



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Socorro forum

A political forum will be held in Socorro prior to the May 8, 2010 election. The City of Socorro will be voting for four at-large council places and mayor. The Socorro Community Political Forum will take place on Mar. 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Socorro High School Auditorium (10150 Alameda). The public is invited to come and meet the candidates running for Socorro City Council. For further information please call 422-1700.

— Suky Ramos

### Spaghetti

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Oz Glaze Senior Center (13969 Veny Webb Dr.) in Horizon City. The cost of plate is: Adults, \$5; children under 10, \$3; and all take-out plates, \$5. Funds will benefit the center.

— Dick Harshberger

### Bunny in the park

The Easter Bunny will be at Puddle Duck Park in Clint on April 1. He will be there from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. with bags of goodies for children up to 10-years-old. There will also be a drawing for four Easter Baskets.

— Sandra Reinhardt

### Sunrise service

The Horizon City Kiwanis Club will hold their 35th Annual Community Easter Service on Sunday, April 4 at 7:00 a.m. The service will be at the Oz Glaze Senior Center (13969 Veny Webb Dr.) in Horizon City.

### Crime Stoppers

A man responsible for a forgery and several burglaries in the City of Socorro remains on the loose. The Socorro Police Department needs your help in bringing this fugitive to justice, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” In October 2009, 18-year-old Daniel Gordillo, Jr., cashed someone else’s check and is wanted for forgery. In addition, Gordillo is believed to be responsible for four burglary of habitation cases and one burglary of business that took place between October and December 2009. Detectives from the Socorro Police Department have been able to locate some of the stolen property; however, they need your help to find him. Gordillo is from Socorro and is believed



Daniel Gordillo, Jr.

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*Being a success today means the government takes away in taxes what you used to dream of earning.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Harris, 93, retires as Clint inspector

By Don Woodyard  
Special to the Courier

CLINT — Most people figure on retiring around age 65.

Not so for Art Harris.

Most people figure that at age 65 it’s time to slow down and start basking in the reflected luster of those golden years.

Not so for Art Harris.

As it turns out, he was too busy to bask and was actually picking up speed when he turned 65. And it’s a good bet that he was out inspecting a building for the Town of Clint on his 65th birthday. And his 65th birthday was nearly three decades ago.

On Feb. 10, Clint Mayor Dale Reinhardt and the Town Council honored Harris for long service to the community as its building inspector.

Now it was so for Harris. For health reasons, at the age of 93, he has finally retired.

The certificate reads, in part, “*For Dedicating 35 Years of Faithful Service as Town of Clint’s Building Inspector.*”

“He’s a good man — a hard worker, very thorough” says Reinhardt. “His work was outstanding.”

He adds, “Harris is a person of strong religious faith and a strong commitment to his community.”

Hard work was a way of life from an early age for Harris who was born March 31, 1916 in Cahoma, TX.

While he was still young, the family moved to the Fabens area, called the “island.” He went to school in the Fabens school district, but only went through the eighth grade. While he was in school, there was farm work expected of him after school work. There was no after school activities. He came home, put his school books down and went to work picking cotton until dark.

“I couldn’t let my father down,” he recalls. “I did what he told me to do.

“That’s the just the way life was back then,” he says simply.

After graduating the eighth grade, he quit

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— Photo by Alex Sanchez

**THANK YOU —** Clint Mayor Dale Reinhardt thanks Art Harris on behalf of the town with a plaque of appreciation and a gift certificate for Cottoneyed Joe’s restaurant.

## San Eli HS council is service oriented

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

With less than three months left in the 2009-2010 school year the San Elizario High School Student Council still has a busy schedule of activities and projects to carry out before summer vacation. Already, these dedicated students have completed a jam-packed list of accomplishments and are being recognized for their efforts at the state level. The San Elizario High School Student Council will travel to Arlington from April 8 to 10 to attend the

74th Annual Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) State Conference where they will be honored for their extensive contributions.

The San Eli Student Council earned points based on reports submitted to district officials and a scrapbook project which detailed all of their achievements throughout the school year to receive the TASC award. The students surpassed other schools in the region by demonstrating active participation in events each with a different purpose in mind such as promoting school spirit, encouraging academic performance, fundraising, and volunteering in the community.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**SERVICE WITH A SMILE —** San Eli HS council member Rachel Quintero helps serve food to Boston students working on a Habitat for Humanity project in El Paso County.

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## Community gathers for Smith

By Don Woodyard  
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY — Graveside services were held Monday, March 22, at Memorial Pines Cemetery in Sunland Park for Austin Smith, the Anthony High School freshman who died March 15 following baseball practice.

The cause of his death remains undetermined. Anthony Police Chief Edward Miranda, whose department is conducting the investigation, says he is awaiting final results from the medical examiner’s office. Smith, 15, collapsed after practice at Ernie Rascon baseball park. Unable to breathe, he was transported by ambulance to Providence Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

“Austin was well liked by students and faculty,” says Oscar Troncoso, Anthony High School principal. “He was very energetic, witty, gregarious, and bright. He lived life to the fullest.”

He estimated between 150 and 200, including two busloads of students, attended

the graveside service. “You could see how well liked he was.”

Troncoso said the student’s death was especially tragic because his father died about a year ago of a heart attack. “They (father and son) were very close; they did a lot together.”

The principal said the Anthony baseball team voted to go ahead with a scheduled baseball game March 16 in Fabens. Troncoso said he would have canceled the game if the team had wanted to, but players elected “to honor him” by playing the game.

A memorial service was held that same day in the high school auditorium after the team returned from its game.

Troncoso is very grateful for assistance from the Gadsden Independent School District which provided three grief counselors for students. Two chaplains from the El Paso Police Department also provided assistance to Anthony students.



Austin Smith



## Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

### More than a headstone

Twice a year in National Cemeteries across the country, veterans are honored with ceremonies and visits. Memorial Day has long been the day to honor those who died in service to our country. Now, with the generous donations of Worcester Wreath, tens of thousands of veterans' graves are decorated at Christmas... as they should be.

But I have a challenge for you. We all live near a cemetery or two. Small cemeteries dot communities across the country, and many of them don't get the attention they deserve. Some are not tended well nor visited often.

My challenge to you is this: Investigate a local cemetery and identify the graves of a half-dozen veterans. The older the grave, the better, as there will not likely be family that visits. Note the names and dates of birth of those half-dozen veterans (as well as the locations, should the cemetery be large).

Take the graves of those veterans into your care. Visit each grave at least twice a year, and not on the days that others will — Memorial Day and during the Christmas season. Pick another day, as well as the veteran's birthday.

This project needn't cost much. Check your local big-box or craft stores for small flags, perhaps 4 by 6 inches, on sticks. Or look online for sites such as [www.united-states-flag.com](http://www.united-states-flag.com) (1-877-734-2458). Its flags are made in the U.S. The 4-by-6-inch flags on 10-inch wooden sticks currently cost 20 cents each.

Take along a pair of clippers and trim around the headstone. Take the kids or grandkids along, if you wish, and teach them about honoring veterans.

