



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Texas health care

With several politicians raising concerns about the possible collapse of individual insurance markets while Republicans are back to the drawing board on health care reform, WalletHub (a personal-finance website) conducted an in-depth analysis of 2017's *Best & Worst States for Health Care*. The analysts compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 35 key measures of health care cost, accessibility and outcome to determine where Americans receive the highest-quality services at the best prices. The data set ranges from average monthly insurance premium to physicians per capita to share of insured population. Texas ranked 41st overall out of 51. WalletHub's study ranked Texas:

- 27th in Hospital Beds per Capita;
- 43rd in Physicians per Capita;
- 31st in Dentists per Capita;
- 43rd in Physician Medicare-Acceptance Rate;
- 51st in Percent of Insured Adults Aged 18 to 64;
- 49th in Percent of Insured Children Aged 0 to 17;
- 28th in Percent of At-Risk Adults with No Routine Doctor Visit in Past Two Years; and
- 47th in Percent of Adults with No Dental Visit in Past Year.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-best-health-care/23457/> for the full report.

— Diana Popa

### There's no business like toe business

Dawson City is located in the heart of the Canada's Yukon Territory and is known for the Klondike Gold Rush. Tourists are apt to pay a visit to Diamond Tooth Gertie's Casino while there. They may also stop in at the Sourdough Saloon to try its signature drink, the Sourtoe Cocktail—a shot of whiskey garnished with a mummified human toe. The toe was recently stolen but worry not, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. The remorseful thief returned it. He mailed the toe back to the Saloon with a letter of apology, according to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In case you are wondering, you are not supposed to swallow the digit; you

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*"Any man who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the Government take care of him better take a closer look at the American Indian."*

— Henry Ford



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**GIVE THEM SPACE** – Fast Freddy Balderrama, a tow truck driver with ASAP Tow Truck Service and Auto Repair of El Paso, is glad that tow truck drivers are now included in the Texas law, referred to as the Move Over/Slow Down law. Balderrama, a tow truck driver for more than 30 years, said that he has had many close calls when servicing stranded vehicles along local-area highways.

## Texas law compels drivers to slow down or move over for all emergency vehicles

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Local motorists should always be on the look out for emergency vehicles, especially with the numerous roads and highways under various construction phases throughout El Paso County.

When vehicle commuters see flashing lights on the side of the road, it's meant to tell them to slow down, and, if it's safe, move over away from police, fire crews, paramedics, and tow truck drivers.

Since 2003, the Texas law (Transportation Code 545.157), referred to as the Move Over/Slow Down law, requires drivers nearing stopped emergency vehicles to either slow down or change lanes. During the 2011 Legislative session, tow trucks

were added to that law.

The Texas Legislature amended the Move Over/Slow Down law to require motorists to slow down or move over when passing a tow truck displaying emergency lights to improve safety for all emergency personnel who routinely work in dangerous conditions along the state's ever-expanding roads and highways.

To remind the public of this important safety measure, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) activates on occasion on the electronic signs along major thoroughfares a message that states: If Tow Truck Stopped Ahead, Move Over or Slow Down, It's The Law.

"The Mover Over/Slow Down law is about providing extra protection for those individuals on the side of the road doing their jobs, as well as the people on the roadside with them," Department of Public

### What it says

The Move Over/Slow Down law states that a motorist must either vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction or slow down 20 miles per hour below the speed limit. Emergency vehicles include police, emergency medical service, fire vehicles, and tow trucks. A violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500. If the violation results in bodily injury, the offense is enhanced to a Class B misdemeanor.

Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw stated in a news release. "Thanks to the added provision, tow truck drivers, who

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## Way of service leads to Texas post

Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY – Sgt. Maj. Robert D. Way (Ret.) served 30 years with the Marine Corps. But he didn't stop there. His life of service has continued and he now holds the post of Marine Corps League Commandant, Department of Texas. Way was elected to the position on June 21, 2017. The organization is (see sidebar) dedicated to helping all marines and FMF personnel in need as well as participating in other patriotic activities.

Way started retirement by becoming a Marine Corps JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps) instructor at Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, TX. He formed Fox Company as the newest Unit in the Academy.

In 1993 Way moved to El Paso and became a Navy JROTC instructor at Socorro High School (SHS). During his tenure, Socorro NJROTC was ranked as the best Unit in their area for several years. In 1995 SHS JROTC were selected as the best Unit in the nation.

Way also joined El Paso's Deane Hawkins Detachment of the Marine Corps League (MCL) in 1993. He has served as the Detachment Chaplain and Adjutant, and served as Detachment Commandant from 2005-2017. He

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Sgt. Maj. Robert D. Way, USMC (Ret.) was elected in June 2017 as Commandant of the Department of Texas, Marine Corps League during its State Convention in Beaumont, TX.





Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

# Prepare for major life expenses with tax-advantaged accounts

College tuition, a new pair of glasses and retirement may seem unrelated, but the tax law says otherwise. By knowing how and where to save your money, you could pay for each of these expenses with tax-advantaged – or in some cases income-tax-free – money.

Individual Retirement Agreements (IRAs) and 401(k)s are perhaps the two most well-known examples of these types of accounts. But they’re not alone. With educational and medical expenses in mind, consider the following types of accounts and how you might be able to use one to help yourself or your family.

**Invest your college fund in a 529 plan.** State-sponsored 549 plans come in two forms. Prepaid tuition plans let you lock in today’s rate for in-state public schools and 529 college savings plans allow you to invest your savings based on your goals and risk tolerance. Contributions aren’t a federal tax write-off, but if you invest in your state’s plan, there might be a state income tax write-off.

As new parents ourselves, my wife and I made the decision to start preparing for our son’s education with a 529 college savings plan. However, the state where we live doesn’t offer a tax incentive. After diligently researching our options, we chose to establish the account in another state.

Many states let non-residents invest in their 529 plans and you can compare the state-based benefits, investment options, fees and contribution rules when choosing your plan. The College Savings Plans Network (CSPN) has tools to compare 529 plans by features or by state.

If the money is spent on qualified educational expenses, such as tuition, fees or school supplies, you don’t pay federal income tax (and may not have to pay state income tax) on investment gains.

