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NEWSBRIEFS

Service

The annual Clint Community Thanksgiving Service (non-denominational) will be held at Bond Methodist Church, 201 McKinney, 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011. All area residents are invited to attend. 851-3145

— Erma Nelson

COLA

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 60 million Americans will increase 3.6 percent in 2012, the Social Security Administration announced today. The 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that nearly 55 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2012. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2011. Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$110,100 from \$106,800. Of the estimated 161 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2012, about 10 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

— Ray Vigil

Sales tax

State sales tax revenue in October was \$1.87 billion, up 15.9 percent compared to October 2010. Strong growth in business sectors such as the oil and natural gas industry boosted sales tax revenue for yet another month. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 19 consecutive months. Sales tax also grew in the manufacturing industry, as well as consumer sectors such as the restaurant industry and retail trade. The state will send November sales tax allocations totaling \$580.1 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 7.1 percent compared to November 2010.

— Texas Comptroller Susan Combs

Crime Stoppers

Early in the morning following a large Halloween party in the far east part of El Paso County, shots were fired and two victims were struck, one of them fatally, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." Approximately 1:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, Sheriff's Deputies were called to the 1600 block of Jamin Place in the El Paso Hills area of the County reference to shots fired at a Halloween party. Upon arrival deputies found one victim on the

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Work is the meat of life; pleasure, the dessert.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

ABLE TO LEAP CHILDREN — Principal Sheryl Maxom (background, right) and Garcia Elementary School's students watch as Bill Robertson — a.k.a. Dr. Skateboard — clears classmate Margaret Bustamante in a single bound.

Dr. Skateboard shows moves at Garcia Elementary

By Gustavo Reveles
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — He's admittedly a little bit older than the average skateboarder, but when Dr. Bill Robertson — an award-winning professor of science education — puts on a safety helmet and gets on a board you can't tell he's not a teenager.

Sure he has a doctorate degree from the University of New Mexico, but the self-proclaimed Dr. Skateboard whistles during

presentations, wears jeans and T-shirts and uses words like "cool" and "dude" when speaking to students.

"I love what I do," said Robertson, who has won professional skateboarding tournaments. "I get to combine my two favorite things: skateboarding and education."

Robertson brought his skateboarding tricks (and, yes, his science lessons) to fourth- and fifth-grade students at Gonzalo & Sofia Garcia Elementary School in the Canutillo Independent School District on Thursday, Nov. 10.

The presentation was part of Garcia Elementary's Ravens Club, which rewards students for meeting academic and behavioral goals throughout the school year.

During the presentation, students learned about gravity, momentum and friction — all key factors in physics education and skateboarding.

Robertson showed these scientific forces by performing tricks, including one in which he jumped over a student and landed on his

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Top youth football teams compete for Little Bowl Championships

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — They have been practicing tackle football four days a week (Monday through Thursday) since August 28th, and all that practice has paid off for the Upper Valley Longhorns, a team of 5 to 7 year-olds that plays in the Mighty Mite division of El Paso City Parks and Recreation Department.

This season, the Longhorns have won all ten of their games — eight during the regular season and two in the playoffs. They defeated the Northeast Miners, 20 to 12, Sunday (November 13) in the semifinal game of the Herny Stokes Little Bowl Playoff Games at R.E. McKee Stadium on the Austin High School Campus.

The undefeated Longhorns will now play for the Little Bowl Mighty Mite championship. Along with the 5 to 7 year-old players' division, the top two teams in three

other divisions will face off this weekend for championship trophies: the Minor (8-9 year olds), Intermediate (10-11 year olds), and Major (12-13 year olds).

According to Martin Chacon, youth football coordinator for the City Parks and Recreation Department, 115 teams participated in the 2011 season — 15 Mighty Mite, 43 Minor, 44 Intermediate, and 11 Major teams competed for a chance to play in the upcoming Little

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

HEADIN' FOR THE HOUSE — The Upper Valley Longhorns speedy running back, seven year-old Julian Juarez, carries the ball against the Northeast Miners during the Little Bowl semi-final playoff game. 115 teams participated in the 2011 youth tackle football season coordinated by El Paso Parks and Recreation Department in four divisions: Mighty Mite (5-7 year olds), Minor (8-9 year olds), Intermediate (10-11 year olds), and Major (12-13 year olds). The teams competed during an eight game regular season for a chance to play in the upcoming Little Bowl championship games, which are scheduled for Saturday, November 19, at R.E. McKee Stadium.