Then, issue the same challenge to others. It's the right thing to do.

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## Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

### Rotary Club serves community

Hola mi gente. A few days ago, my office had the privilege of speaking before the Vista Hills Rotary Club (VHRC) at the Vista Hills Clubhouse. Unfortunately, I was in Austin that week and could not personally attend. My Chief of Staff did visit with them and informed them of some important issues to which our office has been attending.

Two issues, in particular, had been vetted before you in several past articles. Those issues are the census with the consequential redistricting, and tire dumping. Both of these issues elicited many good questions from those in attendance.

Most were surprised to hear that El Paso County stands to have less representation in the legislative House. They were, as many other El Pasoans still are, under the impression that our community has grown so much that our seat at the table would increase. According to projections from the Texas Department of Health, El Paso County population should increase significantly; but not in line with the rest of Texas. Therefore, we stand to lose part of a district and maybe a seated House member.

The issue of tire dumping also caught the interest of the attendees.

When informed of the massive tire dump containing an estimated 19,000 discarded tires, the general reaction was astonishment. That emotion turned somewhat to anger when my staffer informed them that taxpayer money would be needed to clear the dump. As business people, they immediately offered common sense ways to prevent the abuse in the future. Their comments will be part of our effort in the next year to address the issue.

From the many times that my office has visited with the Rotarians, we have learned the important benefits to our world that are bestowed by Rotarians. The following is taken from their website:

*"The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world."*

Internationally, the Rotarians do an important job. Locally, there is an equal benefit to our citizens.

The Vista Hills Rotary Club has many important charity projects that reach well outside the boundaries of their organization. One of the programs provides scholarships to many underprivileged high school students. The scholarships that are awarded by the VHRC make a big difference in the lives of the awardees.

Another important program is their graduation gifts to specific seniors who may not be able to buy a formal shirt and dress shoes. While it is something we take for granted, some students are very grateful for the gift.

In order to provide the awards, the VHRC has to raise the funds through a variety of projects. One in particular is special. The VHRC will install at your residences a flagpole that will fly a flag of the United States, which is also provided. All this is done at a remarkably low price of under \$70.

I encourage you to support the VHRC by calling Norm Brown at 591-4650 to order your flagpole and flag. It will be worth the few dollars to fly our flag and to help some deserving El Pasoans.

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

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## View from here

By Josiah Schmidt

### Government spending does not drive the economy

As disturbing new reports come out this month showing that American reliance on government aid is at an all-time high, economists are attempting to quell concerns that the federal spending binge has gone too far. Government spending, they say, drives the economy, and the stimulus bills have saved the economy from dipping into depression. These economists have erred tragically, and their prescription will not only fail to prevent, but will actually help ensure that this recession worsens.

It is saving, and not spending, that drives the economy. By consuming less than we produce, we can plough those savings into the production of factories, machines and technology, which will allow us to produce (and therefore consume) even more in the future.

To illustrate, imagine Robinson Crusoe, stranded on an island. In order to survive, he must scavenge for food at all times. All his free time is devoted to merely keeping himself alive. Each day, he can only consume as much as he can gather. If he wants to increase his consumption in the future, then he must restrict his consumption in the present. He may want to fashion a fishing net, whereby he may increase his daily catch of meat. However, he must set aside some of his food today, in order to sustain himself while he forages for materials and constructs his net over the course of the next few days.


Once the net is finished, he may be able to double his daily food supply, or even acquire the same daily supply of food using half the time and energy. In other words,

Robinson Crusoe's capital structure has been lengthened, and this lengthening of the capital structure was only made possible by saving.

The same holds true for participants in a complex market economy. If an automobile company wants to produce more cars (or produce the same amount of cars with less time and energy), they must not spend out all of their income. They must restrict their present consumption expenditures and invest those savings into capital, which will make the production of cars easier, allowing them to produce more cars with the same amount of time and energy, or to produce the same amount of cars with less time and energy.

