



## NEWSBRIEFS



**SLOW DOWN – Officer Marie Casillas stands next to the HCPD radar speed trailer.**

### Radar speed trailer

The Horizon City Police Department (HCPD) has purchased a radar speed trailer to help aid motorists in being aware of their speeds throughout town. The speed trailer will be placed on various streets throughout Horizon City to measure speeds and to help slow motorists down. The police department now has the ability to collect statistical data regarding the number of motorists, speeds, and time and date information that can be helpful in solving speeding complaints. There is a hyperlink on the HCPD web page where residents can request placement of the trailer or you can call the police department at 852-1047 to make the request. The official Horizon City Police Department web site is [www.horizoncitypd.com](http://www.horizoncitypd.com).

– HCPD Chief Mike McConnel

### New Canutillo school

In an effort to involve parents and residents in the design of the new PK-8 school being built in the Cimarron Subdivision on the east side of the district, CISD officials will hold two community meetings in March. Dr. Damon Murphy, CISD Superintendent, and architects from Carl Daniel Architects, will meet with parents and community members at Jose Damian Elementary School and Jose Alderete Middle School to discuss and plan for the design of the new school. The meetings will include a tour of the new school site, which will be located at the intersection of Paseo del Norte and Northern Pass Boulevards. Transportation will be provided to the school site immediately following each meeting. Both meetings will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please join us for one of these two very important meetings. On Tuesday, March 27 the meeting will be

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– Photos by Alfredo Vasquez

**NO SERVICE FOR YOU – Village of Vinton Council members, in a 3 to 2 vote, rejected funding assistance for water and wastewater system projects. Shown in photo from left are Village Clerk Jessica Garza, with council members Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros, Yolanda Lucero, Mayor Madeleine Praino, Yassu Grier, Martha Garcia, and Maria Medina. Rios-Ontiveros, Garcia and Medina voted against the funding the projects. Rios-Ontiveros' Vinton home and rental property have EPWU water service paid for by earlier grants to the Village.**

## Vinton's infrastructure projects come to a halt

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

VINTON – The Village of Vinton is an attractive location for business and residential development investors, according to Bob Cook, Regional Economic Development Corporation (REDco) director. This Upper Valley community with its mountain backdrop and river valley scenery has much to offer, Cook asserted during a recent Vinton Council meeting.

Cook presented data showing the village's assets. He said that Vinton is centrally located in the region and is near interstate highway and railroad routes; it has a viable workforce – its approximately 2,000 residents' median age is 25 – and has the lowest property taxes and crime rate in El Paso County.

In addition, Cook pointed out that The Village of Vinton recently was awarded a 2011 GOLD status rating for meeting a high standard for financial transparency from the State Comptroller's Office. Vinton's current annual revenue is about \$2.3 million.

"The Village of Vinton is poised for economic growth. All this town needs is the infrastructure to support these investments, namely water and waste-water systems," Cook told council members and an audience of about 100 persons, who were at the Tuesday evening meeting to show support for the town council's approval of a resolution to submit an application to the USDA (U.S. Dept.

of Agriculture) and Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) for funding of the water and wastewater projects.

Town officials have been working on plans to extend water and wastewater infrastructure to all segments of the village since 2007. And, they were finally at the point where they were ready to negotiate for the financial assistance needed.

Cost estimates for construction of a wastewater treatment plant is \$22 million and for the water delivery system about another \$16 million, according to Vinton officials. The federal and state loan and grant programs to help defray most of these construction costs were ready to provide the funding, all they had to do was approve the resolution to proceed, officials said.

Maria Elena Giner, BECC general manager, also that night addressed town council and audience in English and Spanish, to try to impress upon everyone involved that time was running out for the Village to accept the support.

Giner said that Vinton was one of only twenty-five communities from over 200 applicants who were selected for this funding support. Furthermore, she said that El Paso Water Utilities Company (EPWU) was prepared to have the new infrastructure connected to its systems at no cost. "That is simply unheard of in this business," Giner said.

It took about three hours to present the information by Cook and Giner and to hear comments from audience participants – all in

favor of the projects – before council members called for a vote on the resolution.

Vinton Council members Yolanda Lucero and Yassu Grier voted to approve the resolution. Members Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros, Martha Garcia, and Maria Medina voted against it, thus defeating the measure.

