



NEWSBRIEFS

Lower Valley Special Olympic Games

The 8th Annual Lower Valley Special Olympic Games, consisting of Fabens, San Elizario and Clint Independent School Districts will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at the Fabens Wildcat Stadium. The Lower Valley Games is an annual event in which all three districts come together to support and nurture the athletic talents of all of their students with disabilities. Both male and female students with various disabilities and special needs will participate in track and field events, such as the 25-, 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter runs. Other events include relay races, motorized wheelchair slalom, shot put, running long jump and softball throw to name a few. The opening ceremonies will begin at 10:00 a.m. and all events will conclude by 2:00 p.m.

— Richard Ortega

If at first you don't succeed

It can be frustrating when you put your heart and soul into a new endeavor and things don't turn out the way you figured they would. But that didn't stop some of the most successful business figures in history, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. To paraphrase Thomas Edison: success is 10 percent inspiration and 90 percent determination. So, take a tip from these businessmen who made America great:

- Henry Ford went broke five times before he got it right and revolutionized the automobile industry and manufacturing practices, in general;
- R.H. Macy faced failure no less than seven times before he successfully created the Macy's brand; and
- Harland David Sanders, better known as Colonel Sanders. Sanders had the idea of setting up a chain of restaurants called Kentucky Roast Beef & Ham, but that didn't work out. He then got the notion of creating a chain of Colonel Sanders Inns, but that didn't work either. Nor did it stop him from dusting himself off and starting all over again creating the world-renowned Kentucky Fried Chicken brand with his "secret" fried chicken recipe. It is interesting

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Don't drive as if you own the road – drive as if you own the car.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Rick Shrum

ENCOURAGING EXERCISE – Part of the Capital Improvement Project approved in February 2014 includes a three-mile hike-and-bike trail running from Ashford Blvd. to Rifton.

Quality of life projects take shape in Horizon

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY – The second phase of a multi-million-dollar Horizon City enhancement/beautification project is under way.

The wide-ranging Capital Improvement Project is fueled by \$15 million in Certificates of Obligation approved in a

February 2014 election plus grants from the state through the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT).

The project covers:

- Completing sidewalks to schools, filling in the gaps between existing sidewalks to ensure safety of children walking to schools. This project is currently in the design phase.
- Similarly, as above, to complete sidewalks and connect "open spaces" in

other areas of the city, explains Michelle Padilla, planning director for the town of Horizon City.

- She also points to the need for improving roads and drainage in the city, in particular in the industrial parks, to make them more attractive to potential commercial customers.
- Motorists driving along Horizon

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Borderland's Indian community shares culture, traditions

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Namaste comes from Hindi words meaning "the spirit within me salutes the spirit in you".

EL PASO COUNTY – Over 200 persons showed up for the debut of the *Namaste El Paso: Celebrating Indian Culture in the Borderland* program that was hosted Saturday afternoon by the El Paso Museum of History.

The special event was officially recognized by the City of El Paso, as city representative Courtney Niland presented during the program a resolution proclaiming March 21st as Celebrating Indian Culture Day. Also in attendance was State Senator Jose Rodriguez, who participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The celebration grew out of plans for a one day cultural festival organized



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

MOVE YOUR FEET – As part of the El Paso Museum of History's *Namaste El Paso: Celebrating Indian Culture* event were performances by children dressed in traditional Indian attire including, from left, kindergartener Anya Nayak, first grader Ishoan Nayak, fifth grader Ann Johnny, and second grader Angela Johnny. They performed three classical Indian dances, titled Pushpanjali, Kavadvichindu, and Natessa Kavuthuvam.

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Finances

By Jason Alderman

Debt and the deceased: How should spouses and heirs proceed?

If your loved one died leaving significant debt behind, would you know what to do?

It's a worrisome question for everyone. Young or old, based on particular debt circumstances or geographic location, death

with debt can provide significant problems for surviving family members. Depending on state law and the specific credit relationships involved, they might be shocked to learn that they could be legally liable for a

deceased relative's outstanding debt – anything from unpaid mortgage balances and medical debt to unpaid credit card balances.

Spouses (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/unexpecteddeath>) who may share any kind of debt jointly, particularly credit cards in dual name, could face greater challenges. It also may spell problems for co-signers of any kind of loan.

young couple may have different debt issues than an older, retired couple, but both should consider how they would handle the debts of a spouse or legal partner after death. It can be helpful to meet with a qualified financial or estate expert about ways to extinguish or manage debt issues as part of current financial and estate planning.