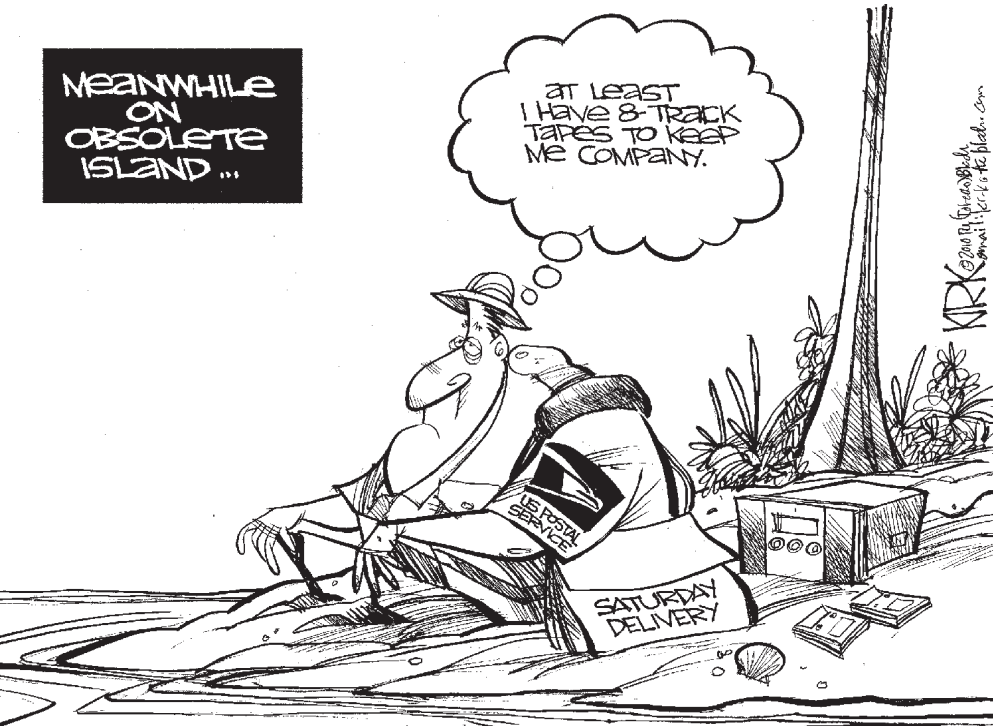
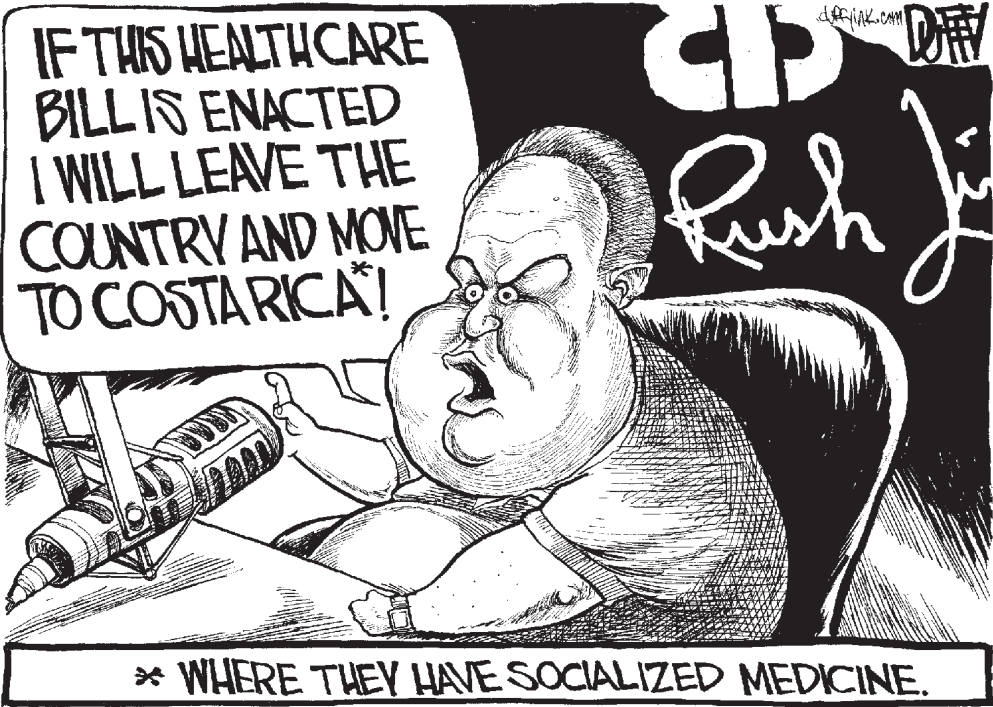
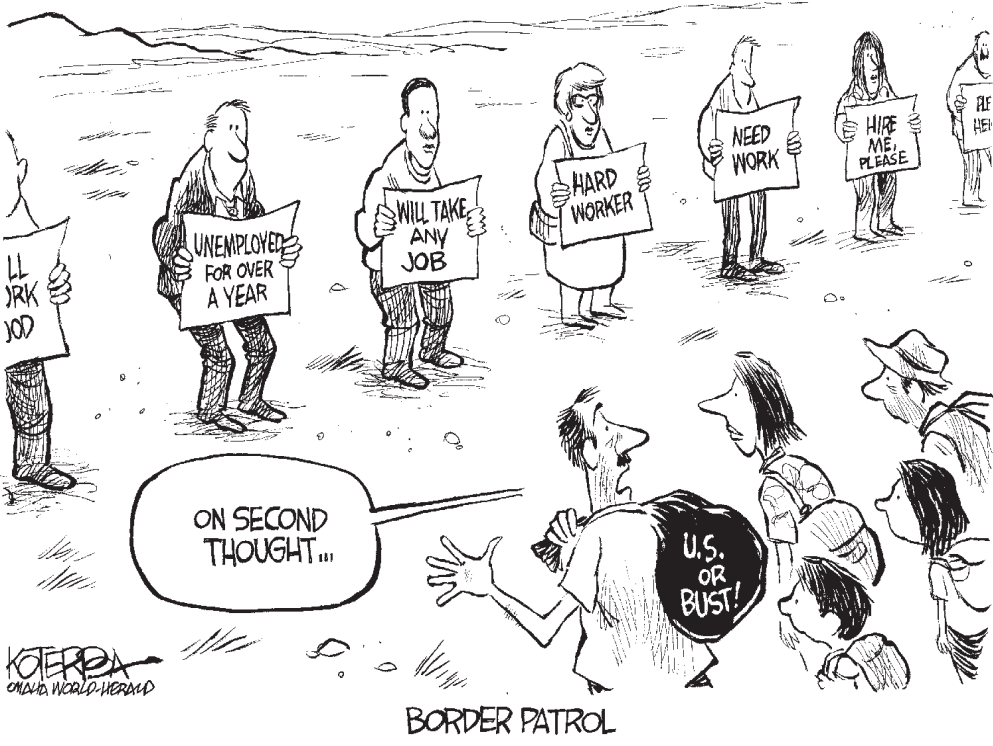
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The cartoon depicts a classroom scene. A teacher, a large man with a 'GOVT MAN' badge, is speaking to a student, a woman. A speech bubble from the teacher says: 'CLASS, PAY ATTENTION: MICHELLE OBAMA HAS BROUGHT A SPECIAL GUEST TO WARN ABOUT the DANGERS OF OBESITY...'. In the background, a chalkboard shows the alphabet and a math problem: 'cat + 1 = 2'. Two other students are visible in the foreground, one looking at the teacher and the other looking at the chalkboard.





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

# Obsessing on ovaries

We obsess about so many things today. What the weather is going to be like, will we have enough money for retirement, should we purchase big screen televisions today or wait for the next technological marvels, will our children be safe in school this week, is the IRS going to audit us, will there be enough money in Social Security for our golden years, will war in Iraq and Afghanistan ever end, and a host of other concerns dominate our waking hours. Now, that is all well and good, when we are being civically minded, concerned citizens, hoping to make a difference. We must ask ourselves, however, what benefit is to be derived from solving the woes of the world, when we may not be around to see such resolution? Our health, and we've heard it all before, is first and foremost. One has nothing without health, and obsessions, if they are, indeed, necessary, should be directed at "silent killers," like ovarian cancer, which, if we are not vigilant like Paul Revere and his "oneh by land, and twoeth by sea," can devastate families and the ones we love, as we contemplate that new car in our driveways. We don't know the exact cause of ovarian cancer, nor can we fathom why some women are marked for it, while others lead relatively tranquil lives. What we do know are the numbers, and they certainly are not encouraging. Only about 20 percent of ovarian cancers are detected before tumor growth has spread beyond the ovaries, and the Grim Reaper is advised. How disheartening, when studies have shown that 93 percent of women diagnosed in the early stages of the malady survive at least five years. The lesson to be learned from this is early detection is the name of the game, and, what was once considered a silent enemy that wreaked havoc before discovery, has now been found to cause symptoms even at onset.

There are three basic types of ovarian tumors, "coming out of nowhere" in healthy women in many cases, and perhaps triggered by a wide variety of risk factors ranging from inherited gene mutations, family history, age over 50, history of breast cancer, infertility, and being childless to hormone replacement therapy (HRT) with estrogen, obesity, and male hormones given to women to treat painful conditions such as endometriosis. It becomes obvious that risk factors abound, but with no threshold to trigger vigilance or obsession with ovaries, they simply pass, like the box scores of a Major League Baseball game a couple of days later. Symptoms? Perhaps we should concentrate on the minor aches and pains that might drive us to seek professional consultation. One small problem, however, is the fact that ovarian cancer is quite nonspecific in its symptomatology, and may mimic a vast assortment of bladder and digestive disorders, such as irritable bowel syndrome,

for example, as well as stress and depression. What we do know is that women with ovarian cancer consistently experience abdominal pressure, fullness, swelling, or bloating, urinary urgency or an incessant sensation to urinate, and pelvic discomfort or pain. While there may be other signs and symptoms, when those key players are persistent or worsen, we become cognizant of our own mortality and the need to see a physician.