By voting against the resolution, the town council chose not to accept grants from the BECC that would have paved the way for up to \$38 million for water and wastewater systems. Taxpayers would have been obligated to repay \$4 million over 40 years. The initial bonds – \$600,000 for design work – would have cost two cents per hundred dollars of property valuation. The Village would absorb that amount and the USDA would reimburse the money after the design phase was completed.

Vinton Mayor Madeleine Praino was truly disappointed. She was hopeful that the large turnout of residents in favor of the resolution at the meeting would help convince all her council members that it was time to move forward on these critical projects.

The three council members said that they voted not to accept the funds because the construction of the systems would result in property tax increases and high costs for residents to hookup to the proposed systems and to eliminate their existing septic tanks.

"This is a disgrace," said Rogelio Murillo, community resident, "everybody I know wanted them to approve the projects because it would improve our homes and businesses as well as our public health issues."



**HUH – A stunned Village of Vinton audience listened as three members of the council voted down grants to put in water and wastewater infrastructure. Jason Puig, lower left in the vest, is one of the largest property owners in Vinton. He flew in from Dallas to attend the public hearing and urge the council to pass the item as did other experts, committees and residents in attendance. Puig said he regularly receives calls from commercial interests but needs the infrastructure to bring tax paying businesses to his property.**

*A wise man is not as certain of anything as a fool is of everything.*

– Quips & Quotes



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Rd., Vinton, Texas  
79821, or by mail to  
the Village Hall until  
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time, March 29,  
2012; and at that  
time and place, will  
be publicly opened  
and read aloud.  
The project is being  
funded by the Texas  
Department of  
Agriculture Office of  
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Grant (CDBG),  
Contract No.  
710711 and Texas  
Parks and Wildlife  
Department  
(TPWD), Contract  
No. 50-000450.

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the Base Bids and  
quantities of work  
as follows:

Base Bid A -  
Texas Department  
of Agriculture,  
Office of Rural  
Affairs (TDA-ORA)  
Funds

The work under  
Base Bid A shall be  
for furnishing and  
installing all labor,  
tools, material,  
transportation,  
and any services  
necessary for the  
complete  
construction of 3  
concrete stairways,  
approximately  
1,065 square  
yards of side walk  
(including ramps),

three 6-inch  
reinforced concrete  
slabs, electrical  
lighting and power  
improvements  
and an irrigation  
system.

Base Bid B - Texas  
Parks and Wildlife  
Department  
(TPWD) Funds

The work under  
Base Bid B shall be  
for furnishing and  
installing all labor,  
tools, material,  
transportation,  
and any services  
necessary for the  
complete  
construction of 3  
concrete stairways,  
approximately  
1,065 square  
yards of side walk  
(including ramps),

seating with  
stairways and  
handrails,  
approximately  
775 linear feet of  
1-foot curb, chain  
link fence and  
gate, excavation,  
embankment,  
grading, electrical  
lighting and power  
improvements,  
landscaping and  
demolition and  
video taping of  
project site.

Contract documents  
may be examined  
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themselves with  
on-site conditions.

Each Bid shall  
be submitted in  
accordance with  
the Instructions  
to Bidders and  
be accompanied  
by a Bid Bond in  
the amount of five  
percent (5%) of  
the amount bid,  
by an acceptable  
bid surety. A  
certified check or  
bank draft payable  
to the Village of  
Vinton, or negotiable  
U.S. Government  
Bonds (as par value)  
may be submitted  
in lieu of the Bid  
Bond.

The Successful  
Bidder must furnish  
a 100 percent  
Performance Bond  
and a 100 percent  
Payment Bond, in  
accordance with  
the Instructions  
to Bidders and the  
General  
Conditions.

By submission  
of the bid, Bidder  
fully understands  
the requirements  
of the Contract  
Documents and  
agrees to comply  
with all requirements  
thereof.

Attention is called  
to the fact that  
the Contractor on  
this project must  
comply with the  
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Labor Standards  
contained in the  
specifications and  
must pay not less  
than the federally  
determined  
prevailing (Davis-  
Bacon) wage rates,  
as issued by the  
Texas Department  
of Housing and  
Community Affairs.  
The successful  
bidder must ensure  
that employees  
and applicants for  
employment are  
not discriminated  
against because  
of their race, color,  
religion, sex or  
national origin.  
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required for contract  
and subcontracts  
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any informality in  
the Bidding.