It is particularly important for borrowers and their executors to know what categories of the deceased's debts will likely need to be repaid after their death and other debts that might be canceled or forgiven. Generally, certain forms of unsecured debt held in the deceased's name alone – like credit cards or federal student loans – may likely be discharged, but check with qualified experts first.

credit account, if responsibly managed, can help the survivor qualify for additional credit in their name after a spouse or legal partner dies.

Keep in mind that all debt situations are unique to the individual. For example, a senior who qualifies for nursing home care under Medicaid (public aid) may have family members who will need to sell the senior's home to address certain expenses after he or she has died. It is best to prepare relatives for that possibility in advance. Separately, a healthy senior relative may leave a home to heirs still under mortgage, or there could be a significant tax debt.

Airing and reviewing these issues in advance can either prepare relatives for certain realities or enable them to solve problems while the relative is still alive.

Bottom line: Dealing with a deceased relative's debt can add stress at a particularly worrisome time for spouses and relatives. The best option is transparency while relatives are alive so debt issues can be addressed as part of overall estate planning.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Toxins at Fort Mac

We have another Camp LeJeune on our hands. Veterans who served at the U.S. Marine Corps base in North Carolina have been getting sick for decades. So have their children.

Now we have Fort McClellan, the Army chemical school in Alabama, and the stories are coming out: polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), radiation, depleted uranium, mustard gas and more... leading to cancer, arthritis, autoimmune disease, diabetes, heart disease, fibromyalgia and multiple miscarriages. And it's hitting the second generation, the children of those veterans. Reading the veterans' stories on Internet, a common theme emerges: Their civilian doctors can't figure out the cause of their strange combination of illnesses, but say they appear to be caused by exposure to chemical toxins.

Fort Mac was mothballed in 1999 and is considered a superfund site.

For years, small pockets of information surfaced

around the country, but the Department of Veterans Affairs wasn't listening, if the stories of veterans are accurate. As is standard, it was left to the veterans to try to prove they were sick because of toxin exposure at Fort Mac. Hearing those stories, Congressman Paul Tonko tried and failed numerous times to get the Fort McClellan Health Registry Act passed. He's going to try again.

Ideally, the VA would share information on its website about toxic exposure at Fort Mac. It would be a step, but the Fort Mac illnesses likely will go the way of Agent Orange: years of pushing to get it called presumptive. Don't hold your breath on getting notification from the VA, at least not until Tonko's bill is passed.

If you were stationed at Fort Mac and are sick, go here: www.fortmcclellantoxicexposure.com, or search online for Fort McClellan toxins.

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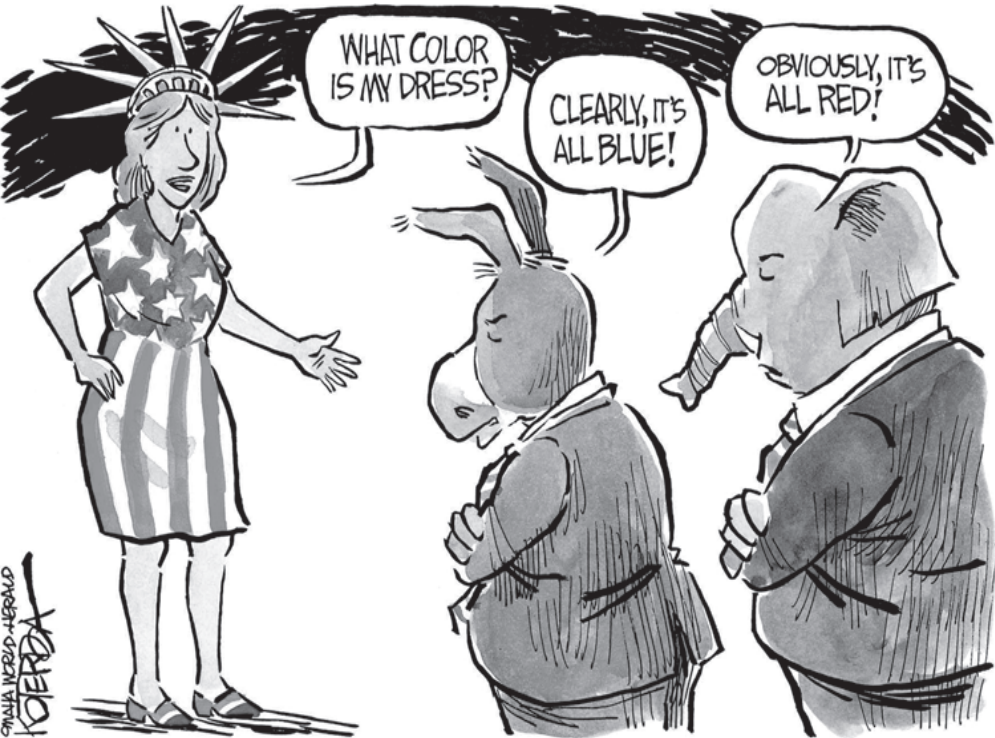
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Horizon

