

NEWSBRIEFS

Veteran exemption

Property owners who have previously filed for and received a veteran exemption for a 100 percent disabled or individual un-employability exemption on their homestead property do not need to fill out a new application for 2012. However, in order to ensure the proper application of this full exemption, the property owner must provide a 2012 disability rating letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to the Appraisal District by April 15, 2012. The letter may be e-mailed, faxed and hand delivered or mailed to:

- admin@epcad.org;
- Fax to (915) 780-2130;
- El Paso Central Appraisal District, Deeds & Exemptions Dept., 5801 Trowbridge Dr., El Paso, TX 79925-3345.

Failure to provide a current rating letter will result in removal of the exemption. You may obtain more information by calling the Deeds and Exemptions Department at (915) 780-2066 or e-mail admin@epcad.org.

—Dinah L. Kilgore

Socorro PO

The United States Postal Service (USPS) decision to close the Socorro Post Office originally set for April has been delayed several weeks. The USPS says it wants to allow Congress more time to pass additional legislation that could ward off some of the closings or find other ways of financing post offices. Washington DC still has the final word but will wait at least until spring 2012 before acting.

—Dave Garcia

HHS eco award

Horizon High School (HHS) has earned its second Green Ribbon Schools Award for raising funds to install an irrigation system. The HHS Environmental Club held their 2nd Annual Fall Fashion Show in November 2011 to raise the funds. This year the show featured fall fashions from Dillards at Cielo Vista Mall while guests were served a three course dinner by students. Students and staff modeled casual wear and formal wear for both men and women. "The club has planted trees and helped with landscaping on campus because of their hard work. Because of the success of events like this, the grass is greener here at Horizon High School," said Nancy Navarrete, HHS Environmental Club sponsor. Organizations sponsoring Green Ribbon Schools include Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Association of Student Councils, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and the Texas Education Agency. These groups recognize schools that participate in real-world activities that

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It's time for both political parties to come to the aid of their country.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy of Mario Rivera

BEEN THERE — El Paso Museum of History guest lecturer Mario Rivera in the market place in Puebla, Mexico.

History lecture series spotlights Puebla, Mexico

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Puebla, Mexico: The City of the Angels will be the next topic to take center stage in the Spotlight on History Lecture Series program sponsored by the El Paso Museum of History. The special presentation is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, in the Museum's Seminar Room, 510 N. Santa Fe. The event is free to the public.

The informative illustrated presentation will be given by Mario Rivera. "In keeping with the Museum's mission of promoting the understanding and significance of the rich multi-cultural/national history of El Paso, Rivera will tell us the story of Puebla, Mexico," stated museum representative Jim Murphy.

"Many El Pasoans have roots to this city that was founded in 1531 and is situated at the foot of the Popocatepetl volcano. Puebla has

preserved its great religious structures such as the 17th century cathedral and buildings like the old archbishop's palace as well as a host of houses with walls covered in tiles or azulejos," stated Murphy.

Using visual aids, Rivera will transport his audience to this magical city and explore its rich history including culture, food, and traditions. He will discuss the aesthetic concepts that resulted from the fusion of European and American styles which were adopted in Puebla and are now peculiar to the Baroque district.

Rivera is a graduate from the University of Puebla and the University of Phoenix in Technology Management. He teaches Satellite Communications for the Mexican Army and works for Telecom at the Satellite Control center in Mexico City. Since 1997 he has been working in the semiconductor industry for companies such as Motorola and Microchip Technology Inc.

The Spotlight on History Lecture Series

program is a part of the City of El Paso's Museum & Cultural Affairs Department's many offerings. Also offered are art classes, film series, concerts, storytelling sessions and other educational programs to the West Texas, Southern New Mexico and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico communities.

The Museum & Cultural Affairs Department is charged with implementing funding programs, public art programs, cultural tourism initiatives, and performing/visual arts events that provide a variety of opportunities for residents to engage in arts and cultural activities that enliven and celebrate the City of El Paso and the region. These opportunities include developing the City's arts industry, providing quality programs that are representative of the city's diverse cultures, and maximizing available resources to enhance the city's cultural vitality, according to its website.

For more information, call (915) 351-3588 or email at taylorst@elpasotexas.gov.

Government initiatives, tax credits target veteran unemployment

Returning Heroes and Wounded Warrior tax credits

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

New tax credits for veterans and programs to encourage employers to hire the growing army of veterans, particularly those that have been unemployed for a considerable time, were signed into law by President Barack Obama recently.

