



NEWSBRIEFS

Golf tourney

The Junior Woman's Club of El Paso will be holding their 18th annual Spring Swing charity golf tournament the afternoon of Saturday April 20th at the Butterfield Trail Golf Club; tee off is at 1 p.m. with sign-in beginning at noon. Dinner will follow. Register on-line at Butterfieldtrailgolf.com. Registration fee per player is \$125.00; the format is a four-person scramble. Fee includes greens fees, golf cart, goody bag, drinks, and dinner. Hole and ball sponsorships are also available. For more information or sponsorship opportunities contact Maria at (915) 260-2381. You can email us at jwcelpaso@yahoo.com.

— Beth Podol

Schools off for Spring Break

El Paso Community College (EPCC) and all nine school districts in El Paso County will be closed from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 20, 2020 for Spring Break. Clint and Socorro ISDs are on intercession this week.

— Staff

Happy cities

With March 20 being International Day of Happiness and with the aim to find out whether money really does buy happiness, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2020's Happiest Cities in America* as well as accompanying videos. In order to determine where people in America are most content with their lives, WalletHub compared more than 180 of the largest U.S. cities across 30 key indicators of happiness. The data set ranges from depression rate to income-growth rate to average leisure time spent per day. El Paso ranked 68th in this report. Other stats:

- Miami, Hialeah, Fort Lauderdale and Pembroke Pines, FL all have the lowest depression rate, 12.50 percent, which is 2.3 times lower than in Charleston, WV, the city with the highest at 28.90 percent.
- Laredo, TX has the lowest number of suicides per 100,000 residents, 4.78, which is 7.3 times lower than in Cheyenne, WY, the city with the highest at 34.80.
- Fremont, CA has the lowest separation and divorce rate, 15.06

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If Americans bought only what they could afford it would destroy our economy.

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— Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

PREPPING KIDS EARLY – El Paso Community College officials and Anthony Elementary School students and staff held a special ceremony in front of the school last Friday morning to promote a college-going culture.

Anthony Elementary School students embrace college-bound message

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY, TX – “A student is never too young to start thinking about going to college,” was the message El Paso Community College (EPCC) President Dr. William Serrata hoped would be received loud and clear by Anthony Elementary School (AES) Pre-K through fifth grade students who gathered at the entrance to their campus for a Friday morning ceremony.

About 450 AES youngsters, sporting their new EPCC t-shirts, excitedly participated at the beginning of their school day in a pep-rally style event that featured the EPCC president and other speakers including Anthony ISD Superintendent Dr. Oscar Troncoso, AES Principal Oralía Moseley, and fourth graders Joey Van Ert and Stephanie Trigos, who won a writing contest with their essays on *why going to college was important*. Joey read his essay in English,



COLORS – The Gadsden High School Color Guard, above, performs the presentation of the flags for the national anthem and pledge of allegiance ceremony.



and Stephanie read hers in Spanish. Also joining the celebration were members of the EPCC administration, media staff, and cheerleaders, along with Anthony High School (AHS) band and cheerleaders. Singing the national anthem was AHS Senior Melanie Borjas. Performing the flags presentation was the Color Guard from Gadsden High School.

The Friday morning celebration was part of EPCC's school adoption campaign that is designed to reach out to elementary

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HOIST THE BANNER – Anthony Elementary School Principal Oralía Moseley, left, assists fourth grade students Stephanie Trigos and Joey Van Ert with the raising of the El Paso Community College banner.

Coronavirus and opening day

Anybody who is acquainted with me knows that I'm a baseball fan and root for my hometown team, the Nationals. Did I mention they won the World Series? It's a new season, and opening day is coming up. This year, there's a possibility that opening day might not happen, because we are dealing with the uncertainty of a possible pandemic caused by the new coronavirus, which is also known as Covid-19. That's because it was identified as a new disease at the very end of 2019.

Since then, the illness has swept from China to much of the world. Obviously we'd survive the cancellation of a ballgame, and that worst-case scenario is a real possibility. Already, soccer games have been played before

empty stands in countries that are already dealing with this apparently highly contagious bug, too new to have a protocol in place for how to avoid or treat it.

