



NEWSBRIEFS

EPAS Christmas Party

El Paso Archaeological Society (EPAS) will hold its annual Christmas Party, beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, December 17, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. Individuals attending the party are asked to bring a main dish, salad, side dish, hors d'oeuvres, or dessert to share. EPAS will provide plates, napkins, utensils, and cups, as well as punch. Members and friends are cordially invited. EPAS, founded in 1922, is a non-profit group. Membership is open to individuals and organizations interested in anthropology, archaeology, and in the preservation of prehistoric and historic cultural resources. Members meet regularly, receive a monthly newsletter, and a copy of the annual publication, *The Artifact*. The Christmas party is a good time to renew one's membership or become a new member, according to Fernando Arias, EPAS media specialist. For more information visit the EPAS website at <http://epas.com/membership.htm>.

— Alfredo Vasquez

Ultimate E-car

The engineers at Chevrolet have built an all-electric car that will allow you to travel far and wide, an EPA-estimated 238 miles, on a single charge, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. The company says it will have a price tag starting at \$37,495 and would be eligible for a Federal tax credit of \$7,500. It's not a concept car. In fact, the Chevrolet Bolt will go on sale in some parts of the country later this year and will have a nationwide roll out in 2017.

Basketball registration

The El Paso Lobos are a non-profit organization that provides basketball opportunities to areas that are underserved such as Socorro, Clint, San Elizario and Fabens. The Lobos are currently recruiting players for the following age groups: Co-Ed 1st and 2nd Grade, 5th Grade Boys, 5th and 6th Grade Girls, and 8th Grade Boys. All teams will participate in local leagues and tournaments. All practices take place at Socorro

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Wise is the man that fortifies his life with friendships.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

HEAVY USE – Traffic is backed up at the intersection of Eastlake Blvd. and Rojas Rd. on a recent Saturday afternoon. Road upgrades are on their way in far east El Paso County to address Eastlake's mounting traffic problems. Area commuters can expect the boulevard's expansion project to go into full-swing early next year.

Eastlake expansion gets green light

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Progress on the construction project to expand Eastlake Boulevard between Darrington Road and Horizon Boulevard in Horizon City is expected to accelerate early next year, according to El Paso County officials.

The multi-million dollar development involves a three-party partnership agreement that was ratified recently among the county, Horizon City, and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA).

The agreement fast-tracked the project, as the contract allows the county to pay for the \$19 million project upfront from its vehicle registration fee fund and specifies that Horizon City will pay \$4.7 million back to the CRRMA with interest over

20 years. The county currently has a pact with the CRRMA which gives the agency the management duties for county projects funded by the vehicle registration fee.

The county's far east project consists of reconstructing and widening Eastlake Boulevard to accommodate six lanes from Darrington Road through Horizon Boulevard. Completion date for the work has yet to be determined.

County officials anticipate that the road expansion will help alleviate commuters' current transportation challenges that are increasing along this stretch of the boulevard due to that area's significant population growth.

The Eastlake expansion project is part of the county's comprehensive mobility plan, according to County Judge Veronica Escobar. In December 2013, commissioners court, along with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

representatives, developed a \$400 million County Comprehensive Mobility Plan that included numerous projects throughout the county.

The plan, which consists of partnerships with TxDOT and CRRMA, is designed to address long overdue transportation infrastructure upgrades that are vital to the eastside communities' growing needs, the county judged stated.

Besides Eastlake Blvd., the plan's other road construction projects in that area include Mission Ridge Boulevard (Pellicano Drive to Eastlake Blvd); Rojas Drive (Loop 375 to Eastlake Blvd); Old Hueco Tanks Road (I-10 to North Loop Drive); Darrington Road (Pellicano Drive to Eastlake Blvd); Vista del Sol Drive (Loop 375 to Cherrington Road); Aguilera International Highway Phase II (Alameda Avenue to I-10); and Greg Road (Vista del Este to Mike Price).



UPGRADES COMING – Eastlake Boulevard is slated to undergo major improvements. The boulevard's proposed expansion project is part of the county's comprehensive mobility plan, which will address vital transportation infrastructure needs for this region's rapidly growing communities. The U.S. Census Bureau data show that the population of areas in El Paso County that are outside the City of El Paso's boundaries grew from 113,118 in 2000 to 151,126 in 2010. The jump is nearly double the rate of growth inside the city limits.

