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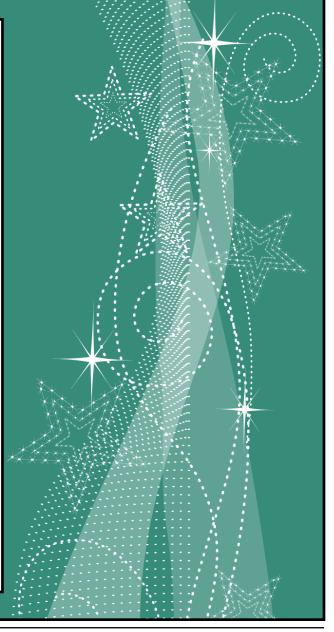
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Lead by the newest City of Alamo Heights fire truck, the 40th Annual Alamo Heights 4th of July Parade will be held on Saturday, 3 July at 10 A.M. The oldest continuous 4th of July parade in Bexar County, the Alamo Heights parade is open to any and all interested participants.

Hall and Pat Hammond will be assisted this year by the newly organized Community Association of Alamo Heights (CAAH). The parade begins near the Argyle parking lot at Estes and Patterson, extends down Patterson and ends at the Episcopal Archdiocese property.

With the help of Mrs. Hammond, a 40 year collage of photos of earlier parade participants will be available at the end of the parade. So put on your patriotic colors, decorate your strollers, trikes, bikes, wagons and join your neighbors for a (hopefully) cool morning march.

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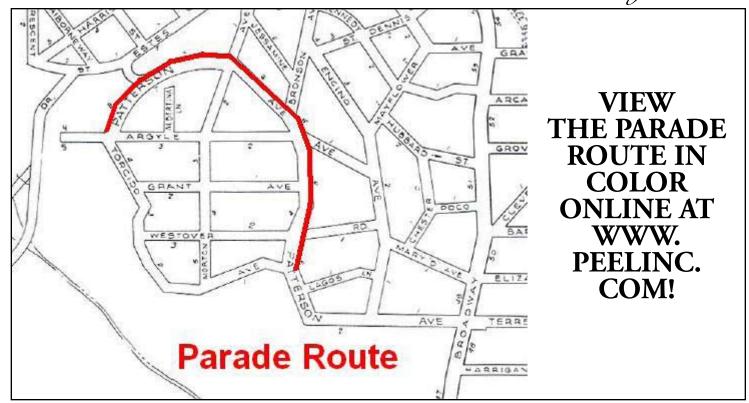
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SUMMER HEAT CAUTIONS

Stay Safe This Summer

How dangerous is overheating in the summer months? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from 1973 - 2003, excessive heat exposure caused 8,015 deaths in the United States. "Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable, yet annually many people succumb to extreme heat," says Dr.George Luber, extreme heat expert for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Summertime activity, whether on the playing field, running, boating, or just enjoying the great outdoors, must be balanced with measures that aid the body's cooling mechanisms and prevent heat-related illness. Know the symptoms of heat disorders and overexposure to the sun, and be ready to give first aid treatment.

Heat Cramps- are strong muscle contractions and usually affect the abdomen and legs. The condition usually improves with rest, water and cooler conditions.

Heat Exhaustion- caused by heat and dehydration but the effects are more serious than cramps. Symptoms may include

paleness, dizziness or fainting, nausea or vomiting, and an increase in body temperature. Rest, water and cool compresses (ice water on the back of the neck, etc) can help. For more sever heat exhaustion, IV fluids may be required.

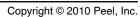
Heat Stroke- The most serious of the heat related conditions. Heat stroke is most commonly brought on by strenuous exercise in hot conditions. However, it can also affect non-active individuals if the temperature is high enough. Visual signs include flushed, red look to the skin, the person often stops sweating**. This is one key sign that an individual is in an over heated condition. Also, a person with heat stroke might become delirious, unconscious, or have seizures. Lowering the body temperature and getting fluids into the person as quickly as possible is imperative.

Don't get caught off guard this summer drink plenty of water, wear plenty of sun-screen, and exercise early in the morning. Enjoy the summer season and stay safe.