This latest commitment to service members and veterans aims to provide a comprehensive plan to lower unemployment and ensure that service members leave the military career-ready to work and be hired in the private sector, said the President.

Recent U.S. reports indicate that nearly one million veterans were unemployed and the jobless rate for post-9/11 veterans was over 13

percent. Furthermore, as the Iraq war ends and the wind down in Afghanistan continues one million more service members are projected to leave the military between 2011 and 2016.

With this in mind, the President and Congress approved the following tax credits and programs:

- The Returning Heroes Tax Credit is a new hiring tax credit that will provide an incentive for firms to hire unemployed veterans.
- Short-term unemployed: A new credit of 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages (up to \$2,400) for employers who hire veterans who have been unemployed at least four weeks.
- Long-term unemployed: A new credit of 40 percent of the first \$12,000 of wages (up to \$4,800) for employers that hire veterans that have been unemployed six months or longer.
- The Wounded Warrior Tax Credit doubles the existing tax credit for long-term unemployed veterans with service-connected disabilities.

• Maintain the existing Work Opportunity Tax Credit for veterans with service-connected disabilities (currently the maximum is \$4,800).

• A new credit of 40 percent of the first \$24,000 of wages (up to \$9,600) for firms that hire veterans with service-connected disabilities who have been unemployed over six months.

The Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs will also be working closely with other agencies and the President's economic and domestic policy teams to develop reforms to ensure that every member of the service receives the training, education, and credentials needed to transition to the civilian workforce or to pursue higher education.

In addition, the President announced a series of executive actions that will provide new resources for veterans to translate

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Deadline extended for Gulf War benefits

If you're a Gulf War I or II veteran, you would have needed a service-connected illness to rear its head by Dec. 31, 2011 to collect benefits. Now there's a new law: You have until the end of 2016 to apply.

One big difficulty with the illnesses that have come out of that region is that they haven't always appeared quickly. Sometimes it was years down the road before problems came up, and they took awhile to diagnose.

According to Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, "When there is uncertainty about the connection between a medical problem and military service, veterans are entitled to the benefit of the doubt."

If you have medical problems but are having trouble getting a diagnosis, look through the VA site [www.publichealth.va.gov] and click on Hazardous Exposure. See if you find any answers there.

Some of the hazards listed are:

- Burn pits: Exposure to the smoke from any number of pollutants;
- Infectious diseases: The list includes Malaria, Brucellosis,

Campylobacter Jejuni, Coxiella Burnetii (Q Fever), Mycobacterium Tuberculosis, Nontyphoid Salmonella, Shigella, Visceral Leishmaniasis, West Nile Virus;

- Depleted uranium exposure;
- Toxic embedded fragments: The toxins can enter the bloodstream;
- Rabies: If you were bitten within the past 18 months, go get medical care NOW;
- Mefloquine (Lariam): Side effects from the anti-malaria drug;
- Cold and heat injuries;
- CARC paint: A chemical agent-resistant coating used on vehicles; and

• Chromium at Qarmat Ali Water Treatment Facility: Exposure was limited to the summer of 2003.

If you think you qualify for help, call the VA at 1-800-827-1000.

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View from here By Riane Eisler and Kimberly Otis

Debt Fictions vs. Social Wealth

What we really need, as Nobel Prize-winning economists Paul Krugman and Joseph Stiglitz point out in recent columns, is to get over the current obsession with debt reduction and instead focus on investing in our material and human infrastructure.

This requires the exact opposite of what is happening in Washington. Our most important national asset is our social wealth: the high-quality human capital essential for both individual and national success as we shift from a manufacturing to a knowledge and service economy. In economic terms, this translates into reversing the downward trend of U.S. international competitiveness. In human terms, it translates into ending enormous suffering.

Regarding our debt, consider, as Krugman points out in his New Year's Day column in The New York Times, that it's actually lower now than during WWII. Consider also that interest rates have not increased with big deficits. Indeed, they are at historic lows. Moreover, regarding the argument that foreigners who invest in the U.S. are reaping big profits, Krugman also notes that "America actually earns more from its assets abroad than it pays to foreign investors."