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Inspector General is on our side

You have to love the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General. It's everywhere, and it's looking out for us — probing, inspecting, asking questions.

Here is a sampling of its recent reports, covering issues large and small.

- The Office of Information and Technology has some odd things going on with its contracts. Contractors were asked to do some work not in the contract — which they didn't do. They also didn't complete all the work that was in the contract. Cost: More than \$1.6 million. An anonymous tip got the OIG to investigate this one.

In one hospital, it was learned that staff was not properly trained in using monitoring equipment. At another medical facility, the electroconvulsive therapy machine was not sent to the manufacturer on schedule for quality-control checks.

- VAOIG investigators found "significant control lapses" that might have resulted in the VA issuing thousands of Personal Identity Verification credentials to employees and contractors whose backgrounds were not

investigated and who were not checked against the terrorist watch list. This one is a biggie. To read the report, go to www.va.gov/oig/ and search for report 10-04037-295.

At the bottom of the OIG reports is hotline information you can use if you see something that isn't right. It wants to know about patient safety issues, mismanagement of VA programs, waste of resources and criminal activity related to the VA. It can't help you with medical claims or similar issues.

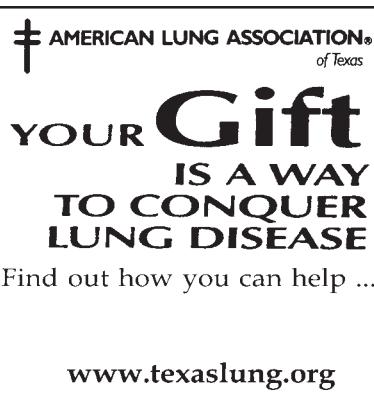
To contact the OIG, go to the website and click on Contact Us. You'll find the Hotline link with information. You also can call 1-800-488-8244 or send email to vaoighotline@va.gov

Of course, you'd step up if you saw something wrong because it's the right thing to do. But did you know there's a potential reward up to \$10,000 for disclosing criminal activity?

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Honoring those that serve

Hola, migente. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, World War I hostilities came to an end with the signing of an armistice. On a later date, the actual peace treaty was signed. The treaty, however, laid the grounds

seaman stationed on the battleship Missouri. It was great to have someone from that period of time to allow the students to connect with a generation that gave so much for our freedom. Every day we lose many veterans who were part of

It was very impressive to see how well the HOT organization built the home. Not only were Garcia's needs addressed in the short term, accommodations were made for the changes as he ages.

Another part that was special at the event was Garcia's thank you comments. During the middle of that speech, he proposed to his girlfriend; she said yes.

Finally, the Veterans in the city of Clint had their ceremony commemorating the day at the memorial by city hall. Being a work in progress for years, the memorial is taking impressive shape. The event honored veterans from Clint who were in theatres of war dating back to World War II.

I hope that all who read this took some time to think about the service by veterans and their sacrifices. While it may seem mundane to acknowledge the veterans, we should never take their place in the military for granted or to minimize what they experienced.

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



Don Mosely



Rep. Chente Quintanilla with Specialist Adrian Garcia.

The armistice on November 11 was dedicated by the United States as a national holiday. Though it began

as Armistice Day, it was changed to honor the sacrifices of the millions of veterans who participated in World War I and II; and to include veterans of wars that followed.

On Friday the 11th and Saturday the 12th, I attended, along with Nina and Robert of my office, events in observance of Veteran's day.

Ricardo Estrada High School in the Clint Independent School District has an annual assembly on this day. This year, the event was filled with great spirit and energy from the students. Their presentation was very special and the honorees were well honored. The students in the ROTC performed their ceremonial duties excellently.

One part of the event was especially impressive. A guest was present who actually witnessed the signing of the documents that ended World War II. Don Mosely was a

honored to witness the presentation of the house keys to Specialist Adrian Garcia.

Garcia, as a driver of a Humvee, was injured severely by the detonation of an improvised explosive device. It was necessary to amputate both of his legs from just below the hips.

Congressman Silvestre Reyes and I presented Specialist Garcia with flags of the nation and state along with resolutions declaring the appreciation of a nation and state.

