



– Photo courtesy Village of Vinton

**ECONOMICS** – Village of Vinton Mayor Rachel Quintana, above, greets Texas Governor Greg Abbott during his recent visit to the Upper Valley community. The mayor acknowledged that Vinton Steel's \$255 million expansion and upgrade are important to both the area economy and the Village of Vinton, a community of about 2,700 residents.

## Abbott in Vinton, promotes economic development

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

VINTON, TX – In 2023, Texas' 88th Legislature created the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology and Innovation (JETI) Act. The new program is designed to attract large, capital-intensive economic development projects that would bring new investments and create high-paying jobs in communities statewide.

With that in mind, Governor Greg Abbott recently came to the Village of Vinton, which is located in El Paso County's Upper Valley, to extol Vinton Steel's plan for the \$255 million expansion and upgrade projects planned for the 63-year-old mini-mill.

Japan's Kyoei Steel Ltd., owner of the Vinton facility for the past eight years, applied last year for the JETI program which includes state and local tax incentives. The plans approval were announced recently at the Vinton Steel plant by company officials during an event headlined by the Texas governor.

Vinton is Kyoei's only steel mill in the United

### JETI Act

The JETI (Jobs, Energy, Technology and Innovation) Act, enacted by the Texas Legislature in 2023, incorporates a tiered structure based on a county's population size to determine the level of required jobs and capital investment to qualify for the program.

Companies are eligible to apply for the program if they are planning a new project within the following categories: manufacturing facilities; dispatchable electric generation facilities; natural resource development facilities; research, development or manufacturing facilities for high-tech infrastructure equipment or technology; and the construction or expansion of critical infrastructure. (Renewable energy projects or energy storage facilities are not eligible.)

The JETI Act allows a company, municipality, and school district along with the governor's office to enter into an agreement; for example, a 10-year school district maintenance and operations (M&O) tax appraised value limitation of 50 percent, which would be based on qualifying job and capital investment minimums. Projects located in qualified Opportunity Zones are eligible for an additional 25 percent limitation on taxable value.

States. It also has one in Canada, and several steel mills in Vietnam and Japan, according to its website. At the Vinton mini mill, plans call for replacing the two electric arc furnaces with a new, state-of-the-art furnace inside a new building to be constructed next to the old facility.

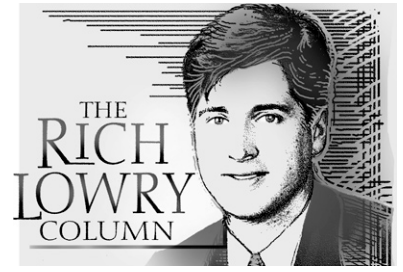
The expansion, according to company officials, will increase production from about 240,000 tons to over 300,000 tons of steel products made from

recycled steel scrap at the mini mill. Construction is expected to begin next January and take about two years to complete, officials reported. Besides rebar, the facility also makes grinding steel balls and smooth steel balls for copper mining.

At the afternoon event, the governor announced that the state is providing \$7.4 million in tax breaks

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# Why can't we deport more white criminal aliens?



The progressive response to President Donald Trump's deportations is just getting underway, and it's already dumb and hysterical.

According to MSNBC hosts Nicole Wallace and Joy Reid, we are potentially headed down the path of another Holocaust. "Similarities to what happened in Germany and what's happening now in America are just undeniable," Reid said the other day.

A common refrain is that the criminal illegal aliens who are being targeted are overwhelmingly Black and brown, proving that something nefarious is afoot. Leave it to progressives to see in these deportees not, first and foremost, violent offenders who represent a threat to the public, but people of color who are inherently victims.

Al Sharpton asserted on MSNBC's "Morning

Joe" that "we're looking for people of a certain Black or brown color." On "The View," Sunny Hostin explained that the Trump deportations are going out of their way to target "a certain group or type of immigrant." Hostin believes that there are a lot of Asian and European visa-overstayers who are getting off scot-free while the administration goes after immigrants coming over the border because of the color of their skin.