**Provide financial support for a disabled person using an ABLE account.** News of a life-changing disability could come at any time. Following the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act in 2014, states can now sponsor ABLE savings accounts. Like 529 plans, contributions may be tax-deductible on the state (but not federal) level and the investment earnings can be withdrawn tax-free to pay for qualified expenses related to a mental or physical disability.

Beneficiaries must meet two criteria to qualify for an ABLE account: the disability must have begun before they were 26 and it must have “marked and severe functional limitations.” Anyone can contribute to the beneficiary’s ABLE account, and there is a limit on the total annual contributions – \$14,000 as of 2017.

For individuals dealing with a disability and those taking care of a loved one, an ABLE account could make it easier to manage and plan finances. Generally, if you have a disability you’re disqualified from some types of federal government aid if you have over \$2,000 in assets. The first \$100,000 in an ABLE account doesn’t count against the limit for non-Medicaid services, and the entire account balance doesn’t count against the Medicaid limit.

Collectively known as ABLE 2.0, several new bills may increase the annual contribution for those who have a disability and are working, increase the eligibility age to 46 and allow families to rollover money from a 529 college savings plan to an ABLE account.

**Make medical expenses more affordable with an FSA.** Some employers offer a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) as a benefit to their employees. Employees can fund the accounts by putting aside a portion of their paychecks. You can then spend the money on qualified medical expenses, including eye exams, glasses and dental procedures, without paying income tax.

FSA accounts have a use-it-or-lose-it provision and the money you don’t use could be forfeited at the end of the year. Employers could, but aren’t required to, allow employees to roll over up to \$500 each year or give them an additional two-and-a-half-month grace period to use the money.

**Bottom line:** Paying for higher education, covering medical-related expenses and saving for retirement are three important financial goals. Incorporating tax-advantaged accounts into your long-term plan could be a win-win for your wallet. You might be able to save money now by lowering your tax bill and lower your effective costs later by withdrawing and using the money for qualified expenses.

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Canutillo Independent School District

Public Notice of Special Education Services

Canutillo Independent School district provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the District beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Programs including: 1) Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resources (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; 9) School Health Services; and 10) Homebound Services.

Services are provided to identified children with visual or auditory impairments who reside within the District from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provides for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Carey Chambers, Special Education Director, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, or cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo

Aviso Público de Servicios de Educación Especial

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como desabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

Programas de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12) y clases contenidad (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terepia de habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia fisica; 8) terapia ocupacional; 9) servicios de salud escolar; y 10) servicios de clases en el hogar.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados con discapacidades visuales y audivas que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Pública 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Poliza FL explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Canutillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Carey Chambers, Directora de Educación Especial, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, teléfono: (915) 877-7449, o correo electrónico:cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

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# Clint HS reunion a long time in the making



**BACK TOGETHER** – 16 members of Clint High School’s Class of 1967 gathered in June for their 50th Class Super Reunion. The Class of ’67 invited exes from 1948-1979 to attend the celebration with them at the Cattleman’s Steakhouse. Armando Hernandez and Helen Vargas Rojas were the MC’s for the 181 former classmates and guests. Attendees came from as far as California, Colorado, North Dakota, Louisiana, New Mexico and several areas of Texas. Mary Alice Elliott (nee Littlejohn) represented the

Class of ’48 and Ray Keller, now residing in east Texas, represented the Class of ’50. During the program all the classmates and guests that are veterans from the various military branches were recognized and thanked for their years of service. A Memorial Poem was read to honor all the CHS classmates that have died. A *Super Reunion Memory Book* has been created from photos taken during the reunion.

– Photos by Patrick Lujan / Lujan Photography  
– Rick Shrum



## ObamaCare

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may be only one product (or none) to “choose” from, people who have been hired to perform these functions would become unemployed if ACA is repealed.

9. Subsidizing economically nonviable products: When a

marketplace is unstable because regulations make it impossible to make a profit, the only way to keep suppliers in it is to pay them with federal dollars from taxpayers or creditors. The sellers will continue to have enrollees who find the product affordable because somebody else is paying most of the cost.

10. Forcing everyone to fund

contraceptives and abortion: Although many Americans consider these to be immoral, especially contraceptives that may have an abortifacient effect, others consider social benefit to override individual conscience. From the purely economic perspective, there seems to be a short-term benefit of having fewer children to

support. In the longer term, there are also fewer taxpayers and workers.

It is time for supporters of ObamaCare to make their case for the parts that they like and have bills ready to introduce immediately if repeal should pass. If they do not favor these various provisions, how can they logically be opposed to repeal?

Once Congress focuses on the problems with ACA, it can begin to think about replacing them – with freedom, instead of more of the same.

Jane M. Orient, M.D. is the Executive Director of Association of American Physicians and Surgeons.

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Moments  
in Time

The History Channel

• On Aug. 21, 1959, President Dwight Eisenhower signs a proclamation admitting Hawaii into the Union as the 50th state. He also issued an order for an American flag featuring 50 stars arranged in staggered rows: five six-star rows and four five-star rows.

• On Aug. 22, 1851, the U.S.-built schooner America bests a fleet of Britain’s finest sailing ships in a race around England’s Isle of Wight. The ornate silver trophy won by the America was later donated to the New York Yacht Club on condition that it be forever placed in international competition.

• On Aug. 23, 1902, pioneering cookbook author Fannie Farmer, who changed the way Americans prepare food by advocating the use of standardized measurements in recipes, opens Miss Farmer’s School of Cookery in Boston.

• On Aug. 24, 1572, King Charles IX of France orders the assassination of Huguenot Protestant leaders in Paris, resulting in the massacre of tens of thousands of Huguenots across France. An estimated 3,000 French Protestants were killed in Paris, and as many as 70,000 in all of France.

• On Aug. 25, 1939, “The Wizard of Oz,” which will become one of the best-loved movies in history, opens in theaters across the U.S. Nominated for an Academy Award in the Best Picture category, “The Wizard of Oz” lost to the Civil War-era epic “Gone With the Wind.”

• On Aug. 26, 1964, Lyndon Johnson is nominated to run for president at the Democratic National Convention. Johnson had assumed the reins of government in November 1963 when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

• On Aug. 27, 1982, Oakland Athletics outfielder Rickey Henderson steals his 119th base of the season, breaking Hall of Famer Lou Brock’s 1979 record. The game was stopped, and American League President Lee MacPhail came on the field to congratulate the new record-holder.

