



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Archaeology appreciation

El Paso Museum of Archaeology will host a membership and volunteer appreciation event from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, February 8, at the museum (4301 Transmountain Road). New, current, and renewing members are invited. The event is designed to thank current members and encourage new memberships, stated Marilyn Guida, the museum's education curator. "The museum appreciates members who support the museum through annual dues and by helping spread the word about our exhibits and programs. Volunteers contributed 524 hours in the last fiscal year, the equivalent of over thirteen 40-hour weeks of time. This is our way of saying thank you to both members and volunteers," Guida said. Individuals, interested in becoming new members or renewing their membership, may do so at the event. Memberships start at \$15 which is the price of admission to the event. Admission is free to members. For more information contact Guida, at 915-755-4332, or send email to [guidamr@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:guidamr@elpasotexas.gov)

— Alfredo Vasquez

### Wanted

A man attempts to burglarize the same ATM twice, causing more than a thousand dollars damage at an east El Paso Credit Union. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the man through the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." The burglary attempts took place at the GECU located at 12400 Montwood. The first attempt was on the morning of Thanksgiving, November 28, 2013 at 3:11 a.m. The suspect walked up to the ATM dressed in several layers of



clothing in an attempt to conceal their identity. The suspect attempted to pry open the machine and caused more than one thousand dollars in damage. The

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Never give an excuse that you would not be willing to accept.

— Quips & Quotes

## Historic San Eli jail near to opening doors

By Caleb Lara  
and Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario Old County Jail re-opened its doors to the public last summer after being closed for over eleven years. However, the 2013 rains caused exterior damage to the old jailhouse and it once again was closed to the public. The historic adobe building was the first jail built in El Paso County.

The famous jail was utilized one way or another, from when it was constructed in the 1850s until the late 1940s. Now, it functions as a unique attraction for the emerging tourist center in the county's lower valley along the Rio Grande, about 25 miles from today's downtown El Paso.

In 2005, restoration efforts began on the dilapidated jail, and in 2012 the El Paso County's Public Works departments joined the efforts. Partly funded by a grant from the Texas Historical Commission, the total restoration cost was about \$215,000.

The renovated structure is made of adobe bricks and cottonwood logs. Within is the jail (carcel) and courtroom (juzgado). The prefabricated iron jail was made in Chicago and designed for up to six prisoners. Adding to the site's historical significance is that the rear of the jailhouse may have been part of the original defensive presidio, which was built in the late 1700s by the Spanish military.

Perhaps though, what the jail is best known for is that special visit paid to it by the infamous Wild West gunslinger, Billy the Kid.

According to the legend, Billy had just heard



— Photo by Caleb Lara

**LEGENDARY** – Billy the Kid has been part of the jail's legacy since 1876. The Kid's visit to the jail is marked by a sculpture of him next to the jail. The plaque, in part, reads: "ACCORDING TO LEGEND WILLIAM H BONNEY FAMED OUTLAW "BILLY THE KID" FREED THE ONLY MAN TO EVER ESCAPE FROM THE OLD EL PASO COUNTY JAIL MELQUIADES SEGURA IN LATE NOVEMBER 1876". It was dedicated to the San Elizario Historic Society on March 18, 2012 by local sculptor G. Jaquez Calderon.

that his friend, Melquiades Segura, was in jail in San Elizario. The Kid lived by the old cowboy code and was loyal to his friends; therefore, on a fall night of November 1876, he rode off on his horse from the Mesilla, New Mexico area to San Elizario to help his friend.

Arriving at three in the morning, the kid knocked on the jailhouse door and speaking in

Spanish posed as a Texas Ranger. He claimed to have two prisoners with him, and when they opened the door they found themselves face to face with Billy and his gun. Soon after the guards were being locked up in their own jail. It is said that Billy threw away the key as

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## Humanities grant supports museum's efforts

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, recently awarded the El Paso Museum of Archaeology a grant for \$1,000 to support speakers and exhibits that are scheduled through August.

The grant, for instance, will help support the museum's next temporary exhibit, entitled *The Living Mask Making Tradition of the Rarámuri/Tarahumara*. Curator for this unique show is Kitty Alice Snead, a photographer, videographer, and ethnographer who is based in Dallas.

Snead's twenty photographs, two videos, two masks, and Rarámuri artifacts from the museum's collection will be on display beginning February 22 through August 31. Snead is also scheduled to give a special presentation on the exhibit, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 22.

Additionally, the state funds helped sponsor two recent speakers who explored the ancient Hohokam culture as part of the *Pieces of the Puzzle* exhibit, which is currently on view



— Photo courtesy of Kitty Alice Snead

**OLD ART RENEWED** – An unidentified man carves a Rarámuri chapeyoko mask. The subject of Kitty Alice Snead's upcoming exhibit is the re-introduction of the iconic Chapeyoko mask in a remote Rarámuri village where it had not been shown in a Matechine dance in fifty years.