It has begun spreading to the United States, even though we're separated from the dangerous areas by two oceans. The U.S. cases have been relatively few in number, but now we're seeing them pop up spontaneously – that is to say, with no explanation, like no apparent exposure to someone overseas.

At first, the politicians were leaving it to the government's public health officials to cope. However, these experts are contaminated with the truth bug. President Donald Trump is a truthphobe. He went bananas

when a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official gave briefings in which her assessment was that the coronavirus disease "may seem overwhelming and that disruption to everyday life may be severe." The stock market tanked after that quote got out, the most precipitous slide since 2008, and Trump decided he needed to take over the response.

He got off to a bad start at a political rally, during which he claimed it was all a hoax:

"The Democrats are politicizing the coronavirus," Trump bellowed. "They tried the impeachment hoax. This is their new hoax."

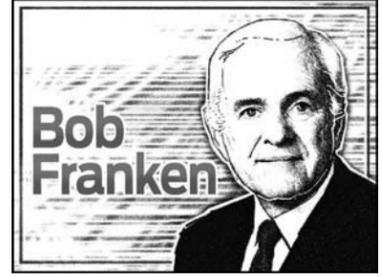
Everything unfavorable to Donald Trump is a hoax. And when that doesn't work, he and his surrogates blame the media.

This time, he sent out his acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney. One of his jobs is to say really stupid stuff:

"The press was covering their hoax of the day because they thought it would bring down the president."

So the president decided he needed to show that he's a take charge kinda guy, announcing that Vice President Mike Pence would be running the show. With overwhelmed officials putting out wildly mixed messages, Pence's first decision was to coordinate official comments, which is really the limit of his expertise (other than kissing up to the boss).

Administration critics immediately screamed about a cover-up. Not so, said Anthony Fauci, who as head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has been the face of public health crises like



this for 35 years. I've known and trusted Tony for many of those years, so when he tells me, "I have never been given orders to get approval from the VP's people to speak publicly about coronavirus," I believe him.

He did not respond to my questions about opening day, or even the Olympics. Because the truth is, no one really knows how extensive the coronavirus impact will be. Or how to deal with it.

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View from here By Marilyn M. Singleton, M.D., J.D.

Gone too far: Drag queen lunacy and child abuse

In today's brave new world, imagine receiving a letter from the school principal about your only child: Your son will not be home tonight but your daughter will be home in a few days.

Science deniers are teaching and molding our children. Regardless of scientific data about genetics and biology, some folks – including our august politicians – contend that people can change genders. Science lesson: There are two genders. The X chromosomes and Y chromosomes determine sex. With rare exceptions of random abnormalities, female is XX and male is XY. People who undergo sex reassignment procedures do not become the opposite sex; they merely change their outward appearance.

For several years, California¹ law has allowed students to participate in sex-segregated school programs, activities, and facilities, including bathrooms, locker rooms, and athletic teams, consistent with their gender

identity, regardless of the gender listed on the student's records. Privacy alert: when in gym class locker rooms, most high school girls don't want to undress in front of boys who identify as girls. With regard to safety and competitive fairness, biological males retain their natural advantages² over female athletes despite testosterone hormone suppression. Ignoring reality, the House of Representatives passed the "Equality Act"³ which requires schools to allow biological males who identify as girls to compete in female sports, ironically disadvantaging women.

Parents are left out of the equation, as the government usurps their right and duty to raise their children. In Wisconsin, the "Guidance and Policies to Support Transgender, Non-binary & Gender-Expansive Students"⁴ mandates that children of any age can transition to a different gender identity at school, by changing their name and pronouns, without parental notice or consent.

Going three steps farther, California permits children to receive contraceptive hormones and abortions without parental consent⁵ based on the student's right to privacy. Now the California Teachers Association wants to extend student privacy to the provision of hormones⁶ to students who want to change their gender. Such a decision should not be within the purview of teachers, particularly when trading heart disease⁷, stroke, diabetes, cancer, and infertility for what could be a phase or manifestation of an unrelated emotional problem in a developing brain is at stake.

