

# NEWSBRIEFS

**Luncheon**  
The Southwest Character Council Monthly Luncheon will be held Wednesday, October 12th, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm at Great American Land & Cattle Company, 701 S. Mesa Hills, El Paso. The cost is just \$10 per person for lunch, networking and training. RSVP to (915) 779-3551 to reserve your spot, and make sure enough meals are prepared. Cash or check only please.  
– Kelly McCullough

**Crime Stoppers**  
The same suspects are believed to be dumping used truck tires in vacant lots and desert areas around town for the past several years, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” n Tuesday, August 23rd, 2011, about 10:30 in the morning, an officer from the Police Department’s Northeast Regional Command was dispatched to the intersection of Lincoln and Partello in regards to illegal dumping. Upon arrival the officer met a witness who said two men had just dumped approximately 30 large commercial truck tires in the vacant lot. This activity has been ongoing for several years. There is a fee to dispose of used tires properly, but the suspects involved simply dump tires wherever they can to avoid paying the fees. This not only creates an ugly eyesore for the neighborhoods where the dumping takes place, it also costs taxpayers a substantial amount of money to clean up afterwards. The suspects in this case were two Hispanic men driving a late model pickup, possibly Chevrolet, with a blue top, gray side panels, and towing a black trailer. There was also a 90’s model white car, possibly a Pontiac. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspects involved, or the location of their vehicles, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso 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.

– James Klaes

**Wanted**  
Thomas Alvarez, 19, who also uses JR and Chronic, is week’s Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 6’1” tall and weighs 256 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. He has tattoos on both arms. He is wanted for a violent assault and continuously violating a protective order. Alvarez has threatened to harm his ex-wife and physically assaulted her brother, punching him with closed fists numerous times and continued to repeatedly kick him as he fell to ground. Alvarez quickly fled the scene. He has since failed to show for court and is wanted for the offense of

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*The constitution guarantees free speech, it does not guarantee listeners.*  
– Quips & Quotes



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**HOME AT LAST – U.S. Army Honor Guard members carry the casket that holds the remains of Corporal Eduardo Pedregon from the hearse to the San Elizario Presidio Chapel.**

## Hundreds attend San Eli’s Fallen Hero ceremony

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The last time friends and family members saw Eduardo Pedregon was in 1948, when he came home just after completing U.S. Army basic training at Fort

Ord, California. He was home for a couple of weeks, then, he left to report to his next duty station.

On October 1, 2011, Corporal Pedregon finally returned home again, as more than 700 persons gathered to pay their respects during a special memorial service held at the San Elizario Presidio Chapel, where he was

baptized.

Displaying American flags, over 300 ROTC cadets from San Elizario, Clint, Socorro, and Fabens high schools and nearly 50 local veterans lined the main street to salute and honor Pedregon, as 100 members of the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club escorted the hearse to the chapel.

The 19 year-old San Elizario soldier went missing in 1950 during the Korean War. Pedregon served with the Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment. On November 30, 1950, he was reported missing in the battle for the Chosin Reservoir, when the regiment was attacked for four nights and three days

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## Physicians urge flu vaccines for all

By Brent Annear  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – As flu season approaches, Texas Medical Association (TMA) physicians want to remind Texans to get vaccinated against this potentially serious, even fatal illness. For patients who are needle-phobic, there are new ways to get vaccinated.

“The flu vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting yourself and those around you,” says Jason Terk, MD, a pediatrician and chair of TMA’s Council on Science and Public Health.

In 2009, the H1N1 influenza virus caused a global pandemic leading to 18,138 deaths worldwide, according to the World Health Organization. This season’s flu vaccine protects against this strain plus two other flu strains: Influenza B virus and an influenza H3N2-like virus.

In addition to the traditional flu shot, two different options are available now:

- The new intradermal vaccine uses a 90-percent smaller needle than the regular flu shot for injection into the skin instead of the muscle. It is appropriate for people ages 18 to 64.
- FluMist® is a nasal spray that carries a weakened version of the flu virus. It is available for healthy people who are not pregnant, ages 2 to 49.

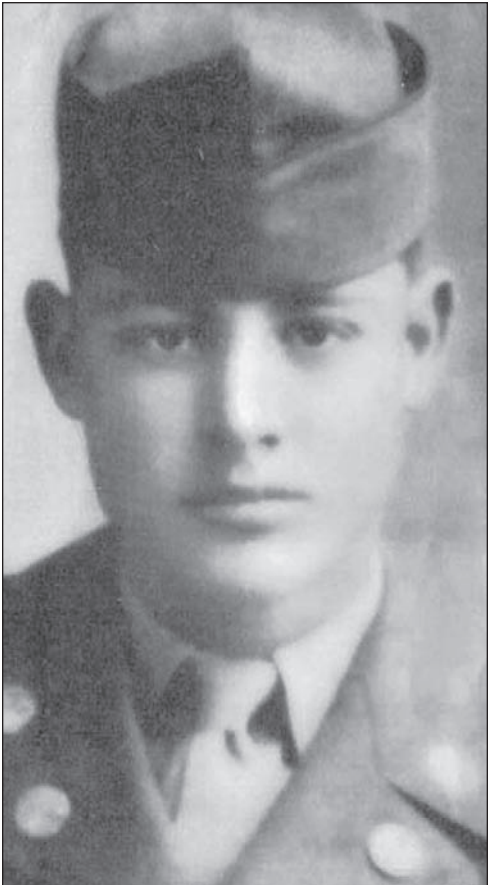
TMA urges all Texans to talk with their doctor to determine which vaccination method is best for them.

