



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Luncheon

Southwest Character Council's Character Luncheon, January 12, 2011 at Great American Land and Cattle Co., 701 S. Mesa Hills, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 each for lunch, training and networking. Call 779-3551 for reservations. Everybody is welcome. Come learn how to build good character into your life and organization – character determines success. The character quality subject for January is Attentiveness vs. Distraction.

### Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting officers from the Special Traffic Investigations Unit (STI) of the El Paso Police Department in identifying and locating a suspect who ran down an elderly gentleman on a bicycle, killing him and fleeing, making this the Crime of the Week. On Sunday, June 21, 2009, just before 7:00 a.m., S.T.I. investigators responded to assist Pebble Hills Patrol with a traffic fatality. Their investigation revealed that 67-year-old Heinz Duerkop was riding a bicycle south in the 3400 block of George Dieter when he was struck from behind by a vehicle. Duerkop was thrown from the bicycle and died at the scene. The vehicle's driver failed to stop and render aid, instead fleeing the scene. At this time, the vehicle is believed to be white in color and possibly sustained damage to the front end and hood. The victim came to El Paso as an officer in the German Army, settled here, became a U.S. citizen, and had been a volunteer at Hueco Tanks Historical Site for the past ten years. As a special tribute, the GhostBike Project has placed a bicycle and plaque honoring Heinz Duerkop at the location of his death in the 3400 block of George Dieter. It was the first GhostBike in El Paso, reminding motorists and cyclists alike to be careful and, we hope, prodding the public to submit a tip that will solve this case. If you have any information at all about this crime, call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

### Wanted

The first Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive for 2011 is Orlando Robles, 29. He also goes by Orlando Castillo. Robles is wanted for a violent Sexual Assault. He is 5'6" tall, weighs 140 pounds with brown hair and eyes. He has multiple tattoos. This past July, Robles broke into a woman's Northeast apartment (a former female acquaintance) and waited for her

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*The heart is happiest when it beats for others.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Vasquez spearheads National Latino Museum Project

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – From the hallways of Bel Air High School in Ysleta Independent School District to the halls of U.S. Congress in Washington D.C., Dennis Vasquez's career with the National Park Service (NPS) has been an extraordinary journey. His latest assignment is sure to be among his greatest achievements when completed.

Vasquez joined NPS when he was selected for a cooperative education position at White Sands National Monument in New Mexico while he pursued a Bachelors of Science degree in biology at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Upon college graduation, he embarked on his 30-year service with NPS that has provided him with assignments in national parks throughout the United States and Latin America. He has served as a park ranger at Yosemite National Park in California, Grand Canyon in Arizona, Big Bend in Texas, and has been a park superintendent at White Sands, Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico and Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site

in Kansas, among other posts.

For the past year and a half, Vasquez has helped coordinate efforts that would create a museum that focuses on American Latino life, art, history and culture. Vasquez was assigned by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar to be the project manager for the National Museum of American Latino Commission.

"My role is to facilitate and coordinate the work of the commission as it prepares its report to Congress," said Vasquez.

The National Museum of the American Latino Commission is a 23 member congressionally mandated body tasked with providing Congress with a report on the feasibility of the potential creation of an American Latino Museum in Washington, D.C.

The President and bi-partisan congressional leaders selected the Commission members in 2008 and 2009. Commissioners were selected based on their expertise in certain professions that would be valuable to providing input for the report to Congress.

Commission members are: Dr. Gilberto Cardenas, assistant provost and director of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies; Nelson Albareda, CEO of Eventus Marketing; Luis R. Cancel, director of Cultural Affairs



Dennis Vasquez

for the City of San Francisco; Sandy Colon-Peltyn, business development and community affairs director for DeSimone Consulting Engineers; Rosa J. Correa, executive coordinator of the Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Bridgeport CT; Moctesuma Esparza, filmmaker; Emilio Estefan, Jr., music producer; Carlos J. Ezeta, president of Caxculthi, Inc. in Nevada.

Other commission members are: Dr. Jose B. Fernandez, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at the University of Central Florida; Lorraine Garcia-Nakata, executive director of the Children's Book Press in San Francisco; Susan Gonzales, corporate senior director of government affairs for Comcast; Dr. Aida Levitan, president of the Levitan Group of Miami; Eva Longoria, actress; Andres W. Lopez, attorney; Ellie Lopez-Bowlan, nurse practitioner; Henry R. Munoz, CEO of Kell Munoz Architects, Inc.; Dr. Eduardo J. Padron, president of Miami Dade College; Cindy Pena, television network manager; Abigail Pollak, attorney; Sean D. Reyes, attorney; Dr. Emma Sepulveda, professor at the University of Nevada-Reno; Raul Danny Vargas, president of VARCom Solutions; Cid Wilson, senior vice president and retailing equity analyst for Kern Suslow Securities.

The Commission will report to the President and Congress on possible sites for the museum, potential content, suggested structure/governance and fund-raising strategies. The Commission received public input on all of these questions.

