



NEWSBRIEFS

Farmers' market

The Village of Vinton is seeking vendors for its monthly Farmers' Market at Dr. Applegate Park. Local growers and artisans are invited to register for the market at no cost. This is the first year the farmers' market will be held on a monthly basis on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon, except for holidays. The creation of the Farmer's Market was in response to the community's desire to have better access to fresh produce and to promote local growers and artisans. Arts and craft vendors must sell only homemade, handmade and handcrafted items. Each vendor is responsible for their own 10x10 setup. Food artisan and cottage vendors are asked to provide evidence of having successfully completed a basic food safety-training program for food handlers. If you have any questions or if you are interested in becoming a vendor call (915) 886-5104.

— Josh Luna

'Into the Woods'

El Paso Community College (EPCC) Theater Ensemble will offer its next play of the 2016-2017 season with *Into the Woods*. Performances will be held March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 at 8:00 p.m. and March 5 and 12 at 2:30 p.m. The EPCC Theater Ensemble performs at the EPCC Forum Theater, 9570 Gateway North. General Admission is \$15, Non-EPCC students and military are \$10 and EPCC students/staff and senior citizens are \$7. Tickets are available at the door. The box office opens two hours before each performance. *Into the Woods* tells the story about The Baker and his wife that wish to have a child, Cinderella that wishes to go to the King's Festival, and Jack that wishes his cow would give some milk. When the Baker and his wife are visited by the neighborhood witch, that reveals to them she has placed a curse on their family, the two set off on a journey into the woods to reverse the curse. Everyone has gotten their wish and will seemingly live happily ever after, but the consequences of their actions haunt them in disastrous ways. EPCC Theater information: (915) 831-5056.

— Ismael De La Rosa

Up in the air

Self-driving cars are already a reality,

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

WATER NEEDED – The Rio Grande stretches from southern Colorado, through New Mexico and Texas and into Mexico. In recent years portions of the river go dry for several months, usually from October through May. During that period just the parched gully, above, marks the river's path through El Paso County's upper valley.

Texas' water claim against New Mexico moves forward

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – There may soon be good news for El Paso, Hudspeth, and Dona Ana counties' water districts. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to ratify an interim report that could cost New Mexico millions of dollars in penalties and billions of gallons of water that it is accused of

shorting Texas since the signing of the Rio Grande Compact in 1938.

The original agreement requires New Mexico to relinquish control of Rio Grande water permanently once it reaches the Elephant Butte Reservoir. Officials in Texas, however, have complained for decades to New Mexico about water shortages under the river water compact.

New Mexico delivered Texas' share to Elephant Butte, but thousands of wells

along the river's course to El Paso meant that far less water was making it to the state line, Texas authorities claimed.

The federal government also weighed in on the New Mexico-Texas case. That report noted pumping north of the border was tapping a shallow aquifer that would otherwise drain back into the Rio Grande and flow to Texas and eventually to Mexico.

In attempt to settle the matter, the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID), which encompasses New Mexico land downstream from the reservoir, agreed

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Vinton prepares for 2017 cleanup campaign

By Josh Luna
Special to the Courier

VINTON – This spring, Keep Vinton

Beautiful (KVB) will be participating in the Great American Cleanup for the 9th year. KVB has organized Rio Grande river cleanups, highway cleanups, Arbor Day and Earth Day

activities and the state of Texas' signature community day – Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off. In 2016, KVB hosted 544 volunteers, removed unwanted tires, litter, illegal dumpsites and planted more than 100 trees.

KVB was established in 2007 and has received numerous state and local awards, volunteer awards and several businesses have been recognized for their partnership with KVB.

For the full event list visit the Village of Vinton website at www.vintontx.govoffice2.com. Look for KVB on Facebook or call (915) 886-5104 to register to volunteer or to get more information.

Every year Keep America Beautiful engages more than 20,000 communities and millions of volunteers across the country to renew parks, clean up trails, rivers, highways, promote recycling, and plant trees and gardens during the Great American Cleanup. The Great American Cleanup begins March 1 and runs through May 31.