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not undertake any  
activity in part or  
in full under this  
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for a period not to  
exceed 30-days  
from the date of  
the Bid Opening  
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and investigating  
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Utility District is  
now accepting  
sealed bids for the  
surplus building  
and property  
located at 1539  
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an existing lease  
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2012. A copy of  
the lease can be  
obtained at the  
HRMUD office at  
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calling 852-3557.

Sealed bids,  
addressed to **Toby  
Alvarado, Horizon  
Regional MUD,  
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Boulevard,  
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be received until  
**4:00 p.m., March  
21, 2012**, and  
will be opened  
at the HRMUD  
boardroom at  
14100 Horizon  
Boulevard at  
that time. All bids  
submitted should  
be marked with  
the words "**Bid for  
1539 Pawling**"  
readily visible on  
the exterior of the  
envelope. HRMUD  
reserves the right  
to accept or reject  
any or all bids, or  
to negotiate with  
the highest bidder.

Interested bidders  
may arrange for  
an inspection  
of the property  
during normal  
business hours  
by contacting the  
HRMUD Manager.

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Briefs

From Page 1

City of Socorro

Adoption of  
Ordinances

On March 6, 2012  
the City of Socorro,  
Texas adopted  
the following ordinance:

Museum

The El Paso Museum of  
Archaeology will present a  
tour of the exhibit, *Watercolor  
Paintings of Rock Art at  
Hueco Tanks*, with guide Alex  
Mares. The free presentation  
is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.,  
Saturday, March 24, at the  
museum, 4301 Transmountain  
Road. During the tour, Mares  
will share insights and interpretations  
of the Hueco Tanks rock art  
images. The presentation will  
include images that were not  
discussed in the previous tour,  
February 4. The public is invited  
to participate and is encouraged  
to ask questions and share their  
knowledge about the rock art.  
The rock art paintings exhibit is  
open for viewing through June 3  
at the archeology museum. For  
more information call 915-755-  
4332 or send email to guidamr@  
elpasotexas.gov, or visit the  
museum's website at [www.elpasotexas.gov/arch\\_museum/](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/).

Copies of the  
ordinance are  
available for  
review at the City  
Administration  
Building, 124 S.  
Horizon Blvd.,  
Socorro, Texas  
79927; Monday  
through Friday  
between 8:00 a.m.  
and 5:00 p.m.

Manuel Rubio  
City Clerk

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Crime Stoppers

A man asks to borrow a cell phone  
and, when he's denied, he beats

and kicks the victim viciously  
and steals the phone, making this  
the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the  
Week." On Thursday night Feb.  
2, 2012, just before midnight, the  
suspect walked up to the victim  
in the parking lot a 7-11 store  
located at 8701 Alameda and  
asked to borrow the victim's cell  
phone. When the victim declined,  
the suspect attacked the victim.  
He beat him to the ground, and  
continued kicking and beating  
him causing serious injury to the  
victim's face. The suspect then  
took the victim's cell phone and  
fled the scene. It is not known if  
the suspect fled in a vehicle or on  
foot. Because this location is in a  
heavily traveled part of Alameda  
near Ysleta High School, investigators  
believe that someone  
may have seen the incident happen  
and possibly can identify the  
assailant, his vehicle, or where he  
might have fled. If you have any  
information at all about this case,  
please call Crime Stoppers at 566-  
TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at  
[www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org).  
You can remain anonymous and,  
if your tip leads to an arrest, you  
can qualify for a cash reward.

Wanted

Edgar Garcia, 23, is this week's  
Manhunt Monday Most Wanted  
Fugitive. He is 5'7" tall and  
weighs 180 pounds. He has black  
hair and brown eyes. He also goes  
by Edgar Barraza. On Sunday,  
Feb. 26, 2012, Deputies were  
called to a local hospital regarding

an assault that occurred in East  
El Paso County. Deputies met  
with the a 29 year-old woman  
that told Deputies that about 4:30  
p.m. an acquaintance identified  
as Garcia arrived to her home  
unexpectedly, entered her home



Edgar Garcia

through a  
back door  
without her  
consent and  
proceeded to  
assault her.  
Garcia left the  
residence in  
possession of  
her cell  
phone and another  
struggle ensued  
when she attempted  
to retrieve her phone.  
Garcia attempted  
to drive off as the  
victim hung on to his car causing  
her to fall to the ground. She  
suffered several lacerations  
and other non-life threatening  
injuries as a result of the incident.  
Charges have since been filed  
along with a Protective Order  
for the victim against Garcia.  
Garcia knows he is wanted and  
has been hiding for a little over  
two weeks. He is believed to  
remain in the Borderland with  
friends and family. If anyone has  
seen or has any information on  
the whereabouts of Garcia they  
can contact Crime Stoppers at  
566-TIPS (8477). Callers will  
remain anonymous and may  
be eligible for a reward if the  
information provided leads to  
the apprehension of Garcia.