“Regardless of which option they choose, everyone ages 6 months and older should get vaccinated against the flu,” says Terk. Vaccination is even more important for older people, young children, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease because all of these groups are at greater risk for serious complications if they get sick from the flu.

An extra benefit for pregnant women who get vaccinated is that the vaccine protects not only the mother but also her unborn baby – even after the baby is born, up to 6 months of age.

Seniors, many of whom have weakened immune systems, can benefit this year from the new high-dose vaccine. This vaccine has four times more antigen than the regular flu vaccine. Antigen helps the body build up defenses against the flu. The high-dose vaccine is available to those 65 and older for an extra immune-system boost.

A single flu shot provides protection for the entire flu season, which often starts in early October and lasts until late May. Terk says it takes two weeks for the body to develop resistance to the flu after vaccination. “Get the shot before the flu virus starts spreading, so you can build up immunity in case you are exposed,” he advises.



Eduardo Pedregon

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Agent Orange list

The Department of Veterans Affairs has added ships to the list of those carrying veterans presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange. This is a welcome change that will save veterans a lot of legwork in hunting for very old documentation in their quest for compensation benefits. The additions to the ship list include those that the VA has confirmed either sent crew ashore, docked or traveled the inland waterways in Vietnam.

The specifics: The ships were Navy and Coast Guard that were operating in the waters off Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975. Being on a ship in an open water harbor does not count. There are now 14 illnesses recognized as presumptive for Agent Orange exposure. This means you don't have to prove a link between your exposure and illness, only that you were there.

Online, the long way to get there is: [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/) or take a shortcut by going to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and putting "Ships List" in the search box. The first three items that show up are what you're looking for: "List of Ships Associated with Presumptive Agent Orange Exposure," "Alphabetized Ships List" and "Ship Not on the List?"

An odd thing: The VA press release on this topic says that veterans who have evidence such as "deck logs, ship histories, and cruise book entries" should scan and send them to 211\_AOSHIPs.VBACO@va.gov. It's almost as if the VA is looking for more proof of exposure.

Additionally, the National Archives is collecting deck logs and more. Go to [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) and put "dock logs Vietnam" in the search box. You'll find a lot of resources. Be sure to read the blogs: Archives staffers actually post responses to queries.

If you need help proving your exposure aboard a ship, call the Special Issues Helpline at 1-800-749-8387 and press 3.

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View from here

By Texas Comptroller Susan Combs

Big government endangers the State's economy

The Texas economy has weathered some rough times in the last few years – and proven its durability. But we still face some serious challenges.

Some of them we can't do anything about, such as the drought and the wildfires it spurred. In a natural disaster, you can't do much more than move people to safety and help them start to heal.

But there's another, slow-motion disaster rolling through Texas right now that we can and should fight. It's an avalanche of federal environmental regulations – a tangled web of requirements that threaten to put the brakes on our economy and trample on the rights of Texas property owners.

I hope I don't need to tell you that Texans care deeply for the health of our land and water. I'm a fourth-generation rancher myself, and I know that private landowners are the best stewards of their own property.

When I warn about federal regulation, it's not to oppose good-faith efforts to protect our environment. It's to highlight a regulatory process that often relies on flawed or nonexistent science, and sometimes seems intended to punish our state rather than to help it.

Need some examples? Look at the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) new "cross-states" air pollution rule, which takes effect next January.

It targets nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide that travel across state lines. It will slam our state disproportionately. Texas plants produce only 11 percent of the sulfur dioxide released by the states addressed by the rule, but Texas is being ordered to absorb 25 percent of the reductions.

Luminant, the state's largest power generator, already has announced that the cross-state rule is forcing it to idle two generating units and halt operations at three lignite mines, for a loss of 500 Texas jobs.

The rule also may raise electricity rates – and compromise the reliability of an already overextended power grid. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), which operates the state's power grid, recently estimated that compliance with the cross-state rule would reduce the state's generation capacity by 1,200 to 1,400 megawatts during the peak load months of June, July and August.

And this is despite the fact that, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, EPA's own models indicate that our emissions don't significantly affect other states.

The agency didn't include Texas in many of the rule's requirements until it adopted the final version, thus denying us the opportunity to provide comments on its impact. Now EPA has issued a supplemental proposal to include six more states in the rule – and they're receiving the proper notice Texas was denied.

Another cause for concern is EPA's proposed expansion of its jurisdiction through the Clean Water Act. Right now, the act covers navigable waterways and permanent, adjacent tributaries and wetlands. Congress failed to pass the Clean Water Restoration Act to remove "navigable" from this definition, so in May 2011 EPA came up with an end run around the law, proposing "guidance" that could extend its authority to intermittent streams, isolated wetlands – anything from a ditch on up, basically.

And EPA did this without presenting a single scientific argument as to why its current authority over our surface waters is inadequate.

Extended clean-water authority could make many more Texas construction projects subject to permitting by EPA and the U.S. Corps of Engineers, with all the uncertainty, project delays and mitigation costs that implies.

Perhaps the most egregious example of federal overreach, however, is the full-tilt expansion of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in Texas. Right now, more than 100 species found here are under review for ESA listing or habitat changes over the next five years.