However—and this takes us straight to the critical need to re-examine our national priorities—U.S. corporations

with foreign subsidiaries, from General Electric to Nike and General Motors, are not America. U.S. companies may be reaping big profits by investing in other nations, but by so doing they are creating jobs overseas and not for Americans. In short, these are not the kinds of investments that will economically benefit people like you and me, or that will really benefit the American economy in the long term. What we actually need, and this is urgent given our decline in global competitiveness, is a massive national investment in the work of caring for people, starting in early childhood.

This wealthy nation is already behind other developed countries in the measurements that reflect the real wealth of America, not only international competitiveness, but basic measures such as child mortality and poverty rates, our standing in educational math and science rankings, and the state of people's health and well-being. Unlike our gross domestic product (GDP), which is also rising along with Wall Street, these are the social wealth measures that we should be prioritizing.

As Joseph Stiglitz wrote in his recent Vanity Fair article, "The Book of Jobs," instead of cutting health, education, and other such programs, we desperately need more public investments in education, research, and infrastructure.

A major step toward this change in national priorities is the development of more inclusive and accurate economic indicators than GDP—social wealth indicators that assess the real state of our nation. We must show the general public and policymakers both the enormous "back-end" financial costs of failing to invest in people, such as more unemployment, poverty, crime, and despair, and the enormous social and economic benefits of investing in human capacity building so that our nation can weather the drastic technological changes afoot.

As Krugman states, "the fault lies not in our debt, but in ourselves." It's up to us to tell our elected officials that we demand public investments in our most essential national assets, our people. Let's demand changes to the ways in which we measure economic success by demanding more inclusive and accurate indicators. And let's make sure that corporations that are doing so well pay their fair share of taxes so we can invest in the real wealth of America: our people.

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Days of honor

Hola, mi gente. This past Monday, the nation honored the life and memory of Dr. Martin Luther King. Reverend King was a leader of the African-American community in the fight for equal rights in our nation. The effort by Dr. King to fight discrimination and prejudice in a peaceful manner also benefited other races and cultures. Decades after his death, the African-American community has reached economic and political heights that were hard to imagine 50 years ago.

The violence of the sixties is so far in the past that many readers of this article have no idea the stress our nation faced back then. Riots, assassinations, looting and civil violence by citizens and police were everyday occurrences. We needed the passive resistance that was the cornerstone of the King movement. Without the peaceful protests, the situation could have worsened into straight out civil war.

The holiday to honor King is the first of three such holidays in the early part of the year. On Monday February 20th, we observe Presidents Day. Presidents Washington and Lincoln are both honored on this day. In some states, the event is meant to honor all Presidents, not just Washington and Lincoln.

Before 1968, both of the birthdays were observed individually; in essence granting two holidays for celebration. In 1968, the congress enacted laws that placed certain federal holidays on the third Monday of the month, including the birthday of Washington. At some point, the tradition included the celebration of Lincoln's birthday as well. Unfortunately, the ultimate result of the

changes was to totally commercialize the holiday. The most prominent visualization of Washington and Lincoln tend to be in commercial advertisements. Sales by retail businesses trump the events that do take the time to honor our presidents.

On March 31st, Texas celebrates the birthday of Cesar Chavez. He was also a pacifist in his efforts to change societal norms. Most notably, Chavez brought to life the uncivil treatment of migrant workers in California who were employed on vineyards. Eventually his efforts resulted in changes that benefited the Hispanic community. His efforts served as an inspiration to a new generation that in some cases sought change by violent means.

We recognize that all four honorees changed our nation for the better.

It is very unfortunate that in celebrating the lives of these great men, we are tending toward making the holidays more of a festivity as opposed to one that honors their efforts and contributions. The consequence is fostering generations who know too little about all of them but enjoy a day from school or work.

It is vitally important that we observe the days in the manner that was originally intended. We should all take some time to read and remember what Washington, Lincoln, King and Chavez did to deserve our respect. Without the humility of Washington, the determination of Lincoln, the passivity of King and the inspiration of Chavez, we may very well be living in a nation much different than it is today.

All of them changed our lives for the better.

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



View from here By Michael Quinn Sullivan

Legislators must fix the gimmicks

As a boy, cleaning my room usually meant pushing toys under the bed and shoving clothes into drawers. On cursory inspection the room was clean, but should my mother dare to open the closet door... serious injury to life and limb was not out of the question.

I remember once trying to move my bed, so I could shove more clutter under it, only to find in doing so I exposed rubble from previous such exercises in "cleaning." Let's just say I don't recall my parents being overly amused.

In the same way, taxpayers shouldn't be amused by the tricks and gimmicks legislators employ to keep up appearances that state's fiscal house is in order.