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Strange  
But True

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century playwright Lorraine Hansberry who made the following sage observation: “The thing that makes you exceptional, if you are at all, is inevitably that which must also make you lonely.”

• Yes, zebras run in herds. It is more interesting, though – and just as correct – to call such a group a dazzle of zebras or a zeal of zebras.

• If you’re planning a trip to India, keep in mind that in that country, it’s considered rude to whistle in public.

• One day in 1994, Duff McKagan, the original bass guitar player for hard rock band Guns N’ Roses, was bored. With little else to do, he decided to take a look at the band’s financials – and realized he couldn’t make sense of the info. Frustrated, McKagan enrolled in a basic finance course at a community college. One thing led to another, and he ended up at Seattle University’s Albers School of Business. Now, the rock star is becoming a money manager, founding wealth-management firm Meridian Rock to help other musicians in the same boat.

• If you saw two ships run into each other, you’d likely call it a collision – and you’d be correct if both boats were moving at the time. Technically speaking, though, if one of the boats is stationary, it’s known as an allision.

• Those who study such things say that when a male beaver gets in a wrestling fight with a female beaver, the female usually wins.

• As it turns out, cuddling isn’t just fun – it’s good for you, too! Research shows that snuggling up with a loved one stimulates the release of oxytocin, which (among other things) can help wounds heal faster.

Thought for the Day: “Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom.”  
– Theodore Rubin

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS  
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 2017 in the Central Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040100/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.366500/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	1.58%	Decrease
Debt Service	0.13%	Increase
Total Expenditures	1.35%	Decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value  
(as calculated under Section 26.04, tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,424,532,889	\$ 1,559,876,898
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 29,793,227	\$ 39,196,281
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,081,363,404	\$ 1,184,855,297
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 24,701,874	\$ 37,160,373

\* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$175,997,124

\* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.040100	\$ 0.366500*	\$ 1.406600	\$ 1,399	\$ 7,905
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.048170	\$ 0.386280*	\$ 1.434450	\$ 1,471	\$ 8,195
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040100	\$ 0.366500*	\$ 1.406600	\$ 1,440	\$ 8,195

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.  
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 88,037	\$ 94,547
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 63,037	\$ 69,547
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.406600	\$ 1.406600
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 886.68	\$ 978.25
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 91.57

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.**

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.451247. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.451247.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 37,536,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,263,000

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# Way

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was elected 2015-2016 as the Department of Texas Senior Vice Commandant. In 2012 he was selected as the Marine Corps League’s Department of Texas Marine of the Year.

The Deane Hawkins Detachment is involved in many youth and veterans activities in the El Paso area. It sponsors an annual “No Skills Field meet” for JROTC units, marksmanship training, Young Marines, and the MCL annual “Youth Physical Fitness” meet. Veterans activities include helping organize the Veterans Parade, Avenue of Flags at Ft. Bliss Cemetery, and homeless veterans stand down, as well as support for Guillen nursing home, providing snacks at the VA clinic and helping veterans in need.

In addition the Sergeant Major has formed and organized members of the Marine Corps League and 19th Rifle

Company into the El Paso Marine Honor Unit. This Unit provides Honors for deceased veterans at Fort Bliss National Cemetery and local El Paso Cemeteries.

Way was one of four brothers in the Marine Corps. He was the youngest – and the last – of 14 children. He met his wife, Mildred (Ricki) at the American Embassy in Cyprus, where she worked for the Deputy Chief of Mission in the Ambassador’s Suite. She is a Navy veteran. They have two sons. One son was in the Marine Corps for four years including a tour of duty in the Middle East.

Way’s career took him around the world. He served with the 1st, 3rd and 5th Assault Amphibian Tractor Battalions at Camp Pendleton, CA; Okinawa, Japan and Vietnam. He served tours Asst. NCO in Charge of the Marine Security Guard at the American Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus and at the American Embassy in Mogadishu Somalia. He did tours as a Marine Corps Recruiter in Chicago,

## Marine Corps League

The Marine Corps League was established by Congress in 1937 by the 75th Legislature and is the only military auxiliary to be sanctioned in this manor. The Marine Corps League consists of 10 divisions throughout the United States. The Department of Texas is in a division that includes Arkansas and Oklahoma. Texas has 48 detachments in operation, Arkansas has seven and Oklahoma has 11. Forming a Detachment requires 20 qualified marines and/or Fleet Marine Force (FMF; Naval non-combat personnel serving with marines) members. Sgt. Maj. Way is in El Paso’s Deane Hawkins Detachment that serves a large portion of west Texas. Their Mission Statement is:

*Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions. Promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.*

IL and as a Drill Instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA. He served two tours of Barracks duty – one as the First Sergeant, Marine Barracks Adak, AK, where he received the Navy Commendation Medal for a Search rescue mission of an injured Marine on a remote part of Adak Island. His second tour of barracks duty was as Sergeant Major of Marine Barracks Guam. His other assignments include Sergeant Major 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Regiment, Camp Pendleton, Sergeant Major Marine Air Group 12, Iwakuni, Japan and Sergeant Major, Marine Air Group 16 at El Toro, CA.

## Archives: www.wtxcc.com

## Notice of 2017 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for Village of Vinton

A tax rate of \$0.638369 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of VILLAGE OF VINTON. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of VILLAGE OF VINTON proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of funding the current level of needs, satisfy current level of services, and meet new debt obligations for the water and wastewater projects.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.638369 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR’S TAX RATE	\$0.464967 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.444821 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.635971 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for VILLAGE OF VINTON from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that VILLAGE OF VINTON may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount=( rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Maria O. Pasillas, RTA  
CITY OF EL PASO Tax Assessor-Collector  
221 N. Kansas, Suite 300  
El Paso, TX 79901  
915-212-0106  
citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov  
www.elpasotexas.gov/tax-office

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM at City Hall located at 436 East Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821.

Second Hearing: August 31, 2017 at 6:30 PM at City Hall located at 436 East Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821.

WTCC: 08-10-17

### 2017 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #2

This notice concerns the 2017 property tax rates for EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,084,996
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 1,831,356
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,916,352
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,082,987,473
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.094595 /\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,906,987
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 3,147,803,383
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.092349 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,081,036
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,147,803,383
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.034343 /\$100
x <b>1.08</b> = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.037090 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.055363 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.092453 /\$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 adopts a 2017 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.092349 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2016 taxes by \$74,854.