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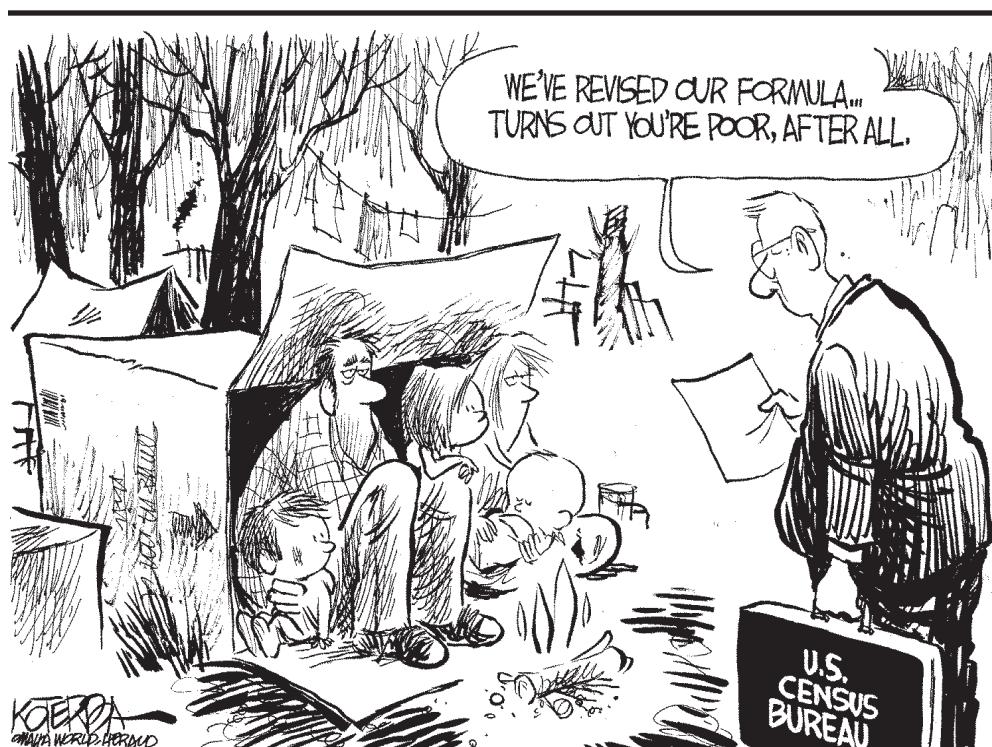
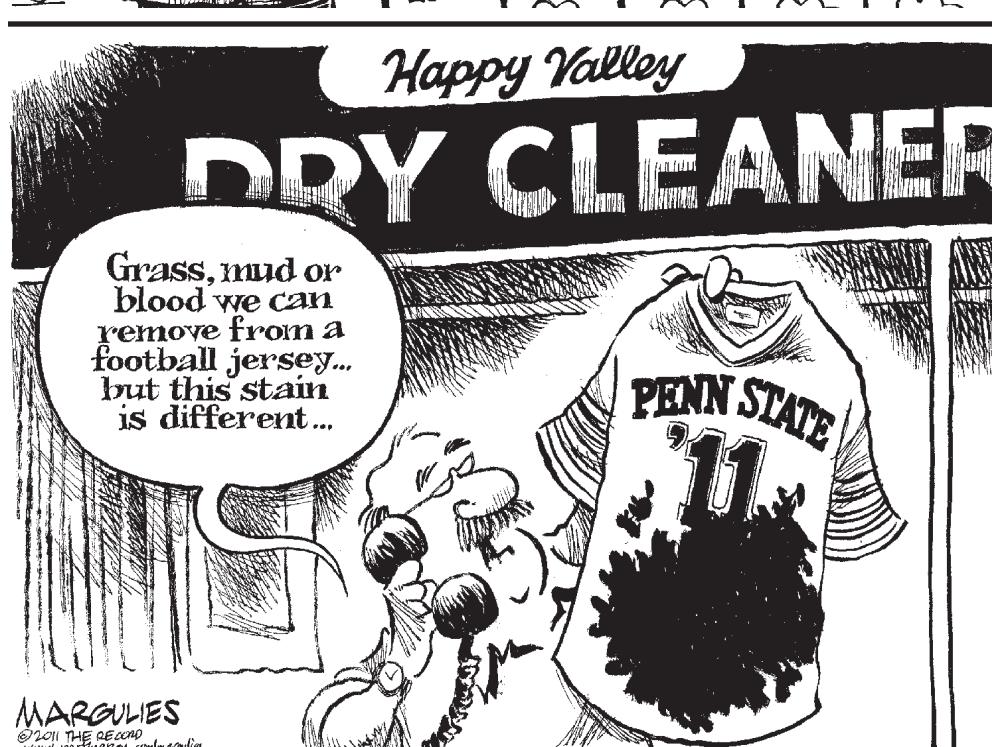