According to Vasquez, the first step of this process has already been done, which was the formation of the Commission in 2008. The Commission has met as a body seven times beginning in September 2009, and public forums were held from March through August of 2010 in cities including New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Austin, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, St. Paul, Chicago and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Through the public forums, the Commission received input and feedback from the public on the development and design of the

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— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS – Fernando Reza, Rosalinda Reza, Gabriela Miranda, and Roxane Reza participated in the Clint ISD 5K fundraiser.**

## Scholarship fund run raises \$10,000

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY – Running to help students go to college is what nearly 200 runners did in December during the first Clint Independent School District Super Scholars 5K Run. Held in Horizon City in near perfect weather, the event was the first fundraising effort to benefit the Clint ISD Superintendent's Scholarship Fund. The title sponsors for the event were Surescore and CF Jordan who

generously gave along with 20 other sponsors to raise funds and help make the event such a success. Over \$10,000 was raised for the fund which will provide scholarships to graduating seniors in Clint ISD beginning with the 2011 graduating class.

"It's not every day that you can do something healthy and good for your body while at the same time doing something good for others" said Superintendent, Dr. Edward Gabaldon.

While many participants were present in

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## Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

### Differences in care

What’s amazed me from Day One are the big differences in levels of care from one part of the country to another. I’ve got veterans writing (or telling me in person) that their medical care is outstanding, that appointments made in advance are kept, that they get a heads-up call to make sure they’ve remembered the appointment, and that they’re extremely satisfied with the care they’re getting from the Department of Veterans Affairs on all levels.

On the flip side of the coin are veterans who write me describing a nightmare list of problems in getting the care they need.

The list of possible reasons for the variations is long. Here are a few that come to mind:

- **Problems at the top.** When departments are run by people who are slipshod, who try to hide mistakes, and who are in some way taking advantage of the system, the people down the ranks see it and act accordingly.
- **Other departments.** If there

is spillover from one department to the next in terms of duties or chain of command, there can be problems if the first department isn’t doing what it’s supposed to – like dominos falling.

- **Regional differences in staff.** I hate to say it, but I think this one is a biggie. There really does seem to be a difference in how veterans are treated across the country, not only in terms of accuracy and diligence in handling their medical affairs, but in plain everyday politeness. It’s as though some areas of the country forget that it’s the veterans they’re to serve, not the other way around.

It’s too bad that VA employees can’t be shuffled around by the hundreds to see how other facilities operate. After all, excellence breeds excellence, right?

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## It’s the law

By Texas AG Greg Abbott

### Credit fix and debt elimination scams

A new year often brings new resolutions, and Texans with mounting consumer debt or bad credit ratings may be tempted by services that promise quick fixes to a bad credit problem. Unfortunately, there are no easy ways to remedy low credit scores. If a credit repair or debt relief offer sounds too good to be true – it usually is.

Rebuilding a good credit rating takes time and good financial management. Legitimate credit counseling services and debt repayment plans can offer long-term, practical solutions to debt management. It is critical, though, that debtors distinguish between lawful assistance programs and fraudulent schemes that attempt to take advantage of struggling debtors.

Unfortunately, many fraudulent “debt elimination” and “credit repair” scams charge customers hefty fees for “quick fixes” that never materialize. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has aggressively cracked down on these unlawful scams.

Our Consumer Protection and Public Health Division recently stopped two Austin-based operations from falsely claiming they could remove “negative” items from clients’ credit reports. Only inaccurate or obsolete items can be legally removed from a debtor’s credit report, while items that reflect negatively on a person’s credit must remain on the report until they expire with the passage of a set amount of time. The defendants in those cases, Austin Credit Doctor and America’s Credit Doctor, charged customers several hundred dollars in advance fees for their unlawful “credit repair” services.

Texans with inaccurate or obsolete information on their credit reports can work directly with credit reporting companies to remove information that should not be included. No one should pay a “credit repair” service to remove those easily remedied items for them.

A related scheme, “debt elimination” scams, falsely promise to eliminate consumer debt within just a few short months.

Too often, these scams charge large, up-front fees and then fail to deliver any valuable services to customers. For example, the OAG stopped a fraudulent “debt elimination” operation that falsely promised to quickly and completely eliminate customers’ debt.

To become enrolled in the program, customers were required to wire a one-time \$5,000 deposit to an unidentified “bank.” The scam’s operators claimed the bank would initiate a debt elimination process and use the deposit to defray the costs of that process. Once all

the customers’ cumulative debt reached \$100 million, the bank promised to make loans that would pay off individual customers’ debts.

However, the \$5,000 fee was actually deposited to an account that our investigators traced to Panama. The operation’s owner never offered any evidence that a “bank” even existed. In truth, the scam was simply trying to cash in on the vulnerability of overwhelmed debtors. As a result, the already struggling customers lost their \$5,000 deposits.

Legitimate financial assistance is available to customers facing seemingly impossible debt. Texans with problems paying their debts should immediately contact their creditors and seek alternate payment arrangements. Creditors are generally willing to negotiate terms directly with customers, so a debt management company is frequently unnecessary. Debtors should ask whether alternate arrangements would affect their credit history. Even if creditors reduce the payments and give debtors more time to pay a debt, doing so may show up for several years on debtors’ credit reports.

