reception from the community, district staff, and Board of Trustees was due to the inclusiveness and work that the Citizens Budget Stakeholders Committee brought to the budget review process.  
To read the Texas School Business article about Canutillo go to: [www.texasschoolbusiness.com/downloads/BR1011\\_CANUTILLO.pdf](http://www.texasschoolbusiness.com/downloads/BR1011_CANUTILLO.pdf).



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# El Pasoans, Miner fans get big holiday bowl gift

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I couldn’t have imagined a better end to the 2010 college football season.

First we hear that the UTEP Miners are going to take on the Brigham Young Cougars in the New Mexico Bowl in Albuquerque. Then it’s announced that two storied football programs, Notre Dame and Miami (Fla.), are going to go at it in the 77th Hyundai Sun Bowl.

And I thought the local football season was kind of lame up to know.

Let’s be honest, it’s debatable whether the Miners really deserve to be in a bowl this season. By the NCAA rules, UTEP did what it had to do to get to a bowl but they really had a disappointing season.

If it weren’t for one of the easiest schedules in the country, the Miners would certainly be home for the holidays.

But I feel very good for players like Trevor Vittaoe and Donald Buckram who have done so much for the program but hadn’t experienced a whole lot of success as a team.

In the end though, it’ll be fun to watch the Miners renew their one-sided rivalry with those BYU scoundrels. Yes, the Cougars used to leave the orange and blue looking more black and blue in those days.

But this is not the same UTEP football program and they are not the same BYU – and that makes the game more interesting.

Plus, El Pasoans can make the short trek to nearby Albuquerque for the big game. It’ll seem like BYU will be playing in the Sun City.

And those who can’t travel can enjoy the game on ESPN.

Hey, fans can drive to the noon football game and then get back in time for the Nov. 18 UTEP basketball game against Texas Tech at 8 p.m.

And you have to feel good for Mike Price, who has been under a lot of pressure the last couple of years. He’ll still have to prove himself next season but for now he can focus on getting all the skeptics off his back.

A win over BYU will do that.

As far as the other announcement last weekend, the Sun Bowl has been flirting with the chance to get the Fighting Irish of Notre

Dame for several years but the dream always flickered away at the last minute.

But in 2010 all the wins and losses finally aligned in a way that brought Notre Dame to El Paso.

And of course the Hyundai Sun Bowl could have ended up with opponents like Temple or South Florida or Army or Pitt, but it got another great program in the U.

Yes, that team of bad boys in the 1980s and 90s that terrorized college football teams and stretched the lines of sportsmanship to the very edge.

Miami is the program of Bernie Kosar, Jim Kelly, Michael Irvin, Warren Sapp and Jimmy Johnson.

Notre Dame is the program of Joe Montana, Joe Theisman, Tim Brown, Jerome Bettis and Ara Parseghian.

Now Notre Dame and Miami are a long way from El Paso (isn’t everything?) and the notion is that they won’t bring a large number of fans with them.

Who cares?

El Pasoans flocked to sell out the game in record time. And when the two universities return some of their unsold allotted 8,000

tickets, lines will form instantly to gobble up whatever remains.

You have to admit that when you take a close look at the college bowl season, there are way too many games that have absolutely no appeal whatsoever outside the two teams playing.

Here’s an example. Northern Illinois-Fresno State, Ohio-Troy, Navy-San Diego St., Florida International-Toledo, East Carolina-Maryland, Army-SMU, Illinois-Baylor, Kansas St.-Syracuse, Middle Tennessee-Miami (Oh), Pitt-Kentucky ...

Ouch, sorry you had to see that. And there are many more snoozers out there.

But Notre Dame and Miami game is intriguing. Oh sure the teams are both 7-5 and not the powers they used to be, but they can still play with any team in the country and they still have sex appeal.

I’ve got a feeling that the Hyundai Sun Bowl will do very well when the TV ratings come out.