Before performing a pelvic examination, an ultrasound, and a CA 125 blood test, a health care provider will most likely ask a series of questions dealing with the initiation, continuity, severity, improvement, worsening, and family history of the symptoms experienced, as well as the existence of ovarian, breast, and other cancers in the immediate family and first-degree relatives. No standardized screening tests for ovarian cancer currently exist, and it should not come as a surprise that doctors don't recommend screening for this type of cancer in most patients. It must be pointed out here that many medical papers have been published on the conventional wisdom of employing a blood test called the CA 125 blood test as a screening procedure for ovarian cancer. There has been a great deal of confusion in its regard, and we must state categorically that CA 125 is a protein made by the body in response to many conditions, that many women with ovarian cancer have abnormally high levels of CA 125 in their blood, that a number of noncancerous conditions also cause elevated CA 125 levels, and that many women with early-stage ovarian cancer have normal CA 125 levels. Therefore, to rely on a nonspecific CA 125 blood test to screen for the malady can only cause more harm and grief than good. When, on the other hand, the battery of exams listed above, as well as other diagnostic tests such as computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), or even chest x-ray (to detect cancer spread to the lungs), suggest ovarian cancer, then a surgical procedure called a laparotomy or a less invasive surgical procedure called a laparoscopy will be required to explore the abdominal cavity, collect abdominal fluid and tissue samples, and perhaps remove an ovary for pathologic examination. If ovarian cancer is detected, surgeon and pathologist will team up to identify the type of tumor and whether it has spread.

Now that we know the problem, what are our treatment options? It doesn't take a Nobel Prize laureate or gynecologic oncologist to point to surgery and chemotherapy, with radiation therapy in some cases to treat the symptoms of advanced cancer, as the mainstays of treatment. Without going into the detail of those modalities for lack of space

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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore **March 26, 1855:**A rousing play about the Texan's stand at the Alamo does not go well in Charleston South Carolina..it only lasts 2 performances.



View from here

By William H. Fleming, III, M.D.

Health Bill is bad medicine for Texas patients

We are disappointed and saddened that Congress and President Obama would pass a half-baked Senate proposal and call it “Health System Reform.” The bill is simply bad medicine for patients and the state of Texas.

Make no mistake — Texas physicians support health system reform — reform that truly puts our patients first. We’ve told Congress for the past year, to “keep what’s good and fix only what’s wrong” in our health care system. [Sunday], Congress did the opposite. It passed a bill that does nothing to fix glaring problems in our current health care system. Instead, it saddles Texans with higher costs, higher taxes, more red tape and more bureaucracy.

We believe the bill’s unaffordable health system reforms, piled on top of a crumbling Medicare foundation, will create even more dire consequences for all. The bill is simply bad medicine for Texas patients for these reasons:


- The bill does not correct the flawed Medicare payment formula Congress created in 1997 to pay physicians. That formula is directly responsible for limiting access to care for senior citizens and the poor;
- It would increase the cost of health insurance for our patients and delivers even less in return;
- It would dramatically increase federal government interference, bureaucracy, and red tape for patients and physicians;
- It would create incentives for patients to pay a fine for not having insurance, rather than pay an unrealistic amount for insurance coverage;
- It would not protect Texas’ liability reforms, and does even less to expand those protections to patients and physicians in other states; and
- It would impose untested and arbitrary treatment standards that do not improve the quality of patient care.

In addition, this bill could be a budget-buster for Texas. According to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the current proposal could cost the state of Texas up to an additional \$24 billion in increased Medicaid spending over the first 10 years of its implementation.

We now urge Congress to take swift action to stop the implosion of our Medicare system. Since its inception, the Sustainable Growth Rate formula has not worked. Annually, it has forced physicians to limit access for our patients, pushing patients into higher-cost areas like emergency rooms. Every year for a decade, we have faced steep cuts that jeopardize our ability to care for patients. Senators and representatives from both parties recognized this glaring problem — this gaping wound in our health care system — but have been willing to address it only with “Band-Aids.” We need more than Band-Aids. We need more than sutures. We need a complete transplant. Congress created this disease, and only Congress can cure it.


William H. Fleming III MD is president of the Texas Medical Association.

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and time constraints, our time might be better spent discussing lifestyle and home remedies to provide that “ounce of prevention” that we have heard so much about recently, especially in these times of Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurance cutbacks. Staying physically active and managing stress, by knowing what to expect, becoming proactive, maintaining a strong support system, letting family and friends help, and setting reasonable employment goals that allow sufficient time for yourself, go a long way to stemming the physical and mental onslaught of ovarian cancer and prolonging survival. In younger women, oral contraception (birth control pills), pregnancy and breast-feeding, and eventual tubal ligation or hysterectomy can also reduce the risk of ovarian cancer.

But haven’t we forgotten a substantial part of the equation? What about diet? Eating protein-rich foods that help build and repair body tissues, such as beans, cottage cheese, eggs, fish, lean meat, lentils, peanut butter, poultry, and yogurt, and packing calories into the foods eaten, as well as eating smaller amounts of food more frequently, boost immunity and help our bodies ward off the deleterious effects of serious illnesses when we just don’t feel well. Ovarian cancer is no exception to these rules. Far from being a death sentence, cancer provides a new lease on life and an excellent opportunity to put into practice a lifetime’s worth of preaching.

Obsessed? You bet we are, and with good reason!

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Benjamin Disraeli, 19th-century British Prime Minister and the first Earl of Beaconsfield, who made the following sage observation: “The most dangerous strategy is to jump a chasm in two leaps.”
  - You’ve probably never heard of Hurley, Wisc., but if you lived in the area, you’d know that the town is home to a 15-foot-tall corkscrew. It can be found, appropriately enough, outside Corkscrew Liquors.
  - Except for the queens, all wasps die in the autumn.
  - The Japanese ruling family is the oldest continuing hereditary monarchy in the world. The current emperor, Akihito, is the 125th holder of the title. Interestingly, he’s also a marine biologist and has published papers on ichthyology in both English and Japanese scholarly journals.
  - For reasons that aren’t quite clear, in Sweden, it’s illegal to train a seal to balance a ball on the tip of its nose.
  - It was March 15, 1952, when the largest amount of rainfall in a single 24-hour period was recorded. It was the island of Reunion, in the Indian Ocean, that had the misfortune to receive a whopping 73.62 inches of rain on that Ides of March. That’s more than 6 feet of rain in a single day!
  - Feel like you have a lot more stuff than you used to? You’re not imagining things — and you’re not the only one. According to the Self-Storage Association, the number of businesses offering on-premises storage of all those things you can’t find room for at home has increased nearly 10 times since 1964.
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- Thought for the Day: “I no longer worry about being a brilliant conversationalist. I simply try to be a good listener. I notice that people who do that are usually welcome wherever they go.” — Frank Bettger
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CryptoQuip Answer

New sitcom that chronicles a family guy’s awful fall from grace: “My Three Sins.”



Spending  
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structure is lengthened, all is not said and done. As capital is used, it wears down. It must be maintained, and eventually replaced. This too, requires a constant flow of savings. When government encourages spending and discourages saving, they are really encouraging present consumption at the expense of future consumption. Government spending stimuli ensure that there will not be enough resources saved up to maintain the current capital structure. This means that capital is being used up without being repaired or replaced.