Texans seeking debt management services should do their research before hiring one of these firms. It’s important to check with the Better Business Bureau – and even the OAG – to see whether other customers have filed complaints. It may also prove helpful to consult with an attorney about debt relief options. Ultimately, creditors must decide whether to accept a debtor’s restructuring offer. Even if the creditor accepts the offer, the debtor may face credit and tax-related implications.


Texans should also keep in mind that under new provisions of the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) Telemarketing Sales Rule, debt relief service companies are prohibited from charging advance fees. 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 – and must be proportionate to the amount of debt at issue. Both the FTC and the Texas Attorney General’s Office have authority to enforce the new rule.

There are seldom quick fixes to a negative credit history if it reflects legitimate debts the consumer failed to repay. The key to rebuilding credit is to manage debt and to consistently pay bills on time.

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# JANUARY'11 MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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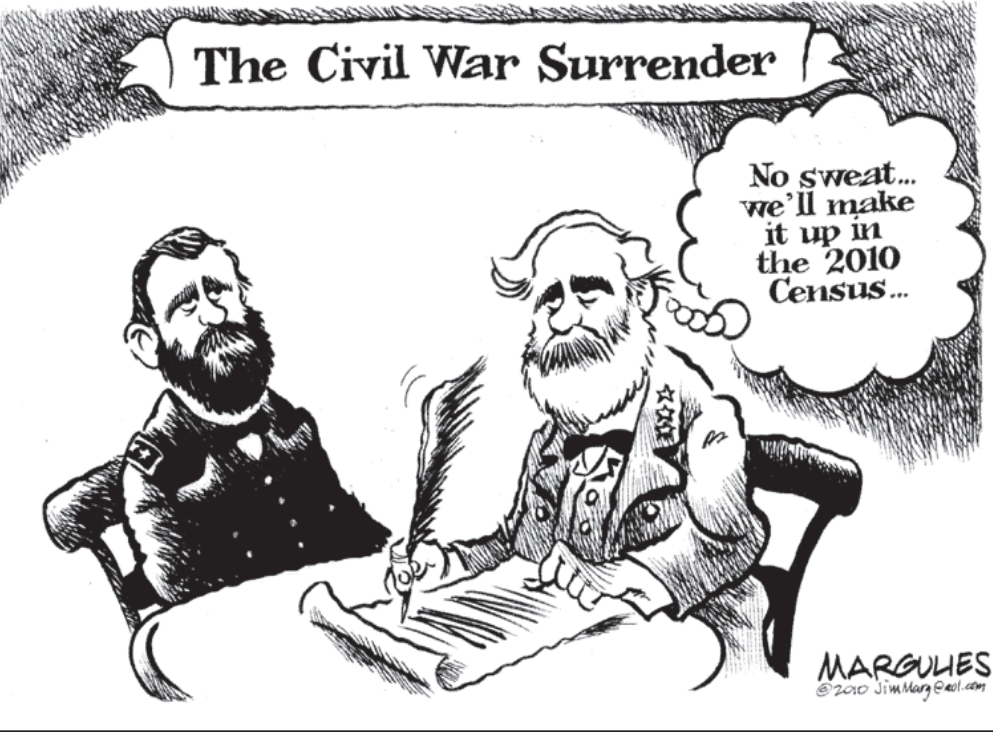
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What's up doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

Condemning condoms?

Before “condemning condoms,” the prospective user must first be adequately introduced to condoms and educated as to the pros and cons of using or not using them. It weighs on public health professionals, both health educators and promoters, to take on this task. Condom use behavior in minority populations at risk for contracting HIV is currently a hot topic, and one that deserves our attention. The multitude of general factors at play, and the specific ones affecting condom use among indigent men and women who are at higher risk of contracting and subsequently spreading human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), must be considered in some detail. White public health professionals are usually far removed from the more logical, “insider” thought frames employed by public health professionals with minority backgrounds. Nonetheless, they, too, must be educated in the ways, sexual behaviors, and cultural habits and mores of minority populations, so that they can contribute to the frontline ranks of those trying to interdict the spread of a burgeoning HIV pandemic.

The intention of minority group members, whether they are male or female, to engage in risky sexual behavior and to employ or not employ condoms is another way of gauging their “readiness” to engage in such activities. Intention, or readiness, is determined by the attitudes of minority groups to use condoms and their knowledge of the consequences of not using them, the subjective norms of minority group men and women, that is, their beliefs about how people they care about will view their reckless sexual behavior and, specifically, their refusal to use condoms to prevent the spread of HIV, and the perceived behavioral control of minority group men and women that they are in control of their own sexual practices and choose not to use condoms of their own volition. The subjective norms

discussed above must be fully understood by public health professionals, for it is here that culture enters the picture. What might make perfect public health and cultural sense to minority community members and health educators with minority backgrounds, might run countercurrent to health professionals of more affluent stock. Making sense to someone born and raised in an urban ghetto, where survival of the young comes at a premium and where the rules and the “laws of the jungle” oftentimes prevail, requires an understanding that goes far deeper than the sterilized script of a college or professional text. Also, sexual practices and mores differ from one cultural group to another, and nowhere is this more clearly seen than in minority groups.