Finances By Nathaniel Sillin

Focus on credit factors, not credit scores

You should want to know your credit score. After all, your credit can be incredibly important to your financial future. It could impact your likelihood of getting approved for a loan and the interest rate you'll get on new financial products. However, understanding the factors that influence your credit score can be even more important than knowing the score itself.

There are five key factors that influence your credit scores. Fair Isaac Corporation's FICO credit scores are used for most lending decisions in the U.S., and the latest FICO base scoring model has a 300 to 850 range. The score depends on the information in a person's credit report, and the lower the score the more likely the person is to pay late.

Past credit mistakes can stay on your reports for seven to 10 years. While the impact of negative marks diminishes over time, the credit-building process can be slow. However, just as a rising tide lifts all boats, improving your core credit factors could help raise all your scores over time.

FICO shares the five key factors that you should focus on to build healthy credit and the approximate weighting of each.

1. Payment history – 35 percent. A history of on-time payments can help your credit, while late payments, collection accounts, bankruptcies or other negative payment-related items could hurt it.

Some types of accounts, such as utility or mobile phone contracts, don't generally report positive activity (on-time payments) to credit bureaus. But if the account gets sent to collections, that could still hurt your credit.

You might want to open

an account that reports your payments to the credit bureaus if you don't already have one (you can call the issuer and ask). Some people start with a secured credit card or a credit-builder loan from a credit union, but consider what type of account best fits your situation.

2. Amounts owed – 30 percent. The amount you owe versus your available credit, known as your utilization rate, is another important factor. A lower utilization rate often leads to better credit.

If you're able to pay down credit card debt, that could quickly improve your utilization rate. Increasing your cards' credit limits and keeping credit cards open even when you don't regularly use them could also help.

3. Length of credit history – 15 percent. FICO looks at the age of your oldest account, newest account and average age of all your accounts. A longer history is usually better than a short one.

Keeping accounts open, and ideally in good standing, can help you increase your length of credit history. Even when you close an account it will remain on your reports and count towards your credit history for seven to 10 years.

4. New credit – 10 percent. The new credit section considers

how many new accounts you have, what types of accounts they are and recent inquiries into your credit.

Hard inquiries generally occur when someone requests your credit report to make a lending decision or rental screening. A single inquiry will generally drop your score by a few points for several months, while multiple inquiries could have a larger negative impact.

However, credit-scoring agencies let you shop for a loan without a penalty. Multiple hard inquiries for some types of loans, such as auto loans, could count as a single inquiry for credit-scoring purposes if they occur within a 14- to 45-day period.

Soft inquiry, which can happen when you check your credit or a company pre-qualifies you for an offer, don't hurt your credit at all.

Try not to open new accounts unless you need them and avoid new hard inquiries in the months leading up to applying for an important loan.

5. Credit mix – 10 percent. Your experience with different types of credit, such as revolving credit and installment loans, could impact your score, particularly if there isn't a lot of information in your credit report.

Having at least one credit card could help your credit mix, although that's not necessarily reason enough to apply for a card.

Bottom line: Learn which factors matter the most to your credit scores, and try to make a habit of practicing credit-building behavior. Creating a system that'll help you make on-time payments and only using a small portion of your available credit are good starts.

This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It's always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Social Security, VA join forces

The Department of Veterans Affairs is partnering with Social Security to speed up applications for Social Security disability by sending personal medical information over the Internet. They'll send this information via the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Program. The VA currently sends health info to 775 hospitals, 427 health centers, 142 nursing homes, 8,441 pharmacies and nearly 12,000 clinics. Social Security now joins the list of recipients of personal health data.

If you ever see a community health-care provider, you'll be asked to sign a Form 10-0485 giving permission for your information be shared with the VA over the Internet. Here are a couple of Q&As from a brochure about the program:

• Can I choose to share only certain part of my health information? No, at least not right now.