A top priority for the next legislature must be to correct the creative accounting and get rid of the gimmicks so the state can have an honest budget. Or at least so Texans can have an honest budget debate.

It is absolutely true that the lion's share of the biennial budget balancing act was accomplished through reductions in spending. Yet it is also undeniably true the legislature balanced the budget with no small number of tricks that will demand a reckoning.

A recent story in the Dallas Morning News recounts how a portion of the money from red-light cameras is supposed to go to the state, and then to fund emergency trauma care. While cities are remitting the cash generated by the cameras, the money isn't flowing to the trauma centers from the state. Why? The legislature is using the funds — some \$46 million — to help keep the books in the black.

In fact, the Associated Press reports \$4 billion in taxes and fees earmarked for funding specific projects were withheld by the legislature. And that doesn't include the spending gimmicks, such as the purposeful under-funding of Medicaid (budgeting for

18 months instead of 24).

While such actions might make the books balance, it is a practice that crosses well past the borders of honesty.

If the legislature is going to assess a tax or a fee for a specific purpose, then those dollars should be used only for the specified purposes. Those revenues shouldn't sit in a slush fund protecting legislators — and the public — from a clear discussion about spending priorities. Use the money as intended, or don't collect it.

Of course, there is nothing new about this practice. For years we've watched federal lawmakers rob the Social Security trust fund the way a child might sneak cookies from a cabinet, replacing the dollars with an IOU and a smile. State legislators have for years used constitutionally dedicated gas-tax money to fund projects and programs with only a passing relationship to the maintenance and construction of roads and bridges.

When it is suggested we must stop the diversions, the push back is always the same: "But then we'd have to get the money somewhere else!" Perhaps so. Or, perhaps, with a clear view of all the spending and revenues, the people of Texas and their legislators would start prioritizing projects and consider previously unsought efficiencies in services.

It is cliché to note the cleansing power of sunlight in government, but it is cliché only because it is also true. We need to true up the state budget so the people can see precisely what the politicians are doing.

Legislators are our employees, hired by the people to execute the affairs of the state. They are not rulers, lieges nor lords; the money and power they wield are ours and only delegated to them. As such, we expect them to be good stewards, accurately describing to us — as their employers — the

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The NFL sorts itself out on way to Superbowl

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The National Football League season is heading toward another Super Bowl awfully quickly.

And how about those games last weekend?

All I kept thinking was what a game that the Green Bay Packers and New Orleans Saints would be.

And just like that, both teams, both favorites, Aaron Rodgers and Drew Brees are out of the playoffs.

It's proven every year but we just love to forget about it – defense does win championships.

The San Francisco 49ers aren't the prettiest team in the league but they play a hard-hitting style of defense and sprinkle in just enough offense to come out ahead.

Just ask the Saints about how hard the 49ers hit on almost every tackle. And speaking about tackling, I think San Francisco may be the only team in the league that hasn't forgotten how to wrap up a ball carrier and bring him to the ground.

The Green Bay Packers came into their game with the New York Giants as the rock stars of the NFL.

But while the Packers were carrying their Gucci man-purses into the game, the Giants brought their lunch pails and a smash-mouth brand of football.

In the end, the Packers were left to wonder what had happened to their spectacular season. It's funny; all the talk about this year's Packers being the best team of all time and Rodgers being the best quarterback of all time came to a screeching halt.

I love it when people come back to their senses.

Speaking of returning to reality, let's take a look at what Tim Tebow did last weekend.

All he did was be himself.

Was anyone really surprised that Tebow and his Broncos were destroyed by Tom Brady and his New England Patriots?

C'mon, Tebow is a great motivational speaker and the kind of guy we all hope our daughters marry, but the guy isn't an NFL-caliber quarterback.

I really believe the guy could become a pro bowl tight end, but he'll never be any more

than a mediocre quarterback who needs the help of a great defense to keep his games close.

The Patriots' defense is one of the worst in the league but Tebow made them look like the 1985 Chicago Bears for goodness sake.

In the other AFC playoff game, the Baltimore Ravens outlasted the tough Houston Texans 20-13.

If nothing else the game helped me catch up on my sleep. Boy the Ravens are boring to watch, but they do play the kind of defense that can lead to a Super Bowl date.

And we can't close out their season without giving an ovation to Houston and coach Gary Kubiak for getting the absolute most out of a depleted team.