A number of studies⁸ found that 85 percent of children experiencing gender nonconformity or gender dysphoria before the age of 10 years did not assume that gender role in adolescence. Because of our "limited ability" to predict whether gender nonconformity

in a child will persist in the future, pursuing medical intervention in children was not recommended.

In adolescence, there is some question whether there is "social contagion"⁹ involved with gender issues. Some 87 percent of parents reported that along with the sudden or rapid onset of gender dysphoria, the child either had an increase in their social media/internet use, belonged to a friend group in which one or multiple friends became transgender-identified during a similar timeframe, or both. The study concluded that rapid onset gender dysphoria was a maladaptive coping mechanism, similar to anorexia. "Gender dysphoria" may be used as a catch-all explanation for any kind of distress, psychological pain, and discomfort that an [adolescent] is feeling while transition is being promoted as a cure-all solution."

Would ethical physicians even consider acquiescing to the demands of patients with body integrity disorder? This condition also begins in early adolescence when the patient feels the need to have a healthy limb amputated.

Nonetheless, the age at which children are medicalized is getting younger¹⁰. Puberty-blocking drugs are routinely given to prepubescent children. Girls as young as 12 are injected with testosterone, while teen boys are treated with feminizing hormones. The rate of "gender-confirming" surgeries are increasing each year and are being performed on minor children. Girls as young as 16¹¹ have had their breasts, uterus, and ovaries removed. Given the uncertainties and fluidity of childhood gender issues, invasive medical intervention crosses the line into child abuse.

How far will the "educators" go to expose children to alternative gender and "queer" life choices? Public libraries are hosting "Drag Queen Story Hours" for children aged 3 to 11. Some schools bring the drag queens into the classrooms where students are a captive audience. According to the organizers, the point of the

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Stop pooh-poohing coronavirus worries



The White House has been walking into a coronavirus trap.

By pooh-poohing worries about the virus and saying everything is under control, it is setting itself up for the charge, if things get even a little bad, that it was self-deluding and overly complacent.

Although President Trump has recently struck a better tone, he's been a chief offender, wanting to downplay the virus for fear it will continue to suppress a stock market that has experienced vertiginous drops.

This is exactly the wrong approach. The moment doesn't call for market-reassuring Trump, but threats-aren't-getting-past-our-borders Trump, not Dow 30,000 Trump, but drawbridge-and-moat Trump.

Everything should be geared toward overreacting now, when the threat in the U.S. is still in prospect, instead of later, when circumstances may be beyond anyone's direct control.

That means appointing a point person for the coronavirus response with a medical background, who doesn't already have a full-time job, like current designee Mike Pence. The right pick could provide genuine expertise in public health and

the workings of government, as well as being a reliable source of public information.

It means erring on the side of further travel restrictions, even if it will be impossible to exclude infected people from the United States, given its break out from China to countries all around the world.

It means not quibbling with Congress over coronavirus funding, with even Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy saying the administration's \$2.5 billion request is "a little low" (Trump has signaled a willingness to accept more).

It means making sure that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working at maximum efficiency to make coronavirus tests widely available, which is the most worrisome shortfall in the federal response so far, and that government agencies are doing everything possible to push the development and deployment of a vaccine.

Finally, it means coordinating with localities, as warranted, on ways to slow the spread of the virus via "social distancing," or the avoidance of large gatherings and public transportation.

The coronavirus is not a

modern-day plague. Many people infected will experience only mild symptoms, and it's not as deadly as SARS or Middle East respiratory syndrome.

Yet, it is not a creation of the fake news, either. It has hobbled one of the most important counties in the world, China, and is shutting down towns in Italy. There are now more new cases outside of China than inside it. The virus has killed nearly 3,000 people.

If it gets loose in the United

States, there could well be a panic that in itself would be damaging to the social fabric and the economy.

Maybe none of this comes to pass, but it's better to be overly prepared and vigilant than play to catch up.