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**Veterans Post** By Freddy Groves

# VA appeals pile up

What makes the news is how quickly the Department of Veterans is paring down (or not paring down) its pile of disability claims, and those past the 125-day mark. We've heard about the mandatory overtime for VA claims personnel, and VA chief Eric Shinseki's often-repeated desire to get those claims under control by 2015. All well and good.

But there's one part of the process we don't hear much about: the backlog of appeals. Those numbers are growing at an astronomical rate, and it's believed they will double over the next four years. At this point, the number stands at more than a quarter-million appeals.

Allsup, the group that provides compliance and appeal services to those on VA and Social Security disability, ran the numbers. Appeals claims have shot up 78 percent since 2008. The top three cities for backlog of appeals claims are St. Petersburg, Fla. (22,581), Houston (16,725) and Atlanta (14,334). Taking it by state, the top three are Texas (30,993), Florida (22,581) and California (17,134).

Your best bet: Do your part, when you file a claim, make it complete the first time out. Don't make processors ask for anything that you haven't provided. Be sure to submit what they call a Fully Developed Claim, one that certifies you have no further evidence. Veteran Service Organizations have sent members out to be trained in working with the FDCs. Make use of their services to ensure that your claim is as solid as possible. Open your claim online at eBenefits.va.gov (the VSO can help if you don't have a computer).

If you have an existing claim, and if they ask for more information, get it to them quickly.

Do everything you can to see that the VA has no excuse to shove your claim off to the appeals pile, where you could have a very long wait.

*Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.*

**Finances** By Jason Alderman

# How to spot a bad moving company

Moving is already traumatic and expensive enough; the last thing you want to worry about is getting ripped off by your mover. Yet each year, the Better Business Bureau receives thousands of complaints against moving companies, mostly alleging lost or damaged property, not showing up on time, overcharging – or, in extreme cases, stealing or holding customers' possessions hostage while demanding more money than originally agreed upon.

Before you spend hundreds or thousands of dollars and entrust your valuables with strangers, here are a few tips for ensuring a positive moving experience, as well as scams to avoid:

Screen potential movers. All companies that do interstate moves must be registered with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (www.protectyourmove.gov). You can use its search engine to screen for complaints, safety information and company contact information by company name or by the state where its primary business office is located.

Moving companies that don't cross state lines aren't governed by federal regulations, but rather, by individual state laws. Go to the State/Local Resources tab at FMCSA's site for links to each state's regulatory resources. Also make sure the company has at least a satisfactory rating from the Better Business Bureau.

Get written estimates. No reputable mover would ever give a firm estimate by phone or Internet, sight-unseen. Always insist on in-home inspections of your household goods and detailed, written estimates from at least three to five moving companies so you can get a sense of true market rates.

Movers need to know how much stuff you have, whether particularly heavy, valuable or awkward pieces need to be moved, if stairs are involved, and many other details that will affect their costs. Beware if an estimate is significantly less: This is a common ruse by unscrupulous companies to bind you to their service,

then later hit you up for hidden fees – perhaps even refusing to unload your furnishings until you pay up.

By law, movers must assume liability for the value of property they transport. Ask for proof your mover has insurance and make sure you understand what's covered. Base-line coverage they should provide is called "released-value protection." It's free, but if something is lost or broken, they only have to pay you 60 cents per pound. For an additional fee you can purchase "full-value protection," where the mover must repair, replace or provide cash settlement for damaged items. Also consider third-party moving insurance.

A few additional tips:

- Ask if the moving company will handle the entire move itself or hire subcontractors. Apply the same due diligence to any subcontractors.
- Ask whether crewmembers are employees or temporary hires and ask to see verification of background checks, either way.
- Ask to see the company's "tariff," which outlines the maximum costs and how they're calculated, as well as a list of all items for which you could face additional charges.
- Be suspicious if the mover asks for a large cash deposit or full payment in advance. Also, don't make the final payment until you're sure everything was delivered undamaged.
- Be wary if the company's website has no local address or license and insurance information, they refuse to put everything in writing or they use an unmarked truck rather than a company-owned vehicle.

Interstate movers are required by law to give you a copy of the FMCSA's booklet, "Your Rights and Responsibilities When You Move." Even if your move is only local, be sure to read it for valuable tips.

*Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.*

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## Serrata attends White House higher education summit in DC

El Paso Community College (EPCC) President, Dr. William Serrata, attended the College Presidents' Summit in Washington DC on January 16, 2014. Hosted by President Barack Obama and First Lady, Michelle Obama, the summit focused on launching a plan of action for increasing college opportunity for low-income and disadvantaged students. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan was also in attendance. Duncan visited El Paso in September 2013 and saw first-hand the work being done in programs like Mathways, Statway and Achieving the Dream at EPCC to increase the college-going culture. White House studies conclude that "nationally, one in four students in developmental classes will earn an associate's degree."