**SCHEDULE A – Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Funds	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$ 3,513,389

**SCHEDULE B – 2017 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Clint	\$177,877	\$100,483	\$0	\$278,360
District	\$ 15,601	\$ 1,049	\$0	\$ 16,650
Fabens	\$191,117	\$ 69,522	\$0	\$260,639
Montana Vista	\$197,953	\$ 82,369	\$0	\$280,322
San Elizario	\$168,078	\$ 71,273	\$0	\$239,351
Socorro	\$353,927	\$125,032	\$0	\$478,959
West Valley	\$169,112	\$ 69,843	\$0	\$238,955
Total required for 2017 debt service		\$ 1,793,236		
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A		\$ -0-		
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$ -0-		
- Excess collections last year		\$ -0-		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2017		\$ 1,793,236		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2017		\$ -0-		
= Total debt levy		\$ 1,793,236		

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office, located at 221 N. Kansas, Ste. 300, El Paso, TX 79901.

Name of person preparing this notice: Maria O. Pasillas, RTA  
Title: City of El Paso Tax Assessor Collector    Date prepared: July 26, 2017



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL PASO COUNTY TORNILLO WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**Adopting penalties for violation of Order dated October 8, 2001, as**

**amended, and District Rules.**

WHEREAS, the EL PASO COUNTY TORNILLO WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (the "District") created pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution and operating pursuant to Chapters 49, 51 and 54 of the Texas Water Code (the "Code") adopted an order dated October 8, 2001 regarding rules requiring

property owners to connect to the District's planned wastewater collection and treatment system (the "Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Order was amended by order dated November 17, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Code authorizes the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") to set reasonable civil penalties for breach of any rule

of the District and the Board has determined that the adoption of rules allowing for the assessment of such civil penalties for breach of the Order and other District Rules is necessary and appropriate to ensure compliance with the District's Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved and ordered by THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL

PASO COUNTY TORNILLO WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT of el paso county, texas THAT:

Section 1: The statements contained in the preamble of this order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2: Failure of an individual receiving services from the District

(a "Customer") or property owner to comply with requirements of the Order, any other Orders of the District, or any other published Rule of the District, as such Rules and Orders may be amended from time to time, shall be a violation of the District's Rules and Orders and may subject the Customer or property owner to legal sanctions which may include, without limitation: (i) a daily penalty in an amount

not to exceed the maximum authorized for the District under Section 49.004 of the Code, as amended (ii) discontinuation of water service to the property, (iii) reconnection fees, and (iv) suit to abate a nuisance, compel connection and/or collect unpaid fees and penalties.

SECTION 3: Pursuant to Section 49.004 of the Code, the penalties provided herein are in addition to

any other penalty provided under the laws of the State of Texas, including but not limited to, Sections 51.241 and 54.206 of the Code. If the District prevails in any suit to enforce the Order, any other Orders of the District, or any other published Rule of the District, it may recover reasonable fees for attorneys, expert witnesses, and other costs incurred by the District before a court of jurisdiction.

SIGNED AND ATTEST:

SEALED this 20th day of July, 2017.

*Nancy Tarin*  
Secretary

*Jose Luis Soria,*  
Board President  
El Paso County  
Tornillo Water  
Improvement  
District

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on tax roll in the preceding tax year by 0.006697% (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928.

The second public hearing will be held on August 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR:

Bill Mayberry, Gerardo Sanchez and Jay Koester
- AGAINST:

NONE
- PRESENT and not voting:

NONE
- ABSENT:

Allen Keys

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1** in 2016 was \$116,481. Based on last year’s tax rate of \$0.097353 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$113.39.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1** in 2016 is \$116,481. in 2017 is \$119,751. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.092771 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$111.09.

If the governing body adopts the proposed rollback tax rate of \$0.099468 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$119.11.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. (CDST), at the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC., located at 6101 West Courtyard, Building One, Ste. 100, Austin, TX 78730. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal:

Jack Holford, Dan Roark, Larry Mellenbruch and Ken Mills
- AGAINST the proposal:

NONE
- PRESENT and not voting:

NONE
- ABSENT:

Sid Covington

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	NA	NA
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	NA	NA
Average taxable value*	NA	NA
Tax on average residence homestead	NA	NA
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	NA	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	NA	

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION**

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code\*.

*\*This District has no residence homesteads.*



# Kaepernick’s future in the NFL is anybody’s guess

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

With the rest of the NFL getting ready to open its exhibition season this weekend, the league should dominate the sports headlines for the next six months.

Well, really, it nearly dominates the headlines all year long.

Some of the hot topics during the offseason include Odell Beckham believing he should be the highest paid player in the league, Ezekiel Elliott’s possible suspension, San Diego and Oakland obtaining new addresses and Tom Brady reaching the big number 40.

But by far, the biggest NFL story has been about a player who isn’t even in the league.

The plight of quarterback Colin Kaepernick has been well documented,

maybe even over-documented, ever since he decided to leave San Francisco and become a free agent.

You might say that he bet on himself... so far it’s been a very bad bet.

Of course the only reason we care about Kaepernick at all stems from his stance on what he perceives is a system in a country that allows white police officers to murder unarmed black citizens.

We all know he protested by refusing the stand during the National Anthem. He instead would either sit down or take a knee. The action prompted other like-minded athletes to do the same.

Naturally, this led to many Americans coming out against his views, while others applauded him for having the courage to voice his concerns.

The great physicist Isaac Newton once said, “for every action there is an equal

and opposite reaction.”

Who knew Newton was such a big football fan?

Many believe that because of Kaepernick’s controversial actions, other NFL teams have reacted by not taking a chance on him.

No teams have come calling. And it’s beginning to drive some league players, and even sports commentators, nuts.

Even teams who have suffered quarterback injuries, have chosen to go Kaepernick-free.

But if the quarterback is looking for someone to blame for all of this, he may not have to go any further than is own bathroom mirror.

It’s one thing to openly disrespect the anthem, but he didn’t stop there.

He said when he started his protest, “I am not going to stand up to show pride in

a flag for a country that oppresses Black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way.”

Of course there were some that thought it was funny that he wasn’t offended enough to refuse his huge American paycheck.

Then there was the press conference he held back in November wearing a t-shirt with the images of former Cuban dictator Fidel Castro and Malcolm X on it.