— Photo courtesy Village of Vinton

KEEP IT CLEAN – El Paso County Commissioners Court passed a resolution on February 6, 2017 recognizing the Village of Vinton for its participation in Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) programs. Keep Vinton Beautiful has sponsored cleanup days, recycling programs, waste reduction and anti-littering campaigns. The Village has received Gold Star status from KTB six of the last seven years. In the photo, from left, are Manuel Leos, Mayor of Vinton; Vincent Perez, Commissioner Precinct 3; Lorena Quezada; Carlos Leon, Commissioner Precinct 1; Dr. Pedro Galaviz, Canutillo ISD Superintendent; Penny Ledezma; Veronica Escobar, County Judge; Andrew Haggerty, Commissioner Precinct 4; and David Stout, Commissioner Precinct 2. Quezada and Ledezma are holding the resolution.

Happy are the people that renounce everything that places a strain on their conscience.

— Quips & Quotes

Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

Having trouble paying your heating bill? LIHEAP could help

The chill of winter can be offset with the pleasure of curling up inside a warm home. Turning on the heat and settling into your favorite chair to open a new book or watch a movie feels even better when snow falls or rain patters against the windows. Unfortunately, some families have to choose between paying high winter utility bills and buying groceries or gas for their cars. The necessity of food and transportation often wins.

Fortunately, there are assistance programs. One such program, the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), helps low-income households with heating or cooling costs, during an energy-related crisis (such as a shutoff notice from your utility) and with weatherization improvements.

If you, a parent or a friend are struggling to make ends meet this winter, LIHEAP and similar programs might be able to help keep your home warm.

Apply as soon as you can if you think you'll need assistance. The federal government provides the funding for LIHEAP, but the programs are run at the state level. The money gets distributed on a first-come-first-served basis and states give priority to households with children, elderly or disabled members. Often the largest benefits are awarded to the homes with the most need.

States open their winter applications at different times, and you should apply for LIHEAP right away if you think you'll have trouble paying for heating.

LIHEAP won't cover your entire utility bill, but it can help keep your home warm. LIHEAP's heating benefit is only intended to help you pay to heat your home. For example, if you're heating unit runs on gas, the program will contribute towards your gas bill, but not your electricity bill.

You might only be able to receive a benefit once every 12 months, but it can make a big difference for your finances. For the fiscal year 2014, the most recent data available, over 5.7 million households received

heating assistance and it offset an average 45.9 percent of recipients' annual heating costs.

Qualifying for LIHEAP assistance. States, tribes and territories have some control over the services, qualifications, aid limits and application process for the LIHEAP program in their area.

You can review each state's income eligibility for the fiscal year 2017 on this table. The state or local organizations that distribute funds also consider applicants' utility costs, family size and location. Renters and homeowners could be eligible for LIHEAP assistance, but you might not qualify if you have subsidized housing.

Being qualified doesn't guarantee that you'll get assistance. Each state receives a set amount of funds for the year, and on average only 20 percent of qualified household receive benefits.

How to apply for LIHEAP. Often you'll apply for LIHEAP at a Community Action Agency (CAA), local non-profit organizations that help administer federal, state and local grant programs. Some states let you complete the application online, otherwise you may need to mail, fax or hand in an application.

The Office of Community Service's website has contact information for each state and territory, including a link to a website where you'll find state-specific eligibility guidelines and program information.

As part of the application process, you may need to share identifying and financial information, including:

- Recent utility bills;
- Recent pay stubs, or a profit-and-loss statement if you're self-employed;
- Documentation for other income, such as Social Security benefits;
- A lease or property tax bill as proof of your address;
- Your Social Security number;
- A list of people living in your home, their relation to you, dates of birth and incomes;
- A copy of a utility termination notice, if you received one; and
- Your energy provider's information.

If you're having trouble with your state's website, or want to help someone who isn't computer savvy, you can call the LIHEAP Clearinghouse's National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) at 1-866-674-6327 (TTY: 1-866-367-6228).

Bottom line: When the temperature drops, heating costs can quickly rise. You shouldn't have to suffer, and LIHEAP could help provide much-needed financial aid. You can look for additional assistance programs using the Benefits.gov search tool. Also look into state-based programs and payment plans or assistance from your local utility.

This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It's always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Rest in peace? Not at these cemeteries

The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration earned high marks in a recent survey of customer satisfaction, but on the state level, it's another story.

The VA cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island, under the control of the Department of Human Services, incorrectly laid out a row of graves in 2010, and since then seven veterans were interred in the wrong place. Even when the permanent grave markers were installed, the problem wasn't noticed and markers were put in the wrong place on 21 graves. The mistake wasn't found until recently, when cemetery workers tried to make space for a veteran's wife, and there was no room in the grave.

Can you imagine? You visit the burial site of your loved one and later learn you were in the wrong place, year after year?