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Boulevard can see crews working on the most visible part of the current Capital Improvements Project, a meandering three-mile hike-and-bike trail running from Ashford to Rifton along the north side of the road.

Padilla says funding this \$3-4 million project comes from an 80-20 matching enhancement grant from TXDOT. This trail is 11 feet wide and will offer “pockets of landscaping” that will include trees, shrubbery and boulders. Work began in July of 2014 and is expected to be finished this March.

For safety, she adds that the trail will be at least 70 feet from the roadway.

The current project follows on the heels of a \$300,000 Phase 1 enhancement project. As reported in an October 2012 issue of the *Courier*, the project called for the landscaping of 1.06 miles of Horizon Boulevard from Crocker to Darrington. Landscaping calls for flowering plants, shrubs and trees.

Padilla said the Phase 1 landscaping project was completed in early 2013.

In the 2012 article, Mayor Walter Miller says “We are doing it for the citizens of Horizon City.”

Regarding both projects, Padilla adds, “We are trying to provide quality outdoor opportunities and recreational facilities for the residents of Horizon City.”

Briefs

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to note that Sanders was 65 when he finally achieved success, making him the poster boy for persistence, says AMAC.

– John Grimaldi

Play time

EPCC Theater Ensemble will offer its second play of 2015 with Twelfth Night. Performances will be April 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8:00 p.m. and April 12 and 19 at 2:30 p.m. The EPCC Theater Ensemble performs at the EPCC Transmountain Campus Forum Theater, 9570 Gateway North. General Admission is \$15, non-EPCC students and military are \$10 and EPCC students and staff and senior citizens are \$7. Tickets are available at the door. The box office opens two hours before each performance. The play centers on the twins Viola and Sebastian, who are separated in a shipwreck. The play focuses on the Countess Olivia falling in love with Viola (who is disguised as a boy), and Sebastian in turn falling in love with Olivia. A fast-paced comical romp for all to enjoy. Written by William Shakespeare and directed by Matthew Robert Smith. For Forum Theater information, call (915) 831-5056.

– Jim Heiney

Home alone

Some seniors, particularly older folk who are single, might balk at the notion of retirement in an assisted living facility. But one researcher at the University of Florida says that staying home alone is not the answer, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. Dr. Stephen Golant has specialized in the housing needs of the elderly for some three decades. He believes that continuing to live at home as we grow older, especially for middle-income seniors who rely on friends and family for assistance, doesn’t guarantee independence. He’s written a book on the subject, *Aging in the Right Place*, and says, “We need to think about two sets of feelings – not just feeling comfortable, but also being in a place where we feel capable of achieving our everyday needs, from self-care to buying groceries to reaching doctors, and don’t feel that

our lives are spinning out of control.”

– John Grimaldi

San Eli egg hunt

Join hundreds of children on the largest Easter Egg Hunt in El Paso County. Over 10,000 eggs, filled with prizes and candy and an opportunity win additional prizes for the participants. The free event is open to all children 3-12 years old and is free to the general public. The event will take place on Sunday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the enclosed field at Main Street and Alarcon Rd., in the San Elizario Historic District. Enjoy live music, reenactments, food, fun, arts and crafts. The hunt starts at 2:00 p.m. Children must pre-register and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registration starts at noon. Information: sanelizariohistoricdistrict.org or call 851-0093.

