



NEWSBRIEFS

Spring fiesta

The San Elizario High School 2nd Annual Spring Fiesta featuring fun for the entire family will be held on Friday, April 25 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy game booths, music, jumping balloons, food, and lots more entertainment. All proceeds go towards supporting San Elizario High School students. The fiesta will be at the San Elizario High School Eagle Stadium located at 13981 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX. For more information call 872-3970.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

Job fair

The Career Services Department at El Paso Community College (EPCC) presents its annual Job Fair 2014. The job fair will bring numerous employers who will offer job and internship opportunities. The fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at the Valle Verde campus, Building C Cafeteria Annex, 919 Hunter. This event is free and open to the public. Job seekers should dress professionally, bring copies of their resume and be ready to interview on the spot. Only serious job seekers should attend. The Career Services Department at EPCC promotes career exploration, lifelong career management, and professional development. EPCC students and graduates can visit the Career Services Department at their nearest EPCC Campus prior the Job Fair for job readiness assistance. For more information on the Job Fair 2014, please contact Silvia Dominguez at 831-2636, via email at careerservices@epcc.edu or visit us at www.epcc.edu/careerservices.

— Jim Heiney

EPCC closed

El Paso Community College will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2014 for a scheduled Institutional Holiday. Classes will resume on Saturday, April 19, 2014 and offices will reopen on Monday, April 21, 2014.

— Jim Heiney

Crime Stoppers

A man holds up a west El Paso fast food restaurant at gun point. The man was recorded by security cameras and detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for your help in identifying him through the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." The armed robbery took place in the early morning hours of Friday April 11, 2014 at the "Jack In the Box" located at 4160 N. Mesa. The suspect walked into the restaurant at about 1 a.m., after walking by the outside of the restaurant several times. Once inside the suspect went to one of the

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Confess your sins, not your neighbor's.
— Quips & Quotes



— Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

MAKING A CONNECTION – Two concrete pillars go up on the southern side of the border communities of Tornillo and Guadalupe, as Mexico starts work on its part of the border bridge project.

New border crossing waiting on Mexico

By By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO – Construction of the Tornillo-Guadalupe Bridge and port of entry, aimed at relieving congested cargo traffic lanes between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, is nearly complete on the U.S. side, but work on the bridge on the Mexican side is just getting started.

In a recent news report, Mexican officials stated that their half of the bridge will be ready by the end of summer, but inspection areas and a road to connect the area to the main highway will still have to be added for the project to be fully operational.

When the project was announced in July 2011, the governor of Chihuahua, Cesar Duarte, announced that crews would start working in two months. But through 2013, no money had been allocated for the project, and there was no timetable for completion.

On the U.S. side, the project is almost finished. The bridge reaches halfway across the river, and crews are finishing the customs and immigration inspection areas of what will become the largest-area port of entry in the nation. The U.S. portion of the 117-acre project, which began eighteen months ago, cost about

\$133 million, most of it paid for with federal funds, according to county officials.

The new port of entry is set to replace the two-lane bridge and customs and immigration offices at the small border crossing of Fabens, about half a mile downstream.

A spokeswoman for the General Services Administration said recently that the new inspection areas on the U.S. side will be open for automobiles this spring and be ready for commercial traffic in the summer.

Traffic will soon be routed through the existing two-lane bridge to the new facility, said Customs and Border Protection officials. Commercial traffic, however, will have to wait for the new bridge and facilities to be completed because the Fabens crossing does not support heavy vehicles.

A spokesman for the Communications and Transportation Department in Chihuahua City, Mexico, recently told reporters that officials expect their part of the bridge to be finished in six months. But he gave no timetable for the completion of the needed highway or inspection areas.

County officials said recently that they plan to meet soon with their counterparts in Mexico to coordinate the next steps of the project, including connecting the two sides of the bridge.

Meanwhile, county commissioners are expected to use funds from the 2012 bond project, and possibly vehicle registration fees, to fund phase two of the Manuel Aguilera Highway, which is part of the county's comprehensive mobility plan.