The Texans lost quarterback Matt Schaub and defensive end Mario Williams for the season and also wide receiver Andre Johnson for most of the year and still made the Ravens play up until the final whistle last week.

So now that we've gone over last week, it's time to make some prediction for this week's NFC and AFC championship games.

In the AFC, it's a fight between a high flying

offense and a stingy hard-hitting defense.

These are the kind of matchups everyone likes because they really end up being a battle of wills. Which team will be forced to play the other team's style?

In this game, I see the Ravens all over Brady. I see them forcing him to throw the ball before he's comfortable, which will lead to at least three turnovers.

I see Joe Flacco silencing his critics by throwing for a couple touchdown passes and leading them to a 31-20 victory.

In the NFC, The 49ers will do something to the Giants that the team is not used to – hit them right back in the mouth.

The Giants are used to being the toughest team on the field. They won't be this week.

San Francisco will do what they usually do – will themselves – some how, some way, to come out of every game with an ugly win.

This week's ugly win will come by a 24-16 score.

Last week's pretty win over New Orleans was an anomaly.

My predictions mean that we will have a Harbaugh versus Harbaugh Super Bowl.

Talk about the ultimate sibling rivalry.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Wide world of sports

NBC Sports used the "The Winter

Classic" hockey game between the Philadelphia Flyers and New York Rangers to officially announce the formation of its own sports network

– the aptly named "NBC Sports Network."

As Costas said it, I remember thinking, "Well... what took you so long?" After all, NBC Sports has as

good a legacy as any other network. Notre Dame football, the first to air the Super Bowl, and, if I recall, thanks to the physical prowess of "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century" star Gil Gerard, didn't it win "Battle of the Network Stars" more than once? And then the camera panned to show the giant Comcast tower in downtown Philadelphia.

"Ah, right," I said to myself

(because nobody would watch the hockey game with me). "Comcast is the new majority owner of NBC. Comcast had the Versus network, and now that will become the new NBC Sports network."

We all know what we're going to get from the network, too. Another Costas interview show in addition to his regular HBO "Inside the NFL" and "NBC's Football Night in America" gig. Not that there's anything wrong with that, either. A lot of people find him to be a bit smug, conceited and kind of arrogant, and while he does use a lot of extraneous \$40 dollar words during his shows, he's a great interviewer and very knowledgeable. He asks the tough questions. Ask Jerry Sandusky about that.

And we'll get hockey. And Notre Dame... lots and lots of Notre Dame.

Continuing my conversation with the voices in my head, I wondered why CBS didn't have a "60 Minutes" network. MSNBC news is a collaboration between Microsoft and NBC (IBM declined to partner with another network at the time because it didn't want

to compete with its customers in an area outside of its "core competency.") Why didn't FOX have an animation network, and why doesn't ABC have its own networks? Turner Broadcasting did very well with the Cartoon Network.

Then I remembered that ABC has one or two small properties out there in the market, little niche networks that go by the name of Disney and ESPN. (Also, FOX just announced that it is indeed planning an animation network; it's just waiting on the rebroadcast rights for "The Simpsons." Doh!)

ESPN aside, can't we make ESPN8, "The Ocho," a "Wide World of Sports" branded network? Can we once again see rattlesnake-hunting championships, Evel Knievel and the thrill of victory so clearly expressed when Lee Majors beats Gabe Kaplan in the shot put?

Eh, who am I kidding? I would tune in just to watch the ski jumper's epic fail each day.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

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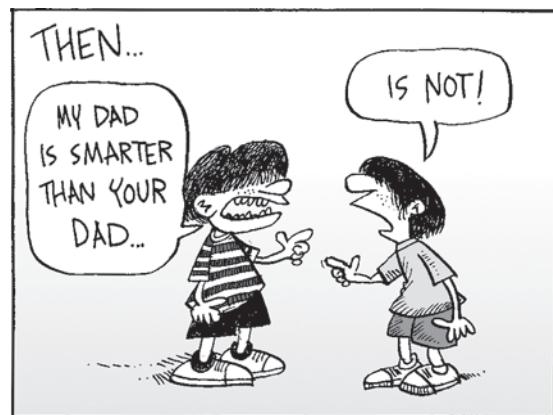
The 2010-2011 Tornillo ISD A.E.I.S. Report provides information on all the State defined accountability elements which the Texas Education Agency uses to evaluate the academic performance of the District.

Parents of children attending Tornillo ISD schools are encouraged to attend.