There apparently were no procedures in place to prevent this kind of mistake, but there will be now. A second person

will need to verify that the remains are in the correct place.

It wasn't the first mistake of this kind at the Rhode Island cemetery. One woman inquired about why the ground at her mother's grave wasn't freshly turned. It was discovered that the woman, the wife of a former state senator, had been buried a few rows down and a few spaces over, instead of with her husband. Explanation: human error. This is the same cemetery where piles of U.S. flags were discovered last year dumped like so much garbage, found and photographed by a son who came to pay his respects at his father's grave.

It's hard to pick out which veterans cemetery is the worst, but this one is right up there: In Texas, a veteran's grave marker left off his middle name. The replacement marker had the word "united" misspelled, as in "Uinted" States of America.

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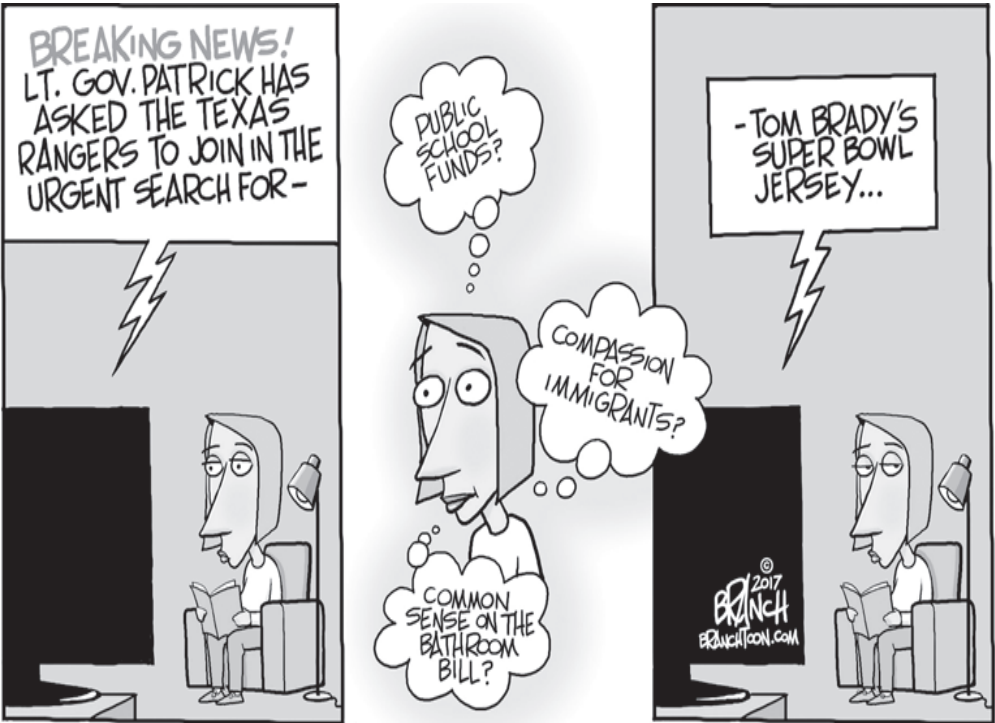
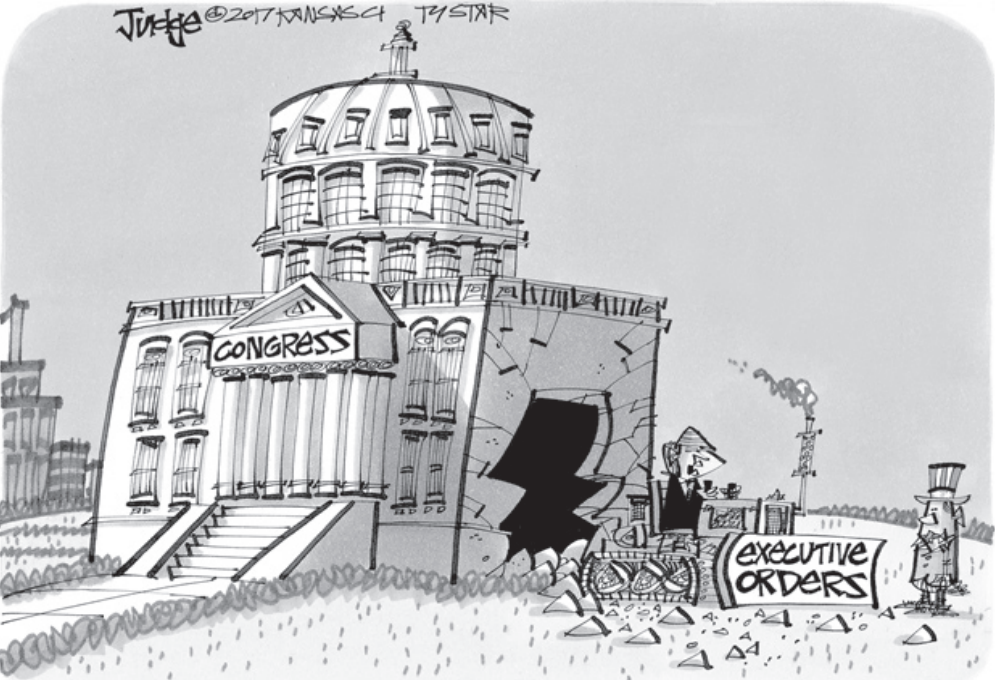
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Briefs