And I’ve got a feeling that those in attendance and even more El Pasoans watching at home will take great pride in their city – and that’s a great way to start the New Year.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### There’s always Cincinnati

The 2003 New York Yankees limped into their June inter-league series against the Cincinnati Reds riding the shirtils of a 3-12 skid. The team’s owner, a man cursed with a diminutive personality named George, wasted little time in letting the town know the circus

was in town. For on that morning, he decided that his team needed a “spark.” Ringmaster Steinbrenner announced that the Yankees would have a new ringleader in the clubhouse, a man who was a true leader of men. That man was Derek

Jeter, who by this time had led the Yankees to several World Series victories.

Longtime fans and Yankee observers knew that such a coronation would likely happen. Tongues had been wagging ever since Jeter was allowed a single digit number as a rookie (and yes, the Yankees really do keep track of things like that). Steinbrenner talked about his selection – the 10th captain in the storied franchise’s history – in lofty terms meant to span the ages.

“He represents all that is good about a leader,” Steinbrenner said. “I’m a great believer in history, and I look at all the other leaders down through Yankee history, and Jeter is

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right there with them.”

Steinbrenner wasn’t on hand for the Jeter announcement, but it wasn’t the first time Jeter had to respond to something the owner had said through the press. A few years into the most lucrative contract in Yankee history up to that time, Jeter had been subjected to a few tabloid-ready barbs from Steinbrenner during spring training that questioned his focus. Jeter had effectively defused that situation with a calm and measured response. Likewise, his acceptance speech before the game – a loss to the Reds – was hardly one for posterity.

“The impression I got is just continue to do the things I’ve been doing,” he said before the game. Nonetheless, Jeter responded with a .324 average that season, and the Yankees turned it around, winning 101 games before losing in the World Series.

Now he comes off his worst season

ever, just one year removed from one of his best ever in pinstripes. It was the final year of his contract. Negotiations have been tough – the Yankees low-balled Jeter back to his 2003 salary level. During negotiations, his agent reminded team brass of his “historical” significance, but it wouldn’t be the first time the Yankees dumped an older legendary player – even Babe Ruth and Reggie Jackson were booted unceremoniously from the Bronx.

As of this writing, Jeter appears ready to sign a deal, but in the words of an unnamed Yankee executive, “What’s he going to do? Play in Cincinnati?”

It wouldn’t be the first time the Bronx circus rolled into that town.

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

## San Eli

From Page 1

campuses throughout November and the first week in December providing basic dental services and brighter smiles for students.

Since the beginning of the school year E P Dentistry 4 Kids partnered with San Elizario ISD school nurses to sign up students for services such as routine exams and cleanings. Becky Madrid, San Elizario High School nurse, stated she was excited to have E P Dentistry 4 Kids bring their services to the district to help address some of the dental health problems of many San Elizario students who for various reasons do not have access to routine oral care.

“As school nurses we see many students that come into our offices with tooth aches, cavities, and painful gum abscess,” Madrid said. She along with the rest of her colleagues is grateful that E P Dentistry 4 Kids approached the rural area school districts to provide much needed services where there are limited comprehensive dental healthcare resources.

The dental office began operations and offering its mobile services first to students in San Elizario but will also be traveling to Tornillo, Fabens, and Clint which are all communities where dental health care providers may not be conveniently available. Their staff of five is able to serve a maximum of 35 students per day aboard the E P Dentistry 4 Kids van which is equipped with two examination chairs without the students ever having to leave their home campus.

“We mainly provide services to out lying areas of El Paso rather than have parents take a day off work to take their child to the dentist and have schools get burdened with absences, we will go to the schools,” Scott Noble, staff member with E P Dentistry for Kids, said.

Parents had the opportunity to register their child for a dental appointment with the mobile office in September to receive a regular examination and cleaning since E P Dentistry 4 Kids will accept most types of insurance including Medicaid and CHIP. Students without insurance still received a free visual examination. Staff also sent initial examination results home with students and will be conducting follow-up calls for those who have dental problems that need to be fixed to provide parents with cost estimates.