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Essay contest focuses on the Constitution

Students can win up to \$1,000

By Rachel Gillespie
Special to the Courier

ARLINGTON, VA — The deadline for high-school students and their teachers to submit essays for the Bill of Rights Institute's national Being an American Essay Contest is fast approaching. The Contest asks students to explore the Founding principles outlined in the Constitution by answering the question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

The Contest, which has quickly become the largest high-school essay competition of its kind, totaling over 80,000 submitted essays, is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit educational organization in the Washington, D.C. area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and Founding principles.

"This contest is unique in that it gives students the opportunity to think about the important Founding principles communicated in our Constitution," said Dr. Jason Ross, Bill of Rights Institute Vice President of Education Programs. "This contest is vital to helping students see the Founding principles as a meaningful part of the American experiment of self-government."

The top three student winners from each of five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (First Place), \$500 (Second Place), and \$250 (Third Place). Teacher sponsors of each student winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100. Texas is part of the Central Region.

Essays must be submitted online at www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest by 11:59 P.M. PST on December 15, 2011. Supporting contest materials, including lesson plans meeting Common Core standards, are provided at no cost to teachers who want to incorporate the Essay Contest into their classroom.

The contest is sponsored by the History Channel. "We are pleased to support the Bill of Rights Institute's Being an American Essay Contest," said Dr. Libby O'Connell, SVP, Corporate Outreach and Chief Historian, History Channel. "The contest encourages students to think critically and truly makes the past relevant in their lives today."

The Essay Contest serves as a key part of the Bill of Rights Institute's mission to educate young people about the words and ideas of America's Founders, the liberties guaranteed in our Founding documents, and how our Founding principles continue to affect and shape a free society. Complete contest details can be found at www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

STACKERS — Robertson stacks four skateboards up and is off for a quick spin around the basketball court.

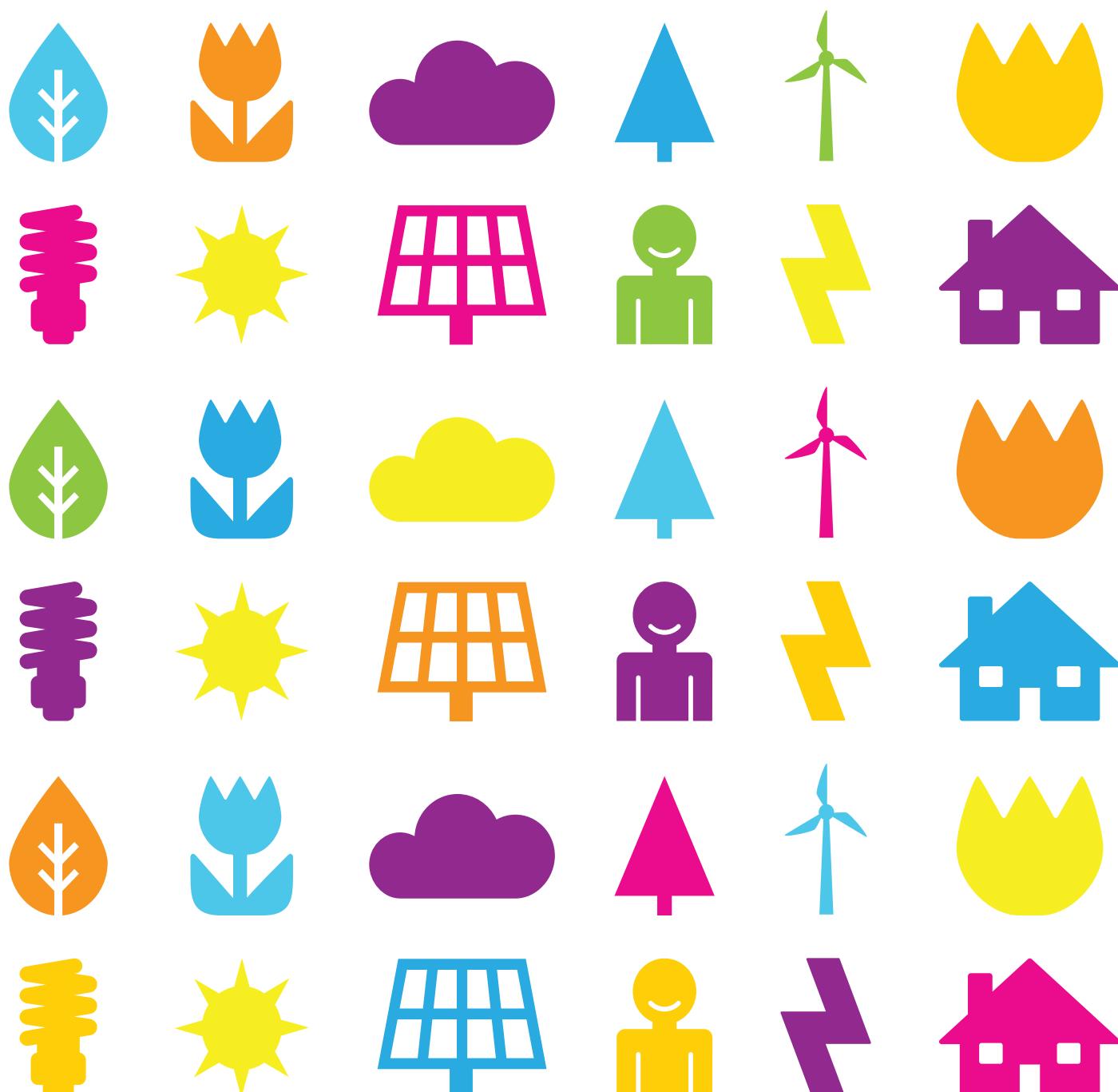
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skateboard. During another trick, he rode on top of four skateboards that were stacked on top of each other.