We are actually eating into our capital, and as we do so, production will become more difficult and the economy less efficient. As savings disappear, so too does the pool of funds with which firms can hire workers. As production atrophies, our range of production possibilities becomes more and more limited, and society shrinks further back toward the conditions of mere subsistence.

At a certain point, of course, too much saving can be just as detrimental: there is no use in restricting our present consumption so severely that we starve ourselves out of existence. But, above that level of consumption necessary for survival, all savings lead to an increase in material wealth and prosperity. It is only through saving and lengthening of the capital structure that living standards may be raised and that our ability to spend and consume in the future may be increased. Understanding this fact gives the lie to the notion that the government’s “stimulus” bills (excuse me, “jobs” bills) do anything but eat away the economic foundation from right under our feet.

Josiah Schmidt is a Liberty Features Syndicate contributor.

Harris  
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school and worked full time in the family’s cotton fields.

He remembers a remarkable experience from that early time.

Working in the fields one day with his mother who was pregnant with twins, he recalls her saying she was tired. She put down her bag of cotton and went home to rest.

Later that evening he went outside and saw his mother.

Harris, who was 8 or 9 at the time, then describes seeing a big bright light coming out of the ground. “The farm animals ran away.” The light eventually went back into the ground. Harris’ daughter, Debbie Harris Olivas describes the light as rolling away down the river levee.

“We were scared to death, afraid to move. It’s amazing, but it’s true,” he affirms.

Later that night, soon after the light incident, Harris’ mother gave birth to twins.

He joined the Navy “to serve my country” in 1941 prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served on a destroyer where he remembers showing a lieutenant how to tie knots. He got out of the service in 1945.

After military service he worked for a few years as an electrician and then as a general maintenance man — a “Mr. Fixit” for Fabens. “He could fix anything,” daughter Debbie says. “He was pretty sharp, a self-educated man. He made most of the furniture in his house.”

Harris later moved to Clint and earned a living doing the same type of handyman work for area residents. He went to work for the town of Clint as its building inspector at the time of its incorporation in 1975.

For Harris it is no big deal to have lived and worked this long. Longevity runs in the family. After

all, his father died when he was 98. His mother died at 99.

Harris speaks lightly of death.

With a twinkle in his eye, he says, “I’m going to live to be 100 and be shot by a jealous husband.”

Harris then walks slowly over to a coat rack and holds up a slightly frayed jacket which he says he bought during World War II. “I am waiting to see which one of us will live the longest.

“When I get ready to die, I’ll let you know first.” “However, I’m not ready to die.”

Harris speaks lovingly and tenderly about his wife Vivian Rose, better known as Tess. She died three years ago at the age of 84.

It has not always been just work for Harris. He has had a unique hobby for many years. It is called intarsia, a form of wood inlaying that uses varied shapes, sizes and types of wood. Each piece of a three-dimensional picture is painstakingly cut out

and fit into a picture like a mosaic or puzzle. He labors for up to a month in his backyard workshop putting a picture together. Framed examples of his intricate artwork — landscapes, animals and cars — adorn his walls and have been sold worldwide.

“What I’ve done all my life is to please other people. I like to be kind to people.”

“I’m just an ordinary guy — nothing special. I’ve had a great life.”



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# Miners should return with a top 25 team next year

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

When the UTEP Miners went into halftime with a six-point lead in their NCAA Tournament game with Butler, I (along with many local fans) thought the orange and blue had the game in the bag.

And why not?

The Miners have proven to be a second-half team all season long.

But after winning 16 straight games — which landed UTEP in the national rankings for the first time in 18 years, the Miners went through some regression therapy.

What else could it be?

Early in the season the Miners went through several games where they had big leads in the second half only to give the game away in the final moments.

UTEP would go into “let’s try not to lose” mode, instead of “let’s finish this game off” mode - and more times than not — it cost them.

Then, after falling to an extremely mediocre 10-5 record in the middle of the season,

something happened. The Miners began to trust each other.

Instead of forcing ridiculous shots while being guarded by three guys, the Miners began to look for the open man — trusting that the other guy could make the shot — and he usually did.

Instead of just Character and Culpepper — guys like Myron Strong and Claude Britten and Christian Polk and Jeremy Williams and even Isaac Gordan began to contribute.

It became increasingly difficult for UTEP’s opponents to key on any one player.

But in UTEP’s final two games of the season, against Houston in the C-USA final and against Butler, they reverted to playing like that 10-5 team.

In both games the second half was a nightmare for the Miners.

Instead of passing to the open man and trusting him — the Miners went back to forcing shots and being impatient, which is not the mark of an experienced team.

With a 26-7 record behind them and not a senior to be found — it appears as if next season could be a monster one.

The big question of course is whether Derrick Character will come back for his senior season. I don’t think Character is quite ready for the NBA but that doesn’t matter.

Character will have to decide whether he wants to receive so-so money right now and be regarded as a journeyman center.

Or whether he wants to come back for one more season and dominate college basketball and become a lottery pick which would earn him gazillions.

Whether he comes back or not, the Miners are going to need two players to step up big time next season.

Julyan Stone is going to have to learn how to score and Arnett Moultrie has got to learn to be more aggressive.

There’s no doubt that Stone can pass and play defense and there’s no doubt that Moultrie and hit the outside jumper and rebound occasionally.

But too many times both players just disappeared during games and each is too talented to be doing that.

If Character comes back next season the Miners will definitely be a preseason Top-25

team and deservedly so.

But in my humble opinion, I would be very surprised if the big guy comes back.

I think he knows UTEP did him a favor and I think he knows that he is a very lucky young man to get a second chance in life but I also think he knows he is just a few months from earning millions of dollars.

In the NBA it doesn’t matter if you play or sit on the bench — you will earn millions.

There were also rumors that Moultrie was entertaining thoughts about entering the draft — but lets get real about that.

Next comes the status of coach Tony Barbee. Everybody expects him to bolt the Sun City as soon as a bigger school comes calling — I hope he learned something from watching Billy Gillispie.

Sometimes it’s good to establish yourself at one institution and start an empire — kind of like what Mark Few has done at Gonzaga.

The Miners provided the El Paso fans with one heck of a season this year and next year could be something really special.

Let’s just hope all those involved realize it and come back to see it through.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### When basketball was more than an app

Madness has descended upon us and my desk is littered with brackets. For the next few weeks many of us will be glued to our super cell phones, the latest basketball app downloaded and ready to go during the slightest lapse of conversation or sentient human activity. (The rest, one presumes, will have to make do with 24-hour sports television and newspaper special sections that are twice the size of the regular news hole.)

This year, I was moved with nostalgia, partly due to a few rather excellent pieces of sports journalism out there right now, HBO’s

documentary on the UCLA dynasty, and Seth Davis’ compulsively readable book “When March Went Mad,” the story of the 1979 Final Four. This wave of nostalgia puts me squarely in the state of Indiana... not a surprising thing when you talk college basketball. Every time I advance Butler in my bracket, I think about that state’s basketball legacy and wonder how many people know it is responsible — directly and indirectly — for the steely backboard of classic American basketball.