And it's become clear that many listing decisions made by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) are being driven by litigation by various pressure groups rather than by sound science. Time and again, we've found that the science is incomplete at best.


More recently, FWS has proposed the dunes sagebrush lizard for protection under the ESA, despite a near-total lack of scientific data on the animal's range or numbers. ESA protection can severely limit economic activity in species habitat – which, in this case, includes the Permian Basin, source of 20 percent of the nation's oil and gas and tens of thousands of high-paying Texas jobs.

In the face of exponentially rising federal regulation, it's important for all Texans to remain aware of events in this contentious arena.

I urge all Texans to visit our new website, Keeping Texas First ([KeepingTexasFirst.org](http://KeepingTexasFirst.org)) to learn more about the potential impact of federal environmental regulation on our state – and what you can do to ensure that your voice is heard.

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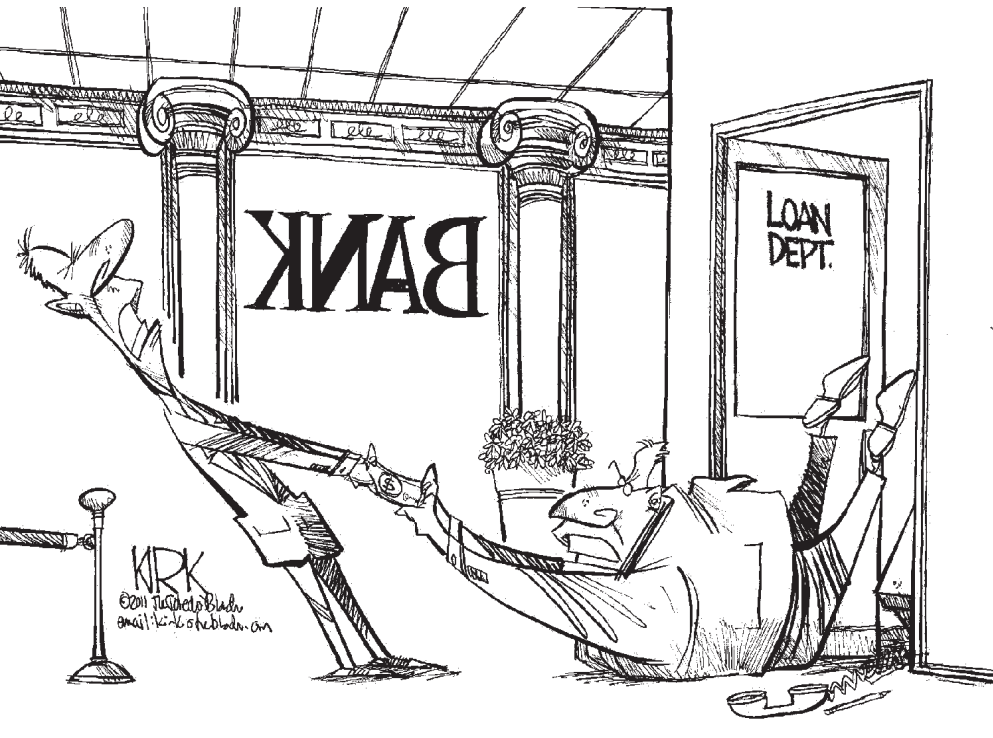
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Water issues on ballot

Hola, mi gente. Every November that follows a legislative session, this year being the 82nd in the history of Texas, we have a limited election to approve or disapprove changes to the constitution. This year there are ten amendments.

Constitutional amendment number two has the potential for benefitting El Paso County positively. In the past, the bonds approved by voter for the Water Development Board have resulted in water and sewer connections in communities without them.

For example, millions of dollars of bonds approved three years ago were available for putting sewer lines in the Montana Vista area. Unfortunately, the county leadership failed to act on the money until my office called a meeting in the community. Finally, after that nudge, the county started working with the El Paso Water Utilities in applying for the initial monies for the sewer system.

If the bond amendment is passed, we will need a new mindset at the County Commissioners Court that aggressively pursues these bonds. If not we can watch the rest of Texas taking the money.

The new constitutional amendment will allow the state to have a continuous fund for water projects. Previously, the fund was approved for a certain amount of money; once it was spent, the program ended.

Since the state may be under a drought condition for up to seven more years, it is a good idea to have this amendment passed. The money is well invested, well managed and can be good for El Paso County.

Proposition number eight is a rather tricky

change to the constitution. Currently, any land that is used for agriculture is appraised at a lower value than other land. Instead of valuing the land at its highest potential, the land is appraised for tax purposes on set guidelines for the usage. Taxing entities (schools, counties, water districts) receive less revenues.

The proposed change to the constitution by this resolution will include open land that is used for water conservation to be taxed in the same manner. This will mean even less revenue for operation schools, counties and water districts.

The item on the ballot for your consideration does not define what defines the open land water conservation programs, but Senate Bill 449 does. It appears that several conditions may allow in order to qualify for the new lower appraisal. On the negative side of the argument, it is stated that this new standard duplicates what is already in place. If implemented, it may even allow an agricultural use to expire on a particular piece of land yet continue the same appraisal standard.

Although the encouragement of water conservation is important, I am fearful that this could in the long run place a higher burden on property poor school districts, counties and water districts.

The date for this election is November 8, a Tuesday. This election is just as important as are the elections for public office. Please don't shrug it off. Vote!