"So I think there's a very clear message as to what this president wants the look of a criminal migrant to look like," she said, adding, "I think that's racist," to the applause of the studio audience.

This is predictably ill-informed. According to the Migration Policy Institute, in 2022, 80% of all illegal immigrants in the United States were from

Latin America and the Caribbean.

The top five countries of origin were Mexico (45% of illegals), Guatemala (7%), El Salvador (6%), Honduras (5%), and India (3%). No European country made the top 10. Altogether, illegal immigrants from Europe, Canada and Oceania were 7%.

The picture is overwhelmingly of non-white illegal immigrants, who are coming from poor countries with some geographical proximity to us. This is a fact. It has nothing to do with how Trump "wants" illegal immigrants to look. If ICE undertakes entirely

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### Mill

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from two state economic development programs and that El Paso County and the Village of Vinton are providing about \$11.6 million in tax breaks for the projects.

The mini steel mill currently employs around 360 workers, and with the expansion its workforce is expected to increase by almost 188 more workers, which makes it a major employer in El Paso County.

“This underscores the value that we saw in multiple numbers. The value of having steel businesses expanding in the state of Texas. The value of the jobs and employees that come along with this program,” Abbott said during the event. “But also, we, as a state and state leaders, value to see economic growth in this region. We want the entire El Paso region to experience the same economic growth that you see in Houston, Dallas, and Austin,” he added.

The governor’s announcement was made in front of an audience of workers wearing green work uniforms and hard hats that gathered inside a building where steel rebar is stored. In attendance at the occasion were local government officials including El Paso County Judge Ricardo Samaniego, Village of Vinton Mayor Rachel Quintana, Borderplex Alliance CEO Jon Barela, along with Masahiro Kitada, Vinton Steel chairman, Eduardo Gonzalez, Vinton Steel assistant vice president, and Ernesto Sifuentes, Vinton Steel manager.

During the event, Sifuentes, who has worked at the facility 31 years, praised the state’s and Kyoei’s investment. “I think this is a huge step in the right direction for us at Vinton Steel. It was a long time coming,” he remarked.