- Jim Heiney



## Grant

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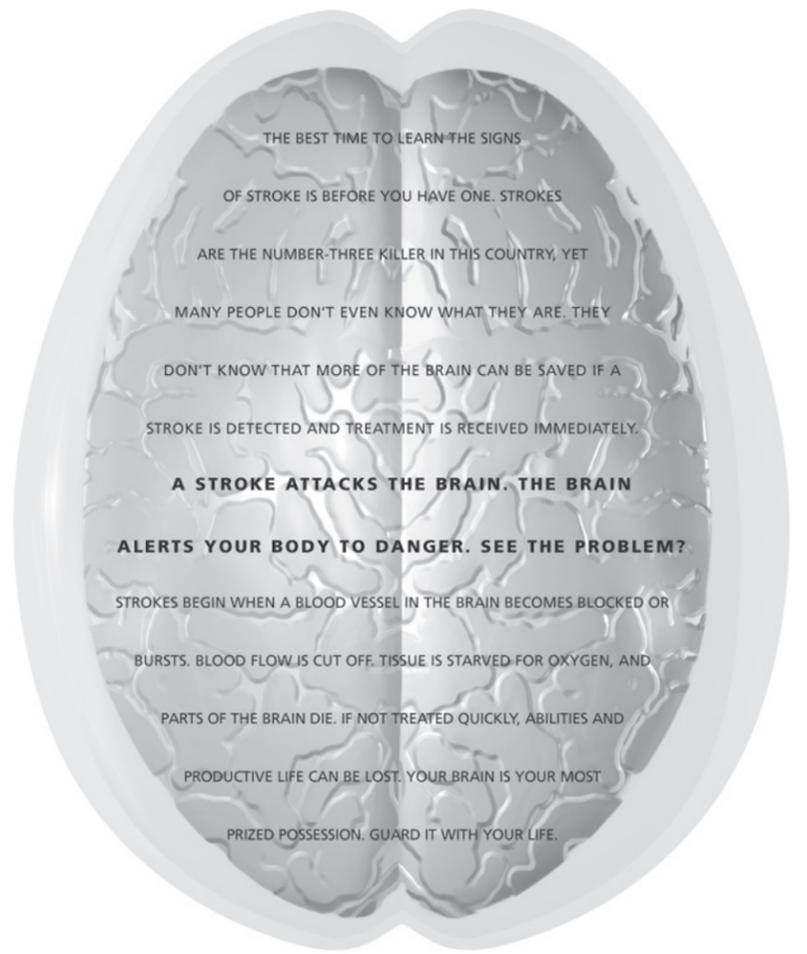
through February 8 at the museum. Dr. Jerry Howard discussed the Ancient Engineers of the Salt River Valley of Arizona; and in another demonstration, Dr. Jeff Clark presented data from his research, called *Migrants and Mounds: Late Precontact Archaeology of the San Pedro Valley of Southeast Arizona*.

A free tour of the Pieces of the Puzzle exhibit is scheduled from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, February 1. The archaeology museum's curator of education Marilyn Guida will conduct the tour. The exhibit was created by Archaeology Southwest and the Pueblo Grande Museum,

both based in Arizona.

The exhibit focuses on the Hohokam culture, which is famous for its massive agricultural irrigation canal system- the largest in the prehistoric Americas. "For all their accomplishments, however, this ancient culture puzzles archaeologists because over time they expanded in population and then, about 550 years ago, suffered a major population decline," Guida explained.

The museum, which is located in Northeast El Paso on Transmountain Road, is able to provide these events free of charge to the public because of the support from agencies like Humanities Texas, the City of El Paso, and the El Paso Archaeological Society, stated the education curator.



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second attempt was on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 at 3:07 a.m. The suspect, in both cases, used a blue scarf to conceal the face from the view of surveillance cameras. Investigators know that someone knows the identity of the suspect involved in these attempted burglaries. Anyone with any information on this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS). Anyone having any information about the suspect involved in this case is asked to, contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org) or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

- Javier Sambrano

# Home maintenance checklist can help save money

(StatePoint) With a little easy home maintenance throughout the year, you can prevent emergency repairs down the line. Experts recommend posting a task checklist in a convenient location, such as on the refrigerator or a corkboard.

"Maintenance is usually a lot simpler than a repair, and a lot more affordable," says Chris Terrill, CEO of HomeAdvisor, a leading website offering resources for home repair and improvement projects. "Keep a checklist handy during the entire year, so you don't forget any timely tasks."

Here are six tasks HomeAdvisor recommends not to forget to complete each year:

- On a quarterly basis, test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Not only will doing so protect the safety of your family in the event of an emergency, it can also protect your pocketbook. The average national cost of repairing fire and smoke damage is \$4,195.