The first phase, which has been completed, was the Manuel F. Aguilera Highway from the new bridge to Alameda Avenue. The second phase will take the highway project from Alameda Avenue to Interstate 10.

County officials reported that they are currently looking for someone to appraise the roughly 130 acres of land needed for the project. They said that they also need a biologist to do an environmental assessment and to train work crews to protect the threatened horned toad during construction.

Construction of the highway and a bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad will cost about \$17.2 million, according to county reports.

Additionally, the county is coordinating plans for demolishing the Fabens-Caseta Bridge. It is presently working on producing the bridge's historical documentation, as required by the state Historical Preservation Office. County officials estimate that the demolition will be

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GET YOUR WALLET OUT – The new Tornillo-Guadalupe port of entry will include a toll-way, unlike the current Fabens-Caseta international bridge. County commissioners will soon decide whether to purchase toll equipment and enforce the fees or hire a contractor to collect the tolls including design, install and maintain the equipment.

Why disability insurance is critical

- The longer the waiting period before benefits are paid, the lower the premium. Thus, if you have

- For an additional fee, policies with a “future purchase option” allow you to increase coverage as your wages rise, without having to take another physical or rewrite the policy.

Bottom line: If you became seriously disabled it could easily wipe out your savings and put your family in financial jeopardy. Before you actually need it, investigate what disability coverage you already have and what other options are available.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

No need to report income to VA

The income limits for co-pays and prescriptions are all over the map, literally. Income threshold limits for a veteran and family of four can range from \$46,440 in Washington County, Maine,

To get more information, go online to www.va.gov/healthbenefits/cost or call VA toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

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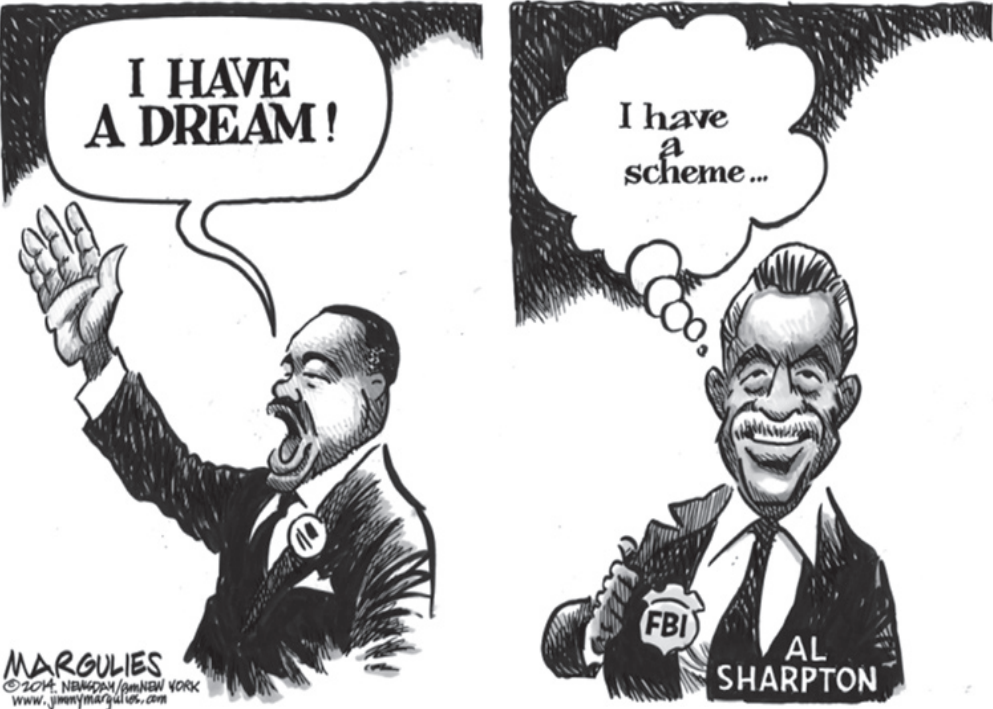
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– Photo courtesy of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology

STORY TELLER – Alex Mares uses a fan made of turkey feathers as a visual aid to recount an American Indian winter story during a presentation held last year.