- Deputy Jesse Tovar

18-year-olds urged to sign up  
for ImmTrac by Texas physicians

By Brent Annear  
Special to the Courier

TEXAS - The good news is that  
Texas' immunization registry -  
ImmTrac - was expanded to include  
adult vaccinations. The bad news is  
that unless young adults fill out an  
ImmTrac Adult Consent Form when  
they turn 18, the state will purge  
their immunization records from the  
registry. Texas Medical Association  
(TMA) physicians are urging young  
adults to sign the form as soon as  
possible.

"A young patient's ImmTrac  
records must be destroyed by age  
19 years if consent is not received,"  
warns Jason Terk, MD, a pediatrician,  
chair of TMA's Council on Science  
and Public Health, and adviser for  
TMA's Be Wise - ImmunizeSM  
program. "The loss of these records  
may interfere with efficient care for  
the patient. Most young adults do not  
take the time to keep up with their  
own personal vaccination record."

Currently ImmTrac is an "opt-in  
system." Texans must consent to  
have their vaccinations recorded in  
the registry. "Requiring patients to  
affirmatively opt in to participate  
creates a barrier to having a reliably  
effective and complete registry,"  
says Terk. "Plus, maintaining an  
'opt-in' consenting process is

more costly." As it stands, children  
must opt in twice to remain in  
the registry: once when they are  
minors through parental consent,  
and once when they reach 18 to  
keep their immunization history  
in the registry. TMA has long  
advocated for an "opt-out consent  
process" for ImmTrac. "Opt-out  
registries are much more robust  
and functional," adds Terk.

The state's immunization registry  
is an important resource for Texas  
families, physicians, nurses, and  
schools. "ImmTrac ensures that  
patient vaccination records are not  
lost and always available," says  
Terk. "For physicians, the registry  
prevents unnecessary, repeat  
vaccinations, even if patients visit  
multiple clinics."

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# March Madness begins with ugly Syracuse controversy

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

There are certain events every year that sports fans drool over, like the Super Bowl, the World Series, the Triple Crown, the Masters, Wimbledon and even the World Cup when it comes around.

But nothing captures the imaginations of sports fans for a three-week period like what has come to be known as March Madness.

The NCAA Basketball Tournament begins this week with the usual contingent of super powers, mid-majors and little-guy-Cinderellas hoping to hoist the trophy at the end of it all.

And like everyone else I'll be sitting in front of my TV for hours checking out the games and turning back-and-forth to the best matchups and down-to-the-wire finishes.

It's hard to find any negatives connected to this year's tournament (unless of course your team didn't get selected).

But I have one sour note concerning one team, and really to one coach, who I believe has received a pass only because his team is so good.

I've always had the utmost respect for

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, but my fondness for him has vanished as quickly as Ryan Leaf's football career.

I believe that because Syracuse – one of the considerable favorites to win this year's tournament – has been ranked so high, the ugly controversies surrounding the school have been swept under the rug.

Has anyone forgotten the years of sexual abuse his assistant coach Bernie Fine (and his wife) inflicted on young team ball boys? Years of abuse that Boeheim said he knew nothing about.

As difficult as it is to believe that one, the following news is almost impossible to defend.

Now there's been a report that over the last decade, Syracuse has had at least 10 players test positive for banned recreational drugs.

Nothing really unusual there, a player tests positive for an illegal drug and is subsequently suspended or kicked off the team, right?

Only thing is, in these cases all the players were allowed to practice and play games instead of properly being suspended by the athletic department.

Four sources close to the school said Syracuse violated its drug policy in at least

two areas: failing to properly count positive tests and playing ineligible players after they should have been subject to suspension.

But you can't even blame all the players in this situation because in some instances, some of them weren't even notified of their own ineligibility.