- Twice a year, clean your gutters and downspouts. To prevent damage, the downspout needs to be free of debris so it can release water three feet from your home's foundation. The average national cost of cleaning the gutter and downspout is \$181. However, the average national cost of repairing the foundation of a house can cost up to 24 times that amount.

- In the cooler months, take a day each year to check caulking for cracks, especially around tubs and



- Photo by Andrey Popov

**CHECK IT TWICE – Using a maintenance list throughout the year helps homeowners save money by addressing issues before they become big problems.**

showers. Cracks can let in water with no place for drainage, which will cause damage.

- Every fall complete an annual roof inspection to help prevent the need for major repairs or a roof replacement. The average national cost of hiring a roof inspector is \$360, whereas the average cost of replacing a roof is nearly 19 times that amount.

- Before the dog days of summer, hire a professional to service your HVAC unit. Doing so will

increase its efficiency and prevent a breakdown. The cost of replacing and installing an air conditioning unit can cost more than 13 times the amount of servicing one.

- Annually check for cracks in the grout of tile floors, which can allow water to seep into the floor and cause mold growth and rot. According to HomeAdvisor's Cost Guide the average national cost of repairing tile and grout is \$439. However, the cost of testing and removing mold can be up to four times that amount.

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# Baseball slowly slides into 20th century technology

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Since I was in high school about 35 years ago (and yes, man had already discovered fire by then) we've had many technological advances.

When I graduated from high school the whole idea of a personal computer was just "hippie talk."

Since then we've had the invent of the cell phone, flat screen TVs, the internet, changes in photo processing, touch screens, CDs, DVDs, GPS systems, electronic voting, 24-hour news, sports and weather, e-mail, texting, electronic cars, game consoles, wireless everything, online shopping, iPods, movies and music on the run, and countless other goodies that makes our lives easier.

And because of these amazing advances, corporations, governments and individuals have taken these ideas and advanced them to wherever their imaginations could take them.

Every day you hear of one advancement or another being made available to the masses and like starving lions at lunchtime, people rush to devour these new toys off the shelves.

And smart progressive-thinking entities have taken this technology and quickly incorporated it into their manufacturing, distribution or marketing techniques to advance their productivity.

Even in the world of sports, technology has played a major role in advancing its popularity.

Advances in equipment, apparel, record keeping, stadium construction, medical research, training techniques and broadcasting have made athletic competition more popular than ever.

The biggest technological advancement athletics has gone through is in the part of the game that can affect the outcome the most - officiating.

One by one, sports around the world have gone to digital video technology to make sure vital calls are accurate.

Though not completely 100-percent reliable, the video evidence gets the call correct a great amount of the time.

And though it makes complete sense to take advantage of technology that improves the outcome of the sport, the once grand old game of baseball fought tooth and nail against it for years.

But proving that even the dumbest among us will eventually get it right at some point, Major League Baseball announced last week that it has agreed to admit that there actually is a 21st century and they will use instant replay technology this summer.

In a related story, MLB also reluctantly announced that it is changing its stances on other topics. It said it no longer believes the Earth is flat, that Dewey did in fact lose to Truman, that Santa Claus may not be exactly who he claims and that the moon landings may have indeed occurred after all.

However, they also announced that they still can't believe it's not butter.

The baseball big wigs announced that replay will be allowed for almost every play except for balls and strikes, which I can see.

The one call that will not be reviewable is the "in the neighborhood" play at second base. You know the play, where the second baseman or shortstop is close to the bag on a double play as they throw to first.

Why should there be an "in the neighborhood" play anywhere in baseball? Either a guy is out or he's safe. If we were playing hand grenades I could understand it, but not in baseball.

Anyway, a manager will have a challenge they can make if they disagree with a call. If they get it right they will receive a second opportunity to challenge.

After the sixth inning, the guys in the booth will make the determination whether a call needs to be reviewed.

Especially intriguing is the fact that those controversial plays must be shown on the big video screens at the games so the fans can see the play.

How cool is that? Are you listening UTEP?

At Miner games, only replays that make UTEP look good are shown. Any great plays by the other team are never shown. And controversial replays are out of the question.

What MLB is doing is great for the fans who pay a hefty amount of money to attend the games.

Though baseball came to its replay realization kicking and screaming, the fact that they've joined the rest of us here in the future is a plus.

Who knows, the game might make other changes to its slow play that most young people find boring.

And for goodness sake, get the coaches out of those uniforms.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### There are limits

A director was on the phone... and he wasn't happy. The young, aspiring actor on the other end of the line clearly was concerned. The rest of us in the room, in various states of slumber after a long night that led to us crashing on a few couches, were eating cold pizza and watching

SportsCenter.

"Yes, sir! She stayed here last night, we thought it was better than taking the subway or... yes, sir... no, sir... of course, sir!"