As many readers are well aware, when minority groups decide to go against the grain of scientifically-proven, health practices, like condom use, for example, there must be good reason, recurring cultural beliefs, social precedents, or simply nagging hopelessness or desperation for them to do so. We must first understand those motivations and the cultural context that engenders them, before we can intervene as good public health professionals. Theories of risky behavior modification mean nothing, if culture is not an integral part of the equation. “Condemning the condom” is a matter of free choice, but, only after public health education has been adequately imparted, and that choice and its repercussions clearly laid out.

Some loaded guns are no less dangerous because they kill over time. Sometimes all that is needed to prevent a tragic ending is a living, breathing, and culturally-sensitive instruction manual, fully versed in the ways and means of a specific community.

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8	9	10	11 1878: State's first all-black college opens (Alta Vista)	12	13	14
15 1924: Charles Lindbergh starts pilot training at Brooks Field in San Antonio.	16	17	18	19	20 1687: La Salle lands in Texas instead of finding the mouth of the Mississippi.	21
22	23 1908: Movie actress Joan Crawford is born in San Antonio.	24	25	26	27	28
29 1955: Football player Earl Campbell is born in Tyler.	30	31				

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## Run

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support of the scholarship fund, the event also included a one mile fun walk as well as some competitive divisions. The overall best male finisher in the 5K run was Daniel Flores with a time of 16:57.2. The top female finisher was Sonia Vasquez with a time of 19:55.2. A team trophy was awarded to Mountain View High School for the team with most participants. For more information about the Clint ISD Scholarship Fund or to donate, please contact the Public Relations Department at 926-4058.

**OFF AND RUNNING** – About 200 runners braved the cold to participate in the Clint ISD Super Scholars 5K Run. The event raised over \$10,000 for scholarships that will be given to graduates beginning this year. People can make donations directly to the fund by contacting the District.



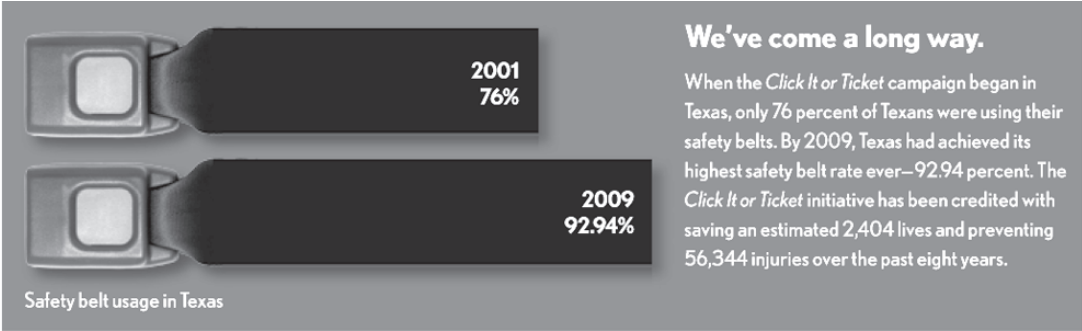
**SUPER RUNNER** – Clint ISD Superintendent Edward Gabaldon finished the 5K run with arms raised and a smile.

## Museum

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museum, ways to advance American Latino life, art, history and culture, potential impact on regional Latino museums and general interest in the potential creation of a National American Latino Museum. “A primary theme heard clearly throughout the public engagement process was that Latinos are an integral part of this nation. There is an urgency, desire and need for a Latino museum in Washington D.C.,” Vasquez said. “The Commission will submit a report with its findings and recommendations to Congress in early 2011,” he stated. From its first meeting, the Commission has been engaged with officials in the various Smithsonian Institution museums and offices. In addition, other museums in Washington, D.C. and around the country have provided important information to the Commission as it gathers data and suggestions for its report to Congress, Vasquez said. Part of the Commission’s mandate is to identify the type of content a

potential museum would house. According to Vasquez, the vision of the museum is to showcase American Latino art indigenous to the United States. “While this art is certainly influenced by Latin American artists, this museum will be uniquely American in its outlook,” he stated. Another aspect of the Commission’s mandate is to research and strategize on possible funding sources and make recommendations for the report to Congress. Fundraising consultants have been hired to assist the Commission in evaluating how much of a funding base exists in the private sector and among ordinary citizens. In the recent past, a mixture of private and public monies has funded new national museums coming online. The Congressional act that established the Commission also defined among the Commission’s tasks to include an assessment of sites for a potential museum in Washington, D.C. and its environs. A site assessment study is underway now and a recommended museum location in Washington, D.C. or its environs will be submitted to Congress as part of the Commission’s report. “From growing up in a border community to working in some of the country’s most scenic places, the opportunity to work on a project of this significance is an honor that I am aware will have an impact for generations,” Vasquez said. “The contributions of Hispanics over more than 500 years are not fully appreciated. Important stories have been untold, under told, or all together forgotten. To have the opportunity to illuminate the American story for all is the privilege of a lifetime,” Vasquez concluded. For more information, you can go online to the National Museum of the American Latino Commission website (<http://americanlatino.museum.gov/index.html>).



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### Who’s still not buckling?