Museum presents ancient, modern sky stories

By By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Native American storyteller Alex Mares and astronomer Francisco Carreto-Parra will facilitate an extraordinary program, entitled *Sky Stories, Ancient and Modern*, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (4300 Transmountain Road).

The two presenters will interweave Native American folklore about the sun, moon, stars, and cosmos with modern astronomical research as well as with other ancient cultural beliefs. For the outdoor presentation, local astronomers will provide telescopes for participants to view the night sky.

Marilyn Guida, education curator for

the local museum, said that the two and a half hour program is suitable for adults and children of elementary school age and above. She stated that each participant should bring a flashlight.

The program's schedule includes (from 7 to 8 p.m.) – Highlights of the development of astronomical science across different cultures; (8 to 9 p.m.) – Telescope observations and American Indian sky storytelling; (9:00 to 9:30 pm) – stories of ancient Greek and American Indian interpretations of the constellations.

The event is free to museum members and \$2 per person for non-members. Reservations are required and limited to sixty persons due to available seating and parking.

For more information call the education curator, at 755-4332 or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.



– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

A GOOD TRIP – Canutillo High School students, from left, Vanity Vences, Vanessa Gaytan, Nataly Quintana, Alejandra de la Cerda, Daniel Cisneros, Matthew Jones, Marcus Medina, Francine Esquivel, Ruben Garcia, Bo Brooks, Tristan Perez and Paul Melendez attended the Texas Association of Student Council's Leadership Conference in Arlington, TX.

Canutillo students attend leadership conference

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Twelve Canutillo High School students were in Arlington, TX as part of the first-ever Canutillo ISD (CISD) delegation to the Texas Association of Student Councils Annual Conference on Leadership.

The CISD students joined 4,800 students

from throughout the state to develop leadership skills and be trained on how to best serve the needs of other fellow students using legislative and parliamentary procedures.

CHS Principal Dino Coronado said the students were selected because they have shown strong leadership skills and great character.

As part of their trip, the students were able to catch a Texas Rangers baseball game.

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restrooms. As soon as the suspect walked out of the restroom he went to the counter and immediately showed the employee that he had a handgun and threatened the employee. The suspect demanded money from the cash register and fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 5'5" in height, approximately 140 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, and appeared to have a full beard and mustache. The suspect was wearing a

grey hoodie with a black zipper down the middle, black sleeve cuffs, and a pocket on the left breast area, the suspect was also wearing black pants and dark colored shoes. Anyone with any information is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous, and if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

– Javier Sambrano

Baca, Williams sign with universities

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Two more Canutillo High School seniors this week accepted scholarships from separate colleges to continue their athletic careers while earning a college education. Josiah Williams earned a scholarship to play baseball at

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, while Brian Baca earned a scholarship to play football at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill. Williams and Baca join three other CHS seniors who have accepted athletic scholarships to different colleges throughout the country. “Josiah and Brian are two tough-minded, dedicated student athletes that deserve the great opportunities

they are now being afforded by Eastern New Mexico and St. Francis,” said Scott Brooks, the athletic director for Canutillo High School. “Eastern New Mexico has recognized our talents in football for many years, and now, in Josiah, they’re seeing that we have a lot to offer in baseball, too,” he added. “And Brian’s offer shows that our students have an appeal

that is nation-wide and not just regional. Williams will join the Eastern New Mexico Greyhound team, which plays Division 2 in the Lone Star Conference of the NCAA. Baca will play for the St. Francis Fighting Saints, Division 1 members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The Saints play in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Bridge

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completed by late 2015. Once it is fully operational, the Tornillo-Guadalupe port of entry will serve the same function as the five other border crossings between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez. Together, the current crossings process more than 9.2 million cars, nearly 800,000 trucks, and 6 million pedestrians every year, according to county records.



– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

FUTURE COLLEGIENTS – Brian Baca, left, and Josiah Williams of Canutillo High School accepted athletic scholarships to separate universities. Baca will play football at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL. Williams will play baseball at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.