There was a pause - a "beat" in the screenwriter's parlance.

"Aye, Mr. Scorsese... there are

limits!" At that, he hung up the phone, turned to face all of us, now fully awake and in stunned silence.

"I had to draw the line," he said. "Washington Heights isn't a bad neighborhood anymore! Alex Rodriguez is from here!"

Because timing is everything, Alex Rodriguez gets mentioned on SportsCenter at that very moment. The announcers are not talking about one of his major contracts or his eye-popping statistics (even then... and this was around the

turn of the century), they were discussing allegations of doping, drug use, hiring high-priced call-girls, breaking up families and bad-mouthing Saint Derek Jeter and the Yankees organization.

"Maybe that's not something you should be bragging about," we offered.

Years later, I'm back in New York and A-Rod is back on TV. This time he is the subject of a post-NFL playoff game edition of "60 Minutes." Once again, his career numbers - now at jaw-dropping levels - are not the subject being discussed. There is a guy on screen who claims he injected A-Rod with testosterone and hormones. He alerts the audience to the fact that A-Rod did drugs that resembled candy on the dugout steps, during games, and that these so-called designer drugs run through your system so fast you won't test

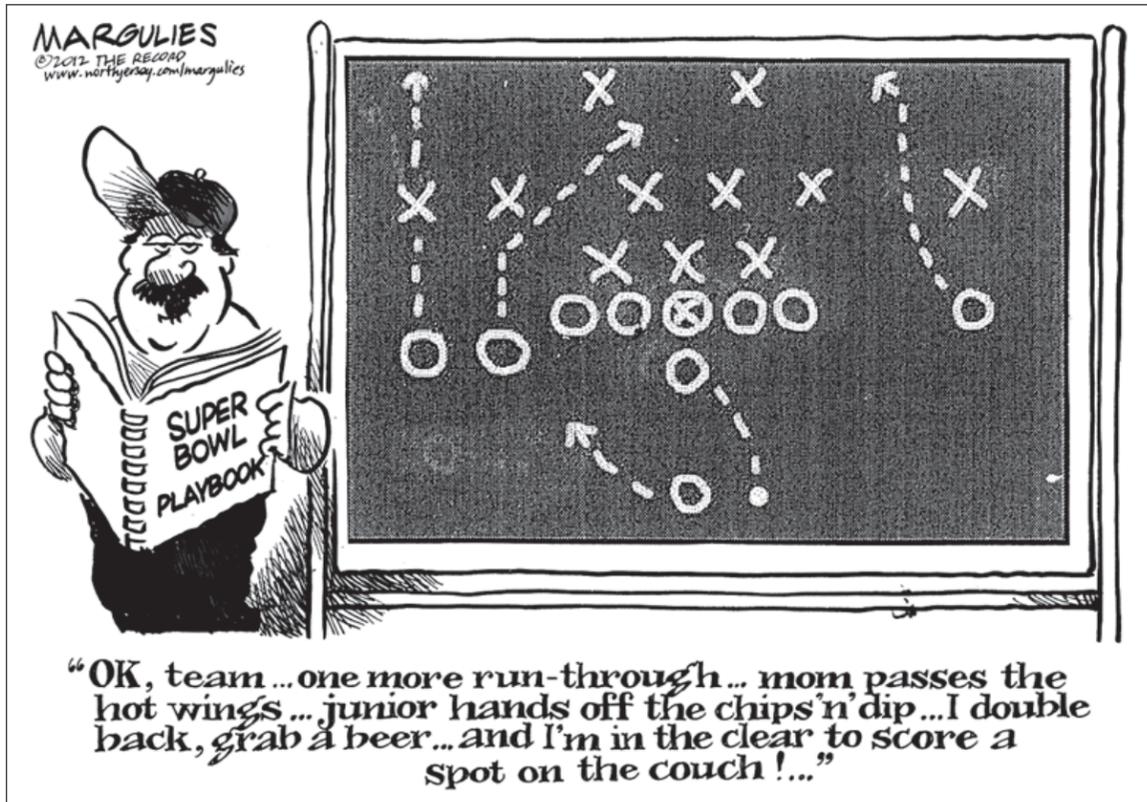
positive three hours later... in other words, the drugs last only as long as the game.

A-Rod has been suspended for 162 games, or as others may see it, 162 days of drug use whereupon he was due to be paid \$25 million plus to swing a stick at a ball. He put up, despite his reputation, the second-best numbers in baseball history... but nobody will remember a single moment of his exploits on the field. In fact, I suspect we will never see him play again.

I don't know what became of that actor's career, but I can tell you with assurance that his career has more of an upside than Alex Rodriguez's right now. And New York Yankee fans could not care less.

There are, after all, limits.