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though they may not be all they are cracked to be for the time being, but now there's an aircraft manufacturer that claims it will soon have a prototype of a self-flying car, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. Airbus recently announced that it hopes to start testing its so-called autonomous flying car as early as this year. As the company's CEO, Tom Enders, put it: "One hundred years ago, urban transport went underground, now we have the technological wherewithal to go above ground."

– John Grimaldi

Gonzalez

This month, just six days after being appointed to the powerful House Appropriations Committee, State Representative Mary E. Gonzalez (D - District 75) was appointed to the Education subcommittee. The subcommittee, known as the Article III subcommittee due to its location in the budget bill, is responsible for appropriating public and higher education dollars. "It is an honor to be placed on the subcommittee that shapes how our neighborhood schools and colleges and universities are funded," said Gonzalez. "We have a lot of hard work ahead of us but I look forward to working for El Paso area public schools and our colleges and universities."

In 2015, Gonzalez was noted for her expertise in the school finance debate. This subcommittee placement allows for Gonzalez to continue utilizing her knowledge in the ongoing conversation on how to properly fund Texas neighborhood public schools. The Education subcommittee is also responsible for funding Texas public colleges and universities, including the University of Texas- El Paso and El Paso Community Colleges. "As a former educator, this is an incredible opportunity to help influence the lives of millions of students from Pre-K to post-grad," added Gonzalez. "El Paso youth deserve a fair shot at a quality education. I intend to do all I can to give it to them."

– Roger Garza

Big dummies

Americans are overweight and so it comes as no surprise that automakers are starting to use obese car crash dummies, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. Trauma surgeon Stewart Wang, M.D. says it is simple logic. "You can't talk about injuries without talking about the person - it's individuals who are hurt. The condition, size and shape of an individual is hugely important in how severe their injuries are in any given crash." One manufacturer of crash dummies recently created one that weighs 273 pounds, 106 pounds heavier than the traditional model, according to Insurance Journal.

– John Grimaldi

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– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

PART-TIME HIGHWAY – The dried out Rio Grande bed has served as a make shift road as evidenced by the tire tracks.

Water

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to give up a share of its annual allotment to make up for what was being lost downstream. Irrigation districts that serve farmers on both sides of the state line reached an operating compromise with the federal government in 2008 that shared the water allotments, especially during a droughty period.

But the City of Las Cruces objected, and the State of New Mexico sued in federal court to stop the agreement. Former New Mexico Attorney General Gary King insisted that the deal was more beneficial to Texas. New Mexico wanted the case dismissed. Thus, the stage was set for Texas to take its complaints to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2013, Texas filed a lawsuit claiming that New Mexico failed to deliver water as required under the compact that involved the water from the Rio Grande. The water serves more than six million people in several cities and irrigates more than 3,100 square miles of farmland in southern New Mexico, west Texas, and northern Mexico.

Subsequently, a special master was assigned by the Supreme Court to evaluate the case and come up with recommendations. Given the assignment was A. Gregory Grimsal, a commercial litigation attorney from New Orleans. The high court took the entire case, as opposed to its normal role of hearing appeals, and handed it to the expert lawyer.

After three years of deliberation, Grimsal concluded this month that the high court should deny

New Mexico’s motion to dismiss the case. He also agreed with a key claim made by Texas – that New Mexico is not honoring the Rio Grande Compact because it is allowing irrigators to suck a lot of Texas’ water out of the ground near the river before it gets to the state line.