While Texas is well ahead of the national safety belt usage rate of 84 percent, the Texas Department of Transportation estimates there are still more than a million Texas motorists who have yet to get into the habit of always buckling up:

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STRANGE BUT TRUE  
By Samantha Weaver

- It was American radio and TV writer and commentator Andy Rooney who made the following sage observation: “Computers make it easier to do a lot of things, but most of the things they make it easier to do don’t need to be done.”
  - The iconic 1980s video games Pac-Man and Ms. Pac-Man had 256 levels, though it’s been reported that on both of them, the 256th level has bugs that make it unplayable.
  - The earliest known examples of drinking straws were created out of gold and lapis lazuli by the ancient Sumerians. It seems they were used by royalty to drink beer, thereby avoiding the yeast residue left over from the fermentation process.
  - It takes 450 skilled workers to create a Steinway grand piano – and the piano is made up of about 12,000 individual parts.
  - If you are like 83 percent of adult Americans, you received a gift you didn’t want during the recent holiday season.
  - If you’re a heavy coffee drinker, you might want to consider the following: A study conducted in the United Kingdom found that those who reported the highest consumption of caffeine also were more likely to report hallucinations and other extrasensory experiences.
  - The Campbell’s Soup portraits created by Andy Warhol have become icons of the Pop Art movement, and today they sell at auction for upward of \$10 million. They weren’t always so well-regarded, however; in 1962, actor Dennis Hopper (a visionary art collector, it seems) purchased one of the first examples for a mere \$75.
- Thought for the Day: “I have known a vast quantity of nonsense talked about bad men not looking you in the face. Don’t trust that conventional idea. Dishonesty will stare honesty out of countenance, any day in the week, if there is anything to be got by it.”  
– Charles Dickens

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San Elizario students give back with food drive

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Just before enjoying some time off during the holidays, students from Borrego Elementary School in the San Elizario Independent School District learned a valuable life lesson while also developing their love of reading during the annual canned food drive held by the campus. Students in 1st through 5th grades collected the cans of food from Nov. 30 to Dec. 14. The project was tied to the themes in their Book-of-the-Month selections featuring stories about gratitude and friendship.

“We wanted students to learn how to work as a team and understand the concept of giving thanks,” Claudia Castro, parent liaison, said. Castro stated that the canned food drive was integrated into the school’s monthly book selection and also included the participation of parent volunteers who were in charge of decorating the gift boxes.

A total of 837 cans were collected during the two-week period, which were then assembled into 10 food baskets. A random drawing was held among all the students at the campus for the food baskets while the three classes with the most cans donated received a free book for each student.

According to first year librarian Nancy Jacquez, students were excited about winning a book to take home during the canned food drive making it a very successful event thanks to their enthusiastic participation. The overall purpose of the activity, Jacquez added, was for students to give back to their community.

“We wanted the students to experience the act of giving and sharing with others during the holidays by giving a little of what they themselves have,” Jacquez concluded.

The ten baskets that were raffled off also included hams that were donated by El Paso Trailer Repair located in Horizon City.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**BOX IT UP –** San Elizario ISD Parent Liaison Claudia Castro loads boxes with food. The boxes included canned and other non-perishable food collected by Borrego Elementary students and a frozen ham donated by El Paso Trailer Repair.

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**CryptoQuip Answer**

When hip-hop tunes sound really phony and insincere, would you call that plastic rap?

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# Referees change bowl games with controversial calls

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

We’re into 2011 and that means we’re smack dab in the middle of the college football bowl season.

We’ve seen Notre Dame dominate Miami and we witnessed Alabama crush Michigan State. We also, unfortunately, saw BYU smack the Miners.

Some bowl games have been exciting; more have been boring and basically irrelevant.

But a couple moments from two of the games have really stood out because of their controversial endings.

They say that a referee does his best job when he isn’t even noticed.

Well let’s just say some of the guys in stripes were not only noticed – they should have received game balls after helping a couple teams to victories.

I’m all for keeping college players from acting like idiots on the field – especially after scoring a touchdown. I don’t like it when a player shows up an opponent or does something stupid to draw attention to himself.

When a college player does a dance in the end zone, or runs into the stands, or pulls out a prop of some kind, he should be given a penalty.

But what happened at the end of the Pinstripe Bowl between Syracuse and Kansas State was a complete travesty.

Syracuse led by eight points late in the game when Kansas St. scored a touchdown with 1:13 remaining.

Adrian Hilburn caught a 30-yard touchdown pass to get the Wildcats within a 2-point conversion of tying the game and potentially sending it to overtime.

The only problem was that as Hilburn ran through the end zone he gave a quick salute to the crowd. He didn’t salute and dance. He didn’t salute and throw the ball into the stands. He didn’t salute with any kind of attitude or flamboyant flair.

Not just one, but two flags were thrown on him for excessive celebration. I’ve seen more excessive behavior from a sloth.

The 15-yard penalty meant that Kansas St. now had to try the 2-point attempt from the 17-yard line instead of the two. They were unsuccessful and lost the game.

The referees explained that Hilburn was drawing attention to himself.

C’mon. I often wonder where the art of common sense has gone.

I’m sure many of you have seen college players do much more than a simple salute on the field and never draw a flag.

Again, if a player does something completely selfish to draw attention only to himself – I say throw 20 flags on him.

But decisions like this by referees just leaves a sour taste in the mouths of everyone watching.