In order to receive the mobile dentistry services parents had to complete an application with the school nurse. According to Noble, at first the registration forms were trickling in but as more residents became aware and spreading the word to others about the E P Dentistry 4 Kids van more started scheduling their children for services.

“We are very excited to get the program going and hope that it takes off. We are also glad that the school district is allowing us to do this,” Noble added.



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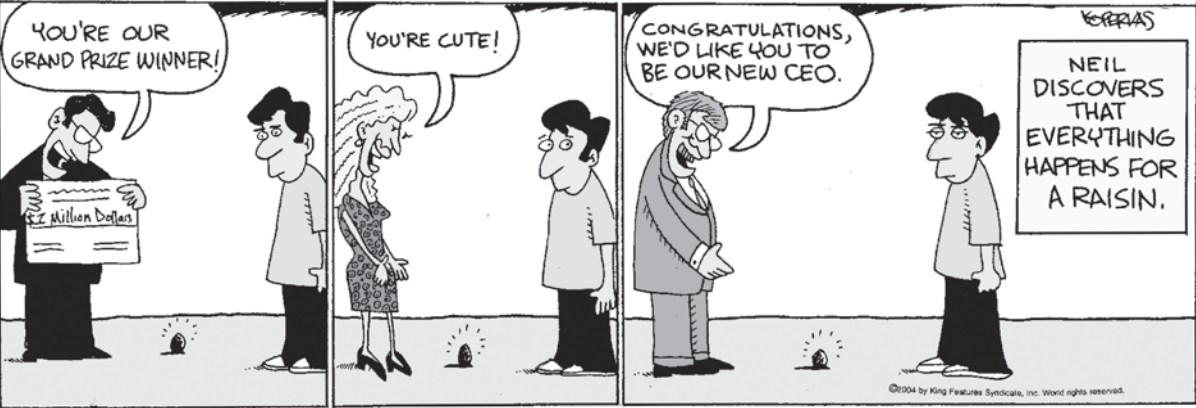
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 50-year-old female, and I have asthma that seems to be getting worse. In October, I got the H1N1 flu and had to go to the hospital twice because of breathing problems. I get scared every time I have a simple cold. I was told that my asthma is allergy-induced, and I have been on a daily inhaler ever since. I saw an allergist, who tested me and wanted to put me on allergy shots. He said they may or may not work, but they don't cure asthma. Then what's the point? Does oxygen help? Are there natural ways to prevent asthma? – M.M.

Asthma is a chronic condition. Looking for a cure is not realistic in many cases. Looking for control is realistic. It's an inflammation of the airways – the bronchi, the tubes that bring fresh air into the lungs and remove carbon dioxide from the lungs. The inflammation makes the airways very sensitive. They constrict on slight provocation and obstruct the flow of air. Furthermore, they pour out thick mucus, which adds to airflow obstruction.

Respiratory viruses do trigger attacks, and that's why the flu virus was such a problem for you. You should be sure to get the yearly flu vaccine.

Allergies can be another trigger for attacks. Allergy shots are not guaranteed to stop them, but they can lessen their intensity and frequency. You might want to reconsider your position.

Remove airborne irritants from your home and bedroom by getting rid of feather pillows, shag rugs and dust mites. If you have a pet, and you notice that exposure to it brings on an attack, then you have to limit where the pet is allowed in the home. An air-conditioned home keeps outdoor allergens out of your environment.

For an acute attack, you need a medicine that acts quickly to dilate airways. Albuterol (Proventil) is such a medicine. If your long-term control medicine isn't preventing attacks, get another. The list of asthma medicines is very long. Oxygen is helpful in severe attacks. I know of no natural substance that alleviates asthma.

The asthma booklet describes the many treatments for asthma. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue–No. 602W, 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: I must have bumped my ring finger. It is painful, and the top part is swollen on the side of the nail. I think some pus is forming. What can I soak it in? I cannot go to a doctor. – B.P.