– Al Borrego

Wanted

A man steals more than 8 tons of scrap metal and sells it to a metal recycling plant in West El Paso County. The man was recorded on security cameras, and Detectives from the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office are asking for your help in identifying the man involved in this theft through the Crime Stoppers, “Crime Spot.” On the afternoon of Saturday, January 24th 2015, the suspect entered the R. Lopez Scrap Metal Recycling business in Anthony, Texas and sold more than 16,000lbs., of scrap metal to them. It was later discovered that the scrap metal that was sold had been stolen from W. Silver Inc., which is located in Vinton, Texas. The suspect involved in selling the metal is described as a Hispanic male, and appears to have a mustache and possibly a light beard. The suspect was wearing black pants, white shirt, beige jacket, and a black baseball cap on the day the stolen metal was sold. Anyone with any information on the identity of this thief 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

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Culture

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by the Indian community of the Borderland. “We have been celebrating this event on a small scale mostly among the Indian community the last few years, but this is the first time that we joined with the History Museum to open it up to the entire El Paso area community,” stated Dr. Sobha Podila, a retired Beaumont Hospital doctor who was one of the event coordinators.

Traditional Indian dancing, crafts and special exhibits were on display for visitors to enjoy during the festive presentation.

According to the history museum director Julia H. Bussinger, the exhibits are designed to bring a slice of India to El Paso as they feature Indian artifacts, outfits, history,

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and culture; for, India is the largest secular democracy in the world that encompasses a beautiful kaleidoscope of different languages, religions, landscapes, people, and spans from the snowcapped peaks of the Himalayas in the north to the beautiful beaches of the peninsular south.

It is estimated that more than 400 Indian families call the El Paso region their home and that there are about 2.8 million Indians now living in the United States. Many of the Indian residents in the Borderland work in hospitals as doctors and nurses, as restaurateurs, motel owners, and as professors and students, stated Podila, who has lived in El Paso for the past 17 years.

Podila stated that there are 75 doctors of Indian descent that are practicing specialized medicine in the local region today. One such physician, Dr.

Rajkumar Lakshmanaswamy, is a renowned specialist in breast cancer research at the Texas Tech Medical Center of El Paso, Podila added.

Assisting Podila with planning the event were Savita Kulkarni, Asha Shetty, Rohini Narayan, Rekha Samant, and Charu Saheba.

Most of the artifacts in the various exhibits are owned by members of the local Indian families. Contributing items for the exhibits were Dr. Ashit Saheba, Dr. Satish and Sheela Kumar, Kushal and Asha Shetty, Shrirang and Savita Kulkarni, Southwest Hindu Temple, Tushar and Meera Parikh, Sherbani Dasgupta, Jigisha Patel, Anita Mody, and Madhu Sharma.

The colorful and interesting exhibits will remain open for viewing through June 21, at the El Paso Museum of History (510 N. Santa Fe Street), Bussinger stated.



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Kentucky is very good, but their true success is questionable

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

As we delve into the second weekend of March Madness, the one question everyone has is whether there is a team out there that can beat Kentucky.

The Wildcats’ one-and-done factory is 36-0 and just four wins away from a national championship and the first 40-0 season in college basketball history.

How good is this team?

UTEP fans went crazy a couple years ago when the Miners signed the first McDonald’s All American in school history.

Kentucky has nine on this team alone.

The Wildcats are expected to dominate the tournament, and if they won every game by double figures no one would be surprised.

But will they seal the deal? The team is very young and like a Mike Tyson, if someone hits back one night will they start to doubt themselves? Will they start thinking about not losing instead of winning?

No team has finished the season undefeated since the 1976 Indiana

Hoosiers. That’s how hard it is to do what Kentucky is doing and quite frankly, making it look easy.

When I was a little kid UCLA ruled college basketball. Those Bruin teams were led by Kareem Abdul Jabbar and then by Bill Walton.

They won 10 championships in 12 years. They dominated their opponents and at one time won 88 games in a row.

This Kentucky team is beginning to look a lot like those old UCLA teams. They are literally head and shoulders above everyone else. They are the tallest team in the country and block any shot near the basket.

It almost looks unfair at times.

And just like with any great tasting dish, there’s a recipe that Kentucky follows; a plan that they, and they alone, have put into action.

And the jury is still out as to whether this plan is good for college athletics.

The majority of Kentucky’s players play one year for the school and then leave for what they hope is the NBA.

Coach John Calipari, who is never far away from controversy, recruits superstars for the sole purpose of getting one good

year out of them.

That means they can enroll for the fall semester, play basketball, and then leave the college.

That’s it. They’re done.

The kids go to Kentucky with that knowledge. The coach recruits them to the school with that knowledge. The college president knows what’s going on. The fans all have that knowledge and this practice is no secret to the NCAA.