He went on to praise Cuba’s education system under Castro.

This didn’t sit well with those who reminded Kaepernick that Castro killed many of his own people and repressed an entire country; many of whose citizens fled to freedom in the United States, or died trying.

He once referred to the police in American as a “runaway slave patrol.”

There are many who agree with Kaepernick, but in today’s society words have a way of finding their way back home.

It was learned last week that Miami quarterback Ryan Tannehill got injured.

So talk began about the possibility of Kaepernick being picked up by the Dolphins.

Yeah, right – what Kaeperenick said about Castro is really going to go down well with the fans in Miami.

Action... reaction.

I’m not saying it’s right or justified, it’s just human nature.

If his actions were meant to jolt a population, then mission accomplished. But to not expect a reaction one way or the other, is fantasy.

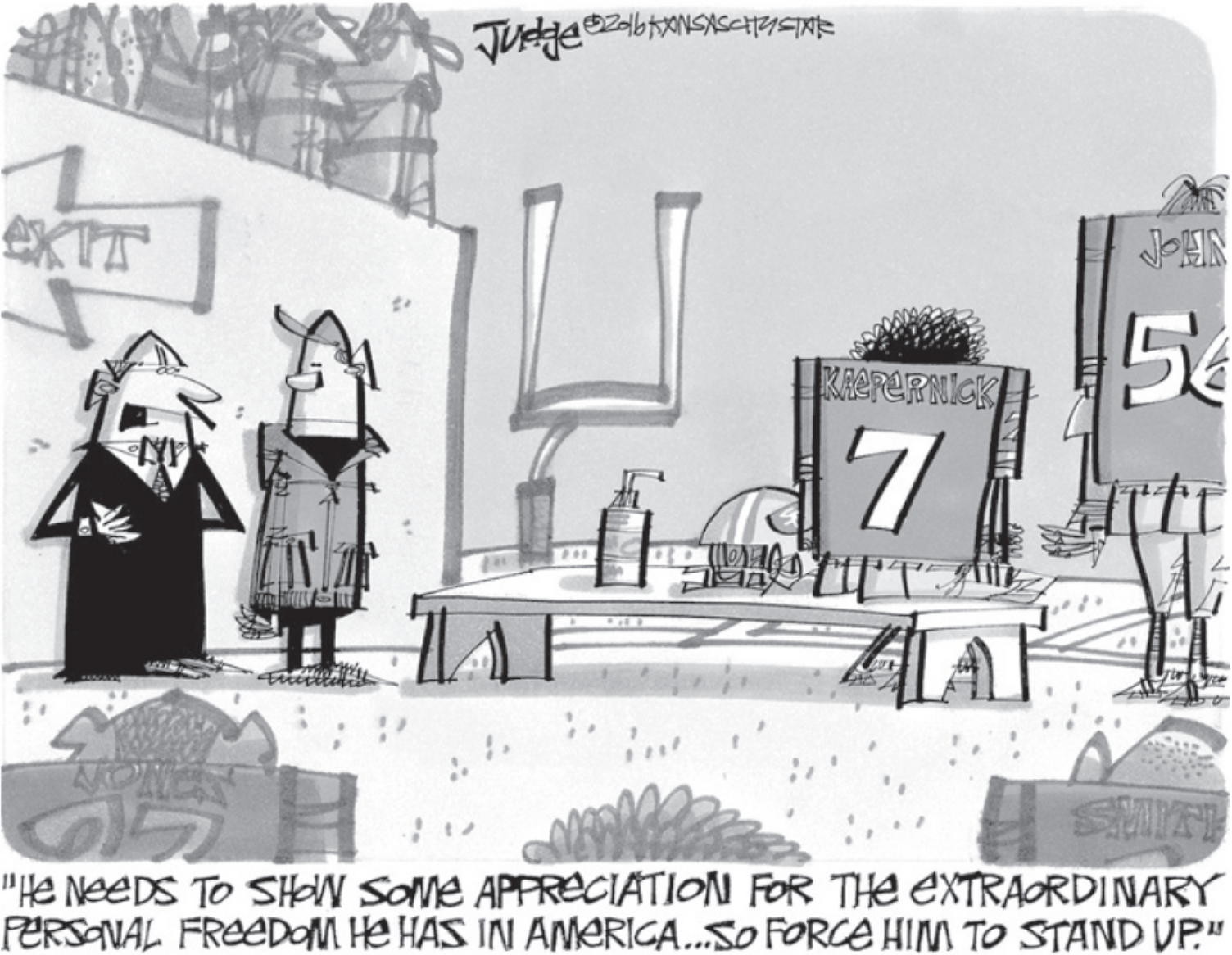
If Kaepernick has taken advantage of his right to feel one way, then don’t NFL owners have that same right?

Kaepernick may still sign on with a team. If someone needs a quarterback bad enough they’ll come calling.

But as we’ve seen over the last decade – either through spoken words, social media or physical action – every single step by a public figure has to be taken as if atop fractured eggshells.

The reactions today can be either supportive, harsh or downright hostile.

But make no mistake – there’s always a reaction.



## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Battle of the acronyms

Growing up as a kid (is there any other way?), the biggest fears I had in life now seem absolutely absurd.

You see, I was born into an era of five-channel television. You had your big three – ABC, NBC, CBS – and then two or three stragglers that showed nothing but reruns and live sports. And the old reruns ruled.

The reruns were mostly a cavalcade of extreme violence or predicaments. The Justice League would battle the Legion of Doom every Saturday morning; Godzilla would level Tokyo every Sunday morning. Superfly Snuka, Andre the Giant, Rowdy Roddy Piper and Hulk Hogan would rule the

afternoons. I watched kung-fu fighters avenging the dishonor of their sister or mother before church.

Thanks to Wile E. Coyote, I had an inordinate fear of anvils falling from the sky and Acme in general, since it seemed to supply all his faulty weaponry. I used to worry that somebody would tie my sister to train tracks or that a hike through the woods would somehow end up with her falling into quicksand with no ape men to save her, because ape men were not indigenous to our area.

But without doubt, the biggest fear I had was instilled by my parents. If I wanted to climb a

tree, my mother would tell me to get down because I might fall and “bang my head.” My father would amp up the terror, warning me that I would “crack my head open.”