Sheryl Maxom, the principal at Garcia Elementary, said Dr. Skateboard is one of the most popular presenters at the school and students are always excited to see his tricks and get his lessons.

"They can relate to him. He's teaching them without them even realizing it," she said.



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El Paso Electric is teaching families about renewable energy at the El Paso Zoo's El Paso Electric Kalahari Research Station. Families in our region can participate in activities at an African research station running on wind and solar in addition to traditional energy sources.

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Tell-all, tattletale athletes become personas non gratis

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

By now, everyone has heard of the plight of former New York Giants running back Tiki Barber and his unsuccessful attempt to re-enter the NFL.

Although he is 36 years old and has been out of the game for four years, that isn't the real reason teams wouldn't even give him as much as a tryout.

The real reason Tiki has been blackballed is because of his own mouth. Barber retired from football and became a sports reporter and talk show host.

As a member of the media, Barber put down his former teammates and coaches and revealed some embarrassing information that lingers still today.

Jose Canseco may have helped changed the culture of professional baseball by calling out many of the steroid users in the sport, but I doubt he's received any Christmas cards from any major leaguers since then.

Canseco wrote a book that accused many in the league of using the illegal substance and

as we all know now - he was right.

But he is now considered persona non grata by nearly everyone in organized baseball.

So with the examples that Barber and Canseco have set in recent years, you'd imagine that other players would learn from them and stay far away from the printed blame game.

But we're talking about professional athletes, who don't make it a habit of hanging Einstein posters on their bedroom walls.

So who is the newest guy to write a book and spill all the secrets surrounding former teammates and coaches – Shaquille O'Neal.

Shaq has released snippets of his upcoming book, "Shaq uncut: My Story," to the media and it looks like he's not holding anything back.

And just like Canseco, I don't think he'll be on many Christmas card lists this season.

Shaquille takes swipes at Kobe Bryant and Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Pat Riley and even Lebron James, among others.

He said that in 2003, Kobe disobeyed a coaching staff directive to stop publicly criticizing each other by going to reporter Jim

Gray and questioning Shaq's fitness and the severity of his toe injury.

He said the two of them nearly came to blows on several occasions.

Although everyone knows that Kobe has always demanded to be treated a little differently, it's still not a good idea to sit down and write a tell-all book about guys you once considered a teammate.