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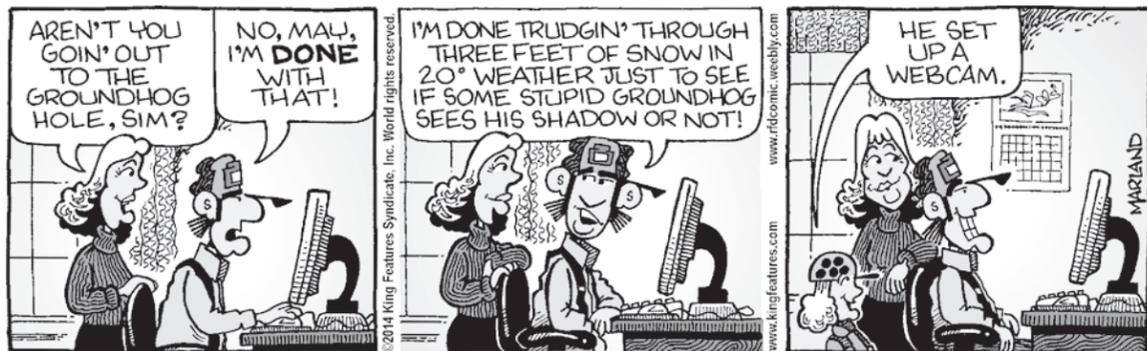
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## Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 71 years old and have been diagnosed with chronic heart failure. In October of last year, I had triple bypass surgery, but now I'm in good health. Some things I have read about chronic heart failure are unnerving. Will you give me your take on what lies ahead for me? – S.T.*

keeps you active to the level that your heart can tolerate. Walking is one example, but more strenuous exercise is encouraged when your heart becomes stronger. You should be on a low-salt diet.

You ought not to be discouraged about your outlook. The life span of people with congestive heart failure has increased by 15 percent in men and by 5 percent in women in just the past decade. The increment in women's life span is smaller because women live longer, on average, than men.

Heart failure, chronic heart failure and congestive heart failure are the same condition. It's one of the most common reasons why older people are hospitalized. The basic problem is that the heart has become so weak that it circulates blood poorly. Such poor circulation permits fluid to ooze out of blood vessels and "congest" tissues in the feet, ankles and lower legs. The lungs fill with fluid, which brings on heart failure's cardinal feature – gasping for breath on even slight exertion.

Readers can order the booklet on congestive heart failure by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 103W, 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.

Other signs of heart failure are breathlessness when lying in bed, heart enlargement, seen on X-rays, and the doctor's discovery of lung sounds that indicate the lungs have fluid in them.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My EKG report, sent to me, says "left axis deviation." Is that a big deal? – M.Y.*

Numerous conditions lead to heart failure. At the top of the list is coronary artery disease, the blockage of heart arteries that often brings on a heart attack. This must be why your heart failed. You did have surgery to correct blocked heart arteries, but they did their damage well before surgery took place. Heart valve problems, high blood pressure and atrial fibrillation are other causes of heart failure.

It means that that electric signal originating in the upper heart chamber and responsible for each heartbeat takes a different route to reach the lower heart chambers, the pumping chambers.

Medicines usually can get the heart beating with greater vigor and can lessen or abolish most symptoms. Anything that affects heart function must be treated. High blood pressure, for example, has to be lowered.

In the absence of symptoms, it's not a dangerous thing. You don't have to dwell on it. I take it you have a doctor who ordered the EKG. That doctor will follow up to see if you have any hidden heart trouble. The condition is not an emergency situation.

You might think that inactivity is best for your heart – it isn't. Your doctor will outline a program that

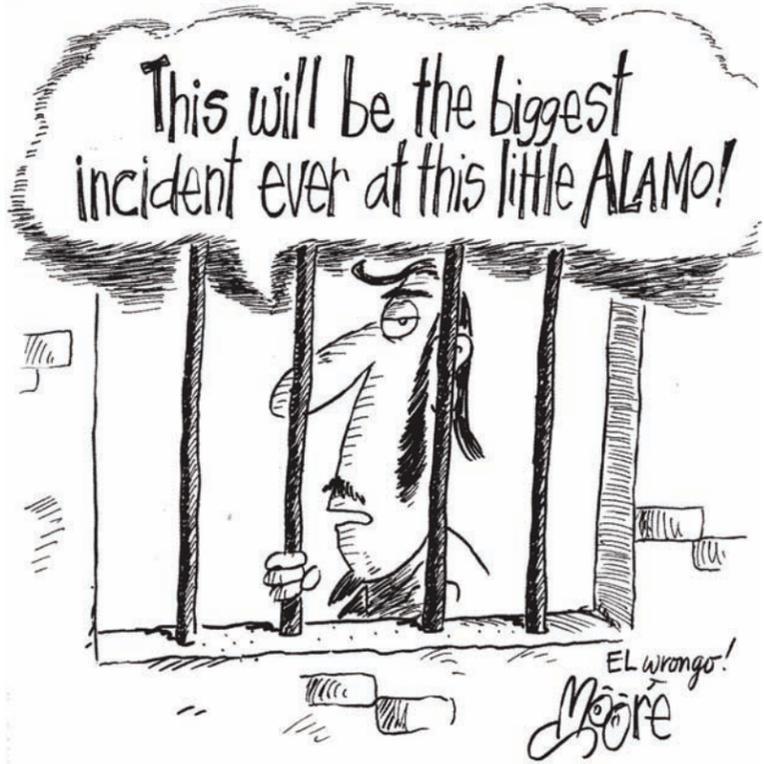
*Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