NOT CLOWNIN’ AROUND – Justin Fawcett, left, and Armando “Kobe” Moreno collected three gallons of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) from September 2013 to April 2014. RMH sends those tabs to a recycling center and the center sends a check to RMH after weighing the tabs. Both are seniors at Fabens High School (FHS) and Fawcett is vice-president of the FHS National Honor Society.

PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS

FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The Village of Vinton hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon the recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

The locality has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals during office hours. The month of April has been proclaimed “Fair Housing Month”; copies of the official proclamation are available at the Village of Vinton Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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The Village of Vinton announces that it has adopted a policy of nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions concerning access, participation, and benefit of programs and activities operated or conducted by the locality. This policy is in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 24 CFR, Part 8, “Non-discrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of HUD,” dated June 2, 1988. Interested individuals or groups may obtain copies of this policy statement by calling the Town Clerk, who has been assigned to coordinate compliance with this policy and may be contacted at (915) 886-5104.

POLICY STATEMENT ON PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Village of Vinton announces that it has adopted a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement personnel within its jurisdiction against an individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. This policy is in compliance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-44, 1990, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act. Copies of this policy statement may be obtained by calling the Town Clerk at (915) 886-5104.

COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

In order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) and of 10 T.A.C. Section 178.1 and Section 178.2, the locality has citizen complaint procedures intended to provide a timely written response to all complaints made against its proposed or completed TCDP efforts. Responses to complaints will be made within no more than ten (10) working days. A copy of the complaint procedures can be obtained upon request at (915) 886-5104. The established complaint procedures are an element of the local Citizen Participation Plan, and meet the requirements of USHUD Section 504 (24 CFR) concerning nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions.

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Madeleine Praino
Mayor

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Floyd, team, made the best of their season

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There’s little doubt that the 2013-14 UTEP men’s basketball season will go down as one of the most memorable in team history.

Fans won’t remember it because they won the Conference USA regular season – they didn’t.

Fans won’t remember it because they won the C-USA Tournament – they didn’t.

Fans won’t remember it because they won the CBI Tournament – they were eliminated at home in the first round.

Fans will remember this season because of the determination the team showed after losing an abundance of players before and during the season.

After losing all those good players, six in all, many of the fans thought the season was over. It’s a good thing the players didn’t share those sentiments.

I don’t know if this was Tim Floyd’s best coaching effort, but I can’t think of a year when he’s ever worked harder or taught more.

The worst thing about losing the players they did, is that almost all of them were guards.

Losing a forward here or a center there helps to distribute the losses evenly. But the Miners were devastated at the guard spot.

And anyone who knows anything about basketball knows that strong guard play is often the key to a successful season.

Ask anyone who played U Conn in the recent NCAA Tournament.

UTEP went through the bulk of their season with just one true guard, C.J. Cooper – a shooting guard. Because of the player losses, Cooper was forced to be something he wasn’t – a point guard.

Things got so bad that Floyd had to run down the UTEP athletic hall and pull a couple football players out of their shoulder pads and into some long shorts.

And although the Miners did an amazing job finishing just a game out of first place in the conference, the lack of guard strength caught up with the team late in the season.

But those worries are a thing of the past. UTEP announced the signing of a bunch of impressive guards to come in next year and

fill the void.

No less than six guards were added to the roster recently, including Marqywell Jackson from Detroit, Mich., Earvin Morris of Memphis, Lew Stallworth of Newhall, Calif., Trey Touchet of Lafayette, La., Chis Sandifer of Los Angeles and Omega Harris of Bethany, Okla.

In that mix are four-star, three-star and two-star athletes that almost guarantee the Miners a heck of a season next year.

Guys like forwards Cedrick Lang, Julian Washburn and Vince Hunter will benefit the most from the little guards driving the lane and dishing off for some torrid dunks.

Which is something the Miners had none of last year.

And there is yet another three-star guard, Shaquile Carr, who has adamantly said he will sign with the Miners in July.

Of course after the fiasco that was last season, I’m sure many UTEP fans are hoping the same thing doesn’t happen again this year.