Before he was “the Wizard of Westwood,” John Wooden was the

head coach of Indiana State. Terre Haute may very well have been title town if Wooden had stayed, but the fates decided he had to go west. Instead, Wooden — a man blessed with intellect, discipline and class — made his biggest statement off the hardwood when he refused an invite to the NAIB (the precursor to today’s NAIA) due to its ban on black athletes.

And for all the lore of Purdue, Notre Dame and Indiana, it was former Hoosier coach Bobby Knight who awoke the sleeping Sycamores. Decades before Knight lost his job for grabbing a student who said hello to him on campus, Larry Bird transferred before he was even fitted for a uniform because Knight gave him the cold shoulder on campus. (The lessons here being don’t say hello to Bobby Knight while on campus.)

And while sports fans debated

whether or not the UCLA dynasty was a good thing for the sport, the networks knew a good thing when they saw it. A few years removed from the Wooden dynasty, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird squared off in the highest-rated NCAA finals ever, and forever changed the game before taking their rivalry to the NBA and Olympic stage.

In their wake came the shot clock, the three-point line and a host of other viewer-friendly innovations, but more importantly, they reminded us of a simpler time when student athletes were more than just professional prospects and coaches stood for more than the next endorsement deal.

That’s the sort of application you just can’t download.

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

## Council

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their sponsors cooked and served enchiladas, rice, and beans for 21 volunteers.

All of the organization’s activities are also connected by a theme they selected at the beginning of the year, “Transform Your Life — The Time is Now!” Also guiding the student council members through their heavy agenda of tasks is advisor and Student Activities Manager, Ruben Rodriguez. In his first attempt as the student council advisor, Rodriguez has already grown the organization from a group of 40 students at the beginning of the school year to a current membership of approximately 60 students. According to Rodriguez, in order for San Elizario High School to compete against larger schools, all student council members must take very active roles in various events. “We could not do what we do without the participation and hard work of all these students,” Rodriguez added.

The San Elizario High School Student Council will continue functioning at full speed upon their return from the state conference as they prepare to be actively involved in prom, graduation and other end of the school year festivities.

## Briefs

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to still be in the area. He is described as 6 feet tall, weighing about 180 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair. If you have any information about any crime, even if you don’t think it’s important, please call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR VARIANCE**  
  
Alejandro Luna Jr. and Maria Esquivel are requesting the following variance from the County of El Paso Subdivision Regulation Section No. 2.8(r) for the proposed Indian Subdivision:  
  
The variance requested is to allow the lots frontage to be less than 1/3 of the length of the lot. The original lot is 842.10 ft. x 288.59 ft., 1/3 of the length is 280.70 ft. Proposed lots (2 ea.) will be 842.10 ft. x 144.29 ft. The 144.29 ft. frontage (width) is less than the 1/3 of the length required by code. Requested variance shall not be detrimental to public safety, health, and welfare or injurious to other property.  
  
The requested variance shall not be detrimental to drainage and is being requested to meet existing lots conditions. It shall not be detrimental for emergency vehicle response time.  
  
The proposed subdivision is located in Precinct Number 3 and is more specifically identified as Tract 8T, Block 49, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 5.58 acres of land. The El Paso County Commissioner’s Court will consider the request for this variance on Monday, April 12, 2010 at the County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio Street, Room 303, El Paso, Texas 79901.  
  
Anyone interested in providing comment on the proposed variance either in support or opposition, may do so during the public comments period of the Commissioner’s Court meeting or by providing written comment to the attention of the Subdivision Coordinator, MDR Building-Suite 407, County Road and Bridge Department, 800 E. Overland Street, El Paso, Texas 79901. Written comments must be received seven (7) calendar days prior to the Commissioner’s Court meeting.  
  
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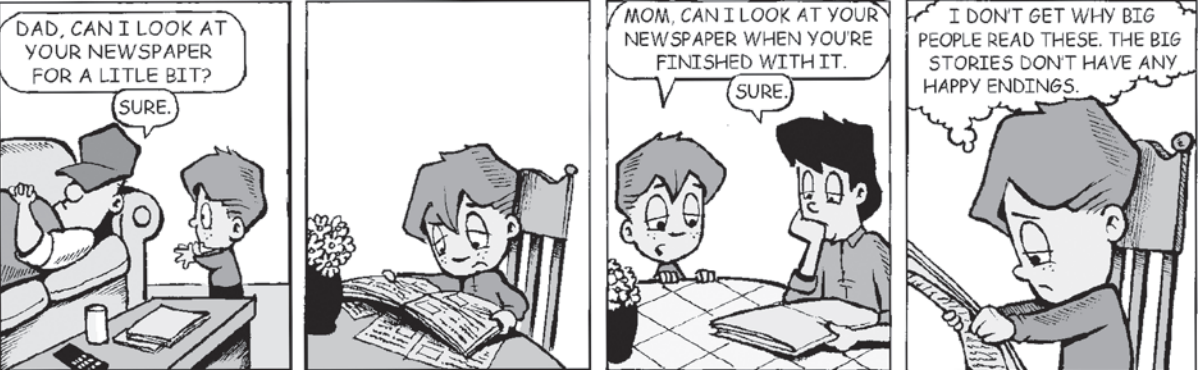


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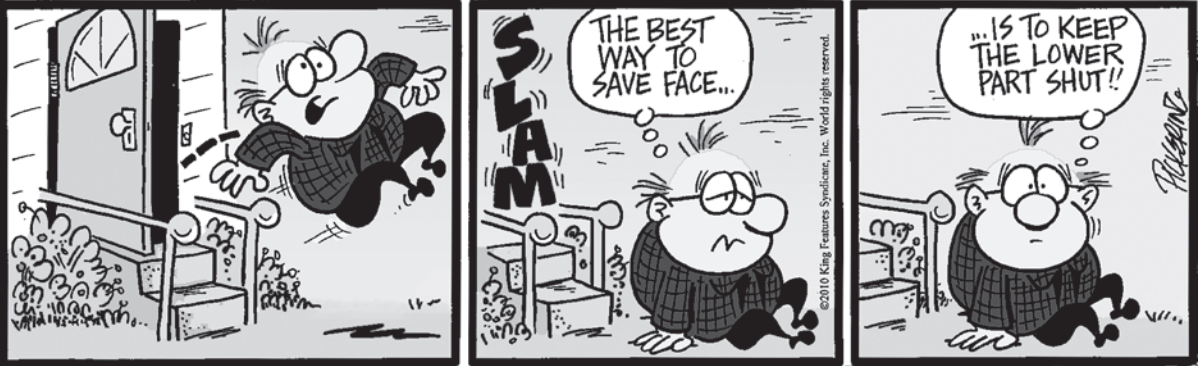
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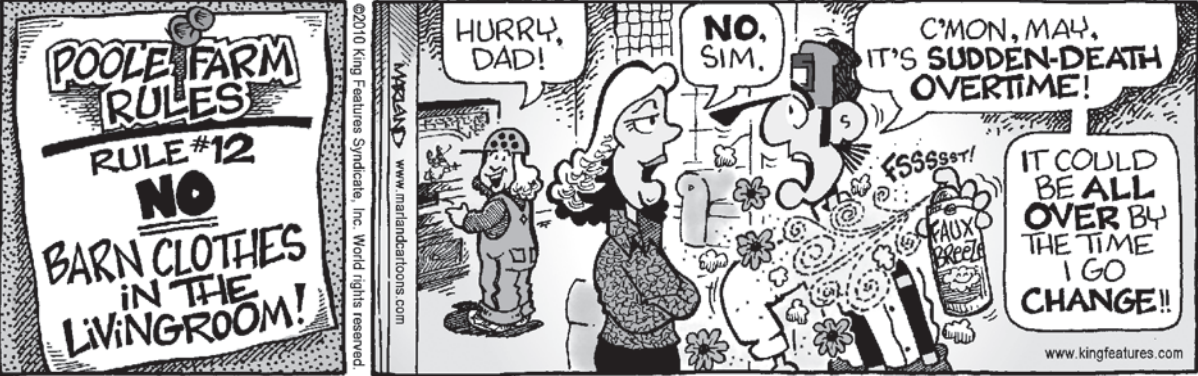
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# Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For men with BPH, would you recommend the Prolieve System for treatment? It involves reducing the prostate with heat. Must it be done periodically to maintain symptom improvement? Any information will be appreciated. — Anon.*