Besides, the political valence of the coronavirus crisis should be favorable to Trump's worldview. It demonstrates a downside of globalization and shows the importance of borders. It is an object lesson in our overdependence on a China

that is dictatorial, dishonest and poorly governed.

The president shouldn't shrug off the threat in the hopes of talking up the stock market. If his team responds effectively, the Dow will take care of itself.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Too far

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Drag Queen Story Hour¹² is to "give kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models." I remember a time when drag queen entertainment was reserved for night clubs. Teaching tolerance and acceptance of others is an admirable goal, but exposing children needlessly to adult fare goes too far.

And No, I'm not an unwoke LGBTQaphobe. Take it from

a drag queen¹³: "I have no idea why you [mothers] want drag queens to read books to your children. What in the hell has a drag queen ever done to make you... admire them so much, other than put on makeup and jump on the floor and writhe around and do sexual things on stage? I have absolutely no idea why you would want that to influence your child."

Home schooling never looked so good.

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Food for thought By John Grimaldi

Growing old in style

It's not about dying at a very ripe old age – it's about preserving the quality of life as we grow old

“We live in a brave new world – an age of scientific shock and awe dominated by wonders that will never cease. Take the well-funded projects that seek to extend human life. One scientist, Aubrey de Grey, a gerontologist, no less, is convinced that people can live longer than anyone has ever imagined – as long as 1,000 years,” according to the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC).

De Grey may well be off-base with his prediction; he certainly has his detractors. *The Week*, a news magazine with U.K. and the U.S. circulations, reports that at least 28 aging experts have expressed doubts about de Grey’s theories. One of them, Professor Richard Miller of the University of Michigan, an expert on the genetics of aging, called de Grey’s life-span goal “so far from plausible that it commands no respect at all within the informed scientific community.”

But, says Robert Charles, National Spokesman for AMAC, “it’s not about dying at a very ripe old age; it’s about preserving the quality of life as we age. And

so, if his true goal is to ease aches, pain and disease as we grow older, than it is worthy of support.”

Charles says Dr. de Grey’s prediction that man can live for as long as ten centuries appears to be a way to make the point that we should not be hampered by the infirmities of old age. “Dr. de Grey is a controversial figure in the scientific world, indeed, but he does not appear to be a crackpot. He has the bona fides to make bold prophecies. He’s the Chief Science Officer of SENS Foundation, a California-based charity dedicated to combating the aging process. He is also Editor-in-Chief of Rejuvenation Research, a peer-reviewed journal focused on intervention in aging.”

It should be noted that there are others seeking a so-called “solution for aging.” The mega-tech company, Google, in fact has put up \$1.5 billion to achieve that goal.

Intervention is what de Grey is all about but the idea that science might be able to create a world where human lifespans

might be extended for so long is what makes headlines, Charles explains.

As de Grey put it in an interview with the U.S. edition of *The Guardian*: “Basically, the body does have a vast amount of inbuilt anti-ageing machinery; it’s just not 100% comprehensive, so it allows a small number of different types of molecular and cellular damage to happen and accumulate. The body does try as hard as it can to fight these things but it is a losing battle. So we are not going to be able to do anything significant about ageing without hi-tech intervention – which is what I’m working on.”

He and his colleagues at the SENS Research Foundation say they are targeting seven basic ways the body breaks down as we age and the stuff that weakens our bodies in our later years. They are researching techniques

such as “biohacking” to prevent cell degeneration and ways to allow the body, itself, to remove damaged cells. They also hope to identify methods, including pharmaceuticals, that might turn off the body’s aging process.

“God bless them if they succeed. Aging without growing pains would be a blessing for the fastest growing segment of America’s population – senior citizens – even if we only get to live to a mere 100 years,” says Charles, an advocate for those of us getting along in years.

The Association of Mature American Citizens (http://www.amac.us) is a senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today.