- Submitted by Valerie Salinas



*Independent practitioners and active members of the Nix medical staff.



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RETIREMENT CHALLENGES

For Today's Families

I recently had the pleasure of hearing David Walker, the former Comptroller of the United States, speak to my company at a training session. Mr. Walker, who made the famous movie "I.O.U.S.A." is an expert at knowing how the country can reverse the trends of increasing government debt and seemingly unlimited entitlement spending. Now the President of the Peter G Peterson Foundation (www.pgpf.org) he paints a scary picture of what our future can hold if we don't act. In "I.O.U.S.A." he forecasts that without intervention, by 2035 the government will spend so much on defense, social security, Medicare and interest on debt that there won't be enough money to pave a street. But it doesn't have to be this way.

He believes that the American people are more knowledgeable now than at any time in history about how our government spends money. This is the key to action. Mr. Walker is not a man prone to exaggeration – he is a factual man. And he showed us how various arms of the government can be reformed in a sensible, step-wise manner, starting with a rethinking of tax and entitlement policy. Sure, he expects our taxes to rise in the future but there is really good hope that our taxes will be used more sensibly. This is real stuff, not a fantasy. In fact in May 2010 he led a by-invitation only summit

of the best thinkers on both sides of the political scene to create solutions.

How will your family navigate these waters? Creating a financial strategy for living in this new world of retirement is vitally important. Find out what it takes

now to plan for rising inflation and taxes, future college costs, and changes to social security. Learn how to protect your assets from these headwinds and accumulate what you need for the future.

- Submitted by Rich Keith



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SHREK FINDS HIMSELF IN AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE IN "SHREK FOREVER AFTER," THE FOURTH INSTALLMENT OF THE FRANCHISE.

STARRING: MIKE MYERS, EDDIE MURPHY, CAMERON DIAZ DIRECTED BY: MIKE MITCHELL ("SKY HIGH") WRITTEN BY: JOSH KLAUSNER ("DATE NIGHT") AND DARREN LEMKE ("LOST")

"Shrek Forever After" is being labeled as "The Final Chapter" of a 9-year-long fairytale franchise and well it should be. It's a sequel that's squeezing out what little magic is left in it's ogre-sized tank. It might be superior to the slaphappy third installment in 2007, but there's still not enough originality to make it a truly happily-ever-after.

In "Forever After," DreamWorks Animation and screenwriters Josh Klausner ("Date Night") and Darren Lemke ("Lost") toss a little of Frank Capra's classic "It's a Wonderful Life" into the mix as a more mature Shrek returns to a Shrek-less version of Far Far Away.

With the everyday repetition of his family life (changing baby ogre diapers isn't as adventurous as he thought it would be), Shrek doesn't feel like the same nasty ogre that once instilled fear into everyone. Instead of running for the hills when Shrek is near, the villagers now look upon him as a celebrity.

In an attempt to revisit his glory days, Shrek signs a pact with the villainous Rumplestiltskin (Walt Dohrn), who has held a grudge with the lovable ogre since he ruined him chance to take over the kingdom years ago. All Shrek wants is one more day where he can feel like the ogre he used to be. Rumple, however, has other ideas.

Transporting into an alternative universe where he was never born, the Shrek realizes that a lot has changed in Far Far Away. Fiona (Cameron Diaz) is now a strapping warrior leading an underground ogre resistance; Donkey (Eddie Murphy) pulls a carriage for some evil, whip-whapping witches; and Puss in Boots (Antonio Banderas) has packed on a few pounds and become a lazy house cat.

To break the spell and return to his regular life, Shrek must get Fiona to fall in love with him all over again and share in "True Love's Kiss." Isn't breaking a spell with a kiss as listless as a storybook tale can go these days?