# Super Crossword

- AFTERWORDS**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Ecstatic joy
  - 8 Injured
  - 15 Heart chambers
  - 20 Baseball's "Hebrew Hammer"
  - 21 The U.S., south of the U.S. border
  - 22 Bucking horse
  - 23 Two words that might follow BUTTER...
  - 25 Arledge of TV
  - 26 Guess as to takeoff: Abbr.
  - 27 Shortcoming
  - 28 Yoga pad
  - 29 Not as bright
  - 30 The Louvre, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 32 Stephen of films
  - 33 SPORTS...
  - 36 HARD...
  - 39 Get choked by, as food
  - 40 Baseballer David a.k.a. "Big Papi"
  - 41 Secrete milk
  - 45 Discontinued
  - 48 \_ Moines, Iowa
  - 49 Congo River feeder
  - 53 Modify formally
  - 55 Spain's longest river
  - 56 STORM...
  - 59 Winning line in tic-tac-toe
  - 60 To be, to Jacques
  - 63 " \_ in the bag!"
  - 64 \_-pah-pah band
  - 65 Begin the cruise
  - 67 \_ play (a simple job)
  - 69 Country music resort city in Missouri
  - 73 Tenor Jan
  - 74 More piquant
  - 76 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.
  - 77 Some toy batteries
  - 79 "An apple ...."
  - 80 Summer, to the French
  - 81 AIR...
  - 86 Castle-circling ditch
  - 88 Roman 553
  - 89 What the Tin Woodman asked for
  - 90 Derek and Diddley
  - 93 Sleep disorder
  - 95 Toss in some seasoning
  - 97 Plain as day
  - 99 Buddhism's \_ Lama
  - 101 POWER...
  - 105 BLUE...
  - 110 Critical hosp. ward
  - 111 Part of RSVP
  - 112 Having disembarked
  - 113 Pluralized -y
  - 114 Becomes smelting waste
  - 116 Letter before theta
  - 118 Hipbone part
  - 119 HAND...
  - 123 Get the suds out of
  - 124 10th-century German king
  - 125 Most pointless
  - 126 See 44-Down
  - 127 Maximally massive
  - 128 Certifies (to)
- DOWN**
- 1 Rally or relay
  - 2 Far greater
  - 3 Pieces of merchandise
  - 4 "Tik \_" (2009 #1 hit for Keshia)
  - 5 "Catch \_ You Can" (Dave Clark Five song)
  - 6 Gain back, as trust
  - 7 Took place as a result
  - 8 Left
  - 9 Aged
  - 10 Mom's bro
  - 11 " \_ Rae" (1979 film)
  - 12 Gloomy, in poetry
  - 13 Les \_-Unis
  - 14 Rep.'s foe
  - 15 Abbreviate
  - 16 Tuba's kin
  - 17 SCHOOL...
  - 18 Central
  - 19 Computers such as the Aspire and Extensa
  - 24 Banned apple spray
  - 29 Gene stuff
  - 31 Enjoy a slope
  - 33 Offed
  - 34 "LA Ink" channel
  - 35 Liaisons
  - 36 Car axle, e.g.
  - 37 France's Côte d' \_
  - 38 Gymnastics great Korbut
  - 42 Qdoba items
  - 43 "Take \_" (office order)
  - 44 With 126-Across, multiple-gear bicycle
  - 46 Beethoven's Third
  - 47 "Tom \_" (1958 #1 hit)
  - 50 Cap. of the Gem State
  - 51 Pantry insect
  - 52 Fed. crash investigator
  - 54 Far out from the coast
  - 56 Sensed
  - 57 Film director Stanley
  - 58 I-90, e.g.
  - 60 Itchy skin condition
  - 61 Up-and-comer's eventual goal
  - 62 SUN...
  - 66 Sewing line
  - 68 "What's the \_?" ("Who cares?")
  - 70 Changed the décor of
  - 71 Writer Nin
  - 72 Of the entire U.S., e.g.
  - 75 Installed anew, as a carpet
  - 78 Shape of a parenthesis
  - 82 Hat, in slang
  - 83 Ken and G.I. Joe, say
  - 84 In \_ (unmoved)
  - 85 Give \_ to (approve)
  - 87 Coffee shop's cousin
  - 90 Has faith
  - 91 Non-written exam
  - 92 Pigs' hangout
  - 94 Freaked out
  - 96 iPhone extra
  - 98 #2 corp. execs
  - 100 Suffix with hex-
  - 102 Adorn richly
  - 103 Maine national park
  - 104 Guitarist Ted
  - 105 Carnivals
  - 106 Suffolk County town
  - 107 Metropolis, in Milan
  - 108 Microwaves, say
  - 109 Ain't right?
  - 114 Vexed state
  - 115 Crate piece
  - 117 Part of A&E
  - 119 Like kings: Abbr.
  - 120 Vegas cube
  - 121 " \_ for Alibi" (Sue Grafton book)
  - 122 Suffix with Ernest