BPH — benign (not cancer) prostate hypertrophy (overgrowth) — is a common condition of older men. The urethra — the bladder's drainage tube — runs through the prostate. A large gland acts like a vise, squeezing the urethra and making it impossible for the bladder to completely empty. Large glands make men get up many times during the night to visit the bathroom. They make it difficult to start the urinary stream, and they can reduce the stream to a dribble.

Minimally invasive procedures, many done right in the doctor's office, pare the gland so that a free urine flow is re-established. The Prolieve System (a trademark name) delivers microwaves to the gland to shave the excess growth. In this and in similar techniques, instruments are inserted into the urethra by way of the penis and passed upward to the level of the prostate gland, where the microwaves are then activated. Yes, I can recommend it. Quite often, the procedure need be done only once. However, it is possible that a repeat will be necessary to trim the gland again should it regrow to the size where it compresses the urethra.

Other procedures include the Green Light laser, in which a laser beam reduces prostate size in a similar manner. TUNA — transurethral needle ablation — is another minimally invasive procedure, done in a like way. It employs radio waves to reduce prostate size. All of these methods work. The most important element in making a choice is the doctor's skill in the technique.

Medicines are another possible

route for handling an overgrown gland. Drugs can relax tight muscles in the prostate and in the outflow tract of the bladder to permit better urine flow. Flomax and Uroxatral are two examples. And medicines like Proscar and Avodart shrink the gland, but they can take months to work.

The booklet on this gland and its problems discusses these issues in greater depth. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 1001W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I always heard that one must fast before being tested for cholesterol. My doctor always told me to do so. At my last visit, he had his nurse draw my blood for a cholesterol check. I told him I had not fasted, but he said it didn't matter. Have things changed? — D.S.*

You don't have to fast for an accurate cholesterol reading. However, you do have to fast, preferably for 12 to 14 hours, for an accurate triglyceride reading. Triglycerides often are checked along with cholesterol.

A new trend is developing for triglycerides. Many now feel that a more accurate picture of triglycerides is obtained by not fasting before blood is drawn. Whether this technique wins universal approval is something we'll have to wait to see.

*Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2010 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

# Super Crossword

- ILL HUMOR

ACROSS

1 Monty Python's Michael

6 Deli choice

9 Gear teeth

13 Film pterodactyl

18 Porthos' pal

20 Team scream

21 Well-ventilated

22 Felony

23 Start of a remark

24 Funnyman Philips

25 Deep purple

26 Confused

27 Faux \_

28 Vince of "Ben Casey"

31 Small shots

33 PC key

34 "Rosanna" rockers

36 Couple

38 Part of HOMES

41 Part 2 of remark

46 Minnesota city

47 Alias initials

48 Heavy metal instrument?

49 Child welfare org.

50 Mil. unit

51 Say it isn't so

53 Labyrinth

55 Relax

59 Gentle as \_

62 Abhorrence

64 A Barbary State

67 "Norma \_" ('79 film)

68 Buccaneers' headquarters

69 Actress lone

71 Football's Swann

72 Woodsman's tool

73 Part 3 of remark

79 - Mahal

81 Alley Oop's love

82 Out-of-this-world org.

83 Invasions

86 President Bush was one

87 Overturn

89 Macho type

92 Roast host

93 Circus sight

95 Teri of "Tootsie"

97 \_ majesty

98 Canterbury quaff

99 Hoagy

102 Wordsworth work

104 ABA member

105 Teach on the side

107 Part 4 of remark

112 Deprive (of)

113 Wooden strip

114 Olympic event

115 Flight

116 Tasty tuber

118 Proposition

121 Carol opener

124 Inevitable activity

127 Hungarian sheepdog

129 Shaq's pack

130 End of remark

133 Daybreak

134 Toast topper

135 Perlman or Palillo

136 Bostonian, for one

137 "The Brandon \_ Story" ('98 film)

138 So. state

139 Still

140 Self-confidence

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1 Theatrical Joseph

2 District

3 Neighbor of Thailand

4 Mischief-maker

5 Zilch

6 Make coffee

7 "Rama \_ Ding Dong" ('61 tune)

8 Legendary athlete

9 Pepper

10 Vinegar's partner

11 Chow

12 Token

13 JVC competitor

14 Terrier's tidbit

15 Win over

16 Audrey Tautou role

17 Peachy-keen

19 Take care of

29 EI \_ AR

30 Tapered seam

32 Cut a cuticle

34 Decimal base

35 Two \_ kind

37 Morocco's capital

39 Cable channel

40 Thickening agent

41 Writer Rogers St. Johns

42 Thingumbob

43 Got by, with "out"

44 Disappear

45 Lapis \_

46 Part of Q.E.D.

52 Canadian territory

54 "Only Time" singer

56 Destroy

57 Getz's instrument

58 Fairway accessory

60 Speedometer abbr.

61 "Blue \_" ('77 hit)

63 Blabby bird

65 Business abbr.

66 \_ drum

70 One of the Fords

74 Weasel word?

75 First name in fashion

76 Finger food

77 Composer Jean-Philippe

78 "Platoon" setting

79 Gumshoe

80 Chicken \_ king

84 Apollo's isle

85 Soothsayer

88 Witty

90 Vino center

91 Irritate

94 Punta del \_

96 Link

100 Actress Thurman

101 Bunch of birds

103 "Pyramus and Thisbe," e.g.