As in the last two "Shrek" movies, it's Banderas' Puss in Boots who steals most of the scenes. Even though there's not much swordplay in this last film, the now pudgy feline with the Spanish accent is able to match the energy of the new characters, including an army of personable ogres (Craig Robinson and Jane Lynch give funny performances). Cameos by the Gingerbread Man (Conrad Vernon) are also enjoyable. One of the best parts of the movie is when Gingy gives his best impression of a gladiator chopping down fierce animal cookies in a coliseum.

Despite some character highlights, "Shrek Forever After" doesn't reach the level of the first two installments. It may be the darkest of the series, but it's light on charm and all around cleverness. Grade: C



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ATM Machines Safety Tips:

ATM robbers usually position themselves nearby waiting for a victim to approach and withdraw cash. Most ATM robbery victims are women and were alone when robbed. Most claim that they never saw the robber coming. Most ATM robbers used a gun or claimed to have a concealed weapon when confronting the victim and demanding their cash.

If you or your family members use ATM cash machines on a regular basis, here are some tips that can make the process a little safer. Use only ATM machines in well-lighted, high-traffic areas. Don't use ATM machines that are remote or hidden such as being located behind buildings, behind pillars or away from public view. Beware of obvious hiding places like shrubbery or overgrown trees. ATM robbers like to have the element of surprise with no witnesses.

Get a list of ATM locations from your bank and keep it in your car. Choose an ATM that looks and 'feels' safer, even if it is a couple of miles out of the way. Try and limit your use to daylight hours. When you drive up to an ATM location, scan the area for any suspicious persons. If you see anyone suspicious standing nearby or sitting alone in a car, don't hesitate to drive away. Listen to your 'gut' instinct. When you approach a bank ATM on foot be prepared and have your access card ready. After inserting your card and your PIN number, keep an eye out behind you. If anyone suspicious or seemingly dangerous approaches terminate your transaction and leave immediately, even if it means leaving your ATM card in the machine. When you receive cash from the machine don't openly count it...put it away immediately, extract your card, and walk away.

If you use your car at a bank drive-thru ATM machine, the same rules apply. Make sure there are no obvious hiding places or suspicious persons loitering in the area. If there are, listen to your gut instinct and drive away. Keep the car in gear, doors locked, with your foot firmly on the brake, while using the ATM machine. Keep a close eye on your rear and side view mirrors during the transaction. Robbers almost always approach from the rear on the drivers' side. If you see anyone approaching, drive off even if it means leaving your ATM card behind. You can always retrieve it later or cancel the card. If you are confronted by an armed robber, just give up your money without argument. The cash is not worth serious injury or death.

- Only use ATM machines in a well-lighted, open, high-traffic area during the daytime
- ATM machines in supermarkets are safer for nighttime use
- Avoid ATM machines adjacent to obvious hiding places
- When you approach an ATM scan the area first for loiterers

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- Have your card ready and leave quickly, not counting your cash in public
- Walk or drive away immediately if your instincts tell you so
- Don't argue with a robber, if confronted, just give up the cash
- Don't fight with or attempt to follow the robber
- Drive to a safe place and immediately call the police

- Submitted by Deputy James Kitchens, Travis County Sheriff's Office



Black Bean Shrimp Salad

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound cooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 small green pepper, julienned
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 2/3 cup picante sauce

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. In a small bowl, whisk the picante sauce, cilantro, lime juice, oil, honey, salt and lime peel if desired. Pour over shrimp mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Using a slotted spoon, spoon onto

- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon grated lime peel, optional
- 6 lettuce leaves
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes

a letttuce-lined serving platter or salad plates. Garnish with tomatoes. Yield: 6 servings. *Nutrition Facts*: 3/4 cup equals 224 calories, 6 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 115 mg cholesterol, 571 mg sodium, 22 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 19 g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 2 very lean meat, 1 starch, 1 vegetable, 1 fat.

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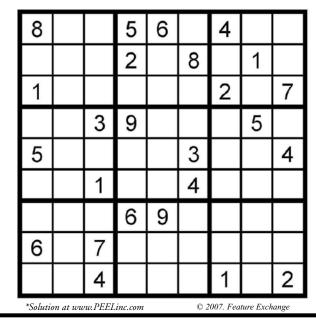
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