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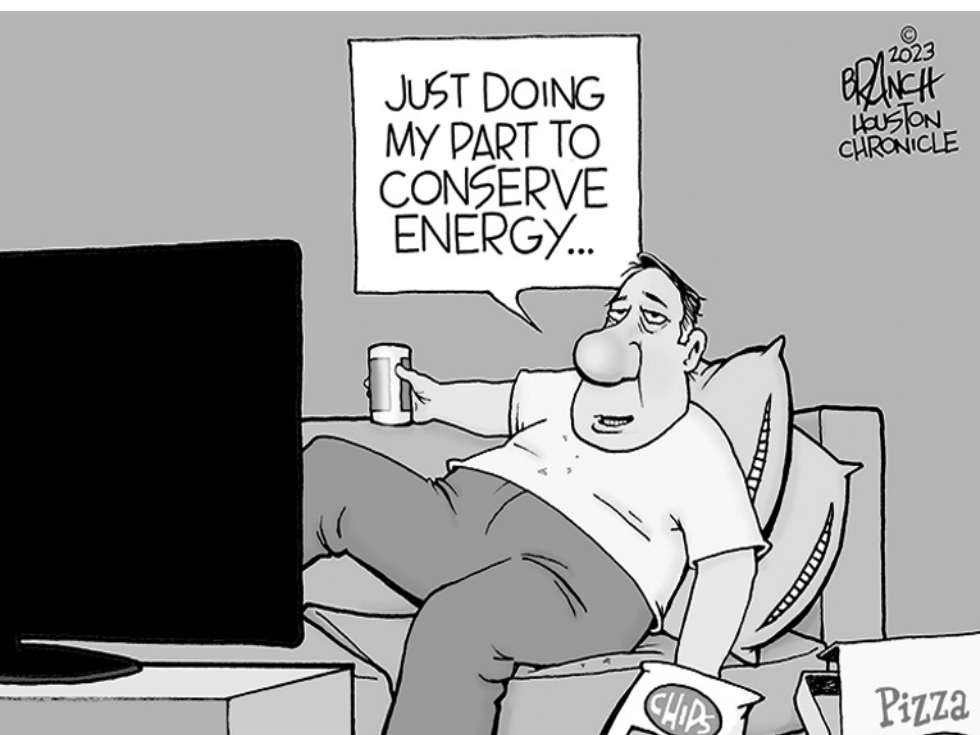
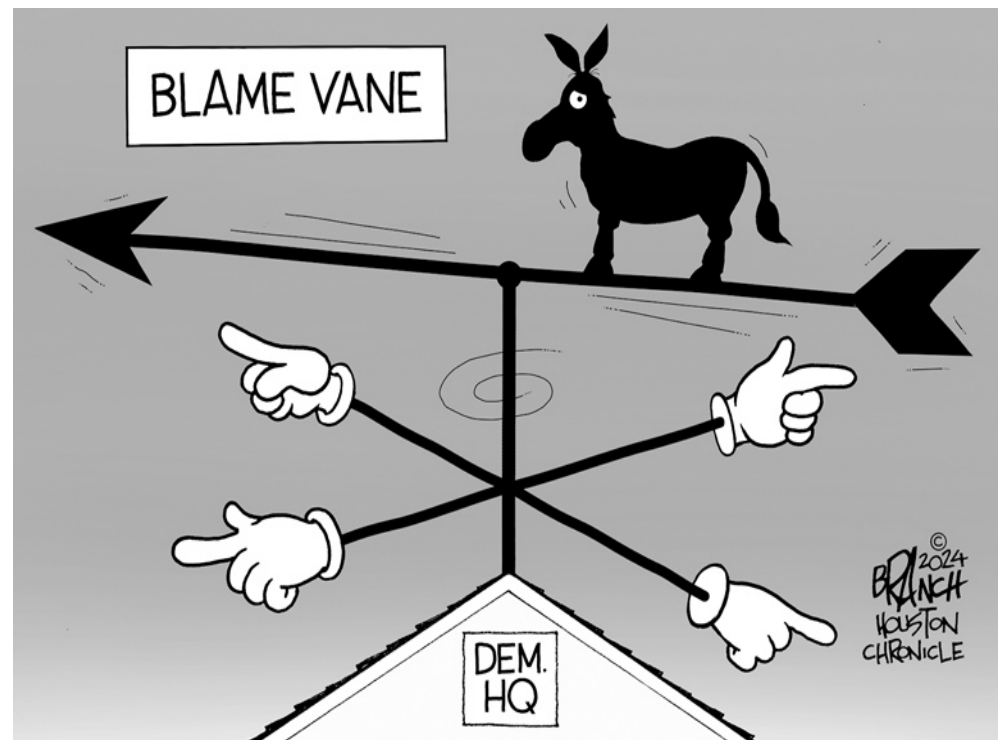
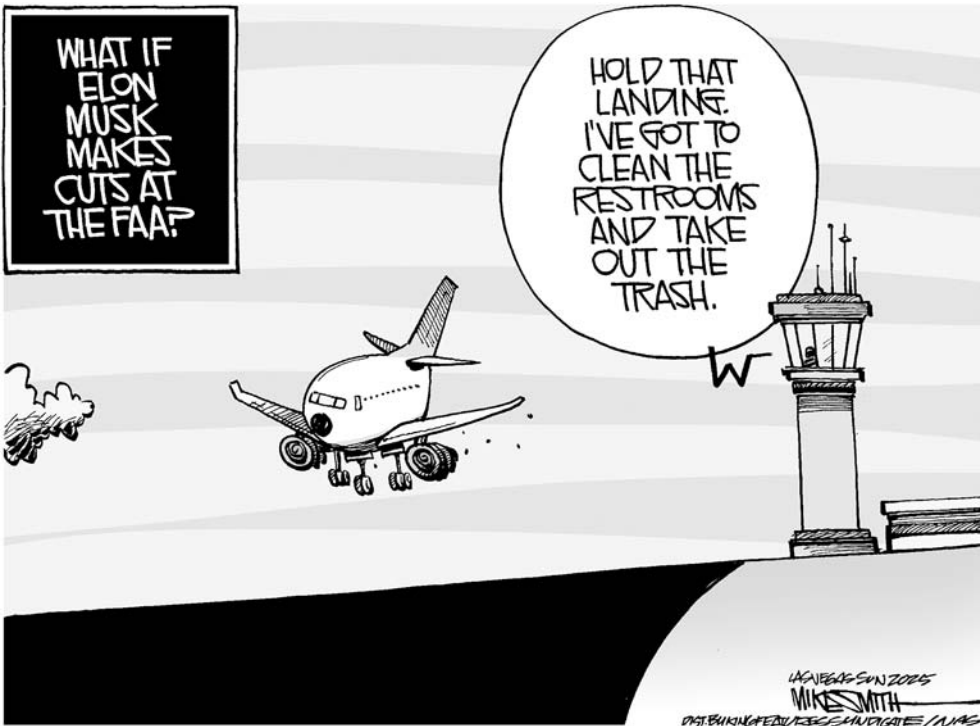