Anyway, are going to really believe that whenever a player failed a drug test the unfortunate news never got to the head coach?

Are you kidding me? The coach knows when a player fails a test, is homesick, or has girlfriend problems.

And yet how often have you heard about these problems concerning this year's team?

Some people may think that Boeheim is a bumbling fool and knows absolutely nothing that is going on with his own program.

But my former father-in-law had a saying: "I was born at night – but not last night."

I've got a feeling that reporters all over the country will start investigating all these allegations as soon as Syracuse is eliminated from the tournament.

But what if they aren't eliminated? What if they win the whole thing? Can you imagine what will happen if all these charges are

confirmed after they've won the title?

The NCAA would have to deal with the drug scandal, the sexual abuse and the resulting cover-up.

Talk about a black eye for college basketball.

There is absolutely no doubt that some very sleazy things have been happening at Syracuse under the leadership of Jim Boeheim.

And if Boeheim feels his good name will get him through all this, all he has to do is look to Joe Paterno and the Penn State football program.

The slippery Boeheim, basketball's answer to John Gotti, has refused to make a statement concerning the drug tests.

But interestingly enough, he came out vigorously in favor of assistant coach Fine and accused the abused boys of lying to try to make some money – until damaging evidence caused him to backtrack.

So at least we can all agree that Boeheim has made some serious errors in judgment.

But the good news is that the tournament is here.

And though I'm not really sure which team I'm going to root for, I'm positive on whom I'm rooting against.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Goodell the bounty hunter

When some entity wants to bury a story, it usually makes an announcement late Friday afternoon in the hopes that nobody will notice during the weekend when news consumption takes lower priority. Last Friday's announcement by the NFL, however, will have legs.

According to the results of an NFL investigation, the New Orleans Saints defense operated a cash pool that paid "bounty" payments for

plays made the previous game. The investigation is said to have shown that the total amount of funds in the pool may have reached \$50,000 or more at its height during the 2009 playoffs. The program paid players \$1,500 for a "knockout" and \$1,000 for a "cart-off," with payouts doubling or tripling during the playoffs.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the investigation began in

2010 after allegations were made that Saints defenders had targeted Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner and Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre during New Orleans' 2009 run to the Super Bowl.

"They went beyond what was normal in regards to when they were going to hit me or how they were going to hit me," Warner said about the scandal.

Former quarterback Brett Favre said he wasn't upset about the bounty program.

"It's football, and I don't think anything less of those guys," Favre told media. "I'm not going to make

a big deal about it. In all honesty, there's a bounty of some kind on you on every play."

Former Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor would agree. He was the guy who snapped Joe Theisman's leg and said he didn't consider any tackle a sack unless the quarterback was left on the ground "blowing snot bubbles."

Eli Manning, the Giants two-time Super Bowl MVP said the scandal disgusted him, though.

"It's not good for football and can't be part of football."

But it was part of the NFC Championship game, bounty or not, and worked well for the Giants. The Giants forced two fumbles from 49ers punt returner Kyle Williams, who had a history of concussions, which Giants players said they were aware of. "We were just like, 'We gotta put a hit on that guy,'" Devin Thomas, the special teams player

who recovered both fumbles, said after the game. "[We] did a great job hitting him early, and he looked kind of dazed when he got up. I feel like that made a difference and he coughed it up."

Hockey has its enforcers, baseball pitchers will brush you back, and basketball players will give you a hard foul if you're running up the score. Make a good play in college or Pop-Warner football games and they give you a sticker.

Expect to see a bunch of players knocked out of the game before the NFL spring meetings. It's a billion-dollar game and nobody wants to see it turn into "The Longest Yard" every Sunday. In the meantime, keep an eye on the defense.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

By Christy Flores-Jones  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO – Analicia Estrada was named as the new head volleyball coach at Socorro High School in an announcement March 9 at the school's gymnasium. Estrada had been the assistant varsity volleyball coach and junior varsity coach at Socorro High School since August 2011.

"I'm here to help you get to the next level and help you get better as a player and as a person," Estrada told her players after she was formally announced as head coach.

Socorro High School principal Miguel Serrano made the announcement to the volleyball team, girls' basketball team and several school faculty members, staff and SISD administration. Serrano said he was excited to have Serrano back at Socorro High School. Estrada graduated from Socorro in 2005.