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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore Jan 23, 1811  
**Rebels jail the Spanish Governor in the Alamo during the Mexican Revolution.**



**Social Security Q&A** By Ray Vigil

**Q:** I receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Can my children receive benefits because I receive SSI?

**A:** No. SSI benefits are based on the needs of the individual and are only paid to the qualifying person. There are no benefits payable to spouses, children or survivors as there are with Social Security benefits. For more information, see our publication, *Supplemental Security Income*, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs). For even more information, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Q:** I am receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Can my children receive dependent's benefits based on my benefits?

**A:** No. SSI benefits are based on the needs of one individual and are paid only to the qualifying person. Disabled children are potentially eligible for SSI, but there are no spouse's, dependent children's, or survivors benefits payable as there are with Social Security benefits. For more information, see our publication, *Supplemental Security Income (SSI)*, available online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/)

Simply type the title of the publication in the publication search box on the left side of the page. You also may want to read *Understanding Supplemental Security Income (SSI)*, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-understanding-ssi.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-understanding-ssi.htm). For even more information, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

**Q:** I worked for the last 10 years and I now have my 40 credits. Does this mean that I get the maximum Social Security retirement benefit?

**A:** Probably not. The 40 credits are the minimum number you need to qualify for retirement benefits. However, we do not base your benefit amount on those credits; it's based on your earnings over a lifetime of work. To learn more about how you earn Social Security credits and how they work, read or listen to our publication *How You Earn Credits*, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

For information on the questions listed above, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://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, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**  
 By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted Irish author and wit Oscar Wilde who made the following sage observation: "There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it."

- The very first CD of a musical recording was made in 1982. The album was "The Visitors" by Swedish pop superstars ABBA.

- Immigrants arriving at New York's Ellis Island in the early years (1892-1920s) were given bananas to eat. Many had never seen a banana and didn't know how to eat one – some ate the whole thing, peel and all.

- In the small African nation of Swaziland, the Civil Aviation Authority has set a ceiling of 500 feet on light aircraft. These aircraft, as well as kites and remote controlled toys, are not allowed to go above that limit. Also included in the category of light aircraft are broomsticks. Any witch who flies on a broomstick above that limit is subject to a fine of more than \$50,000 and possible arrest.

- If you're thinking about moving to another country, you might want to consider Finland. In that country, employees are offered, on average, 44 paid vacation days every year. Of course, you might want to consider that even in the warm southwestern part of the country, winters last about 100 days, with snow covering the ground from mid-October to early May.

- The name of the state of Iowa (unsurprisingly) comes from a Native American language. The original word, "ayuxba," means "sleepy ones."

- Early science-fiction author E.E. "Doc" Smith wasn't just a writer; he also was an engineer. He's the guy who figured out how to get powdered sugar to stick to doughnuts.

Thought for the Day: "To be capable of embarrassment is the beginning of moral consciousness. Honor grows from qualms."  
 – John Leonard

**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.

	-		+		9
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-		-		x	
	-		x		1
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**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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**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: Y equals T

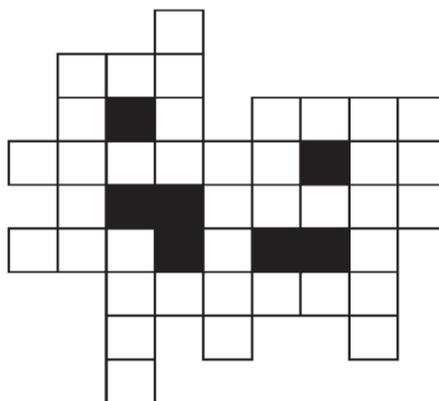
VHLLFVTMC YPWY WM WMTZWN  
 PWV WM HMXNGZTVPGI  
 LGITCDGG, ZTCPY EFH VWE TY'V  
 TM W XDGI NTMG?

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- SYE
- RUNETH
- TUVAN
- ♥TBSU
- ♥ESEVEL
- HYE
- ♥DOSH
- ♥NEATO
- ETB
- SNYTER
- VAHEL
- ♥EGYR



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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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