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### Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Read a week's worth of The New York Times and you'll have absorbed more information than the average 17th-century citizen would have encountered in their lifetime.
- A 1972 plane crash that claimed the lives of 101 people occurred because the crew was distracted by a burned-out landing gear indicator light and failed to notice that the autopilot had inadvertently been disconnected.
- California was named for a fictional island in a 16th-century romance novel.
- Researchers testing insect repellents used Victoria Secret's Bombshell perfume as a standard and accidentally discovered that it repels mosquitoes better than many repellents on the market.
- In 19th-century Maryland, it was illegal to sell mineral water on a Sunday.
- People's body temperature drops when they watch videos of other folks putting their hands into cold water.
- Onychophagia is the technical term for biting your nails.
- A man who tattooed the word "Netflix" on his body and then tweeted a picture of the ink to the company was rewarded with a year's worth of free service.

• In Wisconsin, the most frequently googled "how to spell" word is Wisconsin.

• When Prohibition started, alcohol could only be bought for medicinal and religious purposes, from a pharmacy or a doctor. "Medicinal whiskey" was prescribed for just about anything and used to treat conditions such as toothaches and the flu. With a prescription, a patient could legally purchase up to 1 pint of hard liquor every 10 days.

Thought for the Day: "The purpose of life is a life of purpose."

— Robert Byrne

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### CryptoQuip Answer

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message from the National Diabetes Education Program, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Feb. 24, 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court voted to overturn a \$200,000 settlement awarded to the Reverend Jerry Falwell for the emotional distress he suffered after being parodied in the pornographic magazine Hustler, deciding that the satire, while in bad taste, was covered under the First Amendment's protection of freedom of speech.
- On Feb. 25, 1956, poets Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes met for the first time at a party. They married just four months later, but the union was rocked by Plath's discovery of her husband's adultery the same year their second child was born. After her suicide in 1963, Hughes edited several volumes of her poetry, one of which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1982.
- On Feb. 26, 1974, Nike received a U.S. patent for its waffle trainer running shoes. The company's co-founder, Bill Bowerman, invented the iconic soles by pouring polyurethane into a waffle iron at breakfast one morning.
- On Feb. 27, 1935, 6-year-old

rising Hollywood star Shirley Temple took home the first-ever kid-size "juvenile" Oscar, measuring roughly half the height of a standard Oscar.

- On Feb. 28, 2013, 85-year-old Pope Benedict XVI officially resigned his position as the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, citing his advanced age as the reason. He was the first pontiff to relinquish power in nearly six centuries.
- On March 1, 1864, Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first African American woman to earn a medical degree. She also wrote one of the first medical manuals by an African American doctor – and woman – in the United States. Though she faced discrimination from fellow medical professionals due to her sex and race, she wrote that she cared for "a very large number of the indigent" in a "population of over 30,000."
- On March 2, 1807, the U.S. Congress passed an act to "prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United... from any foreign kingdom, place or country." It would go into effect at the start of 1808.