"I've known Analicia since she was a student athlete here at Socorro," Serrano said. "This is her dream job, where she always wanted to be. Now she's able to live



Analicia Estrada

her dream job and give back to the community."

Estrada worked as head coach with Advanced Volleyball in Amarillo, Texas from 2008 to 2009 and was an intramural coordinator with Wayland Baptist University Intramurals from 2007 to 2009.

She earned a bachelor of science in exercise sport and science with a minor in education and a coaching

specialization in 2009 from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas.

Estrada was overcome with emotion at the announcement.

"I'm very excited to be here," Estrada said. "I come in here and see this empty gym and I can't wait to fill it with people to see our games."

The Socorro volleyball players are also excited about the upcoming season under Estrada's leadership.

"She's going to do great things for the program. We're going to go far with her leading us," said middle hitter and junior Alexa Mendoza.

"I think it's going to be a great season."



— Photos courtesy Socorro ISD

ENTHUSIASTIC – Head coach Analicia Estrda (back center) and her team are looking forward to playing some volleyball.

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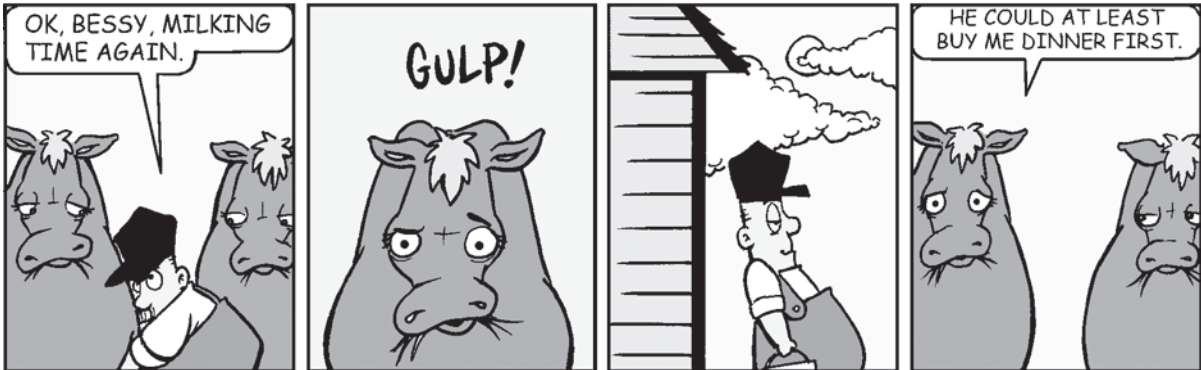
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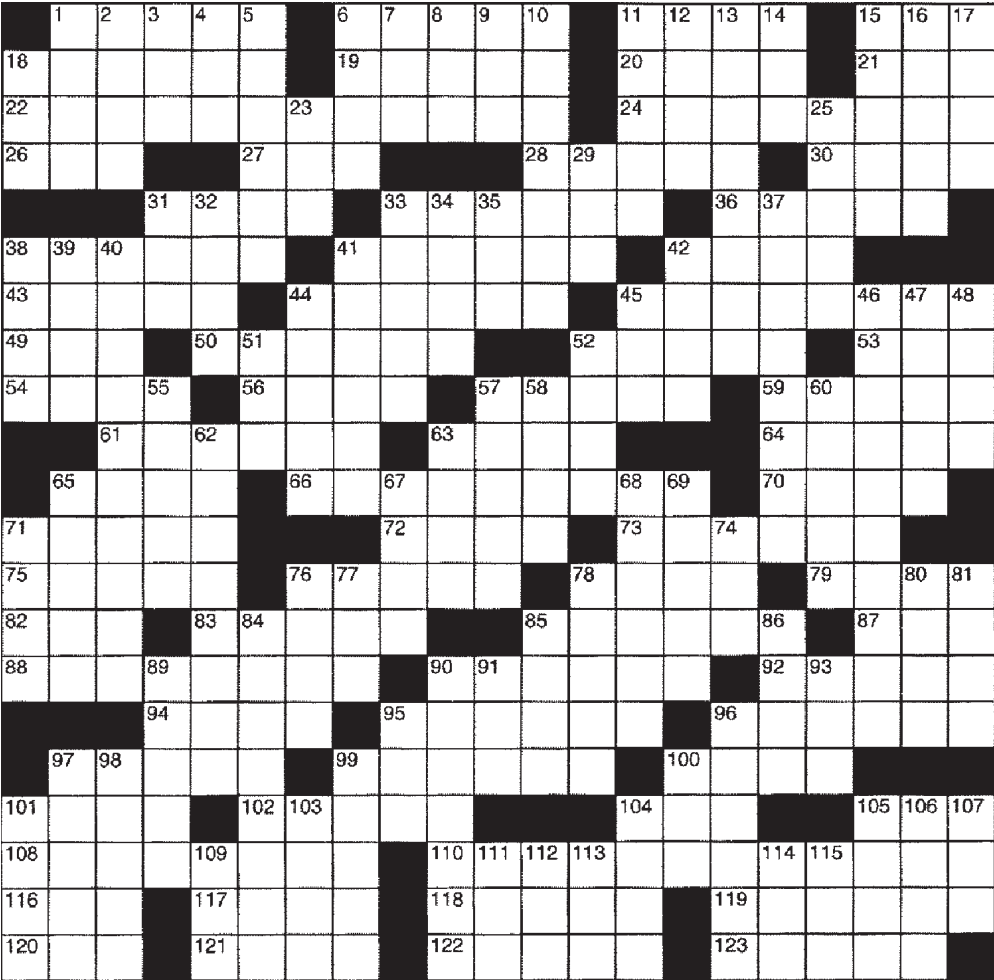