• Is my information secure? Yes, because it is sent through the Internet using The Sequoia Project's eHealth Exchange. It's a national network for

secure sharing of medical information that covers 50 percent of all hospitals in the U.S.

Here's what I would like to know:

• If the VA and SSA are now working together, will everyone have to sign that consent form to have medical information forwarded over the Internet to the Social Security offices?

• What about the medical opinions of outside doctors who were consulted for VA appeals? Will those files be included, and how?

• If the outside doctor's opinion was used in the Social Security decision to provide disability benefits, will the VA then have to use that information in its own decisions?

• If only an electronic record at the VA exists, how is the veteran to see what is being sent to Social Security?

If you want to know more about this, go online to www.va.gov/VLER

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Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Clint Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 PM, Thursday, December 15, 2016, in the Central Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Clint Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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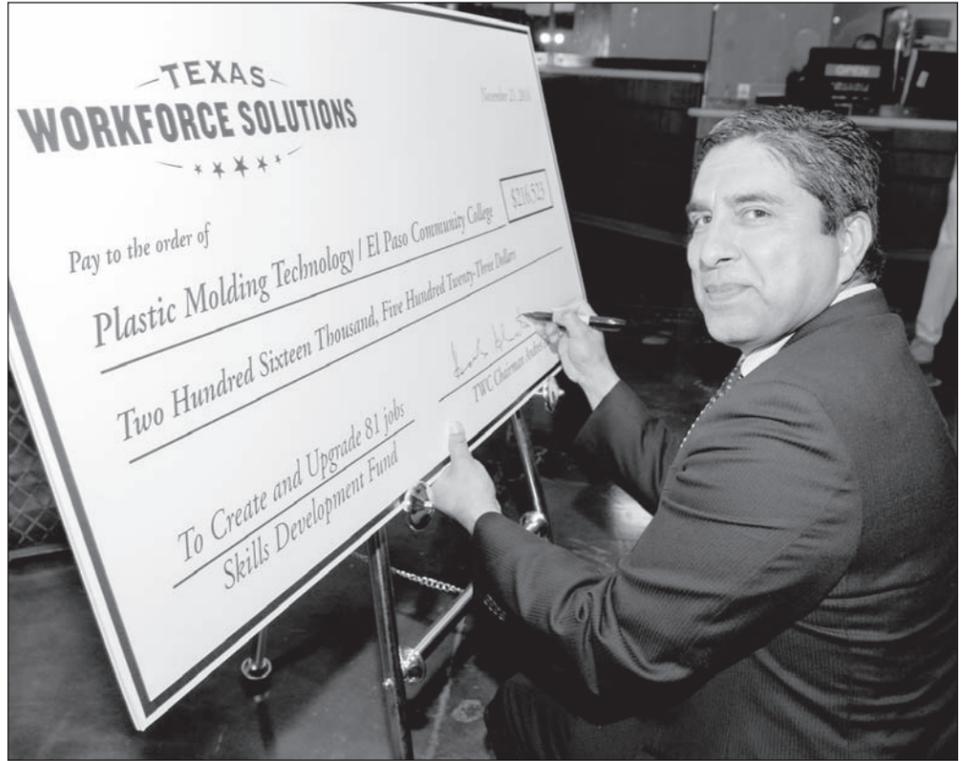
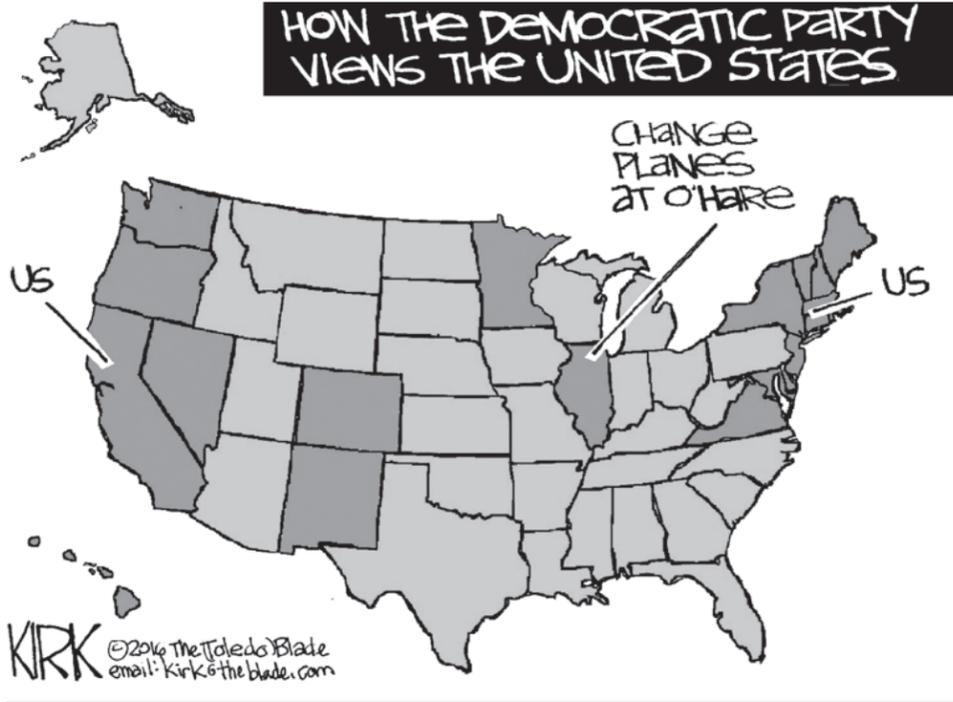
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BIG CHECK – Posing with a ceremonial check is Andres Alcantar. He is the Chairman and Commissioner Representing the Public of the Texas Workforce Commission.