They’re hoping that these players resist the temptation of leaving UTEP for any last-second openings at the UCLAs, Dukes,

Kentuckys or Michigan States of the world.

Another thing is that I’ve heard from some UTEP insiders that a couple of the new guards are at the 50/50 point academically. Don’t be surprised if a player or two doesn’t make the grade.

The Miners biggest improvement next season is going to have to come from their big men.

Matt Willms and Hooper Vint are going to have to start defending like it was something personal. They also have to improve their hand strength. Too many times they’d come down with a rebounds only to have it poked away.

With the addition of 6-7, 235-pound forward Terry Winn, the Miners are completely set at the guard and forward positions.

If the big guys can add some consistency, the Miners will be a special team next season and may end up creating as much excitement around here as the women’s team recently did.

If the Miners could go as far as they did this season with a depleted lineup, the odds are that they will have a very realistic chance to make the NCAA Tournament next year.

Especially with a new crop of guards to choose from.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Hammerin’ Hank

It was 40 years ago today that Henry Aaron taught the world how to play in style.

Four decades ago, Hammerin’ Hank showed us how it was done... but the record books show that, hey, he had been doing it all along. Twenty-five times an All-Star, 15 seasons with 30 or more home runs. All-time home-run leader until some guy named

Bonds came along.

Consistency was and remains his true mantle. For that, he was honored with nearly 98 percent of the ballot for the Hall of Fame. Bonds still ain’t there. Neither are McGwire or Sosa. (And what were the 2 percent of voters thinking?)

But we know all that. The picture of Hank rounding the bases and getting a congratulatory slap on

the back from a fan in Cincinnati is etched in our minds. But you know what else is etched in our minds? Of course you do. Racism.

Ironic that on April 15, our nation’s tax day, things got most taxing. It was two days after a shooting at the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, Kan. It was one day after we had to detonate suspected bombs at the end of a marathon in Boston. It was Jackie Robinson Day for some, but for others it was just another day to drag the national pastime back into the mud.

And as Aaron surely knew, he

was gonna be in that muck, too.

His interview regarding President Barack Obama in USA Today all but sealed his fate.

“Sure, this country has a black president, but when you look at a black president, President Obama is left with his foot stuck in the mud from all of the Republicans with the way he’s treated,” Aaron stated. “We have moved in the right direction, and there have been improvements, but we still have a long ways to go in the country. The bigger difference is that back then they had hoods. Now they have neckties and starched shirts.”

And like his accolades, it’s not necessary to mention how much vitriol and hate his remarks received.

Some thought he was anti-tie.

Others thought he was merely cynical or maybe even a bit stupid for wearing a tie himself.

Symbolism is lost on people, apparently.

Hank Aaron erased the biggest asterisk of all-time when he broke Babe Ruth’s home-run record... a record made when black folks didn’t even play the game. Yeah, Aaron taught us something 40 years ago. He taught us that for the crime of hitting a ball with a stick you have to endure muggings, assaults, home invasions, thievery and constant threat of personal harm.

Some things, like ignorance, apparently never go out of style.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.