A little common sense officials... we’ll salute you for it.

Then there was the utter confusion at the end of the Music City Bowl that still has me scratching my head.

Trailing 20-17 with no time outs left, the North Carolina Tar Heels were desperately trying to drive down the field for a game-tying field goal with less than a minute left.

The Tar Heels ran the ball to the 18-yard line and the clock started to tic down under 10 seconds.

North Carolina hustled to the line of scrimmage but just before they were going to snap the ball, their field goal team ran out on the field.

When the clock ran down to five seconds,

and then four, they realized they didn’t have enough time to kick it so they tried to run off the field. The Tar Heels now had about 15 guys on the field, everything fell apart, the clock ran down to :00 and Tennessee won the game 20-17.

Both coaches met on the field, shook hands and the game was over.

But of course, it wasn’t.

The faceless officials in the press box decided to look at the final second again and to everyone’s amazement, they put one more second on the clock and gave North Carolina a chance to attempt the game-tying kick after all.

Referees said that the quarterback received the snap with one second left and threw the ball to the ground.

North Carolina received a five-yard penalty and tried the kick. It was good and the Tar Heels went on to win the game in double overtime.

Technically, the call was correct, but officials admit that they may change the rule next season. The rule basically favored the team that committed the mistakes and the penalty at the end of the game.

Almost reminds you of our justice system.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Tebow: False prophet or mile-high messiah?

And so it was that on the first Sunday after Christmas, a star appeared to the faithful in Denver.

Hehadbeenheraldedforseemingly ages – blessed with a strong arm, fleet of foot and possessing a strong faith in God. This man is named Tim Tebow, but he has been called

“Tim Tremendous,” “the Mile-High Messiah” and “Touchdown Jesus” – a nickname the seriously evangelical Tebow must surely frown upon.

The Broncos have always inspired a certain kind of religious fervor among their followers. But it has been a long while since they

have been to the Promised Land, and despite a few promising starts from quarterback Kyle Orton, the Broncos lost their way in 2010. With the exception of an epic beat down of their division-rival Chiefs, the Broncos have seemingly played without soul or conviction (at least not the good kind).

And despite relatively good numbers, it was Orton banished to the sidelines and Tebow moved out of clipboard purgatory on Dec. 19. And despite a 39-23 road loss to the Raiders of Oakland, many fans saw a revelation on the field.

In that contest, Tebow hit on eight of his 16 passes, good for 138 yards, including a 33-yard touchdown pass. He also broke off a 40-yard touchdown run – the longest touchdown run for a quarterback in Broncos history and the longest touchdown in NFL history for a quarterback in his first start. But wait, Tebow became just the third quarterback in NFL history to throw for a touchdown of 30 or more yards and run for a touchdown of 40 or more yards in the same game. When you consider that this is the house that John Elway built, the numbers become even more staggering.

Then came his first win – a commanding performance in Denver where he rallied the Broncos from a 17-0 deficit at halftime, finishing with 308 passing yards, one touchdown pass and a fourth quarter rushing touchdown, which capped the comeback. It was only

two games, but fans saw enough in his arm and poise to get plenty excited about. His record-setting college career (including his mind-bending, Heisman Award-winning sophomore campaign) had already given him a faithful flock – his jersey is the best selling in the NFL and the most ever for a rookie – and they believe there is more to come.

Tebow, though enthusiastic, displayed his Christian humility.

“In the NFL, everything you do is an interview, and it is an audition,” he said after the game. “You always have to put your best foot forward. ... I will try to do nothing less, personally.”

The Denver faithful want to be made believers.

*Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.*

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 during the Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

1) 2ND Reading of Ordinance No. 0183 – Budget ordinance for the Town of Horizon City, Texas, Amendment No. 001.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for

attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Karen Ellefson  
City Clerk  
Town of Horizon City

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**Notice of Location**

The El Paso County Emergency Services District #1 (Horizon Fire Department) is located at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928. Phone (non-emergency): (915) 852-3204; E M E R G E N C Y : 911; Fax: (915) 852-4236; Ambulance

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To learn more about stroke, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit us online at [www.americanheart.org/tx](http://www.americanheart.org/tx)

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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 25. I have a serious case of GERD. I've been put on four different medicines. They aren't working. I also have palpitations throughout the day. I've been told by doctors and nurses that there is nothing dangerous about them. I'd like to know if this true. – J.C.

GERD – gastroesophageal reflux disorder – is heartburn. It's the upward spurting of stomach acid and digestive juices into the esophagus, the swallowing tube, a place that is not able to cope with these corrosive juices the way the stomach is.

Eliminate or go easy on foods that make GERD worse: citrus fruits; tomatoes; onions; carbonated drinks; spicy, fatty or fried foods; chocolate; peppermint; and caffeine. If you're overweight, weight loss lessens GERD symptoms. Don't lie down after eating. Don't smoke. Sleep with your head, chest and stomach on a slope by putting 6-inch blocks under the bedposts at the head of your bed. That position keeps stomach acid in the stomach. Don't wear anything that constricts your stomach, like tight pants or tight belts.

Medicines called "proton pump inhibitors" nearly completely turn off acid production. Nexium, Prevacid, Prilosec, Protonix, Aciphex and Dexilant are their names. If you still have heartburn while on these medicines, it's OK to use an antacid along with them.