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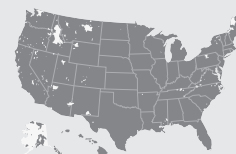
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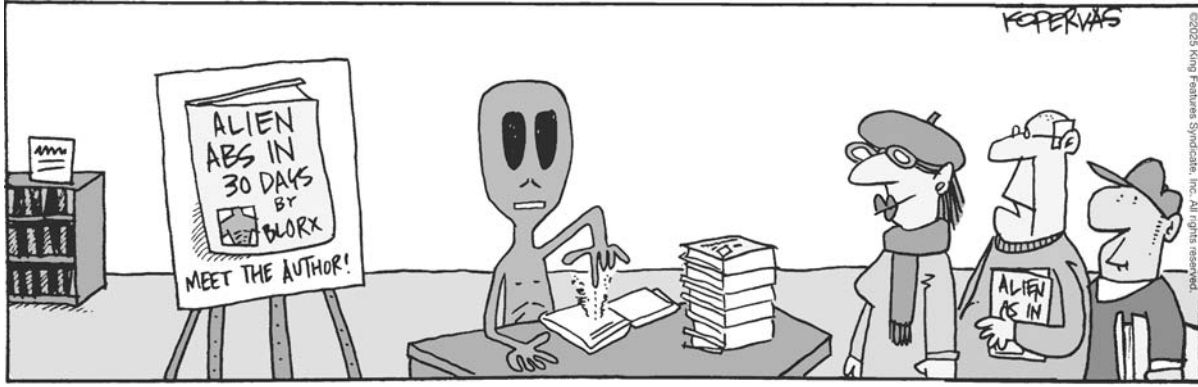
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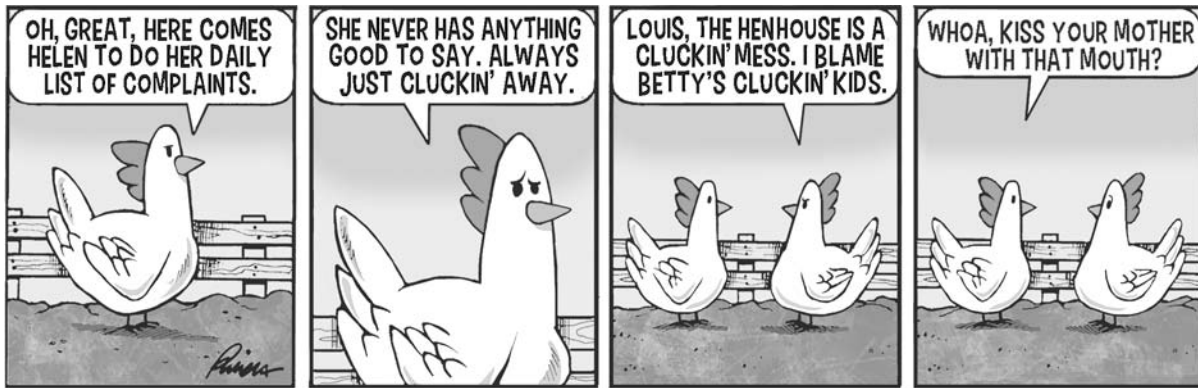


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**OUT ON A LIMB** By Gary Kopervas