Clint ISD offers free full-day Pre-K

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Clint Independent School District (CISD) will offer free, full-day Prekindergarten (Pre-K) for all four-year-old students for the 2020-2021 school year, regardless of their eligibility. The program will be offered to all children who turn 4 years old by September 1, 2020. CISD Pre-K students will learn and thrive in our 21st-century innovative learning environments provided at our six elementary campuses located in Clint, Horizon and Montana Vista. Our schools provide a nurturing environment for young learners to reach their highest potential.

CISD Pre-K classrooms have been redesigned with state-of-the-art flex furniture and equipped with innovative learning materials for every subject area to accommodate differing learning styles and increase collaboration and engagement. Pre-K students will also be issued an iPad as part of the District’s 1 to 1 Device Initiative where all students in the District are issued a device as a tool

to enhance their learning. A unique Bee-Bot robotics program provides our Pre-K students with an engaging and fun way to learn counting, sequencing, estimation, problem solving and more. CISD also offers Pre-K students a Dual Language Program to ensure academic success while learning in relevant and real-world ways.

The Pre-K registration kick-off at each elementary school begins on Saturday, April 4, 2020, starting at 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. All schools will offer free continental breakfast for everyone that attends. There will be plenty of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. The first 50 students at each school with a complete registration packet will receive a free backpack that includes school supplies and a book.

Be sure to bring the required documents for registration: student birth certificate, current TANF or SNAP eligibility letter (if applicable), immunization record, proof of income, social security card, a current utility bill, email address, and a form of identification for the parent or legal guardian registering the child. Visit: <https://www.clintweb.net/Page/3656> for more information on the CISD Pre-K program.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- It was American political scientist, economist, psychologist and professor Herbert Simon who made the following sage observation: “What information consumes is rather obvious: It consumes the attention of its recipients. Hence a wealth of information creates a poverty of attention, and a need to allocate that attention efficiently among the overabundance of information sources that might consume it.”

- Those who study such things claim that the act of licking a stamp burns one-tenth of a calorie.

- The shortest song in the world is “You Suffer,” recorded in 1986 by the British band Napalm Death. It lasts precisely 1.316 seconds.

- Stanley Mason was an inventor who really got around, in a manner of speaking. In addition to coming with the idea for the granola bar, he also created the squeezable ketchup bottle, the disposable diaper, heated pizza boxes and the dental floss dispenser.

- You might be surprised to learn that the most dangerous profession in the country – in terms of the percentage of people holding that profession who have been killed – isn’t firefighter or police officer, it’s president of the United States. A total of 9% of our presidents have been assassinated.

- In the Commonwealth of Virginia, a statute contained within what’s known as the Code of 1930 prohibits bribery or corruption by anyone other than a political candidate.

- All tortoises are turtles, but not all turtles are tortoises.

Thought for the Day: “I think the biggest mistake most people make when they pick their first job is they don’t worry enough about whether they’ll love the work, and they worry more about whether it’s good experience.”
– Steve Ballmer

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Moments in time
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• On March 9, 1959, the first Barbie doll goes on display at the American Toy Fair in New York City. Barbie was the first mass-produced toy doll in the United States with adult features. Ruth Handler, co-founder of Mattel, named the doll after her daughter, Barbara.

• On March 10, 1988, disco sensation Andy Gibb dies at the age of 30. With his heart greatly weakened from years of cocaine abuse, Gibb succumbed to an inflammatory heart virus.

• On March 11, 1918, a U.S. Army soldier reports to the hospital at Fort Riley, Kansas, complaining of cold-like symptoms. By noon, over 100 of his fellow soldiers had reported similar symptoms, marking what are believed to be the first cases in the influenza pandemic of 1918. The Spanish flu would eventually kill 675,000 Americans and up to 50 million people worldwide.

• On March 12, 1894, Coca-Cola is sold in glass bottles for the first time. It had been available only as a fountain drink. A bottle of Coke cost 5 cents, and it stayed that way until 1959.

• On March 13, 1942, the Quartermaster Corps of the U.S. Army begins training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, or "K-9 Corps."

• On March 14, 1967, the body of President John F. Kennedy is moved to a permanent spot at Arlington National Cemetery. The president had been assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963. The gravesite includes a natural gas line with a continuous electronic flashing spark that reignites the flame in case it is extinguished by rain or wind.