105 Playground game

106 Luau instrument

107 Confederation

108 January stoat

109 Earl Grey's place

110 William Sydney Porter

111 Man of the cloth?

112 Great time

117 Stubborn sort

119 Hautboy

120 Be bombastic

121 "Kon- \_"

122 Summertime treats

123 \_-Ball

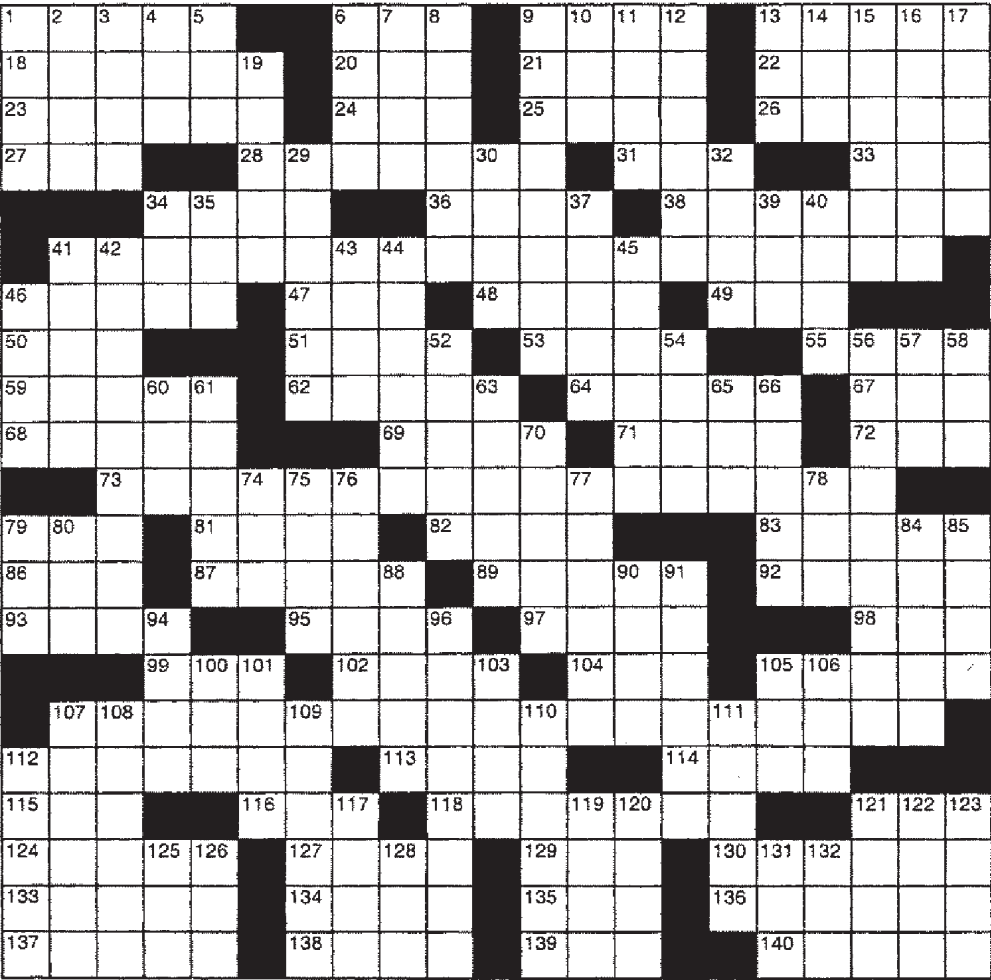
125 "Sister Act" extra

126 Scholastic abbr.

128 Deighton or Dawson

131 "The Bells" monogram

132 \_-Cat
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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: C equals T  
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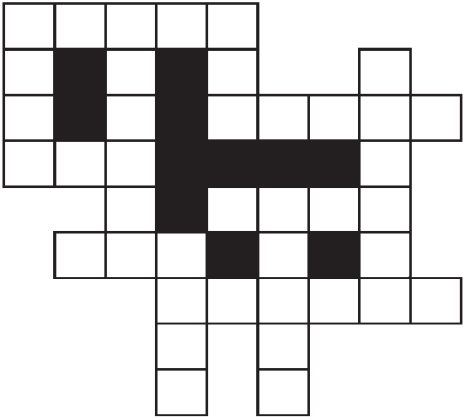
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- ♥ EEW
- PIKSYM
- ♥ HURBS
- PYES
- POWBUL
- ♥ NSI
- GAWN
- IGLUE
- ♥ BGI
- WRAISP
- OSIEN
- KAIS



Answer Page 4

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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.

## Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

### Social Security facts

When you think of Social Security, you probably think about a monthly payment for retired and disabled workers. But Social Security has a rich history full of interesting facts. The program has been around for almost 75 years, so there has been ample time to put together a list of fun facts and figures. Here are a few. Social Security paid benefits to about 55.8 million people in 2008. Fifty-six percent of adult beneficiaries were women. Here is some trivia about wages over the past few years. In 2007, the average annual wage was \$40,405.

In 2008, it went up to \$41,679 (estimated). And in 2009, the average wage was \$42,041 (estimated). Looking at the average wages, it's plain to see how easy it is to reach your full Social Security credit each year. For example, in 2009, a wage-earner needed to earn and pay taxes on \$4,360 of wages to earn the full four credits of Social Security coverage for the year.

When you retire, you'll fully appreciate just how useful Social Security can be. In 2007, 88 percent of married couples and 86 percent of single people aged 65 or older received Social Security benefits. Social Security was the major source of income (providing at least 50 percent of total income) for 53 percent of aged beneficiary couples and 73 percent of aged single beneficiaries. Social Security made up 90 percent or more of income for 21 percent of aged beneficiary couples and 44 percent of aged single beneficiaries.

New benefits were approved for about 5.1 million people in 2008. Of these new beneficiaries, 44 percent were retired workers and 17 percent were disabled workers. The remaining 39 percent were survivors or the spouses and children of retired or disabled workers.

Then there's Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a program that provides income to needy people aged 65 or older, or who are blind or disabled. Payments under SSI began in January 1974, with 3.2 million people receiving federally administered payments. As of December 2008, the number of recipients was 7.5 million. Of this total, 4.3 million were between the ages of 18 and 64, 2 million were aged 65 or older, and 1.2 million were under age 18.

To learn more, read our online publication Fast Facts & Figures About Social Security, 2009 at [www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/chartbooks/fast\\_facts](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/chartbooks/fast_facts).

*Q: I get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) because I am elderly and have no income. My sister recently died and left me the money she had in a savings account. Will this extra money affect my SSI benefits?*

A: The money inherited from your sister is considered income for the month you receive it and could make you ineligible for that month, depending on the amount of the inheritance. If you keep the money into the next month, it then becomes a part of your resources. You cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources to remain eligible for SSI benefits. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY, 1-800-325-0778) to report the inheritance. A representative will tell you how your eligibility and payment amount might be affected. Learn more by visiting us online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**YOU ARE BEING SHADOWED.** But you're not the only one. Every year in Texas, car thieves steal close to 100,000 cars and trucks, and burglarize thousands more. Surprised? Don't be any longer. When you leave your vehicle, **HIDE** your things, **LOCK** your car, and **TAKE** your keys. Remember... **YOU HOLD THE KEY.**

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