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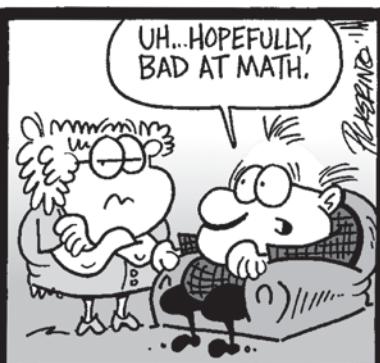
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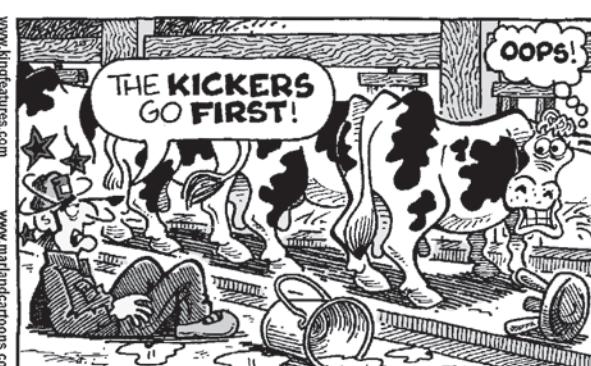
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 74-year-old male and have been diagnosed with peripheral artery disease, PAD. I have a complete occlusion of the main artery just above the knee. What, in your opinion, are the chances of getting through the blockage with angioplasty? There is constant soreness in my calf, even at rest. Is that caused by the blockage? Will cilostazol (Pletal) and Crestor possibly dissolve some of the blockage? – J.C.

Peripheral artery disease, PAD, is also called peripheral vascular disease. It's an obstruction to the flow of blood through a leg artery. The obstruction is a buildup of cholesterol, fats and various other blood elements. Between the ages of 60 and 65, 4 percent of adults have it, and by the time people reach 80, 20 percent or more are victims of it.

Its chief sign is intermittent claudication, which is pain in leg muscles, quite often the calf muscles, when a person is active. Many can predict almost to a specified number of steps when the pain will arise. Once the person rests, pain usually lasts minutes, but it can take 20 or more minutes to leave. It returns when the person begins to walk again. I can't say definitely if your constant calf pain is due to PAD; it might be.

Ankle blood pressure is a valuable test for detecting PAD. Normally, the ankle pressure should be close to the arm blood pressure. A lower ankle pressure indicates an obstruction in a leg artery.

Your medicines cilostazol and Crestor won't completely dissolve the buildup in your leg artery, but they'll keep it from growing larger. Crestor might reduce the size somewhat. You can help matters by watching your cholesterol; eating a diet that emphasizes grains, fruits and vegetables; controlling your blood pressure; and controlling

your blood sugar if you have diabetes. Walking is an exercise that is most helpful.

Angioplasty is one option for you. It will get through the buildup. It's the same procedure used to open heart arteries with a balloon-equipped catheter that is threaded to the blockage through a surface artery. The balloon is opened at the obstruction, and often a stent is left in the artery. A stent is a wire device that keeps the artery opened. Surgical replacement of the clogged segment of artery with a graft is another option. The location and extent of disease determine which is the better choice.

The booklet on PAD explains this common condition in detail. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 109W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My boyfriend's feet sweat terribly. His socks are wringing wet when he takes his shoes off after running. I have told him to wear cotton socks, and he made the change. I don't see any improvement. Would a different kind of sock be better? – H.M.