Grants for job training awarded

By Laura Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY—On November 21, 2016 the Texas Workforce Commission presented the 2016 Skills Development Grant Fund Awards to Becton, Dickinson, and Company (BD) and Plastic Molding Technology, Inc., (PMT). BD was presented with a \$335,925 grant and PMT received \$216,523. These companies will partner with El Paso Community College to provide job training and skills development on cutting edge technology and advanced manufacturing. Together these grants will help provide training for 11 new jobs and 198 upgraded jobs for 209 trainees. The partnership between EPCC and these two companies builds on regional efforts to address workforce skills gaps through training, adult education and robust curriculum at local institutions of higher learning.

provides the international healthcare industry with the manufacturing of leading infusion pumps and automated dispensing systems. The company employs nearly 700 individuals and has made over 30 million dollars of investments in El Paso operations. PMT produces precision-engineered, injection-molded plastic components in their state of the art facility here in El Paso, which has recently added a 500-ton molding machine, 5-ton crane system and a 3D printing area.

The Skills Development Fund Grant Program is the state's premier training program. The fund was initiated by the legislature in September of 1995 and first began awarding contracts the year after. The Skills Development Fund Grants have created or upgraded more than 329,000 jobs throughout the Texas and have assisted more than 4,000 employers with training needs. The Legislature allocated \$48.5 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2016-2017 biennium.

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High School. Call or text (915) 328-4699 or (915) 276-7856 Deadline is December 31.

– Alfredo Gonzalez

A 'quick trip'

The first supersonic commercial jet, the Concorde, made its inaugural flight 40 years ago and was taken out of service 13 years ago because, although it traveled at twice the speed of sound, it was too slow to be profitable, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. Now, says AMAC, there's talk from credible sources at NASA and the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of a hypersonic rocket plane that might reach speeds up to seven and half times the speed of sound. There are many who believe business executives, in

particular, would be willing to pay a hefty price for the ability to travel from New York to London in an hour or less or to Tokyo in two hours or less, for example. "That kind of speed would surely make hypersonic travel a profitable business," notes one observer.

– John Grimaldi

Mobile ERs

As older folks grow older conditions may arise that require critical medical attention and, in many cases, getting to an emergency room may be too difficult to manage, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. So a number of hospitals across the country have devised mobile emergency rooms—fully equipped SUV's manned by specially trained paramedics who can deal with a variety of emergencies in a patient's own home.

– John Grimaldi



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Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2015-2016 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) as part of a regular School Board meeting which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at the Canutillo Administrative Offices Board Room, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, TX 79932.

The public is invited to attend. The TAPR report will also be available for review after the hearing at all Canutillo ISD campuses, the central office and at www.canutillo-isd.org.