Even though it’s in New Mexico, EBID, nonetheless, viewed the special master’s recommendations as a victory because they upheld the district’s priority rights to Rio Grande surface water, according to a recent news report.

Under the current terms of the 1938 compact, the major irrigation districts in New Mexico below Elephant Butte Dam gets 57 percent of available water each year, while El Paso County Water Improvement District (EPCWID) No. 1 gets

the other 43 percent.

In El Paso County, farmers rely on surface water from the river for irrigation. The river’s water also makes up as much as half of the City of El Paso’s water supply in a normal year.

Jesus ‘Chuy’ Reyes, general manager of EPCWID No. 1, stated that he hoped the ruling would prompt New Mexico to negotiate a settlement so everybody can stop paying attorney fees.

Unless a settlement is reached, the Supreme Court is expected to ratify Grimsal’s report this year. After that the special master will develop a case-management plan in which he will lay out how to proceed and whether or not compensation fines should be assessed. It could take another five years to complete the case, government officials indicated.

Moments in Time

The History Channel

- On March 6, 1951, the espionage trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg begins after the couple is accused of running a spy ring and selling top-secret atomic bomb technology to Russia. The Rosenbergs were convicted, and were the only American civilians to be executed for espionage-related activity during the Cold War.
- On March 7, 1999, American filmmaker Stanley Kubrick, whose 13 feature films explored the dark side of human nature, dies in England at age 70. Kubrick was best known for his films “Spartacus” (1960), “Dr. Strangelove” (1964) and “2001: A Space Odyssey (1968).”

- On March 8, 1669, Mount Etna, on the island of Sicily in modern-day Italy, begins rumbling. Multiple eruptions over the next few weeks killed more than 20,000 people. Most of the victims could have saved themselves, but stayed.
- On March 9, 1943, Bobby Fischer, the only American ever to win the chess world championship, is born in Chicago. His last public match, in 1992 against Boris Spassky, netted Fischer the \$2 million prize. He then became a wanted man for tax evasion, and in 2000 renounced his U.S. citizenship.
- On March 10, 1969, James Earl Ray pleads guilty to the assassination of civil- rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and is sentenced to 99 years in prison. Ray later changed his story, claiming he had been set up by a mysterious man named “Raoul.”

- On March 11, 1989, “COPS,” a documentary-style TV series that follows police officers and sheriff’s deputies as they go about their jobs, debuts on FOX. “COPS” went on to become one of the longest-running shows in television history.
- On March 12, 1933, eight days after his inauguration, President Franklin Roosevelt gives his “fireside chat,” a radio broadcast directly from the White House. Roosevelt explained his decision to close the nation’s banks to stop mass withdrawals.

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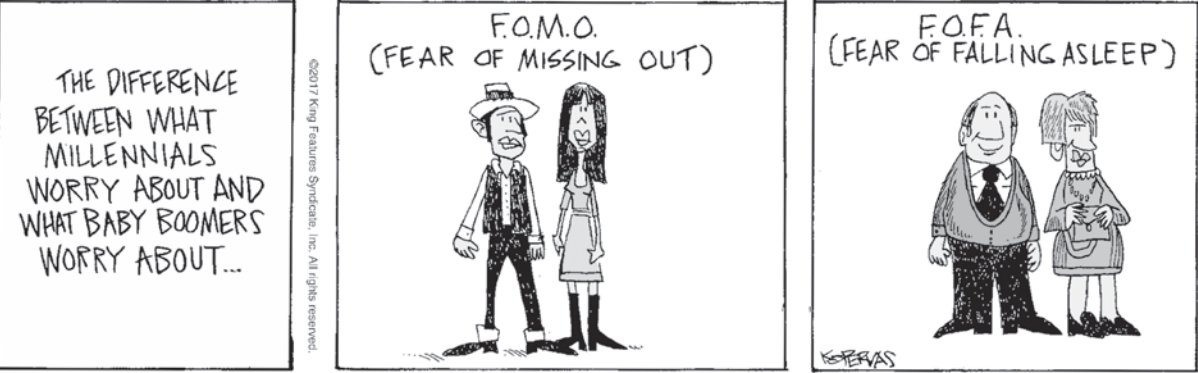
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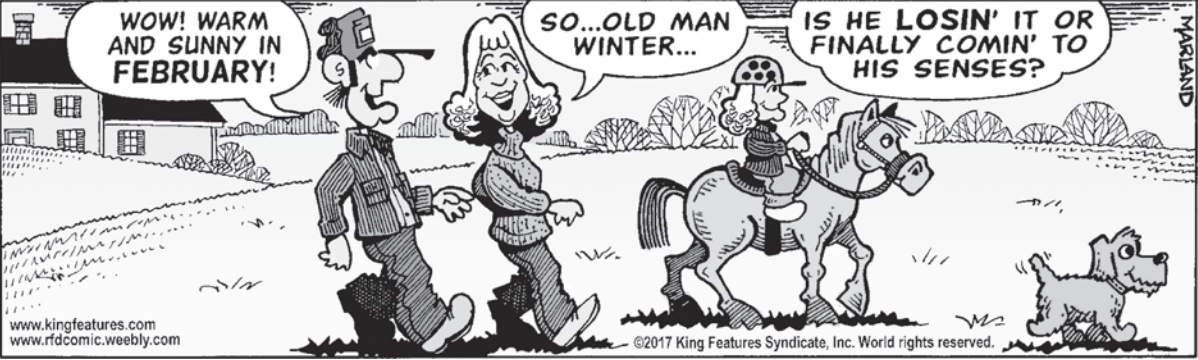
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I took an aspirin for a seeming heart attack and went to the hospital, where I was asked if I had taken any meds. I answered “no,” and was medicated; the result was panic for the doctors, as my heart rate slowed to a dangerous rate. With care and an extra day in the hospital, I was released. My ignorance about medicines was scary. I think that it should be emphasized that “meds” does not mean only prescriptions. Tell the doctor, “I took an aspirin!” — R.G.