There's something a little sleazy about it, but the reality TV-crowd loves this sort of thing.

As for me, though I do enjoy great literature, I think I'll pass on this one.

Just like Shaq should have done.

Big bike theft

While Shaq is busy blasting everybody around him, an even bigger guy made news this week because of what happened to him.

Former NBA center Shawn Bradley had his place broken into and a very valuable piece of property was stolen – his custom-made bicycle.

The 7-foot-6 Bradley spent 13 mediocre years in the NBA and had put on some weight since his retirement, so he decided to take up

bicycling.

But at 7-6, he couldn't just go to any store and find a bike that would fit his frame. So he had one custom built that was about 50-percent larger than the average bike.

You can imagine how sad he was when someone broke into his barn and stole it. Bradley figures the thief just walked it out because there was no way he could ride it.

The good news is that police found the bike during a random search by probation officials of a criminal's house. Let's just say that once they saw it, they knew this wasn't a normal bike.

Bradley's bike has a "76" painted on the frame to denote his height.

"It's a stolen bike, it's not the end of the world," Bradley was quoted as saying before they found the thing.

But now that the bike is back in Bradley's possession, he can continue the 100-mile bike rides down the Utah countryside that have lost him 30 pounds so far.

That reminds me, I should go to the store and find my self a bike I can ride through the El Paso countryside – I could stand to lose about 30 pounds myself.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Joe Frazier fights no more

There really is no way to overstate this, for it is not a claim, it is a fact: Joseph William "Smokin' Joe" Frazier is one of the greatest boxers to ever walk the Earth.

For Frazier was more than just a boxer – he was a *fighter*. After his untimely death on Nov. 7, a victim of liver cancer, the country heard the usual obituary for the man. How

he was Muhammad Ali's foil, how

he was bitter but ultimately respected by both fans and foes as one of the all-time great boxers.

But Frazier was a *fighter*. Joe was born on a dirt farm in Beaufort, S.C. He was told he would be the next Joe Louis, due in part to his hulking size as a kid. He spent nights, without any real direction, banging away at a homemade heavy bag made of burlap filled with corncobs and Spanish moss. If that sack still survives, it belongs in a museum. After realizing he was going nowhere in Beaufort, Frazier

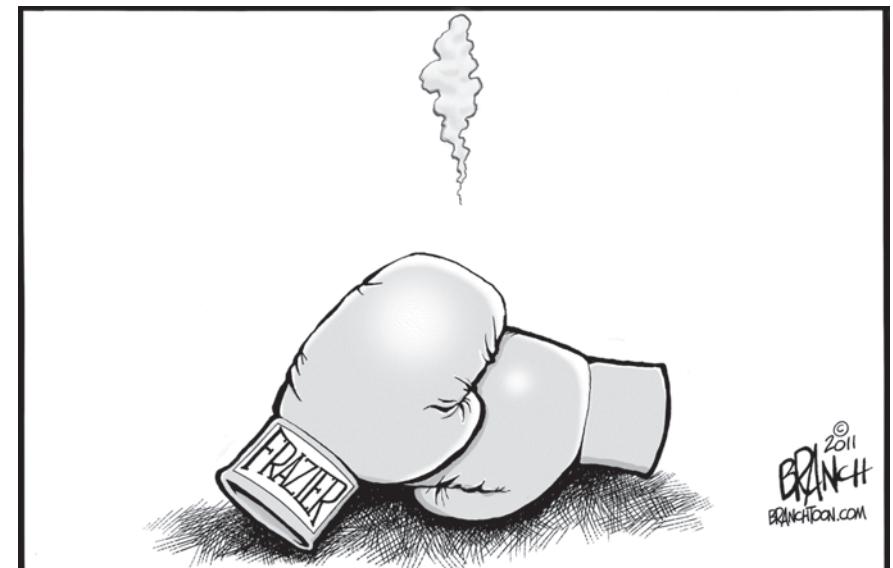
set off on his own for New York City to find "somewhere." He was 15 years old.

You want to see some tough boxing? Take a look at the Golden Gloves in New York. In 1962, 1963 and 1964, the banners at Madison Square Garden list Joe Frazier as their champion. Frazier lost the Olympic qualifying bout to Buster Mathis in 1964, but he traveled with the team in case Mathis became injured before the games. Mathis did suffer an injury – fighting a furious Frazier in an exhibition match at the end of the team's training camp.