Well, times have changed. The only time I’ve ever seen an anvil was at Colonial Williamsburg, and apparently modern science has cured the scourge of quicksand. Thanks to the UFC, you can watch kung fu without having to make it about a battle over your favorite aunt. Yet, a serious battle looms in American sports. The NFL has literally cracked its head open.

A recent study confirmed what we all most likely knew: 99 percent of the brains donated to science by former NFLers showed signs of serious chronic traumatic encephalopathy. CTE is a disease that causes early-

onset dementia and a host of other things associated with brain function. It is the direct result of taking numerous hits to the head.

Nobody is shocked by the findings. We’ve known that football and fighting cause damage to the brain. Muhammad Ali couldn’t even walk up the stairs at the 1996 Olympics. No, now the fear is that we’re going to lose our game. Participation is key in sports. It is hard to fill roster spots when nobody will play, and after this CTE report, really, parents have to be afraid for their kids.

Luckily, this is nothing new. In the early days of football, the late 1800s, a Harvard coach came up with a formation designed to decimate Yale. Based on ancient military strategy, the wedge simply meant that everyone on

the offensive team would grip each other’s uniform in a V formation, their ball carrier safe behind them. The problem was that the wedge often singled out lone defenders with a half-ton of momentum, and that actually killed people. It got to be such a problem that the president of the United States, Teddy Roosevelt, got involved. Rather than see football go, he was instrumental in changing the rules of the game so that it exists to this day. That’s why they carved his face into a mountain.

If we put our heads together, football can be saved. We just need to be careful and not crack our heads open.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

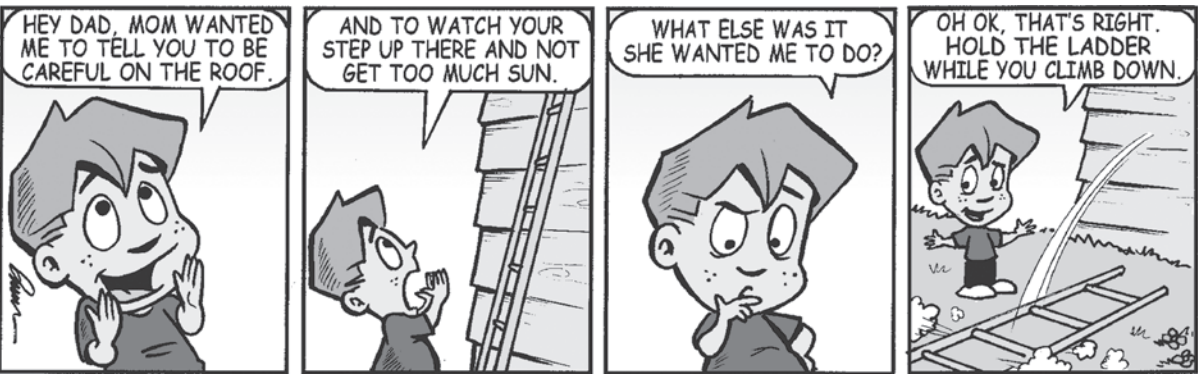


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## OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



## AMBER WAVESBy Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATSBy Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



# Your good healthBy Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have mild osteoporosis in one area. I was on Fosamax for seven years. I have been off for two years. My doctor is suggesting I go back on Fosamax. Your thoughts on treatment in my case? – A.B.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been advised that Medicare will cover the bone density test only every two years. If that's true, why? – A.L.

Osteoporosis is loss of bone minerals and strength. There are at least two ways to measure changes in bones, whether as an age-related drop in bone density and strength or as an increase in response to treatment. One way is to measure the bone density via an X-ray (DEXA). The other is a urine test, N-telopeptide of collagen (abbreviated NTX), which looks at net bone loss.

DEXA correlates well to fracture risk, but it changes very slowly. In fact, it changes so slowly that a repeat test within two years usually reflects variability in the test itself rather than an actual change in the bone, which is why most insurance companies – and, yes, Medicare – will cover the test only every two years.

Some experts believe that measuring NTX is a useful way of measuring the effectiveness of treatment, such as with a medication like Fosamax. Further, although the optimum duration of treatment for osteoporosis isn't clear, five years is commonly used (as it sounds like is the case for A.B.).

NTX can guide whether restarting treatment is necessary. There just isn't enough information to make

this a general recommendation, although the theory makes sense to me. If I were treating someone in A.B.'s situation, I would restart treatment if the NTX level showed high bone resorption.

READERS: Nearly every woman, if she lives long enough, must come to grips with osteoporosis. To order the booklet about this debilitating disease, write to Dr. Roach – No. 1104W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. 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 up to four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. ROACH: What are your thoughts about the MiraDRY procedure to get rid of underarm sweat? Is it safe not to have sweat under the arms? – S.J.

MiraDRY is the brand name of a microwave device designed to treat hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating). This is a condition of abnormal, drenching sweat that greatly interferes with social activities, not normal underarm sweating. It is currently used only for underarms – not hands, feet or face, the other most common places for localized hyperhidrosis. According to several published papers, the microwaves heat up the water in the sweat glands, destroying them, while the skin itself is cooled. The published success rates (at reducing sweating to "nevernoticeable" or "tolerable") are very high, as are patient satisfaction results. Side effects

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# Super Crossword

PREPOSITION

REPETITION

ACROSS

1 As a substitute

8 Part of VCR

16 Snow clearer

20 Saint who converted Scotland to Christianity

21 Informal "Leave it to me"

22 Roll-call call

23 Public speech about unity?

25 Dictator Idi

26 D.C. baseball team

27 Dog pests

28 On the \_ (in hiding)

29 Gun-carrying

30 \_-devil

31 Roster

32 Canto or esprit lead-in

34 Big online dating site

37 Japanese dancing girls being helpers?

41 Shunned sort

43 Hagen of the stage

44 Former U.N. head

45 Annan

46 Citizen of Muscat

47 Don't leave the Hoosier State?

54 Method

55 Walk atop

57 "Wow!," in a text message

58 Get via logic

59 Reeves of Hollywood

60 Dandy guy

61 Substitute

70 Prefix meaning "both"

66 Infant next to a famous British poet?

74 Atlanta university

76 Carne \_ (Mexican dish)

77 Method: Abbr.

78 Feta, e.g.

80 English article

83 Route for some travelers headed for Ohio from Ontario?

87 Housing at

74-Across, e.g.