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

Free flu mist times, locations

Free flu mist immunizations will be available to underserved school children in El Paso County through Nov. 19. Immunize El Paso, The Caring for Children Foundation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas are working together to provide this service. In addition to children's flu vaccinations, the group is also offering flu vaccines to adults. To help offset the cost of vaccination for adults, Medicare and many major insurance plans are accepted. The *Courier* will continue run the schedules on a regular basis.

Monday, Oct. 10

• 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Proaction Emergency Services Institute, 6585 Montana Building S, 79925

Tuesday, Oct. 11

• 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., El Paso High School, 800 East Schuster Street, 79902  
• 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Hornedo Middle, 6101 Highridge, 79912  
• 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Clint ISD Central Office, 14521 Horizon Blvd, 79928  
• 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Mesita Elementary, 3307 North Stanton, 79902

Wednesday, Oct. 12

• 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Mitzi Bond Elementary, 250 Lindbergh, 79932  
• 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Lincoln Middle School, 500 Mulberry, 79932  
• 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Crockett Elementary, 3200 Wheeling, 79930  
• 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Johnson Elementary, 499 Cabaret, 79912  
• 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Clint High School, 12625 Alameda, 79836

Thursday, Oct. 13

• 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Paul Moreno Elementary, 2300 San Diego, 79930  
• 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., YMCA (Bowling Family), 5509 Will Ruth, 79924  
• 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., East Montana Middle, 3490 Ascencion, 79938  
• 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Ysleta Elementary, 8624 Dorbandt, 79907  
• 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Bonh a.m. Elementary, 7024 Cielo Vista Drive, 79925

Friday, Oct. 14

• 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., School Age Parent Center, 2300 Murchison, 79930  
• 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Logan Elementary, 3200 Ellerthorpe Avenue, 79904  
• 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Desert View Middle School, 1641 Billie Marie, 79936

Saturday, Oct. 15

• 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Zach White Elementary, 4256 Roxbury Drive, 79922

Monday, Oct. 17

• 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Franklin 9th Grade Center, 825 East Redd Road, 79912  
• 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Irvin High School, 9465 Roanoke, 79924  
• 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Coronado High School, 100 Champions Place, 79912  
• 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., REL Washington Elementary, 3505 North Lee Trevino, 79936

# Take a corn maze outing

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY – A fall day is ideal for leaving the city bustle and taking a family excursion to the Upper Valley’s 400 year-old Don Juan de Onate Trail in New Mexico. Soothing green vistas, a cool autumn breeze, and the scent of fresh air pervades the drive along the trail, also known as Highway 28.

Pecan groves, chile fields, acres of alfalfa, vineyards and horse farms flank the historic road. Just before one arrives at La Union NM (about five miles from Canutillo TX), Maldonado Farm’s Corn Maze lies west of the highway- over 19 acres of corn fields and seven acres of parking space. It’s a great place to stop the car, get out, and experience farm life.

Through November, the maze offers various attractions besides getting lost in the cornfields. Children of all ages can mingle with farm animals including ducks, rabbits, peacocks, goats; they can enjoy a jumping balloon party, or search for their pumpkins in the pumpkin patch, among other activities.



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

AMAZING FIELD - Emilio Mendoza, 7, and Sarah Basques, 11, emerge from the Maldonado Farm Corn Maze.

Under a huge white canopy tent, visitors can enjoy fresh foods, cold refreshments, and popular music- a perfect setting for a family picnic. The site is also available for group or school outings and parties. For hours of operation and prices call (915) 203-0515.

## Pedregon

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by the Chinese People’s Volunteer Forces.

In March, almost 61 years later, U.S. Army officials contacted the Pedregon family to inform them that the corporal’s remains had been identified. Arrangements were made through Congressman Silvestre Reyes’ office to hold the Saturday memorial service.

Pedregon will be buried with full military honors Thursday (October 6) at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Family members will be flown to Washington D.C. to attend the ceremony.

In the Corporal’s honor, the San Elizario veterans’ museum was re-named the Eduardo M. Pedregon Veterans Museum.



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

HONORING A SOLDIER – Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club motorcycles line the roadway while members attend the memorial service.

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**Rio Grande Council of Governments**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**FY 2012-2013 Solid Waste Grants Program**

A public meeting will be held by the Rio Grande Council of Governments ( R G C O G ) regarding the Solid Waste Management Grants program for fiscal year 2012-2013. Funding will be available to local governments, public schools, school districts, and general and special law districts with the authority and responsibility for water quality protection or municipal solid waste management for projects in the following categories:

- Local
- Other

Environmental Law Enforcement

- Litter/Illegal Dumping Cleanups and Community Collection Events
- Source Waste Reduction and Recycling
- Citizens’ Collection Stations and “Small” Registered Transfer Stations
- Household Hazardous Waste Management
- Technical Studies
- Educational and Training Projects

RGCOG staff will explain the goals and objectives of the regional plan, the recommended grant categories, the availability of grant funding to local governments, and the Request for Applications process. Public comment is invited regarding the recommended priorities for funding and the proposed funding plan. Questions or comments regarding eligible activities, proposal review procedures, and private industry concerns will also be welcomed.