Frazier went on to knock out everyone along the way to the Gold medal round, breaking his hand in the process. He held nothing back. He out-pointed his opponent for the gold, winning the nation's only gold medal in boxing that year.

The rest is well-known to the boxing fan. He was never able to escape the shadow of Ali, the Olympic champ four years previous. And even though Ali's relentless, most would say tasteless, mocking of Frazier continues to play a role in Frazier's own legacy (even retrospectives of Frazier's life on the evening news invariably featured Ali punching a gorilla doll), Frazier fights on.

For Frazier left his opponents in Beaufort lying in the dirt the day he set off for New York. He fought his way to the gold against incredible odds. He floored Ali. And no matter what he thought about his



legacy, ultimately those who know anything about the sweet science know that Joe Frazier reached those higher grounds, the upper pantheons of the sport where he will forever be counted among the immortals.

Joe Frazier fought for that legacy

during his 67 years of life. Here's hoping the man has finally found peace.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District

United State Department of Agriculture Rural Development Loan/Grant Application

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tornillo Jr. High Cafeteria, 430 Oil Mill St., Tornillo, Texas to receive input from the citizens on a proposed submission of an application to U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District is anticipating submission of an application for \$3,352,177 for water improvements.

Citizens are urged to attend and state their consents or objections at this meeting. A project summary will be outlined at this time.

Citizens unable to attend may submit their views and proposals to the El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District, P. O. Box 136, Tornillo, TX 79853. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the District Office at (915) 764-2966 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids should contact the District Office at least two (2) days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I don't remember you addressing this subject, so I thought I would write. In 1997, I had a mild heart attack and went on medicines. Six months later I had another mild incident that led me to angioplasty. Ever since, I have been eating well, exercising and taking all my meds. My cardiologist says I have great collaterals. I have sprouted new vessels for my heart. I thought I should have some kind of intervention, but the doctor says no. Can you discuss autogenesis? Am I related to a starfish? – R.S.

and Drug Administration declared such combinations to be unsafe. I'm sure your son isn't using this sort of energy drink. Others are.

Your boy is likely drinking caffeinated beverages. The amount of caffeine in these drinks ranges from 50 to 505 mg of caffeine per can. A 6-ounce cup of coffee contains 77 to 150 mg of caffeine.

Adolescents drinking such large amounts of caffeine can suffer sleep disturbance, shaking hands and possibly a rise in blood pressure. One school district has banned these drinks at all practices and games. I think that's a good policy.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I had my gallbladder removed a year ago. I now have diarrhea, and the doctor says it's from not having a gallbladder. My doctor prescribed cholestyramine. It causes severe constipation. I now take half the dose, but still I have to be careful about what I eat or drink. Do you have a suggestion? – E.J.

The booklet on CAD – coronary artery disease – discusses how vessels become plugged and how they are treated. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 101W, 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: You are familiar with energy drinks, aren't you? Well, my teenage son has gotten in the habit of drinking them far too often. He says they really do increase his energy. I'm worried that they might be dangerous. Will you please provide some information? – B.B.

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.

One kind of energy drink is a mixture of caffeine and alcohol. In November 2010, the U.S. Food

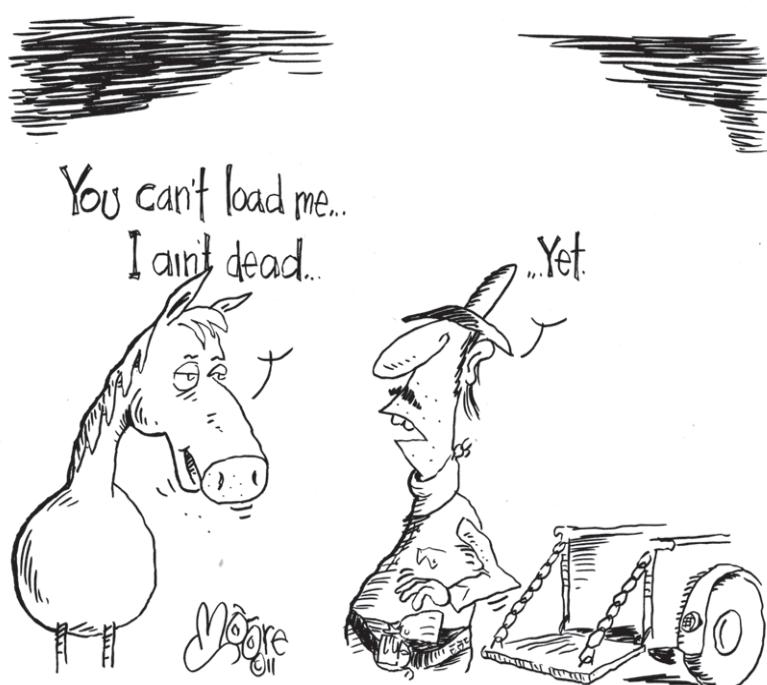
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore In Texas, you can be a certified DEAD ANIMAL HAULER for \$150.