If medicines fail, other causes of heartburn need consideration, things like bile reflux or eosinophilic esophagitis. If these conditions aren't found, then surgical treatment of GERD is an option that's open to you.

Palpitations mean a thumping or racing heart. They can be felt as a thud in the chest. The cause is an extra beat – or more correctly, a premature beat – one that comes before it should. The beat after a premature beat is delayed. During

the delay, the heart fills with more blood than usual, and that causes a thump in the chest when the heart empties. Premature beats are almost always innocent and need no treatment. You can believe your doctors and nurses.

The booklet on GERD explains this common malady and its treatment. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 501W, 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: Can you give me insight into the Hamman-Rich syndrome? My father passed away from it. – L.R.

I can tell you only a little, because only a little is known about it. It's a lung injury that comes on suddenly, with damage to the lung air sacs (the alveoli) and the spaces between the air sacs, the interstitium. The cause is unknown. Because of such destruction, oxygen cannot get into the blood. Patients are severely short of breath, have a fever and they cough. The only medicines are ones to keep the person going as best as possible. There is no cure medicine. Even with a ventilator, death happens to more than 60 percent of these patients.

It's an illness that reminds doctors that they don't have an answer for every malady. You and your family have my condolences.

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) 2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

- CENTENNIAL ACROSS**

1 "Home \_" ('90 film)

6 Faithful

11 Elated

15 Tighten the tent

18 Nigerian capital

19 Actress Verdugo

20 Paddled

22 Multipurpose vehicle

23 Photography event of 1900

26 "Unforgettable" name

27 Snicker sound

28 Mexican Mrs.

29 Have a mortgage

30 Attack

32 Sniggler's quarry

34 Baseball's Piniella

35 TV's "Green \_"

37 Young follower?

41 Literary event of 1900

48 Roberts or Tucker

50 Only just

51 Olympic VIP

52 Med. test

53 Take in, perhaps

54 Big bang letters

55 Distress

56 Terror

57 Exhibition event of 1900

62 Solidarity city

64 Weldon or Wray

65 And others

66 Utah city

68 Way to go

69 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'\_"

70 Queler or Arden

71 Heavenly hunter

73 Meir's successor

75 Knight's wife

77 Clasp

78 Scale notes

81 Ease a situation

82 Musical event of 1900

86 Huck's craft

87 Service div.

89 " \_ Doll" ('64 hit)

90 Urania's sister

91 Skater Midori

92 Act catty?

94 Anesthetic type

97 Object

98 Transportation event of 1900

102 90 Across' instrument

103 Moshe of Israel

104 Shady character?

105 High peak

107 Multivoiced Mel

109 Coach Parseghian

110 Favorite

113 \_ terrier

117 Massage

118 Culinary event of 1900

124 Every last bit

125 Humpback's home

126 Luncheonette lure

127 Gawk

128 Payable

129 Makes lace

130 Actor Gary

131 Detection device

**DOWN**

1 TV ET

2 Cafe au \_

3 Fairy-tale fiend

4 Snack

5 Cosmetician

Lauder

6 Papal name

7 Auto pioneer

8 Century segment

9 "Lonely Boy" singer

10 Research site

11 Become an adult

12 Rob of "Wayne's World"

13 Barley beard

14 "Agnus \_"

15 Word in a Dostoyevsky title

16 Coup d'\_

17 See 115 Down

21 Rubble

24 Boat bottom

25 Commodious

31 Guitarist Paul

33 Tennis stroke

34 " \_ Abner"

35 Cain's victim

36 Actor Gulager

37 Rod

38 Actress Shire

39 Threshold

40 Bread and booze

42 Upset

43 Bond foe

44 New York team

45 "Raid on Entebbe" weapon

46 Rub out

47 Bogarde or Benedict

49 Apollo's sister

55 Veneration

56 Hawthorne's was marble

58 Make amends

59 Mideastern letters

60 Fly a chopper

61 Trams transport it

62 Barbecue

63 Drew while distracted

67 Connecticut native

69 Border on

70 Aussie walker

72 Hugo's "Le \_ s'amuse"

73 Lasso

74 Priced right

76 Canine grp.

78 Full of froth

79 Pianist Schnabel

80 A little night music?

81 Wet blanket

83 Junket

84 Fade away

85 Songwriter Jacques

87 English architect

88 \_ deco

92 '60 Hitchcock classic

93 Actress Thurman

94 Like some energy

95 Petite pooch

96 Thompson or Salonga

99 Rocker Whitcomb

100 August shows

101 554, to Tiberius

106 Preserve a petunia

107 Nail type

108 Berg opera

109 Blind as -

110 Callao's country

111 Desire deified

112 Use a stopwatch

114 Division word

115 With 17 Down, famed saxophonist

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119 Pretend

120 "Cry \_ River" ('55 song)