Meeting location, date, and time are as follows:

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. (MDT)**

**Rio Grande Council of Governments**

**6th Floor Main Conference Room**

**1100 N. Stanton St., El Paso, Texas 79902**

Persons unable to attend the meeting are invited to submit written comments to the Rio Grande Council of Governments, Attention: Korina Navarro, 1100 N. Stanton St., Suite 610, El Paso, Texas 79902, or fax their comments to: (915) 356-1697.

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# Almost everything in college sports revolves around money

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Being a writer I naturally believe that words mean things.

I also believe that when you something, you should mean it – or have the self-control not to say it at all.

Saying all this, I was amused, intrigued and quite confused by a statement put out by NCAA president Mark Emmert last week.

The Associated Press interviewed Emmert about a number of topics, but one really caught my ear.

However, my brain is still trying to unravel his words and his intentions.

Concerning all the talk lately about colleges changing conferences and the possibility of players getting paid – he was worried that this might give the people out there the perception that collegiate athletics are all about the money.

Nahhhhhh. Mr. Emmert... what ever gave you the idea that college athletics have become all about the money?

He actually said that college athletics is

not the NFL, the NBA, and that it was not a business.

I’m sorry but has this gentleman been living on Saturn the last 20 years. He may be the only person on the planet who doesn’t believe that college athletics is a business and nothing but a business.

And he’s in charge of the whole business.

Emmert said that because of all this talk about realignment, colleges were afraid of being left out in the cold. He said all they were doing was assuring themselves a place at the table.

But he insists that money was not spearheading all this movement.

Yeah, and I’ll bet greed had nothing to do with the housing-market crash.

Emmert made it clear that there was nothing wrong with finding more revenue, as long as it is used properly and doesn’t add to the perception that college sports is all about the bottom line.

I know that politicians think we’re stupid, but now the president of the NCAA thinks we’re all complete morons.

I had to laugh out loud when I read his next quote, “We shouldn’t say money isn’t important, it is very important to fund

intercollegiate athletics because universities can no longer afford to take money out of their regular budgets to subsidize sports. Money’s not evil. It’s what you do with the money that’s evil.”

I’ve got news for Emmert, everything about college athletics starts with the money.

Whether it’s bigger stadiums, better TV deals, realignment, recruiting, scheduling, ticket sales, the rising cost of tickets and concessions, coach’s salaries, luxury box suites, parking fees, the stupid postseason bowl system, the BCS or corporate sponsorships.

Please don’t insult my intelligence and the intelligence of millions of sports fans by trying to deflect the talk about greed toward more honorable things like dignity, integrity and school pride.

Those virtues took a back seat to the almighty dollar a long time ago and for Emmert to try to convince us otherwise is an insult and unbecoming a man of his position.

Let’s just say his credibility factor has taken a big hit.

We all know it’s about the money.

We may not like it but we’ll cope with it like we’ve adjusted to the designated hitter,

more soccer on TV, less boxing on TV, MLB inter-league play, 6-win teams playing in bowl games, play-in games for the NCAA tournament, the WNBA, the new Tiger Woods, the NFL without Peyton Manning, Danika Patrick and Michelle Wie, the length of the NBA and NHL playoffs and steroids.

To say that college sports is not about the money is like a lawyer saying he’s defending someone because he believes in his client.

No, no, no, it’s because he was able to come up with the money. Finding justice is always secondary.

The college presidents don’t care where this realignment leads their product, just like lending institutions didn’t care where the housing industry would eventually go.

All they cared about is bringing in more money and bringing it in now.

And the sooner Emmert comes clean with that, the sooner he can realistically deal with it.

But I think you and I know that he’ll continue to act like President Obama and try to convince you not to believe your eye and believe his words.

Some day Emmert will learn that actions speak much louder than words.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### What if...

There are large swathes of the Internet devoted to the “what-if” scenario. Such as, what would the world be like if Lincoln or Kennedy weren’t assassinated? What would the world be like if someone just kicked over the ladder of a young

Austrian painter named Hitler?

And what would the sporting world – the entire world for that matter – be like if Cassius Clay didn’t get back up after Henry Cooper floored him in 1963 at Wembley Stadium?

Thanks to the wonders of YouTube you can see the fight for yourself, and it’s pretty astonishing to see. Clay – who had yet to metamorphose

into Muhammad Ali – was a brash young fighter, an Olympic gold medal winner, and top contender for the heavyweight title. His trainer, the great Angelo Dundee, had carefully selected his opponents, and they were clearly no match for Clay. “The Louisville Lip” insisted he was the “greatest of all time!” and went so far as to predict the round he would knock out “the bum!”

Cooper wasn’t in the same class as Clay either, but the former British, European and Commonwealth heavyweight champion had two weapons at his disposal. The first was a willingness to brawl like he just got kicked out of a pub. He could take a punch and he would go “knuckle to knuckle” with you, trading punches all night. And he had a killer left hook – “Henry’s Hammer.”

The fight begins with Ali predicting Cooper’s demise in five rounds. The partisan British crowd cannot wait

to see Cooper shut the man up in the ring. But in the first moments of the first round, it is easy to see that Cooper is overmatched. Clay floats effortlessly around the ring, his left jab is a blur... there’s no way any human being within his reach can avoid that punch. And Clay hits early, hits hard, and hits often.

Cooper keeps coming in, trying to scrap, desperately throwing a few windmills and haymakers, typically when the ref goes to break the fighters, but it’s to no avail. By the fourth round, Cooper’s left eye is cut and Clay is just toying with the man, as if he’s holding him up just to make his prediction come true.