Indeed, your doctors should know about all medications you are taking, including over-the-counter, vitamins and other supplements. Sometimes women forget to mention their oral contraceptives. Aspirin is a powerful medicine, not to be taken lightly. That being said, I am not sure why your heart rate slowed to a dangerous rate. Beta blockers usually are given for suspected heart attack, and some people do have dramatic responses to beta blockers, and their heart rates slow way down. I can’t explain why aspirin could have made that more likely, since aspirin shouldn’t slow down the heart rate. I also couldn’t find any interaction between beta blockers and aspirin.

is there any other anesthetic that would be just as effective and not make me ill? – A.P.

This actually is a very common problem, with at least half of people undergoing orthopedic surgery having some orthostatic hypotension (a lowering of blood pressure upon sitting or standing) immediately after surgery. You have had a very prolonged reaction. I spoke with an anesthesiologist at the Cleveland Clinic, who told me that the issue could have been any of the anesthetic and adjuvant agents that were used. He recommended more salt and water before any operation and longer time in progressively upright positions before trying to get up post-operatively. Finally, your next anesthesiologist could look at your preoperative and anesthesia records and try to figure out what agent you had that was most likely to have been causing this, so to avoid its use next time.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Two lab tests done in the past two years show that my kidneys are not functioning at 100 percent. Is there any action I can take (such as diet or medication) to keep these figures from worsening? – L.M.

Kidney function tends to decrease with age, but kidneys also can be damaged from high blood pressure, diabetes, some medications and many other causes. If kidney function is low, your doctor should look at your prescription medication and carefully evaluate their dosing. Also, anti-inflammatory

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Super Crossword

- INTERNAL CAPITAL ACROSS**
- 1 Seer's "gift," for short
- 4 Pig noise
- 9 Tosses out
- 14 Some choir women
- 19 With 74-Down, "Such gall!"
- 20 Tree-topping ax wielder
- 21 Expiate, with "for"
- 22 Statue of Liberty feature
- 23 African beast submerged?
- 26 Ranch rope
- 27 Unit of Time
- 28 Park or Fifth: Abbr.
- 29 Like partially spoiled oil?
- 31 Five-alarm, for one?
- 35 Mao _-tung
- 36 British isle
- 37 Slyly derisive
- 38 Mocked by imitating
- 41 Humdrum
- 44 Amor or Eros
- 47 Magic lamp owner's language?
- 51 Purpose
- 52 Property unit
- 54 Hereditary unit
- 55 Daphnis' lover
- 56 Tan-colored door security feature?
- 62 Banknotes
- 64 Wichita-to-Akron

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- 65 Fueled (up)
- 66 Tennille or Braxton
- 67 "Misty" crooner Johnny
- 69 Hero of Sophocles' "Electra"
- 71 It's hidden in this puzzle's 10 longest answers
- 73 Native of Cuba's capital
- 77 Fail to do as promised
- 79 Watson of "The Bling Ring"
- 81 Texas border city
- 82 "The Simpsons" clerk
- 85 Q-V link
- 86 Snap-on parts of a tot's tote?
- 88 Friend of the Lone Ranger
- 90 Tenderfoot
- 92 Do injury to
- 93 Jockey (for)
- 94 "Farewell, Ms. Clooney!"?
- 98 Wading birds
- 102 Raccoon relative
- 103 Israel's Eban
- 104 Texas city near Dallas
- 105 Dick _ Dyke
- 106 Washroom, informally
- 109 Thoroughly clean some sour fruit?
- 114 Tune about Houdini?