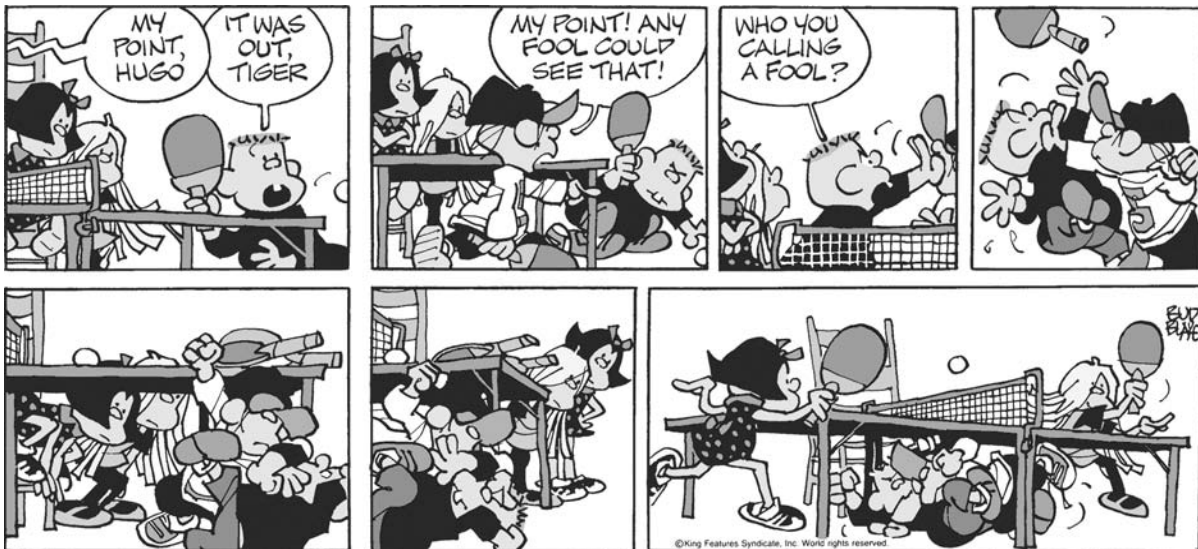
**AMBER WAVES** By Dave T. Phipps



**THE SPATS** By Jeff Pickering



**TIGER** By Bud Blake



**Lowry**

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randomized raids, 80% of the people it finds are going to be Black and brown.

Now, the raids aren't random – they, at the moment, are largely, if not entirely, targeting criminal aliens.

As a general matter, criminal offending is associated with low levels of education and socioeconomic status. That doesn't mean that all poor people are criminals. But you are likelier to get entangled with the law if you are an immigrant who hasn't graduated high school, compared with one who has a medical degree. (The same is true of the U.S.-born population.)

So, why isn't ICE cuffing lots of, say, Indian illegal immigrants? If we assume that the demographic characteristics of Indian illegal immigrants are broadly consonant with – although not exactly the same as – Indian immigrants generally, they'll have a different profile than other illegal immigrants.

The Migration Policy Institute notes, "On average, Indian immigrants are highly skilled and earn significant incomes: the vast majority

hold a bachelor's degree or higher, their median income is more than double that of the U.S. – and overall foreign-born populations, and their likelihood of living in poverty is half that of these groups."

Hostin cited visa-overstayers, and there are a fair amount from Canada. But, again, they are travelers and students coming from a relatively affluent, well-educated country and so are unlikely to be mixed up with, say, prison gangs. What's the French-Canadian equivalent of Tren de Aragua?

Of course, every illegal immigrant should be subject to deportation, but however we draw the line, the criminal migrant, as Hostin put it, is never going to look how she and fellow race-obsessed commentators want.

The logic of their view is that it's racist to keep out non-white illegal immigrants, racist to make them go, and, at the end of the day, racist to have a country that takes its borders seriously.

And they wonder why they are losing.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. ©2025 by King Features Synd., Inc.

**Elderly man slowly starving after his stomach removed**

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Is 18 years a record for living without a stomach? A family member had stomach cancer when he was 70 and had his stomach removed. He consulted with a dietician and has been able to eat small but frequent meals. He can also take enzymes, vitamins and other things, but slowly he has lost weight. Now at 88, he is down to 84 pounds, and his muscles are also affected. He used to play racquetball regularly, but this came to an end during COVID and wasn't picked back up after the pandemic. He can no longer walk without assistance. They are putting a feeding tube into his small intestine to supplement what he usually eats. Are you familiar with this type of thing? What else can be done, or is this the end? Will he starve to death? – Y.F.



I have seen many patients with stomach cancer and have never seen this degree of weight loss, but weight loss is very common after removing the stomach. This degree of weight loss is very disturbing and usually results in a worse outcome, so effective treatment is overdue. A feeding tube, which isn't often the appropriate treatment for weight loss, seems to be an important short-term treatment. I assume that he has had extensive evaluations for the recurrence of diseases, including CT scans.