And then Cooper lands the left hook and positively floors Clay, knocks him halfway across the ring. Clay’s head catches the bottom rope, or there is little doubt he would have been knocked unconscious. And then Dundee saved the world... by cheating.

Clay is saved by the bell. He wobbles to his feet, and Dundee – in violation of the rules – guides him back into his corner. They douse him with water, give him smelling salts. Clay tries to stand up – he’s dead on his feet. Finally, Dundee calls over the ref, not to throw in the towel, but to call for timeout because somehow Clay’s left glove has a 2-inch rip in it – as if by a razor.

Time out is called. Five minutes later, Clay is back in the ring, and the fight is stopped when he opens Cooper’s eye.

Put that in perspective. Everything you know about boxing... gone in five minutes in Wembley. But that’s not how the story goes.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Clint Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, October 19, 2011, in the Central Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Clint Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

WTCC: 09/29/11 & 10/06/11

## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2011 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Canutillo Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

WTCC: 10/06/11

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## Briefs

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Assault/Family Violence and Violation of a Protective Order. He is also wanted on unrelated Burglary of Habitation (2009) and Theft of Property charges (2011). Information received as of last week (09/22) indicates



Thomas Alvarez

Alvarez has once again violated the protective order and authorities need your help to bring him to justice. Alvarez has family and friends in the El Paso and Dallas, TX areas. It is believed Alvarez frequents El Paso and has told authorities he will not turn himself in. Anyone with any information on the whereabouts of Alvarez can contact 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 Alvarez.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

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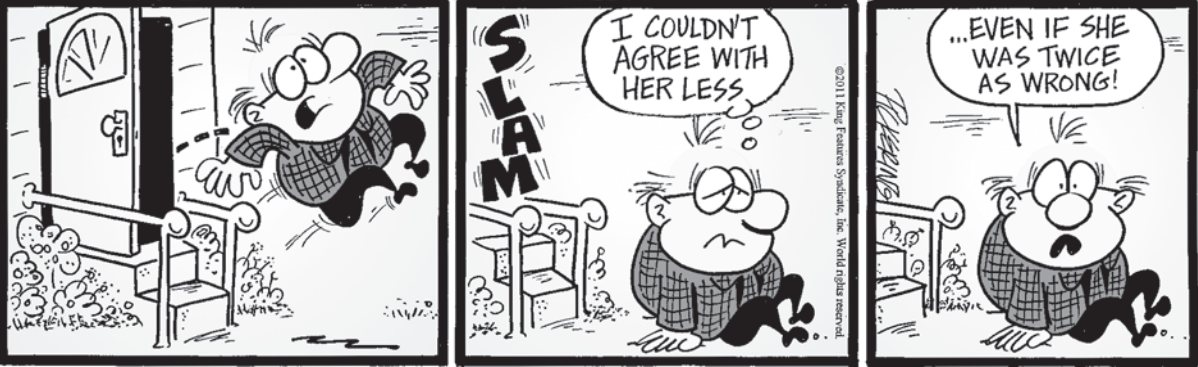
OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you please discuss heart fibrillation? I take a medicine for high blood pressure. Medicines for atrial fibrillation made me wild. I also take warfarin for the fibrillation. I'd appreciate any information you have. – M.L.*

Atrial fibrillation is one of the most common heartbeat irregularities. The atria are the two upper heart chambers, the site of origin for the electric signal coming from the heart's inborn pacemaker and producing each heartbeat. Fibrillation is a rapid twitching of the heart muscle. The atria are not contracting; they're squirming. This decreases the heart's pumping power. More dangerously, it also leads to clot formation. Blood stagnates in the squirming atria. Stagnated blood clots. Those clots can be carried in the circulation to a brain artery, which they block. That's a stroke. That's why you take warfarin (Coumadin) – to prevent clotting (anticoagulation).

Aging, high blood pressure, heart artery disease, heart valve disorders and an overactive thyroid gland are some of the things that lead to fibrillation.

The goals of therapy are to slow the heart, establish a normal heartbeat and prevent a stroke. Sometimes, simply slowing the heart will restore normal heart pumping without ending the irregular beat. Anticoagulation (blood thinning) is still needed. I can't mention all the medicines used to control fib; there are too many. In place of medicines, a shock to the heart sometimes can restore a normal beat. Heart specialists also use a technique called ablation. They thread into the heart a special catheter that has the capability of creating tiny scars with radio waves or ultrasound waves or by freezing tissue. The scars form an impenetrable barrier to the renegade electric signals causing fibrillation.

The booklet on heartbeat

irregularities discusses atrial fib and the more common abnormal heartbeats. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 107W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Many months ago, my feet turned numb. The numbness has spread up to my knees. It has made me quite unsteady when I walk. My doctor can't find a cause or treatment for this. Can you suggest anything? – L.O.*

Your description fits peripheral neuropathy, a deterioration of nerve function, often of the leg nerves. The causes for it are many. Frequently, however, a precise cause can't be determined.

You need to make an appointment to see a neurologist as soon as you can.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What does it mean when there are bubbles in the toilet after urinating? Every time I urinate, foaming bubbles appear on the surface of the water. Is this an indication of a medical problem? If so, what should I do? – W.G.*

When you pour one liquid from a height onto another, bubbles form. That's normal.