And yet, it’s allowed to go on.

The NCAA still has the unmitigated gall to refer to these young men as student athletes.

Let’s be honest and call Kentucky what it really is – a minor league recruiting station for the NBA.

I have absolutely no knowledge of anything fishy going on at Kentucky as far as making it easier for star players to go there. But I wouldn’t be surprised if one day a problem arises.

Sometimes there are situations that appear a little sleazy on the surface. And if it quacks like a duck and where there’s smoke there’s fire and...

I don’t think I’m barking up the wrong tree here... Okay, okay, enough with the idioms.

But you do get my drift... oops, there I go again.

Watching Kentucky play basketball is exciting because there’s always that anticipation whether this will be the night they fall. It’s David taking on Goliath in that big made-for-TV grudge match.

You know who is going to win, but you have to watch just in case the miracle happens tonight.

There are even some basketball analysts on TV who think this Kentucky team can make the playoffs if it were playing in the NBA.

I’m not so sure about that, but I wouldn’t bet against it.

The only teams I think can compete with Kentucky in this tournament are Arizona, Wisconsin and Duke.

They all have size, depth and veteran leadership.

Kentucky just has size and depth.

Will Kentucky be the next UCLA; a great team that will go down in history or will it be the New England Patriots, a team on the verge of historic undefeated greatness that just went down?

Maybe there’s a David out there with one last great shot left in him.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

The Philadelphia story

“Chip” is a nickname for Charles, or anyone who has been deemed to be carved off of an old block, and while that is a bit silly, it’s not necessarily a bad nickname. And when you consider that Chip Kelly (real name: Charles) is from New Hampshire and rose to fame by

guiding Oregon to, well... fame, what he is putting together in Philadelphia oddly seems to make sense.

And that’s really Chip Kelly’s Philadelphia story. He comes from a weird place and he does weird stuff, but it all seems to fall into place. New Hampshire

and Oregon are beautiful places. New Hampshire is known for dairy products and primaries, and Oregon is known for having wide-open spaces. Philadelphia is famous for things primarily covered in cheese, and now, thanks to Chip, the spread offense.

What is the spread offense? Apparently, it was championed at SMU by a gentleman named Rusty Russell, or at least that’s what everyone who loves football

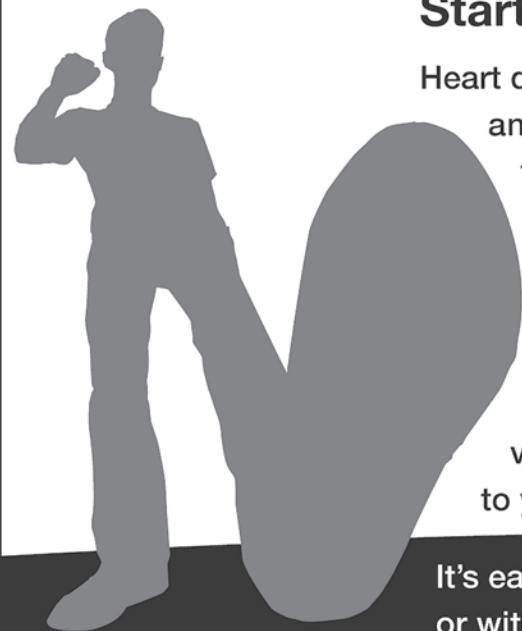
at a particular Texas steakhouse I visited one night insisted. I’ll take their word for it because he sounds like a great guy. I’m not sure though if he “invented” an offense that is basically what you think it is: the offense you ran in your backyard as a kid. You know... the one where everyone spreads out and goes down field, and the quarterback starts each play with hands somewhere they’d rather be.

On the whole, and thanks to Chip, most NFL players are these days would rather be in Philadelphia. And that’s saying a lot, since this has got to be

one of the weirdest off-seasons in NFL history. Rex Ryan is building a “bully” in Buffalo, the Jets signed Darrelle Revis, the 49ers are imploding before our very eyes... I mean, why even wait to start the season? Let’s just go now. Let’s set another kickoff after the Mayweather fight. It’s all anyone talks about. The NFL has completely blown every other sport off the back pages. What are we going to talk about? The Los Angeles Clippers? Please. People are talking about Philadelphia in Philadelphia. And that’s saying a lot, since this has got to be