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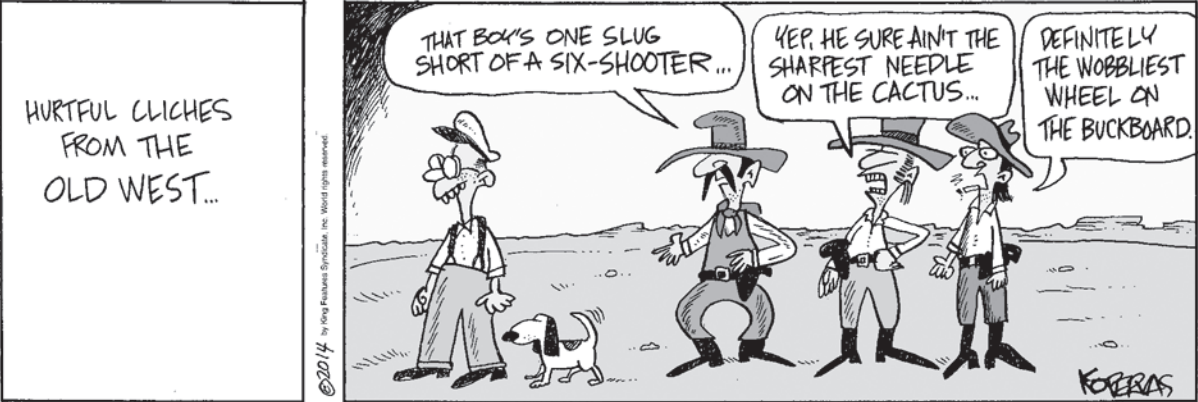
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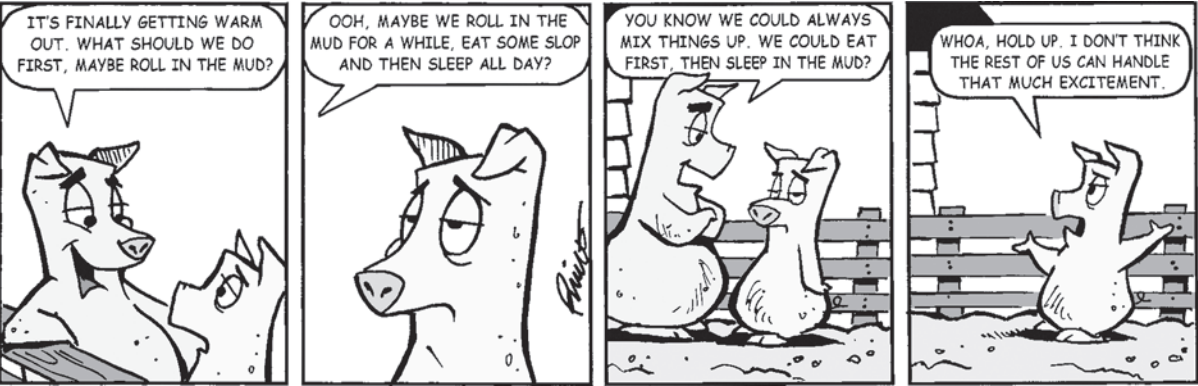
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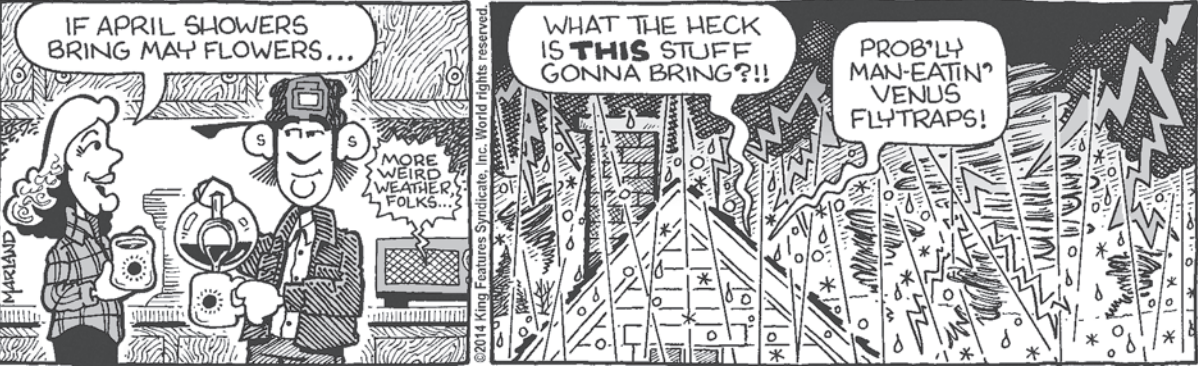
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Your good health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 88 years old and in good health except for a small stroke I had a year ago with no lingering deficiencies. I have had an enlarged prostate for most of my adult life, but a biopsy showed no cancer. I have had problems with urgency. I tried a medication, doxazosin, with poor results, if any. My last visit, they recommended nothing more than medication. Is removing the prostate not advisable because of my age? What's the reason they don't remove it completely? – C.W.S.