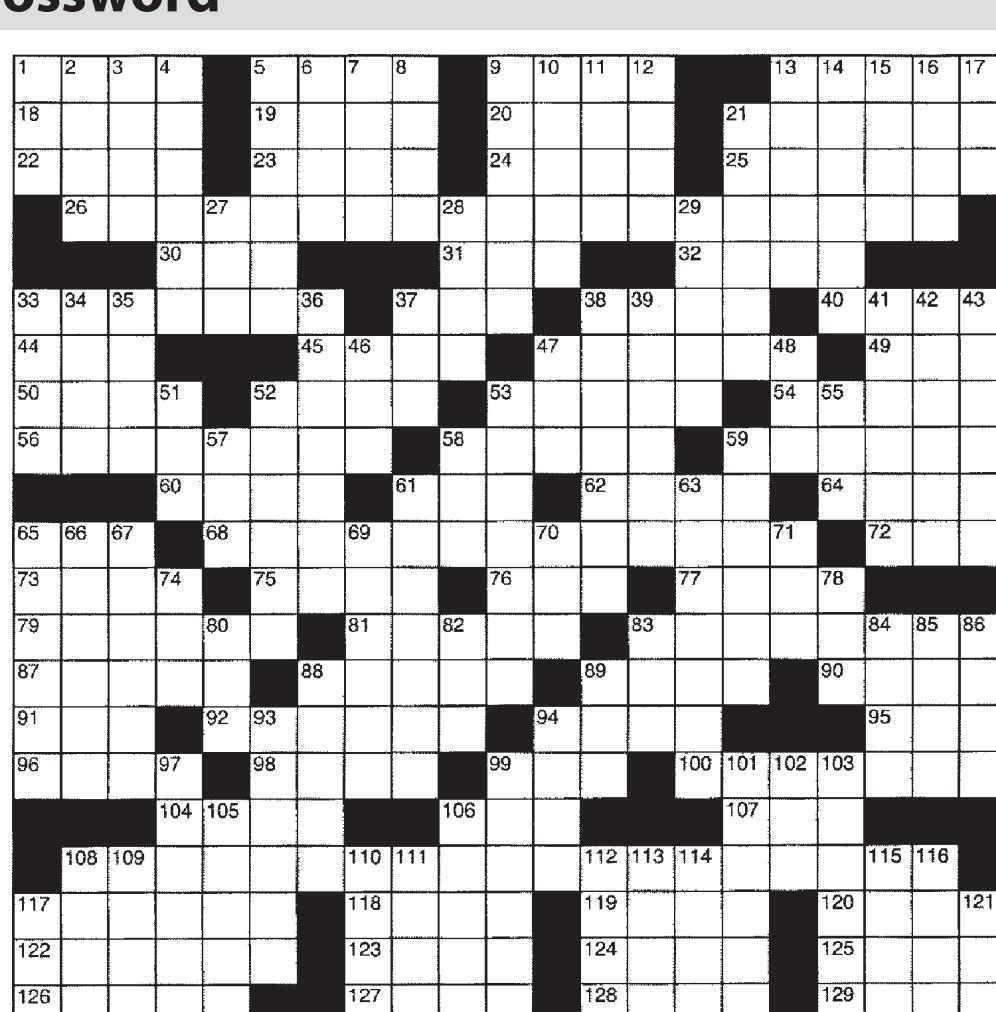
Acrylic is a better material. It wicks moisture away from the feet. Dusting powders and a change of socks will improve the situation. Have him carry an extra pair with him when he runs. Damp feet invite fungal infections.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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ACROSS	59 "Beagle"	118 Cheeseboard	28 It may be common	83 Canals
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5 Billboard	60 _ Spumante	119 Landed	33 Packs groceries	85 Mardi _
9 Request an	61 Lout	120 Bearing	34 The _	86 Farm feature
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13 Flying Pan?	64 Etta of the comics	123 Congenial	35 Swarm (with)	89 Finished first
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20 Top-notch	73 Learning method	Opera" star	38 Made mucky	99 "Trees" poet
21 Pit	75 Grant or Elwes	127 Antlered animal	39 Faultfinder	101 Author Christie
22 " _ It Up" ('73 hit)	76 Youngster	128 Out-of-this-world	41 Response	102 Word with fruit or
23 A roaring	77 Emulated	org.	42 Clothing category	Stanley
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24 Nary a soul	79 Winter wear	70 Wine variety	46 Kid's query	105 Florida city
25 Actress Andress	81 Milo of "Ulysses"	88 More owlish	47 Hodges of	106 Locale
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32 " _ and shine!"	90 Coat material	92 Harper of "Tender	53 Winter wear	McClurg
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37 "Golden Girl"	rigatoni	serving	57 Lava particles	113 Literary
McClanahan	92 Ullman or Gold	8 Hendryx or Gaye	58 "Bali _	pseudonym
38 Read quickly	94 Flicka's foot	9 Wicked thing?	59 '73 Elton John hit	114 Pine for
40 Spellbound	95 Chum	10 At large	61 Ancient epic	115 Puerto _
44 Generation	96 Harper of "Tender	11 May Wong	63 Prosperous	116 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
45 McGregor of	Mercies"	12 Jury member	65 Genesis peak	117 "Silent" president
"Trainspotting"	98 Adequate	13 Knitting stitches	66 Contribute	121 Sister
47 Company	99 Understanding	14 Less demanding	67 Ranges	
49 Hot off the press	100 Part 4 of remark	15 Part of Micronesia	69 Beethoven	
50 Mirth	104 Lug	16 Colleague of 101	symphony	
52 Tennis legend	106 Actress Zadora	Down	70 Air safety org.	
53 Kanga's creator	107 TV's "Have _ Will	17 Rug type	71 Nugent or Knight	
54 Crafter's need	Travel"	21 Like a Vermont	74 Poetic preposition	
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore In 1910 Texas there were only 25 Texas Rangers on the payroll.