- 119 Several eras
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- 121 Flat, as pop
- 122 Cause Reagan to digress?
- 126 By itself
- 127 Without _ (worry-free)
- 128 Sandbank
- 129 Thigh's place
- 130 Fiery feeling
- 131 Faked out, in ice hockey
- 132 Utilized a keypad
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- DOWN**
- 1 Set of values
- 2 _ kebab
- 3 Giant in soda
- 4 Providing with footwear
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- 7 Adjust on a timeline
- 8 _ Fountain (Rome landmark)
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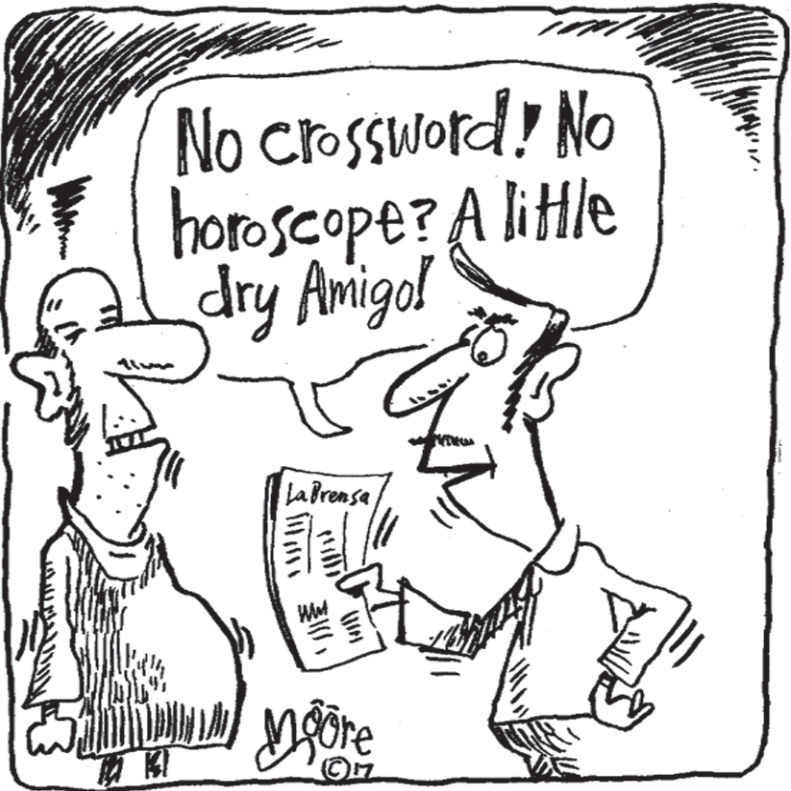
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- 40 Pres. before JFK
- 42 Of a large store of data
- 43 Opposite of "yep"
- 44 "Hasta _!" (Spanish "Later!")
- 45 Often-quoted Wilde
- 46 Sonnet, e.g.
- 47 In one's own house
- 48 Peruvian of yore
- 49 Below, in a 46-Down
- 50 "Meh" mark
- 53 Decide
- 57 Pre-'91 empire
- 58 Fade away
- 59 Xanadus
- 60 Lover of Lennon
- 61 Top part of some forms
- 63 Intend to
- 67 "Well, I declare!"
- 68 Actress Mia
- 70 Brawl
- 72 Diplomat's bldg.
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- 75 Allow to enter
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- 80 Toothpaste box org.
- 82 _ loss for words
- 83 Many a Net radio host
- 84 Teamster ID
- 86 Utterly fail
- 87 Toothbrush brand
- 89 Pekoe, e.g.
- 91 Irish actor Stephen
- 95 Annoy
- 96 Crunches crunch them
- 97 Slot car, say
- 99 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
- 100 Not divided into parts
- 101 " _ Thro' the Rye"
- 104 Forceful
- 105 Line of motor scooters
- 107 President of Syria
- 108 Verbalize
- 110 Be sweltering
- 111 City NNE of Tampa
- 112 N.J. Devil, e.g.
- 113 Swamp plant
- 115 As well
- 116 Look keenly
- 117 Neighbor of Mont.
- 118 Actor Richard
- 123 TV's Turner
- 124 Keystone policeman
- 125 Carly _ Jepsen

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Feb 13, 1913: LA PRENSA, a Spanish language newspaper aimed at Mexicans living temporarily in Texas, is founded in San Antonio.