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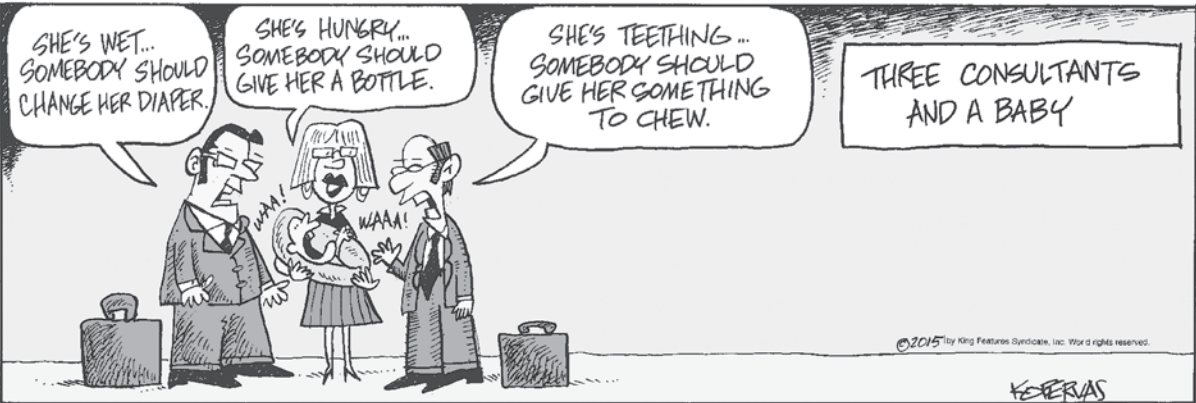
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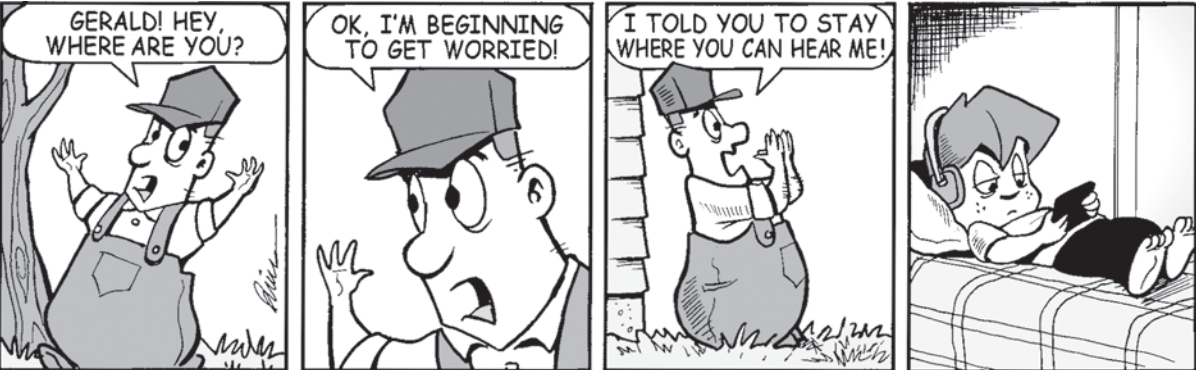
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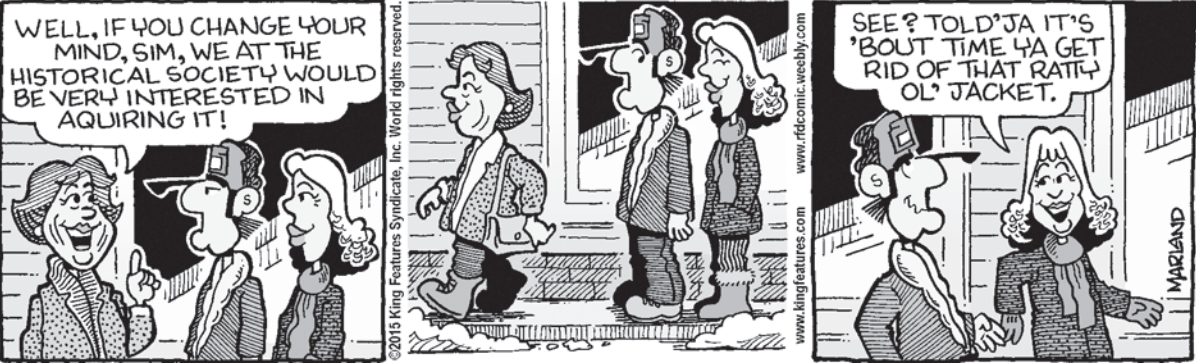
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DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an old man (84) with a middle-age paunch (5 feet, 7 inches tall and weigh 200 pounds) who needs to fit into a suit with pants an inch too tight in time for a wedding in a few weeks. About how many pounds do I need to lose to fit into them? Is there any formula for converting waist inches to pounds? And are there exercises or other means to focus the weight loss on belly fat? – Anon.