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
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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

★★★ HOO BOY!

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

GIVE ME A ... — The Upper Valley Longhorns Cheerleaders perform during the recent Little Bowl semi-final game. The cheerleading squads are an important part of the youth football experience. They support their teams and perform for the crowds during the games.

Football

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Bowl championship games.

Chacon said that each team averages about 35 players, so he estimated that over 3,000 youngsters participated in the football program this year. The parks department used six different sites citywide to hold games throughout the regular season including Nations Tobin, Marion Manor, Rancho Del Sol, Album, and the Westside and Northeast regional complexes.

"My son loves it," said Kenny Cooper, father of seven year-old K. J. (Kenneth Jr.) who is a

running back for the Longhorns.

"It has helped him a lot in his self-confidence and discipline, and it has helped him in his school work also."

The 75 pound, four foot, eight inch running back has scored at least two touchdowns in every game.

"I like being on the football team because I get to score touchdowns; I get to run with the ball a lot because the coaches say I'm really fast," K. J. stated. "Being on the team has helped me in school because I always have to do my homework before I can go to practice," he added.

Nancy Hernandez, mother of six year-old Mario who is in his first year with the Longhorns, said, "It's

easy to get him to go to practice. He really likes the coaches and enjoys playing football with his friends. I especially like it because his attitude and behavior have improved at school. He can't wait 'til next year's football season."

Another Longhorns mom, Veronica Sandoval, who also coaches the Longhorns cheerleading squad of which her daughter is a member, said that her eight-year old son, Nicholas, has benefitted immensely from the youth football program. "Nicholas is asthmatic, and his pulmonary specialist recommended that he play sports to help his condition. He decided to join the football team and my husband decided to join it too, as an assistant coach. After three years of playing, my son is healthier, his asthma is under control, and he doesn't need an inhaler anymore."

Janel Morales, who also has a son on the football team and a daughter on the cheerleading squad, said that she helps out with the cheerleaders during football season because it is a lot of fun. "It keeps the kids active and brings families together as we support them during practices and at the games."

As for risks to the young athletes, Christina Galindo, whose daughter is a Longhorns cheerleader and her son plans to be on the football team next year, said that she volunteers as the team's trainer because she is a registered nurse and that the only player injury concerns have been some bumps and bruises.

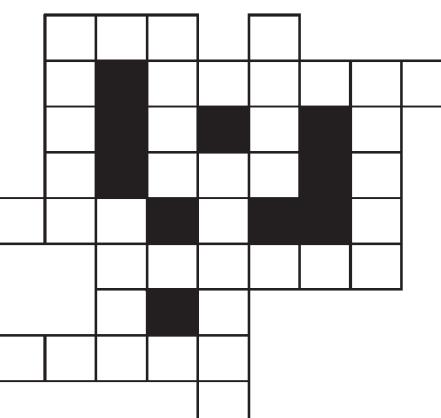
So, the stage is set for the 2011 Little Bowl matchups, which are scheduled for Saturday, November 19, at R.E. McKee Stadium, 3500 Memphis Avenue.

Playing for top honors in their divisions are: in the Mighty Mite – the Upper Valley Longhorns will go up against the El Paso Bandits, at 9 a.m.; in the Minor – the Northeast Chargers will play the El Paso Bandits, at 11 a.m.; in the Intermediate – Horizon Scorpions will compete against the Northeast Cowboys, at 1 p.m.; and in the Major – the Northeast Raiders will meet the Southeast T-Birds, at 3 p.m.

The Little Bowl games are open to the public. Admission fee is \$2 per person. For more information, visit the El Paso Parks and Recreation website, at elpasotexas.gov/departments.



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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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