• On March 15, 1820, Maine is admitted into the Union as the 23rd state. Administered as a province of Massachusetts since 1647, the entrance of Maine as a free state was agreed to by Southern senators in exchange for the entrance of Missouri as a slave state.

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FIRING UP THE CROWD – Andres Raya, above, an El Paso Community College (EPCC) College Readiness mentor, waves EPCC pennant as he leads Anthony Elementary School students in a rally cheering heralding EPCC's recent visit to their campus.



NOTE CHECK – EPCC President William Serrata, flanked by members of his administrative staff, prepares notes before addressing the Anthony Elementary School student body and staff.

“A student is never too young to start thinking about going to college.”

– Dr. William Serrata
EPCC President

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A variance to allow a 10-ft side setback (along the State Line) is being requested from the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Anthony, TX for the proposed development.

An exhibit/map is available for viewing at Town Hall during normal business hours. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend this meeting should contact the Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944 at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Persons unable to attend may submit written comments to:

The proposed Anthony Palms development will consist of 40 duplex buildings with a total of 80-units. The site is in Anthony, TX and is bounded by the New Mexico and Texas Stateline to the north, Sandia Drive to the east, Walgreens to the south, and Geck Street to the west. The site currently consists of vacant raw land with an approximate area of 8-acres. The development also includes

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school students and their parents in an effort to promote a college-going culture.

EPCC is committed to increasing the number of students going to college in the region, according to Dr. Serrata. “By building strong elementary school and college connections through campus tours, workshops, presentations, outreach programs, and parental involvement, EPCC is building a college-going culture,” he stated.

EPCC’s visit to the upper valley school was the latest in a series of outings in the past two years that include Campestre ES in Socorro ISD, Frederick Douglass ES in El Paso ISD, Ramona ES in Ysleta ISD, Canutillo ES in Canutillo ISD, Frank Macias ES in Clint ISD, O’Donnell Intermediate in Fabens ISD, Lorenzo G. Alarcon in San Elizario ISD, Benito Martinez ES in Fort Hancock ISD, and Tornillo ES in Tornillo ISD.

Rose Damian, an AES third

grade teacher, stated that focus on going to college and activities, like this EPCC event, encourage them to think about help students at an early age career-related choices.

Fabens Independent School District Public Notice

Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District’s Accredited-Warned status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state’s financial accountability rating system. The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in the Fabens Independent School District’s Board Room at 821 N.E. G Avenue, Fabens, Texas. The public is invited to attend.

Aviso de Junta Pública

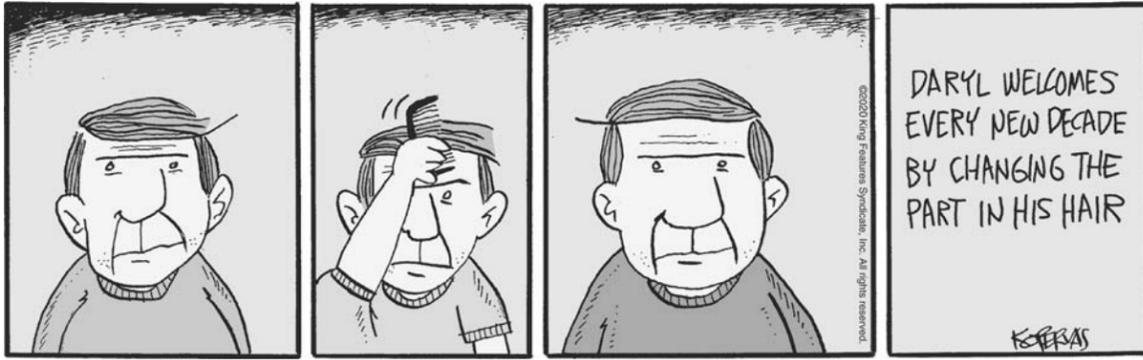
El Distrito escolar independiente de Fabens tendrá una audiencia abierta al público en la cual se discutirá la calificación asignada al distrito por el manejo de finanzas tal como fue asignado por el sistema de contabilidad en finanzas del estado de Texas. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el miércoles 25, de marzo 2020 a las 6:30 PM en el salón de la mesa directiva ubicado en la oficina Central del distrito, 821 N. E. G Ave. en Fabens, Texas. El público es invitado a acudir.