Symptoms of an enlarged prostate in men without cancer are common, and the condition is called benign prostatic hypertrophy. BPH can be treated with either medication or surgery. For most men, medication works well. Saw palmetto is used by many men, but well-done trials have shown it to be no better than placebo. Medications like doxazosin, including tamsulosin (Flomax), often are the first ones tried and usually work pretty well, but finasteride (Proscar) and dutasteride (Avodart) are effective as well. A combination is probably most effective of all. However, even that doesn't work for some men.

The most common prostate surgery nowadays is a TURP (transurethral resection of the prostate). This is far less invasive and has fewer risks than the old open method, and generally has good results. However, as with any surgery, there is never a guarantee of success, and I have seen several men get worse after TURP, even though most get better.

Age in and of itself does not necessarily preclude surgery. However, a history of stroke does make surgery a bit more risky. I don't recommend surgery lightly, and since you haven't reported giving finasteride or dutasteride a chance, either alone or in combination, I would recommend

a good trial of those before contemplating surgery. The booklet on prostate enlargement and prostate cancer deals with these common male problems in detail. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – 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. ROACH: My husband has numerous skin tags under both arms. Now he's starting to get them around his neck and on his eyelids. We've been told to tie a string around them, or a dermatologist he saw told him to get a good pair of cuticle scissors and cut them off, but there's way too many to do that. Is there anything else we might try? – R.L.

Skin tags are benign growths that are very common on the neck, armpits, groin or other places where skin rubs. They are harmless, and nothing needs to be done about them unless they are cosmetically important. The best way to remove them is to have a dermatologist or other expert remove them directly. I don't recommend trying to remove them yourself with scissors, since I have occasionally seen them bleed enough after removal to require a stitch.

The last time I wrote about skin tags, several readers wrote to recommend Tag Away, an over-the-counter product. It may be worth a try, although the reviews about this product are rather mixed.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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- 6 1999-2004 Olds
- 7 Pipe material
- 8 Old trucking watchdog gp.
- 9 Ultimate
- 10 " _ & the Women" (Richard Gere film)
- 11 South Korea's - Tae Woo
- 12 Bill in a tip jar
- 13 Tiny parasite
- 14 "Ready or not, here _!"

- 15 Feature of "Rose" but not "rose"
- 16 Stress
- 17 Canadian dollar coin
- 18 Big-billed bird
- 19 Annex
- 27 George Burns' Allen
- 29 D sharp, e.g.
- 32 Adult female
- 33 Fostered
- 34 Employ
- 35 Alligator lookalike
- 36 _ energy
- 39 _wee Herman
- 40 Waiter's 20%
- 41 In the future
- 45 Desert Arab
- 46 Analyze
- 47 "NYPD Blue" actress Kim
- 48 Grasping thing
- 50 Kate Nelligan film
- 51 Met by accident
- 52 Way to storm off
- 53 Crest rival
- 56 Coffee additive
- 58 Master
- 60 Slip past
- 62 Rain forest monkey
- 66 JFK stat
- 67 Deke or juke
- 69 Sheet-slicing office gizmo
- 72 French saint - d'Arc

- 73 Cause to feel umbrage
- 74 Putrefied
- 79 Go for again
- 81 Title differently
- 84 Spooking
- 85 King, in Spanish
- 87 China's Sun _-sen
- 88 Faucet brand
- 90 Showing concern
- 91 Sorry sort?
- 92 "Pest" of kiddie lit
- 93 Sort of
- 96 Christians' _ Creed
- 97 Camel's kin
- 98 Word form made with the big letter depicted in this puzzle's diagram (this letter is entirely absent from the solution)
- 100 Iraqi coin
- 102 Grazing land
- 105 Vena _
- 106 _ shui
- 110 Third bk. of the Bible
- 111 Dot in la mer
- 112 Zeus, e.g.
- 113 Gun touters' gp.
- 114 Adult male
- 115 Show _

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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

April 23, 1936: Roy Orbison is born in West Texas.