I am afraid there’s no formula. Further, I have to tell you that weight doesn’t always come off where we want it to, and specific exercises aren’t going to make the fat come off in those locations.

The good news is that for most people, especially men, the first 10 pounds or so to come off usually comes from the middle. The fat in the omentum (an apron-shaped structure inside the abdomen) is metabolically active and often is the first place where fat is gained or lost. Moreover, that fat is the most likely to increase risk of heart disease. So losing weight around your middle is a good way of improving overall health, especially if you have more inches there than you’d like.

Often people start a healthy diet and exercise program and find that the waist size decreases but their weight stays the same. That may be because muscle is much heavier than fat, and the increase in muscle mass makes up for the loss of fat. More muscle is good for you; less body fat is good for you. Weight is an imperfect measure.

Liposuction can remove fat from around your waist, but a healthy diet and regular exercise will make you feel better and quite possibly live longer.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I injured my little finger in an athletic event. The end of my pinky pointed in

toward the ring finger. It is black and blue, and swollen. Do you think I fractured it? Should I get an X-ray? I am still able to curl my finger. – A.J.

It’s most likely that you damaged one of the tendons in the finger. Sometimes a fracture can happen at the same time. Most often, these are treated conservatively, with ice right after the injury and the finger splinted in a straight position for up to six weeks. Only an experienced physician, such as a hand surgeon, can provide exact recommendations.

DEAR DR. ROACH: When you are instructed to take medicine, vitamin, etc., on an empty stomach, how long after eating should you wait? Also, if taken before eating, how long after you take the medication until you can eat? – B.H.

It depends on the particular medication. For example, the osteoporosis drug alendronate (Fosamax) should be taken after an overnight fast, with plain water (even mineral water can affect its absorption) and then no food for a half hour. Different medications have different requirements. Your pharmacist remains your best resource, and often has both more training and experience than doctors. In general, most vitamins should be taken with food.

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. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2015 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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52 Neighbor of Ger.

54 Apple pie _ mode

55 Just makes, with "out"

56 1965 Marvin Gaye hit

63 Dial-up alternative, for short

64 Fall away

65 Cube inventor

Rubik

66 Feeble

67 Noncircular paths around bodies

72 Homeland, affectionately

75 Big name in dog food

76 108-card game

77 Toque or fez

80 1967 hit for the Doors

85 Infrequent

86 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.

87 Pilfer from

88 Singer Yoko

89 Leaks slowly

90 To no extent

94 Mismatched collection

99 Knife of old infomercials

101 _ Kippur

102 Stream of electrons

103 Witches in "Macbeth"

107 Cantaloupe or honeydew

108 Body gel additive

109 "There's _ haven't heard!"

110 _ prayer for Univ. Web site

114 Beach hills

116 "77 Sunset Strip" actor, familiarly

122 Mrs. Bunker

123 Use an umbrella, say

124 Posts again

125 Hunter's lure

126 Fusible alloys

127 Bad-mouth

DOWN

1 "Lo!", to Livy

2 Golf norms

3 Don of radio

4 Deadlock

5 100%

6 Tableland

7 Units of inductance

8 Chug-_ (guzzle)

9 Suffix with Caesar

10 Mu _ pork

11 Western treaty inits.

12 Pope before Gregory XIII

13 More nonsensical

14 Prison, informally

15 _ and haw

16 Pizza herb

17 More irritated

18 Rocker Winter

19 Plow pioneer

24 Noisy clamor

29 Basic idea

31 Actor Jimmy

32 Granny, e.g.

33 At _ of (priced at)

34 Item in a P.O. box

35 Part of NATO: Abbr.

36 Acne spot

37 Performed on stage

38 Lies in wait

39 Apocryphal archangel

43 With 115-Down, nervous and apprehensive

44 Part of i.e.

45 "... wife could _ lean"

47 Injure badly

48 Jai _

49 DEA agent

53 "Shape _ ship out!"

56 Alphabet opener

57 "May _ of service?"