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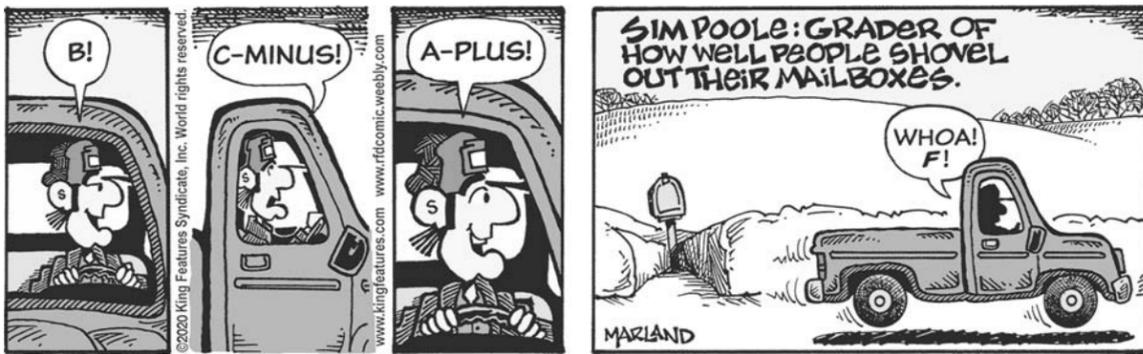
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Friends say cancer treatments kill, not cure

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a relative with cancer who is about to begin multiple therapeutic interventions. My friends tell me that all cancer treatments are toxic and kill people instead of curing them, and that I should tell my relative to look into other forms of treatment. What do you suggest I do? – K.C.



There are hundreds of different types of cancer, and they vary widely in their capacity to grow and damage the individual, and in their response to treatment. For decades, this has meant mostly surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, but now includes newer treatments, including immune therapy. While not all cancers are curable in everybody, every year brings sometimes incremental, sometimes dramatic improvements in life expectancy for individual cancers. Some cancers that were rapidly fatal even a few years ago are now curable in most cases. Getting the right diagnosis quickly and getting to an expert in treating that cancer are critical to having the best chance of a good outcome.

Treating some cancers remains difficult, and in many cases the treatments have significant side effects. Surgery scars may impair function, and chemotherapy can cause severe symptoms and may permanently affect body systems, as can radiation. It can be very hard on a family member observing these treatments, and if his or her loved one nevertheless succumbs eventually to the cancer, it is understandable to think the suffering the person went through was in vain.

So, while I understand where your friends may be coming from, their well-meaning advice, based on bad experiences possibly a long time ago, might cause your relative with cancer to delay the potentially lifesaving treatments that are available now. A study published in July 2018 showed that people who use alternative medical treatments for cancer are less likely to be cured and have a shorter life expectancy.

My advice is that you encourage your relative to find the most expert cancer treatment available. It's up to your relative to accept the recommendations of the expert, but delaying the best available treatment in order to consider unproven therapies is likely to result in harm.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have had the same problem forever: I don't understand why buttermilk coffee creamer seems to get outdated faster than regular creamer. Does the butter in it have anything to do with this? – C.H.

Buttermilk doesn't have butter in it. It was so named because it was originally made with what was left after separating butter from the unhomogenized cream that had been allowed to ferment with airborne bacteria, making it slightly acidic. Modern cultured buttermilk is made from pasteurized, homogenized milk, usually 1% to 2% fat, and inoculated with healthy bacteria, which makes lactic acid from the sugars in the milk. This acid makes buttermilk resistant to the unhealthy bacteria that causes spoilage. It also causes a slight sour taste, which some people like and others don't.