You mention that he has been getting vitamins; B12 and vitamin D levels are often profoundly low after gastrectomy (removal of the stomach), so these should be checked, even if he has been on replacements. If no other cause is found, it might be worth a try to use an appetite stimulant.

In addition, I would formally measure his total calorie input in a day to see whether the problem really is that he isn't getting enough calories. I would be worried that he isn't absorbing all of them.

There is no reason for him to starve to death. In the very worst case, nutrition can be given intravenously while they figure out why he is losing so much weight.

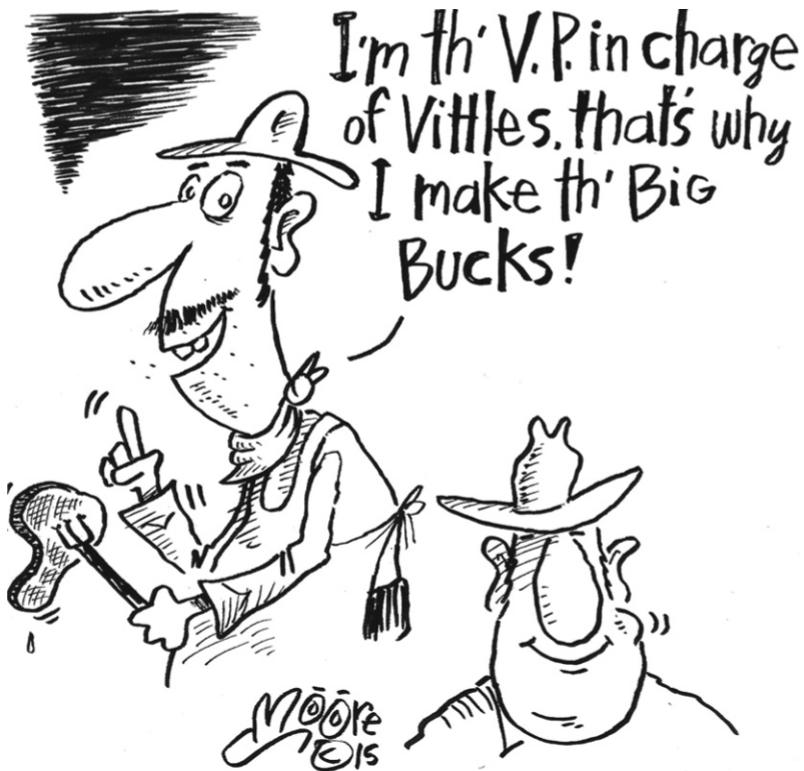
**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am an 84-year-old male in amazingly good health and have great physical abilities, but after running about 3 miles, I noticed some minor chest discomfort. After a calcium score test and stress test, my doctor wanted to place stents in my coronary arteries. I read a National Institute of Health study from 2020 regarding stent outcomes versus medication and lifestyle changes, and it showed no difference in the outcomes. So, I decided not to do the stents. I no longer do any distance running, but I do weight training and a stationary bike exercise for 10 minutes without any chest issues. I now take statin drugs, blood pressure medicines, and baby aspirin. Are you familiar with this study, and am I doing a reasonable thing by not having the stents inserted? – T.E.

Whether stents are beneficial in people with stable coronary artery disease remains somewhat controversial. Although stents in combination with a healthy diet, exercise and medication may improve symptoms better than lifestyle changes and medication alone, there are no data to show an improvement in lifespan or in preventing heart attacks.

Your cardiologist wanted to reduce your symptoms, but if you aren't having any now, then stenting isn't indicated. If you had to reduce your running because of chest discomfort, then stenting might possibly allow you to do more exercise without having these symptoms.

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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). ©2025 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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Clue: **K equals S**

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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**Take charge of your medical care**



by Freddy Groves

The Veterans Administration Office of Inspector General has been busy. As always, their focus is on identifying problems that cause harm to veterans.