If the bubbles are dense and as extensive as a head of beer, that can be an indication of protein in the urine. For those kinds of bubbles, a urinalysis, one of the cheapest lab tests, will confirm or refute the presence of urinary protein.

*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

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  - 23 Singer born 10/9/1940
  - 25 Writer born 10/16/1856
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  - 28 Catty remark?
  - 30 Wells or Tarbell
  - 31 " \_ the season..."
  - 32 Hall's partner
  - 36 Spring mo.
  - 37 Fan
  - 40 Time to crow?
  - 43 Cunning
  - 44 Sayer and Delibes
  - 46 Ballplayer Winfield
  - 47 Significant years
  - 48 Racer Luyendyk
  - 49 Composer Nino
  - 51 Bacteria
  - 54 Comic born 10/5/1924
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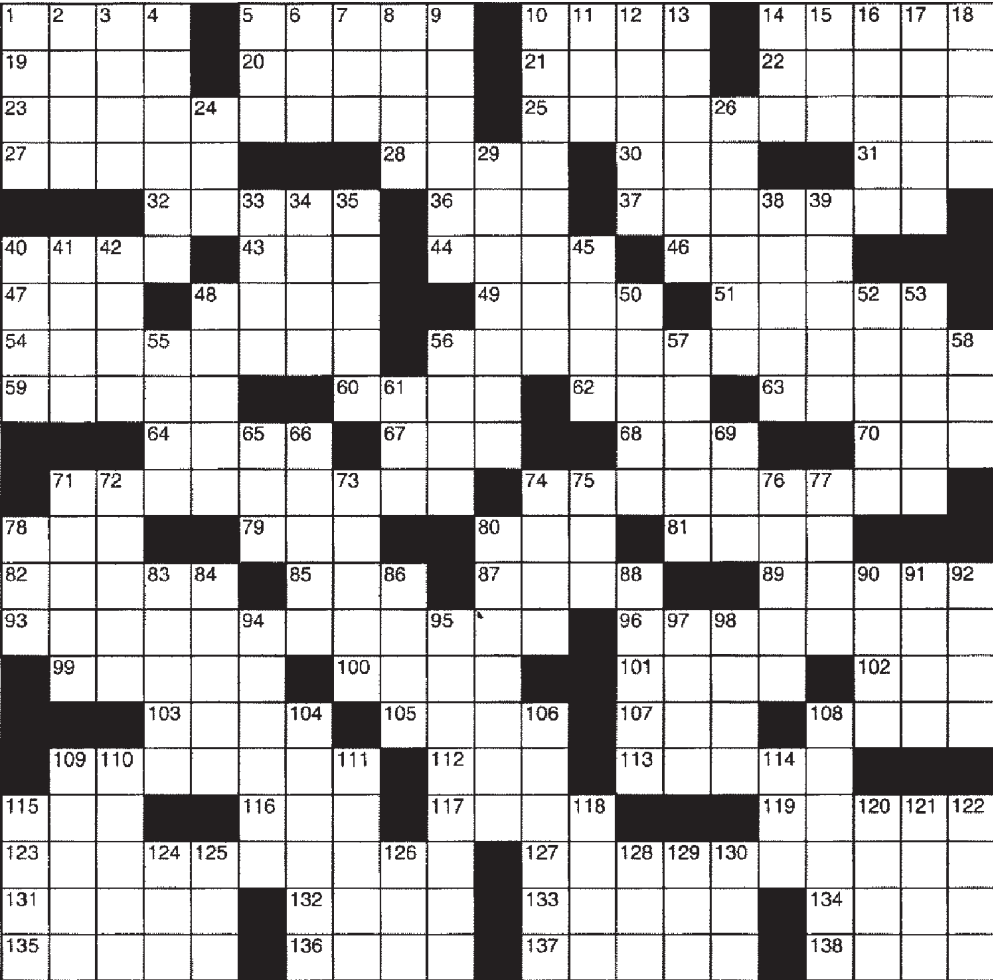
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- 82 College exams
- 85 Hurried
- 87 On the briny
- 89 Stringed instrument
- 93 Actress born 10/17/1918
- 96 Artist born 10/19/1937
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- 100 Stead
- 101 Bard's river
- 102 Maugham's "Cakes and \_"
- 103 Kind of oven
- 105 Valuable
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  - 136 Glasgow girl
  - 137 Adds lace
  - 138 Manuscript imperative
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  - 3 London area
  - 4 Kermit's creator
  - 5 Master
  - 6 Delivery truck
  - 7 Lodging
  - 8 Hang over
  - 9 Use a 103 Across
  - 10 Where to see models
  - 11 Terry-cloth inscription
  - 12 Spanish hero
  - 13 Rich
  - 14 Dachshund's dog
  - 15 Yalie
  - 16 Nick of "Cape Fear"
  - 17 Actress MacDowell
  - 18 Dregs

- 24 Where flocks frolic
- 26 Act like Attila
- 29 Function
- 33 Skater Lipinski
- 34 " \_ go brag!"
- 35 Cook clams
- 38 Manifest
- 39 \_ incognita
- 40 Labor leader
- Eugene
- 41 Notes from Verdi?
- 42 Room divider
- 45 Footfall
- 48 Confuse
- 50 Laotian native
- 52 "Now We Are Six" author
- 53 Greek lawmaker
- 55 Deficiency
- 56 Hirt hit
- 57 Turkish treat
- 58 Cobb and Hardin
- 61 "A mouse!"
- 65 Eccentric
- 66 Frank book
- 69 Nourished
- 71 Roger of baseball
- 72 Boiling
- 73 Go fishing
- 74 Big party
- 75 Check out
- 76 Poe crow
- 77 Kuwaiti ruler
- 78 Rocky hill
- 80 Grows up
- 83 Without care
- 84 Word with metal or music