For more information, call 915-877-7481.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Junta Pública

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tendrá una Reunión Pública para informar sobre el "Reporte de Rendimiento Académica de Texas" (TAPR) del año escolar 2015-2016. El reporte sera parte de la reunión de la Mesa Directiva del distrito programada para el miércoles, 14 de diciembre del 2016 a las 6:00 p.m. en las Oficinas Administrativas de Canutillo en la Sala de Juntas en 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, TX 79932.

Todos los interesados están invitados a asistir. El reporte TAPR estará disponible después de la reunión en todas las escuelas del distrito, en el edificio de las oficinas administrativas y en www.canutillo-isd.org.

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Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Fabens Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2016 in the boardroom of the Fabens ISD Administration Building, 821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Fabens Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Request For Proposals and Qualifications

The Town of Anthony, Texas, seeks to develop an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2017-2018 Community Development Fund for eligible activities associated to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the town is separately soliciting (A) proposals from Administrative Consultants for Application Preparation and Project Administration and (B) qualifications from Texas-Registered Engineers to provide engineering services associated to Application Preparation and Project Implementation. Firms and/or individuals should have past experience with federally funded programs. Please submit a proposal of services and/or a statement of qualifications to:

Proposals submitted for these services must be received by the Town of Anthony no later than 4:30 PM on December 12, 2016, which is at least ten (10) days after this publication and contact dates of RFP/Q. The same firm will not be awarded contracts to provide both services. The town reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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TEXAS AUTO BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Americans should show class and grace in losing

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I like to think of myself as someone who has the ability, and willingness, to change with the times.

There are things that were considered taboo and unacceptable 40 years ago, that I fully accept as the norm today.

But I have to admit that I'm still not one of those "everybody gets a trophy" guys.

I believe that the harder you work, the better you should be compensated; whether that compensation is money, or product, or grades, or wins, or pride, or even respect.

Through experience, I've always learned more from a defeat or a failure, than from any victory.

Those disappointments taught me humility, and tenacity, and clarity, and determination.

It's funny, the only teachers I remember from my youth are the ones who were the toughest on me – because they always believed I could do better and they pushed me to the point that I thought I hated them at the time.

I was too dumb then to recognize their methods; many of which I use today.

I'm kept up to date on today's youth from my millennial son, who is wise beyond his years.

Of course he joins his generation in lockstep support of Bernie Sanders, and shared in his friends' alarming show of disappointment of Hillary Clinton, and then Donald Trump.

But he also chastises his generation for not being able to take the defeat with maturity. The way he put it was that millennials had never suffered political defeat. They've been handed everything and this sudden setback was an utter shock to the system.

It's like they're coming to the realization that they actually may not get their trophy.

For the first time they're realizing that life, for everyone, isn't always fair.

One of the first instances that young people learn this undeniable fact is through athletic competition.

That is, after they're old enough to compete in the "no trophy for everyone" sports of high school.

One great example is what happened after a high school football playoff game

in Chicago last week.

Fenwick High led Plainfield High 10-7 with four seconds left in the game. They had the ball on their own 15-yard line and were looking at fourth down.

The Fenwick coach, in a great move, had the quarterback run around for a while and then heave the ball down the field as far as he could, eating up all the time on the clock and winning the game.

Well, not really. The officials threw a flag for intentional grounding and awarded Plainfield an un-timed down from that same 15-yard line. They connected on the chip-shot field goal to tie and eventually won the game in overtime.

The fireworks started when it was learned that the officials made a mistake and never should have awarded the extra play. In other words, Fenwick should have won.

Officiating mistakes have been made since the beginning of organized competition and players know it's a part of the game.

But this time, instead of accepting the painful outcome, Fenwick went to court to have the outcome changed.

The decision on the field was dead

wrong and the wrong team is headed to the Illinois state championship, but the worst decision of all would be to let the outcome of a game be determined by a judge in a court of law.

Can you imagine the ripple effect this could cause?

How many players and coaches and administrators and owners have complained that the officiating cost them the game? You hear about it every single day.

What's to stop everybody from going to court?

Thankfully, the judge rejected the lawsuit and the devastating precedent it would have set.