Commercial heavy cream, and coffee creamers made from heavy cream, have a very long shelf life largely because they are pasteurized at ultra-high temperatures, so they last even longer than buttermilk. The high fat content also retards bacteria growth.

Both buttermilk-based and cream-based creamers will stay good longer than their expiration date. Your nose is very good for telling when it has gone bad.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2019 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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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: E equals B

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"ZIXONAO DV UZA GICOU!"

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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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Agent Orange exposure outside of Vietnam



by Freddy Groves

The Government Accounting Office stepped into the fray to document exactly where all the Agent Orange was used and stored when it released a report entitled "Actions Needed to Improve Accuracy and Communication of Information on Testing and Storage Locations" in November 2018.

The GAO report compared the records it had unearthed against the information provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense. It found that half of Agent Orange was used in Southeast Asia but that records were incomplete. Of the 13.9 million gallons of AO shipped, documentation was only found for 12.1 million gallons.

The GAO took the VA and the DOD to task for omitting testing and storage locations and for failing to update the locations for more than a decade – even though both had been getting

reports about it since 2006.

In 2006 the GAO found 40 locations not in Vietnam, some in the U.S., that never made it to the DOD list provided to the VA. Now, at the GAO's prodding, the DOD has provided a list (posted on the VA website) of U.S. locations where Agent Orange was tested, disposed of or stored: Arkansas, California, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Oregon, Kansas, Mississippi, Washington, Puerto Rico, Texas, Georgia, Montana, Indiana, Florida and Utah.

How's that for close to home?

Foreign countries include Cambodia, Canada, India, Johnston Atoll, Korea, Laos and Thailand.

Veterans trying to verify or determine their exposure to AO have been stymied, of course. As of June 30, 2018, the VA denied service-connected decisions to more than 58,250 veterans for service outside Vietnam.

To read the whole GAO report, go to www.gao.gov/assets/700/695490.pdf. Be sure to read the Objectives, Scope and Methodology sections starting on page 62. The GAO left no stone unturned.

For the (now supposedly correct) list on the VA site, go to www.publichealth.va.gov and put Herbicide Tests and Storage Outside Vietnam in the search box.

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• Lightly spoon flour into your measuring cup. Never pack it down or tap the cup to level. Simply fill and then use the flat edge of a knife to remove the excess back to the original container. It's best to weigh dry goods if possible, for the most consistent results.

• "Here's a delicious recipe that's also beautiful: Homemade sugar scrub! Mix a cup of sugar with a tablespoon of salt and a quarter cup of olive oil. Use in the bath to scrub away rough patches and leave your skin smooth and hydrated. You can add a drop of perfume or essential oil for scent." – R.K. in Indiana

• "It feels like we have less and less time with our doctors, and mine feels that way, too. Before I head to my appointment, I make a list of my top three discussion items and copy it out again for the doctor. When he walks in, I hand him the list so we stay on topic." – C.E. in Massachusetts

• Use clean tin cans to make and decorate tiny cakes. They can be used just like a regular cake pan, just grease and dust with flour. Be sure to use only cans that are not lined with anything, because some cans are lined with BPA plastic!

• "I have heard the tip to spray a thread end with hairspray to keep it stiff for threading, but I didn't have any hairspray. I used a touch of hair gel, and it worked too." – T. in Kentucky

• "You can reuse the envelopes that come in junk mail and solicitations. I use them to keep coupons together for when I go to the store, and magazine clippings that I save for my daughter." – M.W. in Alabama

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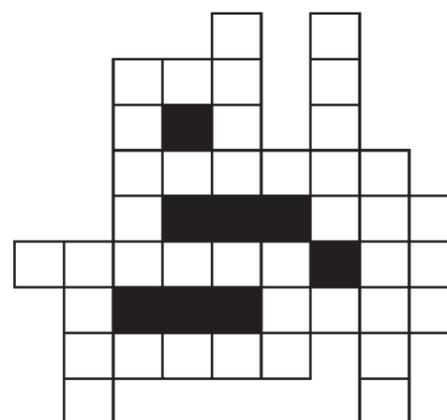
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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