- 86 Film \_
- 88 In pieces
- 90 Julie's "Doctor Zhivago" co-star
- 91 Composer Schifrin
- 92 Cut the payroll
- 94 Guru's grounds
- 95 Practical people
- 97 At any time
- 98 Soybean product
- 104 Tire type
- 106 Fit to feast on
- 108 Chicken servings
- 109 Singer Payne
- 110 Regional
- 111 Bamboo muncher
- 114 Kind of cross
- 115 Swamp stuff
- 118 Bird food
- 120 Castle ditch
- 121 Tivoli's Villa d' \_
- 122 Spare fare
- 124 Actor Tognazzi
- 125 Half of us
- 126 "M\*A\*S\*H" extras
- 128 Trail
- 129 "Hi, Horace!"
- 130 Berlioz's " \_ Troysen"

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**True Texas Facts** by Roger T. Moore  
Oct. 5, 1899-Ned Green drives the first car in Texas, from Dallas to Terrell. He averages 6 mph.



### 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.

**DIFFICULTY: ★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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## Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

### Public employees need to know...

We have important information that should be of interest to public employees.

If you work for an employer who does not withhold Social Security taxes from your salary, such as a government agency, the pension you get based on that work may reduce your Social Security benefits under the “Windfall Elimination Provision.”

This provision affects how the amount of your retirement or disability benefit is calculated if you receive a pension from work where Social Security taxes were not taken out of your pay. We use a modified formula to calculate your benefit amount, resulting in a lower Social Security benefit than you otherwise would receive.

Why a modified formula? The law requires we determine Social Security benefit amounts with a formula that gives proportionately higher benefits to workers with low lifetime earnings. Before 1983, people who worked mainly in a job not covered by Social Security had their Social Security benefits calculated as if they were long-term, low-wage workers. They had the advantage of receiving a Social Security benefit representing a higher percentage of their earnings, plus a pension from a job where they did not pay Social Security taxes. Congress passed the Windfall Elimination Provision to remove that advantage.

In addition to the Windfall Elimination Provision, there is another reduction that could make a difference in benefits a spouse, widow, or widower can receive.

If you pay into another pension plan and do not pay into Social Security, any spouse, widow, or widower benefits available through Social Security may be subject to a Government Pension Offset. Generally, if government employment was not covered by Social Security, any Social Security benefits must be reduced by two-thirds of the government pension amount.

Why? Benefits we pay to wives, husbands, widows and widowers are “dependent’s” benefits. These benefits were established in the 1930s to compensate spouses who stayed home to raise a family and who were financially dependent on the working spouse. Now it’s more common for both spouses in a married couple to work, each earning his or her own Social Security retirement benefit. The law has always required that a person’s benefit as a spouse, widow, or widower be offset dollar for dollar by the amount of his or her own retirement benefit.

Similarly, if this government employee’s work had instead been subject to Social Security taxes, any Social Security benefit payable as a spouse, widow, or widower would have been reduced by the person’s own Social Security retirement benefit.

Even if you do not receive monthly benefits based on your spouse’s work, you still can get

Medicare at age 65 on your spouse’s record if you are not eligible for it on your own record.

To learn more about the Windfall Elimination Provision, please read this fact sheet: [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10045.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10045.html)

To learn more about the Government Pension Offset, please read this one: [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10007.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10007.html).

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American artist and illustrator Florence Scovel Shinn who made the following observation: “The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later with astounding accuracy.”
- In 1811 and again in 1812, earthquakes caused the Mississippi River to temporarily reverse course.
- You might be surprised to learn that about a million Americans say they drink Coca-Cola for breakfast.
- The beaver is a rodent.
- If you’re like the average adult, when you’re sitting in a relaxed position, you inhale about one pint of air with every breath.
- The United States isn’t the only country that has an accolade to recognize excellence in the film industry. Here the awards are known as the Oscars, but other nations have their own names for the awards: In Canada they’re known as Genies, in France they’re Cesars, in Russia they’re called Nikas, in Mexico they’re Golden Ariels, in Spain they’re known as Goyas, and in the United Kingdom they’re called Orange British Academy Film Awards.

## 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: **M** equals **A**

ZN M DXRVC GXRMIX M YWZL MK  
GTMRV IMDZR, YCHTP UCH EXNXE  
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## FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

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EVLHO  
♥GLOE  
NEEVUA  
♥DNO  
♥GLUS  
VIDEI  
ATH  
♥DONGLE  
♥TEANO  
♥DHSA

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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OATES	APR	DEVOTEE	
DAWN	ART	LEOS	DAVE
ERA	ARIE	ROTA	GERMS
BILL	DANA	JAMES	HERRIOT
SALAD	MEAT	PIA	TALLY
GLOD	EVE	ALF	NOIS
MIKED	ITKA	BEN	VEREEN
TAR	DAR	MAY	ADAM
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RITA	HAYWORTH	PETER	MAX
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FLYTRAP	LED	TRUTH	
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