You describe a paronychia (PAIR-uh-NICK-ee-uh), an infection of the skin and tissues bordering a fingernail. If the skin and tissues show only mild swelling, then frequent daily soaks in hot water can bring it to a head and cause it to drain. If it is quite swollen and painful, you'll have to see a doctor. Try an emergency-department doctor. It has to be incised to permit drainage, and antibiotics will be needed.

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) 2010 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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- 59 Writer Rand
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- 62 EMT's skill
- 64 Everything
- 65 Dickens character
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- 74 He'll bend over backward for you
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- 89 Chihuahua snack
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- 95 Illinois cry of surprise?
- 97 Sampras and Rafter
- 98 Weeding tool
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- 7 Unemployed
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- 9 "Le Misanthrope" playwright
- 10 Minneapolis suburb
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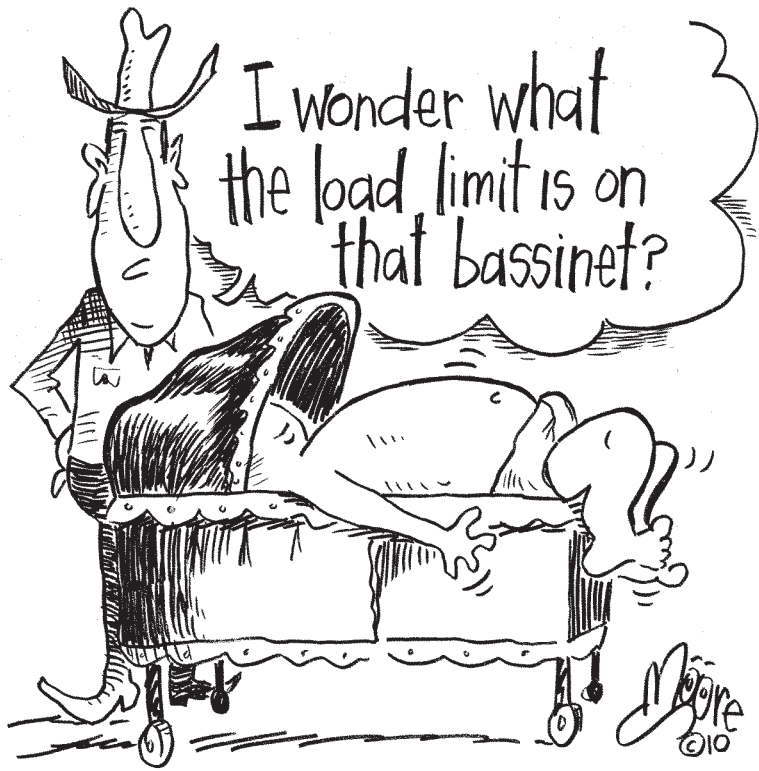
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- 96 Jack of "The Odd Couple"
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- 104 Dreadlocked one
- 105 Set in motion
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- 107 Range rope
- 109 Actress Meyers
- 110 Seafood selection
- 111 Accent feature
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**Social Security Q&A** By Ray Vigil

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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.

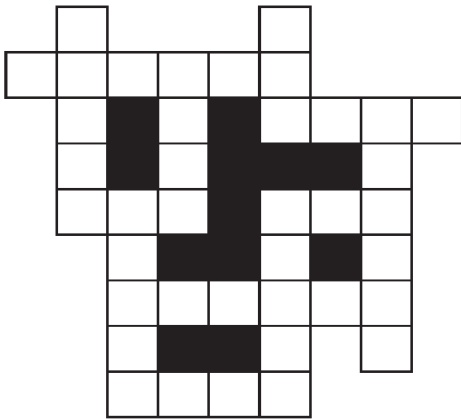
Clue: Q equals S

N OIPQQ FWBNVCK QBYZFQ  
QFCENIHQ APJPZ OPF JPZW RYF.  
KYFQ YD DCAQ VNZVIKCFP  
NA FRPH.

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UEM  
♥GLIMAN  
PRUTM  
♥BAUT  
♥SOGEUR  
YPL  
LUYG  
♥NOELM  
♥ETN  
GLIBUN  
FEYDI  
♥RYNA



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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.

**Drive**

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