There's no doubt it's a hard lesson for those young players to swallow. But swallow it they will, and they'll be better people because of it. It will remind them that in the vast configuration of things, this is football – and no more.

They know now that life isn't always fair.

They will also learn that life evens things out and they will get the benefit of the next mistake.

They'll also learn how much more fulfilling it is to earn the trophy.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Put your money in the bank

In the halcyon days of the 1970s and '80s, a car company then-called Datsun used to saturate the airwaves during televised sporting events. Famous for its sporty "Z" cars (the 240Z, 260Z and 280ZX), Datsun extolled the gas-saving virtues of its brand, cheerfully urging would-be

drivers to "put your money in the bank, not in the tank."

That admonition would work well in today's world of boxing, too. Last year saw the passing of the "Greatest of All Time" (GOAT) and the continued win streak of "The Best Ever" (TBE). While Muhammad Ali

can no longer reap the dividends from his illustrious career, Floyd "Money" Mayweather is still in fighting shape at 39 years of age, and he is in possession of what is really the sole marketing gimmick left in professional boxing – an unbeaten record of 49-0.

If you were a betting man, you would think that an ego-driven boxer who has never really been challenged or hit hard more than once outside of the "Sugar"

Shane Mosley fight, would like the all-time unbeaten boxing record all to himself. He's tied with Rocky Marciano, but your better's hunch just may prove to be correct: Mayweather himself has trademarked the term "TBE 50-0." So conditions appear to right.

Mayweather is the greatest defensive boxer who ever lived. I've watched thousands of fights, and I have never seen anyone protect himself any better. Ali was harder to hit, and he moved around the ring better, but Mayweather's ability to fend off blows like a horse flicking off flies with his tail is unmatched

across any era. The problem is that his style is epically boring, and as boxing continues to look for its next ratings savior, he's not helping.

Enter Conor McGregor, the baddest man on the planet. He holds two UFC belts in two different weight classes and has a record of 21-3, which translated to a boxing record would be more like 100-3 (factor in that MMA fighters use more of their body to strike, and the sheer overall violence). With the loss of Rhonda Rousey, he is the most visible and popular champion in

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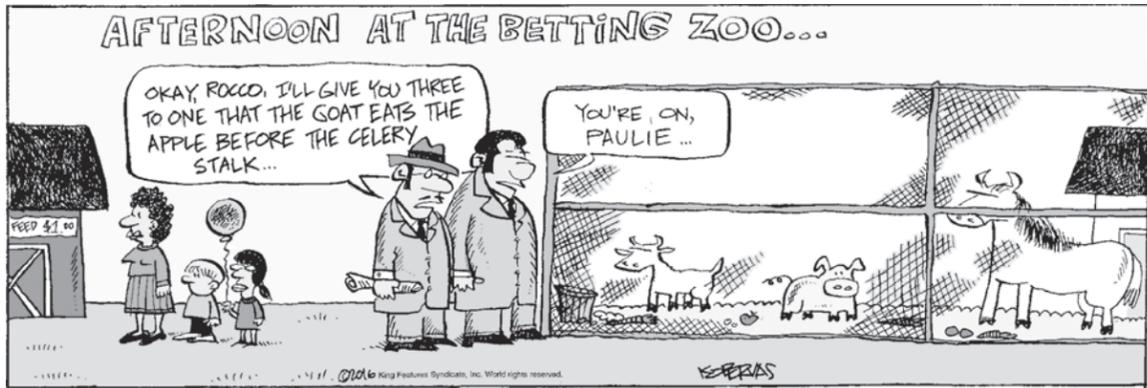
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Your good health

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AMBER WAVES

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm sexually responsible is making good decisions. You are correct that people are more likely to make unwise decisions with even moderate amounts of alcohol. That's true with or without antibiotics.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I suffered from a very painful case of plantar fasciitis for longer than a year when my husband and I (both in our 40s) discovered that we were expecting a baby. I was terrified over the prospect for several reasons, including the already painful state of my feet. It turned out that my plantar fasciitis was completely cured by the end of my pregnancy. Now, at 47, with a darling 3-year-old, I'm wondering if there is any way of preventing the condition from returning. My OB/GYN guessed that perhaps the hormones that make a pregnant woman more "stretchy" are behind my cure. Do you have any ideas about this? - B.R.