For example, in one VA medical center there were concerns about the care given by a dermatologist on staff. Specifically, there were 48 instances where biopsies weren't done quickly, which allowed cancers to grow and spread. And abnormal test results weren't communicated, which delayed treatment. And the dermatologist documented procedures that weren't actually done. And specialists weren't called in. And inadequate treatment was given for certain cancers. And the dermatologist had been in the habit of copying and pasting previous notes from one appointment to the next, which meant that new information wasn't added

to patient files. And, and, and... so many instances of deficiency in care, all by one dermatologist. This went on from 2021 to 2023.

The supervisors weren't let off the hook in the OIG report. During performance reviews, they rated the dermatologist as "unsatisfactory" but focused on tardiness problems instead of big concerns like not actually doing biopsies. Instead of bouncing the dermatologist out the door, they decided to recommend nonrenewal of clinical privileges, which allowed the dermatologist to keep working with patients.

And (it just keeps getting better and better) senior staff claimed not to know about what was going on despite continued reporting by staff of their concerns and the dermatologist having been given two unsatisfactory reviews. Further, they didn't follow policy and report the dermatologist to the state licensing board.

Enter the VAOIG – in response to allegations of deficiencies in care – and patient records were finally

reviewed, including 13 additional records given to the OIG. What the OIG found was grim, especially with cancer diagnoses.

If you have a medical concern, be sure that it's addressed. If a test or biopsy is done and no one calls you, get on the phone to them in seven days and insist on knowing the result. Don't trust that "no news is good news."

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• When you finish a wood-working project, save your leftover bits of sandpaper and use them to sharpen your scissors. All you need is a piece long enough to make a few cuts through.

• "Plastic grocery bags are handy for so many uses, but keeping them organized was always a pain, until I discovered that I could use an empty tissue box to store them. I just ball up each bag individually (so there is no air trapped) and stuff it in the tissue box. You can do the same thing for larger amounts of bags by using an empty 12-pack box from soda. I store one of these in my shop." – Fred C. from Pennsylvania

• If your kids (or you) like cereal, be sure to save the heavy plastic liners that hold the cereal inside the box. They are really handy when freezing meat patties in stacks. You can use them to separate layers of cookies, too.

• "I just finished packing up my house to move, and this little tip was a dandy: Use a toothpick to keep the open end of your tape from disappearing. When you cut the tape, slip a toothpick at the end that's still on the roll. You will never have to go fishing for it again." – L.K. in New Mexico

• If your water takes a minute to warm up, keep a pitcher by the sink. Let the water flow into the pitcher until it gets warm. Then, use that water (that otherwise would have been wasted) on your houseplants and in your garden.

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**GO FIGURE!**

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.

		-		-				= 2
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		-		+				= 8
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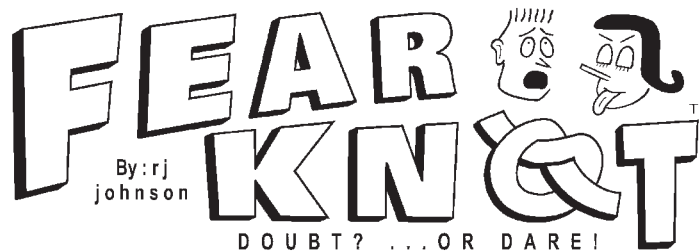
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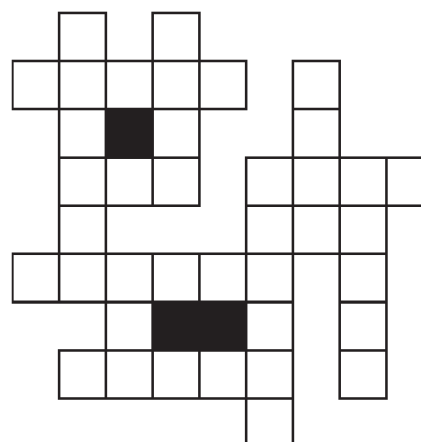
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- TSO
- ENIFLE
- BREEM
- ♥ ALER
- ♥ CUSREE
- UCE
- RTFE
- RULME
- MLE
- ♥ CLESMA
- ♥ TENIS
- ♥ REUC



Answer Page 4

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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