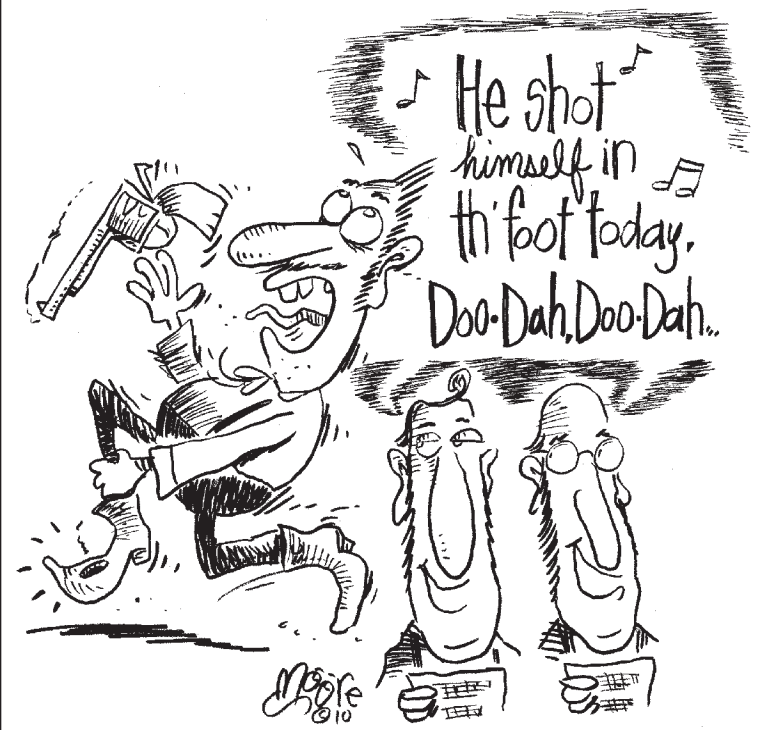
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123 Augsburg article
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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore **1887 : the United SINGING and SHOOTING Club was formed in Grapetown Texas. The head guy was the " Big Shot " I reckon...sorry.**



**GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

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

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**DIFFICULTY: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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**Social Security Q&A** By Ray Vigil

*Q: How much of a difference will it make if I defer retirement benefits until age 70?*

A: It can be significant. Let's say your full retirement age is 66 and your monthly benefit starting at that age is \$1,000. If you choose to defer receiving benefits until age 70, you would increase your monthly benefit amount to \$1,320. That's almost an extra \$4,000 each year for the rest of your life. This increase is from delayed retirement credits you get for your decision to postpone receiving benefits past your full retirement age. The benefit amount at age 70, in this example is 32 percent more than you would receive per month if you chose to start getting benefits at full retirement age. And, this higher benefit would continue for as long as you live. You can estimate your future benefits at different ages using our Retirement Estimator at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator).

*Q: Does Social Security provide special services or information for people who are blind or visually impaired?*

A: Yes. Social Security offers a number of services and products specifically designed for people who are blind or visually impaired.

**Special Notice Option**

If you are blind or visually impaired, you can choose to receive notices

and other information from Social Security in ways that may be more convenient for you. To find out more about this service, go to our page, If You Are Blind Or Visually Impaired—Your Choices For Receiving Information from Social Security, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/notices](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/notices). In addition, if you have a question about a Social Security notice you receive, you may call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, or call or visit your local Social Security office and ask us to read it to you.

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*Q: I was told Social Security will pay Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to children who were born prematurely. Is this true?*

A: SSI is for people with low income and resources and in most cases the income and resources of the parent(s) would be considered for a child. For children who meet the income and resource requirements, Social Security does provide SSI disability benefits to certain low birth weight infants, whether or not they are premature. Children who weigh less than 1,200 grams (about 2 pounds, 10 ounces) at birth can qualify for SSI on the basis of low birth weight. Children who weigh between 1,200 and 2,000 grams at birth (about 4 pounds 6 ounces) and who are considered small for their gestational age also may qualify. Even if children who were born prematurely do not fall into one of the low birth weight categories, they still may qualify for SSI if the evidence in their record shows that they meet the definition of disability for children for another reason. Go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability/child.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability/child.htm) for more information.

*Q: How do you replace a damaged Social Security card?*

A: While you can replace your Social Security card for free if it is lost or stolen, you may not have to do so. Knowing your Social Security number is what is most important. You may need a new card if you are starting a new job and your employer asks to see the card. For more information about getting a replacement card, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber).

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

**Briefs**

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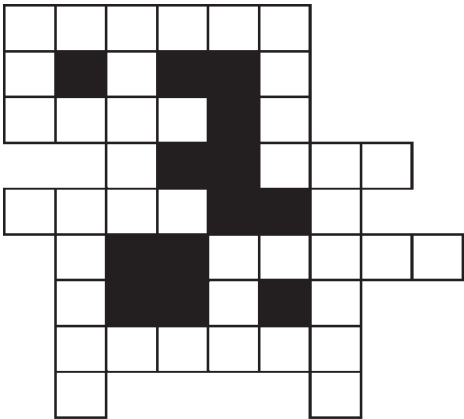
to return home from work. As the woman arrived home, Robles proceeded to sexually assault her and took money from her purse prior to leaving the apartment. Charges were filed a short time later and Robles has not been seen since. Robles has several contacts in El Paso and may still be in the area. Sheriff's officials are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Robles. 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.

**Orlando Robles**

— Deputy Jesse Tovar



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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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