89 London vehicle

90 Hawaii's Mauna \_

91 Style of many ski chalets

92 Police officer in a certain military posture?

100 Having several parts

101 They may be parked at KOA sites

102 Dark film genre

103 Seattle-to-Phoenix dir.

106 Weed B Gon brand

107 Stable diet?

109 Followers of Attila

110 Like two peas in \_

111 Miles of film

112 What DNA paternity tests provide?

117 Shah's home

118 Assumed control of

119 Polar light phenomena

120 To be, to Tacitus

121 Fireplace log supporters

122 Adolescents, informally

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1 Holy relics

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15 19th letter

16 Big \_ (drug companies)

17 Actor Jack

18 Get aligned

19 Rival of Burger King

24 Bi- times four

29 Goya's field

31 Act as a link

32 Not \_ eye (show no reaction)

33 Actor Morales

35 Player of 45s

36 "It's \_!" ("That's just wrong!")

38 A, in Berlin

39 Japanese sport

40 Like bikinis

41 "Smack!"

42 Org. for drs.

46 Of kidneys

47 Digital book file extension

48 Tyro PC user

49 Drop down

50 Mosaic piece

51 Miles off

52 Tie locale

53 Eros' father

56 Perfume from Dana

59 Fella

60 Sticky-note initialism

61 Juliet's flame

62 Baseball's Slaughter

63 At the drop of \_

64 "You've Made \_ Very Happy"

65 Pooh, e.g.

67 Cellist with 18 Grammys

68 Total failure

69 Marsh stalk

72 Real admirer

75 West Coast evergreen

77 Hawaii achieved it in 1959

78 Congeals

79 Sun provision

80 Take place

81 "I wonder..."

82 Suffix of nationalities

84 Certain Vette roof

85 Uttered

86 Kingly Norse name

88 Pedro's gold

91 In dispute

92 Cheap flick

93 Sirens, say

94 Radicals

95 Gas in fuel

96 AFL- \_

97 Strive to get

98 Adequate, in dialect

99 Skim, maybe

104 Sub finder

105 Rims

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113 Pal of Harry at Hogwarts

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Briefs

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just let it touch your lips while sipping.

– John Grimaldi

New numbers

They finally realized the security risk of using Social Security Numbers on Medicare cards, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. The folks at Medicare headquarters promise that every Medicare

recipient will have received a new card with a random Medicare Beneficiary Identifier, or MBI number, by April 2019.

– John Grimaldi

Going up?

The German tech firm, ThyssenKrup, aims to provide high-rise visitors – whether it be an office building or an apartment complex – a more convenient way of getting to your destination, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. They are

in the process of testing a revolutionary kind of elevator – one that goes up and down and sideways. And, there’ll be no need for cables because the Maglev uses rails and magnetic fields to ferry passengers around their buildings. But, don’t look for a Maglev system to come to a high rise near you very soon. This type of indoor transportation costs about five times more than your garden-variety elevator.

– John Grimaldi

Canutillo Independent School District  
2017-2018 Meal Policy

The Canutillo Independent School District will provide free meals to students enrolled in the districts at no charge, under the Provision II program, regardless of income, through the academic year of 2017-2018.

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Política sobre Alimentos para 2017-2018 del  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo proporcionarara alimentos a todos los estudiantes inscritos en el distrito sin costo alguno, durante todo el ciclo escolar 2017-2018 sin importar el ingreso familiar, bajo el programa Provision II.

El Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (por sus siglas en inglés “USDA”) prohíbe la discriminación contra sus clientes, empleados y solicitantes de empleo por raza, color, origen nacional, edad, discapacidad, sexo, identidad de género, religión, represalias y, según corresponda, convicciones políticas, estado civil, estado familiar o paternal, orientación sexual, o si los ingresos de una persona provienen en su totalidad o en parte de un programa de asistencia pública, o información genética protegida de empleo o de cualquier programa o actividad realizada o financiada por el Departamento. (No todos los criterios prohibidos se aplicarán a todos los programas y/o actividades laborales).

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Las personas con dificultades auditivas, o con discapacidad del habla pueden contactar al USDA por medio del Federal Relay Service (Servicio federal de transmisión) al (800) 877-8339 o (800) 845-6136 (en español).

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

VA caregiver program

The Department of Veterans Affairs caregiver program is back. That should be great news to people who were left in limbo after the VA pulled the plug on thousands of caregivers earlier this year while it considered how to revamp the program.

The Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers gives aid to eligible veterans who were severely injured on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and who need personal care for daily activities, such as bathing and dressing, or who need supervision or protection because of impairment. Care must be required for a minimum six months; tasks such as lifting, transportation and emotional support are not included. The stipend paid to the caregiver is based on how many hours of help per month the veteran needs, as determined by the tier level (high, medium or low) after a clinical evaluation.

Often it’s a primary family member who is the caregiver. To meet the requirements, they need to be the spouse, child or parent and live with the veteran. Another level, secondary family caregiver, has slightly different requirements and duties. These often serve as backup support. Both must fill out an application, VA Form 10-10CG. All caregivers have support coordinators to help them in giving the best care they can, accessing benefits and services, and learning more about assistance that’s available.

For more information, go online to the redesigned caregiver website: [www.caregiver.va.gov](http://www.caregiver.va.gov). You’ll find links to determine eligibility and specifics about how the program works, as well as the application to download. Put your ZIP code in to find local caregiver advocates, or call the caregiver support line at 1 (855) 260-3274. If you ever need to file an appeal, contact the caregiver support coordinator or the patient advocate at the closest VA medical center.

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504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the District’s Section 504 Coordinator, Carey Chambers, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, or [cchambers@canutillo-isd.org](mailto:cchambers@canutillo-isd.org).

Aviso de Identificación de  
Estudiantes Incapacitados  
Bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, Carey Chambers, al 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, o [cchambers@canutillo-isd.org](mailto:cchambers@canutillo-isd.org).