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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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		2		7			6	
8	6				2	9		
	5		4					2
7				9		5	1	
	9		5					3
		3			6	7		
1			2				3	
	4		7		3			1
		9		8		4		

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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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Dust off your financial plan

Spring is officially here. Before you get started with your spring cleaning, perhaps another matter deserves some dusting off—that long-term financial plan.

April is National Financial Literacy Month—the perfect time to spring into action when it comes to planning your financial future. If you already have a plan, this is a great opportunity to take another look at it and make sure you’re still “on track” to reach your financial goals.

According to a 2013 survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, the past few years have seen a sharp decline in Americans’ confidence about their retirement savings. Only 13 percent of workers feel very confident about having enough for a comfortable retirement and 28 percent are not at all confident. More than half of workers have less than \$25,000 in total savings and investments. Twenty-eight percent of workers have saved less than \$1,000.

If you haven’t begun saving for retirement, now is a good time to start—no matter what your age. If retirement is near, you’ll want to jump into the fast lane right away. If you’re younger and retirement seems a lifetime away, it’s still in your best interest to begin saving now. Here’s how much the magic of

compound interest will work to your advantage. For example, a 25-year old who begins saving \$100 a month and earns a modest 5 percent interest will have more than \$150,000 at age 65. Save \$200 a month and you’re looking at more than \$300,000. Experts agree that saving when you’re young will make a world of difference when the time comes to draw on your retirement savings.

Don’t just take our word for it. You can check out the numbers yourself. A great way to start figuring out how much you will need for retirement is to use Social Security’s online *Retirement Estimator*, which offers an instant and personalized estimate of your future Social Security retirement benefits based on your earnings record. Try it today at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

We encourage saving for retirement, but there are reasons to save for every stage of life. A great place to go for help is www.mymoney.gov (the official U.S. government’s website dedicated to teaching Americans the basics of finances.) Whether you are looking for information about buying a home, balancing your checkbook, or investing in your 401(k) plan, the resources on www.mymoney.gov can help you.

The *Ballpark Estimator* at www.choosetosave.org/ballpark is another

excellent online tool. It makes complicated issues, like projected Social Security benefits and earnings assumptions on savings, easy to understand.

If you have to choose between scrubbing down the house or scrubbing your budget to get your financial house in order, we recommend putting off the cleaning one more day. Get started on planning your future right now at www.socialsecurity.gov.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted Democratic politician Adlai Stevenson who made the following sage observation: “In America, anybody can be president. That’s one of the risks you take.”
- You might be surprised to learn that notorious FBI director J. Edgar Hoover at one time had presidential aspirations. He reportedly believed he would be able to defeat president Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936, though nothing came of his ambition.
- Those who study such things say that a lion and a leopard can successfully interbreed. The resulting offspring is called a leopon.
- The first pocket calculator was introduced by Texas Instruments in 1961, intended originally for use by the Air Force. Weighing 10 ounces and being only slightly larger than a pack of cigarettes, the company claimed that it could perform the same calculations as a computer 150 times its size.
- The sex organ of a male spider can be found at the end of one of its legs.
- As most health-care workers could tell you, emergency rooms are busier and more mental patients are admitted during the full moon than at any other time of the month. The time of the new moon is only slightly less busy, however.
- The next time you’re drizzling honey on your biscuit, consider this tidbit: Bees must visit up to 2 million flowers just to produce a single pound of the sweetener.
- One might think that an event as momentous as the Wright Brothers’ first successful airplane flight in 1903 would have received widespread coverage in the media. One would be wrong. The only newspaper to carry an account of the historic flight was the *Virginian Pilot*, based in Norfolk.

Thought for the Day: “I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.”
— Mark Twain

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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: O equals T

D OVJH DO ONVO VZOHF ONH
DPJ DA ZDPVYYM WFM BP
PHGALFDPO, MBK HPW KL GDON
LHFSVPHPO LFHAA.

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

WAM
SERMIC
REBGA
IRMP
MOSGAR
♥NWO
♥AAGL
♥REWST
♥RBU
SURTIP
MOWNA
♥AWNE

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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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