### R.F.D. By Mike Marland



## Super Crossword

- EVERYBODY'S IRISH  
ACROSS  
1 Auctioneer's item  
6 Column style  
11 Tiff  
15 Wallace or Ayres  
18 Revenue  
19 Ann \_ , MI  
20 Well-ventilated  
21 Have bills  
22 Irish mobster?  
24 Irish singer?  
26 Fluffy female  
27 \_ contact  
28 Frighten  
30 Corduroy ridge  
31 Sean of "Colors"  
33 Covered thickly  
36 In any way  
38 Furnish  
41 "The Dating Game" producer  
42 Young follower?  
43 "Rigoletto" composer  
44 Adams' apparatus  
45 Home wreckers?  
49 "Make \_ double!"  
50 Last name in fashion  
52 Diva Leontyne  
53 " \_ been had!"  
54 Baseball's Bucky  
56 Evangelist  
57 Sag  
59 Bottled spirits?  
61 Box
- 63 Kind of carpet  
64 Fit for a king  
65 Easy stride  
66 Irish explorer?  
70 "East of Eden" character  
71 Dancer Gregory  
72 They may be wild  
73 Porthos' pal  
75 Turn inside out  
76 Cremona craftsman  
78 Clarinetist Artie  
79 School founded in 1440  
82 Always, to Auden  
83 Less available  
85 Bartlett bits  
87 Space \_  
88 Ally Walker series  
90 Country gentleman  
92 \_ cotta  
94 Bruins' sch.  
95 Compare  
96 Castle feature  
97 Greek island  
99 Celtic cultists  
100 Sociable starling  
101 Bluenose  
102 Actress Davis  
104 Rainbow shape  
105 Scholastic abbr.  
108 Irish composer?  
110 Irish boxer?  
116 Infamous Amin  
117 Chip off Woody's block
- 118 Carve a canyon  
119 Ill-tempered  
120 Rock's \_ Zeppelin  
121 AMEX rival  
122 Impressionist painter  
123 Elbow
- DOWN  
1 Tackle a bone  
2 Lot size  
3 Cubic meas.  
4 Philips of "UHF"  
5 Saga  
6 Knight's wife  
7 Planet, for one  
8 McGwire stat  
9 Noun suffix  
10 Balkan area  
11 Bar food?  
12 Wharf  
13 Like potpourri  
14 Cobb and Hardin  
15 True-blue  
16 Tom of "Adam's Rib"  
17 "You \_ on My Mind" ('65 hit)  
18 Complete the cake  
23 Writer Rand  
25 Oscar or Tony  
29 Meyerbeer's \_  
Huguenots'  
31 Seal school  
32 Author Ambler  
33 Sahara sight  
34 Turgenev's birthplace
- 35 O'hare info  
37 Wire  
38 Fired up  
39 Jubilee  
40 Irish actor?  
41 Bite for Bonzo  
42 Freightor or ferry  
44 Pool shot  
45 \_ Magnon  
46 Irish musician?  
47 European health resort  
48 \_ Patrick Harris  
51 Torrid  
52 Kelly's possum  
55 Candle  
57 Delhi wrap  
58 Shoots the breeze  
60 A la King?  
62 Curb  
63 "Git, Garfield!"  
65 Bile producer  
67 Circus sound  
68 City in Pakistan  
69 Talk really big  
71 Dickens villain  
74 Veneration  
76 \_ code  
77 Sea, to Seurat  
78 Decks have four  
80 Grimm creature  
81 Tidy  
84 Extended metaphor  
85 College courtyard  
86 Amaze  
89 Tierra del \_  
90 Multiplied 2 X 2
- 91 On the \_ vive  
93 Significant years  
95 Directional suffix  
96 Industrialist  
97 \_ oil  
98 Unbending  
99 Crusoe's creator  
100 "The A-Team" actor  
101 Skier Mahre  
103 Architectural features  
104 Aphrodite's lover  
105 Evigan or Gumbel  
106 Unwind a rind  
107 Some  
109 Ashen  
111 Northwestern st.  
112 Marsh  
113 Author LeShan  
114 Joanne of "Red River"  
115 Sturm \_ Drang