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Here’s a Tip By JoAnn Derson

- Moving? Stick a foam plate between your regular plates to cushion them. Bonus is that they are reusable at the new place.
- “I found that a travel makeup bag worked really well to keep all my electronic accessories in one place. I have spots for my different device chargers, as well as my wireless mouse, jump drives, earbuds and a spare battery. It makes it easy to grab what I need for a quick trip, and the cords are never jumbled together.”  
– E.T. in Massachusetts
- “We had a nice set of knives in a knife block. The scissors broke, and then a couple of the smaller knives went kaput, too. The block started to look weird with the spots for missing items. My wife filled a wide mouth vase with little stone beads, and the remaining knives are stored in it on the counter. It looks really cool and different, and keeps the blades safe.”  
– A.L. in Arkansas
- Purchase additional measuring cups in the most-used sizes and slip one in the containers of most measured items: flour, sugar, coffee, etc. You’ll thank yourself when you don’t have to search for the right measuring cup or try to clean one in between ingredients.
- Here’s a tip for caregivers: Please make sure you put personal time on your to-do list, because it’s just as important as following up on treatment plans and picking up prescriptions. You can help someone so much better when you are rested and ready to give. Take care of yourself so you can take care of others.

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.  
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Canutillo Independent School District  
Public Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Canutillo Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability in its employment practices, or in providing education services, activities and programs, including technical education programs.

For more information regarding the Canutillo Independent School District’s policy of nondiscrimination contact: Chief Human Resources Officer, (915) 877- 7423, 7965 Artcraft Rd., El Paso, TX 79932.

Notificación pública  
anti-discriminatoria del Distrito  
escolar independiente de Canutillo

El distrito escolar independiente de Canutillo no discrimina en base a raza, color, nacionalidad, género, religión, edad o discapacidad en lo que se refiere a sus prácticas de empleo o al proveer servicios, actividades y programas educativos y técnicos.

Para mayor información respecto a las pólizas anti-discriminatorias de distrito, favor de llamar al Director ejecutivo de Recursos humanos al (915) 877-7423 ubicado en 7965 Artcraft Rd., El Paso TX 79932.

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Public Notice  
Canutillo Independent School District  
Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career  
and Technical Education Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Arts; A/V Technology and Communications; Agriculture Science Technology; Business Management and Administration; Exploring Careers; Career Preparation; Health Science; Information Technology Education; Finance and Education Training; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; Hospitality and Tourism; Science; Technology; Engineering and Mathematics. Admission to these programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and Career and Technical Education programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Martha Carrasco, (915) 877-7423, mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Cary Chambers, (915) 877-7449, cchambers@canutillo-isd.org, at 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

Aviso al Público  
Notificación de No Discriminación en los Programas  
Educativos de Carreras Técnicas y Vocacional

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo ofrece programas de Educación en Carreras Técnicas y Vocacionales en las siguientes ramas: artes; tecnología y comunicación arte y visual; ciencias en tecnología agrónoma, administración y gestión empresarial; exploración de profesiones; ciencias de salud; tecnología informativa; finanzas; estudios en leyes, seguridad publica y correccionales; hospitalidad y turismo; ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM, por sus siglas en inglés).

Es la política del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo el no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, género, discapacidad o edad en los programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y Educativos de Carrera y Técnicas y Vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Título IX, Martha Carrasco, al P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7423, correo electrónico: mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org, o el Coordinadora de la Sección 504, Cary Chambers, teléfono (915) 877-7449, correo electrónico: cchambers@canutillo-isd.org, al 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

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**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** *by Roger T. Moore*  
Aug. 12, 1936 – Temperature in Seymour hits 120°, the hottest ever recorded in 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*

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	6			7		4		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦**  
♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging  
Answer Page4 ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!  
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Social Security Q&A *By Ray Vigil*

# Keep a close eye on your earnings record

Whether you’re ready to retire, just joining the workforce, or somewhere in between, regularly reviewing your Social Security earnings record could make a big difference when it’s time to collect your retirement benefits.

Just think, in some situations, if an employer did not properly report just one year of your work earnings to us, your future benefit payments from Social Security could be close to \$100 per month less than they should be. Over the course of a lifetime, that could cost you tens of thousands of dollars in retirement or other benefits to which you are entitled.

Social Security prevents many mistakes from ever appearing on your earnings record. On average, we process about 236 million W-2 wage reports from employers, representing more than \$5 trillion in earnings. More than 98 percent of these wages are successfully posted with little problem.

But it’s ultimately the responsibility of your employers – past and present – to provide accurate earnings information to Social Security so you get credit for the contributions you’ve made through payroll taxes. We rely on you to inform us of any errors or omissions. You’re the only person who can look at your lifetime earnings record and verify that it’s complete and correct.

So, what’s the easiest and most efficient way to validate your earnings record?

1) Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount) to set up or sign in to your own my Social Security account;

2) Under the “My Home” tab, click on “Earnings Record” to view your online *Social Security Statement* and taxed Social Security earnings;

3) Carefully review each year of listed earnings and use your own records, such as W-2s and tax returns, to confirm them; and

4) Keep in mind that earnings from this year and last year may not be listed yet.

If you notice that you need to correct your earnings record, check out our one-page fact sheet at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf).

Sooner is definitely better when it comes to identifying and reporting problems with your earnings record. As time passes, you may no longer have past tax documents and some employers may no longer be in business or able to provide past payroll information.

If it turns out everything in your earnings record is correct, you can use the information and our online calculators at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/benefitcalculators.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/benefitcalculators.html) to plan for your retirement and prepare for the unexpected, such as becoming disabled or leaving behind survivors. We use your top 35 years of earnings when we calculate your benefit amounts. You can learn more about how your benefit amount is calculated at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10070.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10070.pdf).

We’re with you throughout life’s journey, from starting your first job to receiving your well-earned first retirement payment. Learn more about the services we provide online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/online services](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online services).

**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: **B** equals **Q**

CL T MFORFD'E VKTI HFZ  
VKYVDCVAOVM GVL R HFZ XCRN  
ITAH BZVERCFAE, XTE CR T  
BZCWWCOTG YNHECOTG?

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**FEAR KNOT**  
*By: rj johnson*  
DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

EKG  
NOGPIE  
GORPN  
♥ EKPE  
♥ TUMNOA  
EDZ  
KADR  
♥ PETAD  
GRE  
TOZEGY  
ARGIC  
AEGZ


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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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**Health**  
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included swelling, redness and temporary numbness.

This is a new procedure, but it appears to have promise in the treatment of excess sweating. I also found a very helpful website at [www.sweathelp.org](http://www.sweathelp.org).

*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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com). (c) 2017 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

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