I never learned the rule that alcohol shouldn't be taken while on antibiotics, with the exception of metronidazole (Flagyl), the combination of which causes extremely unpleasant nausea and vomiting, headache, shortness of breath and other symptoms. This reaction can happen to a lesser extent with sulfamethoxazole (a component of Bactrim or Septra) as well as other, less commonly used antibiotics such as tinidazole and some cephalosporins. The antituberculosis drug isoniazid can cause liver damage in combination with excess alcohol.

In general, if you are sick enough to need antibiotics, it is prudent to avoid alcohol, and certainly to avoid excess alcohol. But alcohol does not render antibiotics ineffective. Preventing STDs is much better than treating them, since not all can be cured. Part of being

Plantar fasciitis is an inflammation in the strong band of connective tissue that runs from the heel to the toes and supports the foot. The major symptom is pain with walking, especially with the first step of the day.

Pregnant women are indeed more likely to suffer from plantar fasciitis. Most authorities feel it is the relatively fast weight gain of a normal pregnancy, but some blame the hormone relaxin, which loosens the pelvic and other ligaments. This can change your gait and cause abnormal stresses on the feet, causing plantar fasciitis. Your

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 - 30 Text giggle
 - 31 Output of Tolkien
 - 38 Highly skilled people
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 - 42 Member of a noted racecar-driving family
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 - 51 Be a cast member of
 - 52 Oklahoma tribe member
 - 53 Placed in the middle, to a Brit
 - 55 The NBA's "King James"
 - 57 120-Down character
 - 61 Uru. neighbor
 - 64 Wildlife lair
 - 65 Proverb

- 66 Add liberally
- 67 Most August newborns
- 69 Popular energy drink
- 73 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
- 74 Rome's country, in French
- 76 "Fuer_" (piano piece)
- 77 Sun, e.g.
- 79 _ Moines, Iowa
- 80 Prism, cone or sphere
- 82 Beach shoe
- 85 Stands for hot dishes
- 86 Melody
- 87 "Salud!," say
- 91 Dutch genre painter Jan
- 92 Port-au-Prince's land
- 98 No. on a road sign
- 100 Navigator Islands, now
- 101 Cry upon release
- 102 1991 Denzel Washington film
- 109 Gave a meal
- 110 Hubbub
- 111 Chiang Mai native
- 112 Johnny _
- 113 Pool coverer
- 115 Open ocean
- 118 Parts of it appear at both the starts and ends of this puzzle's

- DOWN**
- 1 Cook's spray
 - 2 Like serials
 - 3 Pick again
 - 4 KGB funder
 - 5 Lav, in Bath
 - 6 Specter in politics
 - 7 Make swollen
 - 8 Magna _
 - 9 _ par with
 - 10 Stick in
 - 11 Moreover
 - 12 Natural home
 - 13 With 84-Down, lunchmeat with pimiento
 - 14 Goal in Zen Buddhism
 - 15 Uno plus due
 - 16 French bud
 - 17 Knife of TV ads
 - 18 Oxalate, e.g.
 - 19 Vermont ski town
 - 24 Wearing a lounge robe
 - 28 Color a little
 - 30 Tibetan priest
 - 32 Ending for

- enzymes
- 33 She sang "Smooth Operator"
- 34 "_ darn tootin'!"
- 35 4G _ (T-Mobile offering)
- 36 Retaliate
- 37 Like some criticism
- 39 Singer Ochs
- 43 Actor Greene
- 44 _Z
- 45 Luc's denial
- 46 Chilling stuff
- 48 Camera stand
- 49 Fixed up
- 50 Studmuffin
- 54 West Germany's Ludwig
- 56 Deprived
- 57 Not genuine
- 58 Wheel turner
- 59 Little jerk
- 60 Patients' gp.
- 61 First groups of invitees
- 62 Snappy reply
- 63 Net minder
- 65 California's _ Woods
- 68 Splinters
- 70 MBA, say
- 71 _ray Disc
- 72 Feature of the word "go"
- 75 _-Kit (police tool)
- 78 Tub traction aids
- 81 Medit. land
- 82 "Or _ hear"
- 83 From way back:

- Abbr.**
- 84 See 13-Down
 - 86 Shut angrily
 - 88 Structure of a plane without the engine
 - 89 Belfry locales
 - 90 Knotted
 - 93 Quarterback Boomer
 - 94 Spanish for "daddy"
 - 95 Ball caller
 - 96 "Sk8er_" (2002 hit)
 - 97 Chick _A
 - 99 Hold dear
 - 102 Taj _
 - 103 Singer Menzel
 - 104 Drenched
 - 105 1953 Alan Ladd title role
 - 106 Disney mermaid
 - 107 Religious branches
 - 108 Die down
 - 114 Rent_
 - 116 Chop down
 - 117 _mo
 - 118 Animal gullet
 - 119 A, in France
 - 120 '75 TV debut
 - 121 Ang of film
 - 122 Certain M.D.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore

Nov. 1918: Annie Webb Blanton becomes the first woman elected to statewide office - Supt. of Public Instruction.



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.

	x		+		26
+		-		x	
	÷		+		13
x		x		+	
	+		x		27
28		21			27

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 4 5 6 7 9

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	5		9	3		4		
		7			8			1
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		8		2		6		4
	7		6		5			8
2				1				6
	1			9	2	3		
		3	4					9

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

With a new year come new changes

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will see a slight increase in 2017.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$127,200 from \$118,500. Of the estimated 173 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2017, about 12 million will pay more because of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Thresholds for benefits including the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA), SSI Federal Payment Standard, and SSI Student Exclusion.

Information about Medicare changes for 2017 is available at www.Medicare.gov. For some beneficiaries, their Social Security increase may be partially or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums.

The Social Security Act provides for how the Cost of Living Adjustment is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

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Learn more about the resulting changes at our fact sheet on the subject: www.socialsecurity.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2017.pdf.

Sports

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the fight game.

Also, he is game to fight Mayweather. Let's face it, Mayweather has nobody to face who would command the nine-figure payout he is demanding. Nobody is going to fall for another pay-per-view disaster like Mayweather-Pacquiao II. A fight against McGregor would more than live up to the hype, if only to showcase the merits of boxing as a fighting style as it continues to lose mindshare to MMA.

Also, it would be an easy fight for Mayweather. Vegas oddsmakers already have the fight at -2250/+980 in favor of Mayweather (meaning you'd have to wager \$2,250 on Mayweather to win \$100, \$100 on McGregor to win \$980), but you don't need to be an expert to call this one. Keep your money in the bank - McGregor won't tank, but Mayweather has plenty of gas left in his. It would be the greatest upset in sports history and certainly worth watching... that much you can bet. Let's get it on.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

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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: E equals I

E RWXL F TPTKEND LEDV DLCKGC
GCVETKCN XS QESSCMCWD NEHCN.
CGCMPOXQP TFKKN ED F OERCM'N

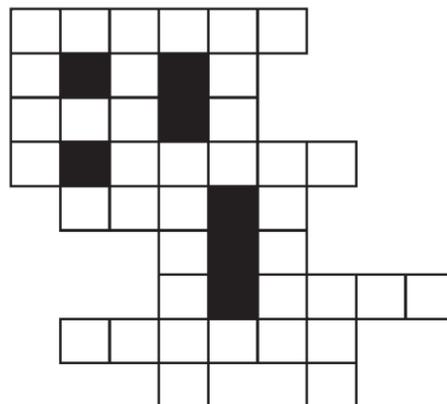
QXHCW.

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- YIC
- TOCVAR
- HERMY
- ♥ THIC
- ♥ CASPER
- ♥ TGO
- YICT
- ♥ HEROC
- ♥ TAE
- ♥ TICDER
- TROGE
- ♥ TEMI



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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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Health

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obstetrician is suggesting that relaxin is acting on your already-existing plantar fasciitis, which I haven't heard of, but it is an interesting thought.

For prevention, regular stretching of the calf muscles, wearing shoes with good support and maintaining a healthy weight can help prevent recurrence.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2016 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.