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.

		x		-		13
+			+		-	
	x			+		15
÷			x		x	
	x			+		17
8			16			18

1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 9

DIFFICULTY: ★★ ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

2017 brings retirement age bump

Every worker’s dream is having a secure retirement to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Social Security is here to help you secure today and tomorrow. Part of that commitment is ensuring you have the most up-to-date information when you make your retirement decisions.

“Full retirement age” refers to the age when a person can claim their Social Security benefits without any reduction, even if they are still working part or full time. In other words, you don’t actually need to retire from your work to claim your full benefits. Also note that waiting until you’re 70, if you can, will bring you a higher monthly benefit. The choices you make will affect any benefit your spouse or children can receive on your record, too. If you claim benefits early, it will reduce their potential benefit as well as yours.

As the bells rang in a new year, they also rang in changes in 2017 for people considering claiming Social Security retirement benefits. For people who attain age 62 in 2017 (i.e., those born between January 2, 1955 and January 1, 1956), full retirement age is 66 and two months.

Full retirement age was age 65 for many years. However, due to a law passed by Congress in 1983, it has been gradually increasing, beginning with people born in 1938 or later, until it reaches 67 for people born after 1959.

You can learn more about the full retirement age and find out how to look up your own at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html.

There are some things you should remember when you’re thinking about retirement.

You may start receiving Social Security benefits as early as age 62 or as late as age 70. The longer you wait, the higher your monthly benefit will be. Your monthly benefits will be reduced permanently

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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: **A** equals **B**

ETLIC DTGGT-ATVAIVT FTVMNNG

TGQLTK HDN TKHTJX OVIEIVVIC

HITVQGY GN FKNMDIX:

JNYQ ATVI.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

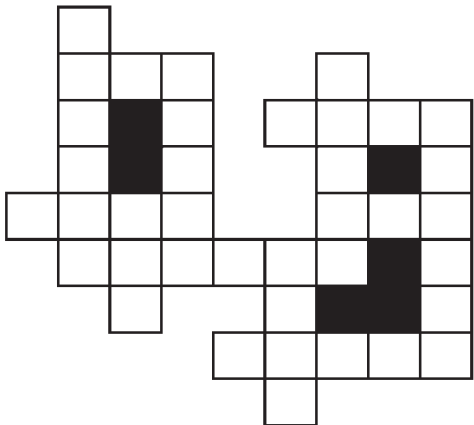
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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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ON I
ERNBUM
DOWUL
♥EALT
ALLMOS
♥RMA
♥NILO
♥RITSA
♥WLO
LEMDUO
♥TRIEM
IRLO



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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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Here’s a Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• Start seeds in the cups of an egg carton, the kind that are made from paper. You can get them going on a windowsill inside. When it’s time to plant in the ground, score the bottom of each cup and plant it – paper and all – in the dirt.

• “I found a decorative cardboard box that is big enough to hold a power strip. After installing it in the box so it looks pretty, I made holes out the side for different kinds of chargers (Apple, Android, etc.). The cord can be stored in the box or pulled out enough to charge a device. It looks nice on the side table instead of a mess of cords.” – W.L. in Alabama

• “Cheese can be grated, then frozen. The frozen cheese can be used in casserole dishes without even defrosting. I find it convenient to freeze my mozzarella in batches because we make a lot of individual pizzas. I can get a big block, grate it and freeze. It keeps for a long time.” – J.M. in Pennsylvania

• Lipstick and lip gloss (including lip balms) shouldn’t be kept for more than a year. You can extend the life of your favorite lip wear by shaving a bit off and using a brush to apply it from the cut-off portion. If it touches your face, it can collect and breed bacteria. Be sure to replace mascaras every six months at minimum, and clean brushes regularly.

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Health

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medicines like ibuprofen or naproxen should be minimized. Even Tylenol can cause long-term kidney damage in high doses for long periods of time. Managing any chronic illnesses and avoiding toxic drugs are the most important actions.

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 Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2017 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.