58 Burglar's job

59 Missile's path

60 "Deathtrap" star Michael

61 "For _ us a child is born"

62 Guitarist Paul

64 "Green" sci.

67 Sci-fi power

68 Robert De -

69 1990s exercise fad

70 Bldg. units

71 Virus, e.g.

72 Not closed

73 Jay of NBC

74 Biblical verb

77 Belittling frat

78 Circus venue

79 Touchy

81 Bohemianism

82 Meanders

83 Question's opp.

84 Turndowns

85 Like Brutus

89 Prince _ von Bismarck

91 Go along with

92 Christie's cry

93 _ many words

95 Coloring stuff

96 Caméra _

97 Ones toeing the line

98 Tag anew

100 In the habit of

103 Crossed a ford

104 Get by

105 Like a charged atom

106 Cyclical, at the beach

107 _ tai (drink)

110 "The _ the limit!"

111 Markey of Tarzan films

112 Nixing mark

113 Stalin's land

115 See 43-Down

117 English dramatist Thomas

118 Lyrical verse

119 Bruin Bobby

120 Peru's Sumac

121 Campaigned

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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

In March 1942 Texas was given a quota of 18 million in War Bonds.



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!

	-		x		8
x		x		-	
	-		÷		1
÷		+		x	
	x		+		19
6		11		20	

1 2 3 3 4 5 6 8 9

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I went back to work after retiring, but now the company I work for is downsizing. I'll be receiving unemployment benefits in a few weeks. Will this affect my retirement benefits?

A: When it comes to retirement benefits, Social Security does not count unemployment as earnings, so your retirement benefits will not be affected. However, any income you receive from Social Security may reduce your unemployment benefits. Contact your state unemployment office for information on how your state applies the reduction to your unemployment compensation.

Q: My aunt became mentally disabled as a result of a car accident. Does Social Security have a special program for people who are obviously physically or mentally disabled?

A: Social Security is committed to providing benefits quickly to applicants who are severely disabled. Through our Compassionate Allowances program, we can

quickly identify diseases and other medical conditions that qualify, based on minimal objective medical information, and that allow us to make payments much sooner than the usual review process allows. Compassionate Allowances is not a separate program from the Social Security disability insurance or Supplemental Security Income programs. People who don't meet the Compassionate Allowances criteria will still have their medical conditions reviewed by Social Security. Learn more about our Compassionate Allowances at www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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 P

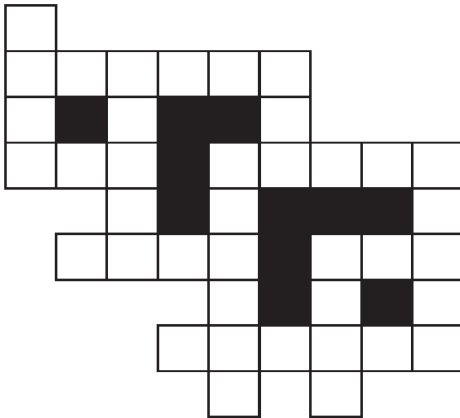
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ZLNHPX DZ ZLVBHDW SPDMBHWK
GUVHKWUFV: "URUFXCDGX
PDRUV FLHNUWM."

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ETI
SNEATH
COIST
NAWG
LARGEN
♥OWH
♥THWI
♥NISET
♥INT
NEGWIS
WROCE
♥TAHL



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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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Taxes

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Security disability will suffer a 20% reduction in their checks at the end of 2016.

"The Democrats would take money from the Old Age Trust Fund to shore up the disability fund but, by itself, it would further weaken the Old Age Fund which is currently paying out 60 billion dollars a year more than it is taking in."

Weber noted that two weeks ago AMAC held a Social Security Working Group meeting with members of Congress where the problem was discussed and solutions were proposed. He said that his organization proposed a bill that would guarantee Social Security without raising taxes, while adding a companion savings account (called an Early Retirement Account, ERA) to allow workers to have additional money at retirement.

"We have got to stop hitting workers with more taxes, this has turned into income confiscation", Weber concluded.

Philadelphia

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places other than Philadelphia! This is amazing.

I kid Philadelphia, but I am not kidding when I say that Chip is really up to something good over there. Trading for a mishandled Sam Bradford, signing the disrespected Demarco Murray, meeting with the revered Tim Tebow... it makes for great theater.

Truly, he's putting a team together that has – pardon the pun – a huge chip on its shoulder. Let's see if it flies now.

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