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Social Security helps the homeless

More than half a million Americans experience homelessness on any given night. Nearly 20 percent of them are "chronically homeless," meaning they are on the streets regularly.

Social Security has several programs that pay benefits to qualified individuals, including those who are homeless. These programs include retirement, disability, and survivors benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which is a needs-based program for people who are blind, disabled, or age 65 or older. If you know someone who is homeless, and you want to learn more about how Social Security might help, a good place to get information is at www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness.

That page includes a link to the Spotlight on Homelessness – a website designed to help the homeless apply for SSI. It's available at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi-spotlights/spot-homeless.htm.

The homelessness page also includes links to information

on health care for the homeless, institutionalization, advocacy groups, reports on homeless outreach, and even links to other websites like the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and HUD.

You'll find other information helpful to the homeless on www.socialsecurity.gov. For example, there is a link to our Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool, or BEST. Based on answers to various questions, this tool helps determine the benefits someone might be eligible for and gives information about how to qualify and apply. Go directly to www.socialsecurity.gov/best.

Tell anyone you know who is homeless or threatened with homelessness to use the Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool and to check out the different types of benefits and assistance they may be eligible to receive. Spread the word about the help available to the homeless.

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov

homelessness to learn more.

Q: Are Social Security numbers reassigned after a person dies?

A: No. We do not reassign Social Security numbers. In all, we have assigned more than 460 million Social Security numbers, and each year we assign about 5.5 million new numbers. The current system has enough new numbers for several more generations. For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information on any of the material above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

entitles them to enhanced services including six months of personalized case management, assessments and counseling, at the roughly 3,000 One-Stop Career Centers located across the country. This could help serve the more than 200,000 unemployed Post-9/11 veterans.

• My Next Move for Veterans: The Department of Labor will launch the My Next Move for Veterans online resource that allows veterans to enter their military occupation code and discover civilian occupations for which they are qualified. The site will also include information about salaries, apprenticeships, and other related education and training programs.

• Create a Veterans Job Bank: The Administration will launch the Veterans Job Bank to help veterans find job postings from companies looking to hire them. It already searches over 500,000 job postings and is growing. In a few easy steps, companies can make sure the job postings on their own websites are part of this Veterans Job Bank.

• Community Health Center Veterans Hiring Challenge: The administration is challenging community health centers to hire 8,000 veterans over the next three years – approximately one veteran per health center. The health reform law provides funding for community health centers to serve more Americans and hire more workers.

• Helping Veterans Become Physician Assistants: To fast-track medics into jobs in community health centers and other parts of the health care system, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) pledged to open up career-paths beyond nursing and expand opportunities for veterans to become physician assistants. Through this initiative, HRSA will begin to give priority in physician assistant grant awards to universities and colleges that help train veterans for careers as physician assistants.

For more information about these services visit the veterans' website at www.whitehouse.gov/vets.

Vets

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military experience to the private job market, give veterans additional

career development support, and better identify firms looking to hire veterans. These initiatives include:

• Veteran Gold Card: Post-9/11 veterans will be able to download the Veteran Gold Card, which

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: F equals N

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MZDALIB DPDT DFG IQR MQHZ

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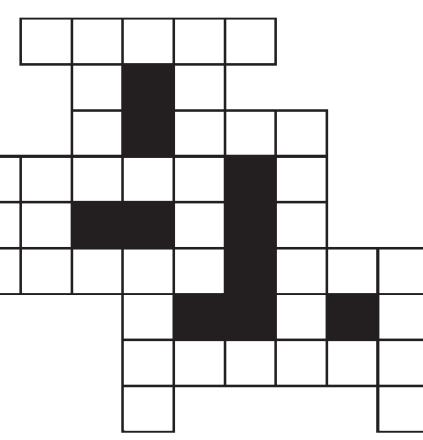
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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