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### GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate   ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	-		x		15
+		x		+	
	÷		+		10
x		-		÷	
	+		x		18
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4	7				1		3	
8				4			1	7
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	9		5			1		2
		7		8	2		6	
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		1			9	3		8
	6		1	5				4
2		8	3				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  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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### Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: When a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, are benefits payable on that person's record?*

**A:** Social Security survivors benefits can be paid to:

- A widow or widower — unreduced benefits at full retirement age, or reduced benefits as early as age 60;
- A disabled widow or widower — as early as age 50;
- A widow or widower at any age if he or she takes care of the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled, and receiving Social Security benefits;
- Unmarried children under 18, or up to age 19 if they are attending high school full time. Under certain circumstances, benefits can be paid to stepchildren, grandchildren or adopted children;
- Children at any age who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled; and
- Dependent parents age 62 or older.

Even if you are divorced, you still may qualify for survivors benefits. For more information, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Q: Can I get an estimate of my retirement benefit at several different possible ages?*

**A:** Yes. We suggest you use our Retirement Estimator at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator) to test different retirement scenarios. This online tool will give you retirement benefit estimates based on current law and real time access to your earnings record. The Retirement Estimator also lets you create additional “what if” retirement scenarios. It's even available in Spanish at [www.segurosocial.gov/calculador](http://www.segurosocial.gov/calculador). You can test even more alternatives at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.htm).

*Q: I lost my Social Security card. Should I get a new one?*

**A:** You may not need to get a replacement card. Knowing your Social Security number is what is important. However, you can replace your Social Security card for free if it is lost or stolen. Remember, you are limited to three replacement cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at [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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.*

### 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: **R** equals **V**

MS NHSP LKOYJDF YJCF MPN

AJR MVPH J KJVC SMK K, RHO

YMDUP NJR MP'N CHAV MV PUF

COYLN.

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### FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

OGJ  
GLEDUE  
OSOG  
ICCH  
♥SHELOT  
♥GTO  
EGGA  
CETJE  
DCU  
CHOTLE  
HUGGO  
♥TSEJ


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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.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted American science fiction author Philip K. Dick who made the following sage observation: “Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.”
- The first chocolate factory in the United States was established even before the states were united. Back in 1765, two enterprising men named John Hanan and James Baker chose Dorchester, Mass., as the site for their factory, which they mechanized by using waterpower.
- If you're like the average American, you eat 23 quarts of ice cream every year.
- You might be surprised to learn that the given name of iconic Apache leader Geronimo, Goyathlay, translates as “one who yawns.” And the very name Apache isn't what the tribe originally called itself; it's word from the Zuni Indian language, and it means “enemy.”
- In a scant 100 years, from 1500 to 1600, the population of the city of London quadrupled in size.
- Singer and songwriter Roger Miller, best known for his hit song “King of the Road,” had a passion for music early, even though his family was poor. When he was in grade school, he spent his weekends picking cotton so he could save up enough money to buy a guitar. After eighth grade he quit school and went to work herding cattle and riding in rodeos.
- Interestingly, the word “pudding” came into the English language from the German word “puddek,” which means “sausage.”

Thought for the Day: “We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.”

— John F. Kennedy

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