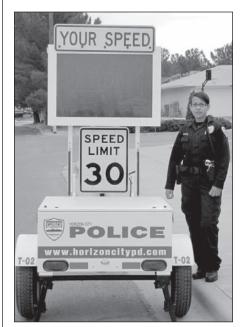
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NEWSBRIEFS



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.

- 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

See BRIEFS, Page 5

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

— Quips & Quotes



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 an application to the USDA (U.S. Dept. comments from audience participants - all in

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

Giner said that Vinton was one of only twentyfive 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 council's approval of a resolution to submit information by Cook and Giner and to hear

of Agriculture) and Border Environment 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.

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Veterans Treatment Court

sometimes act out and commit arrest or jail time. crimes as a result of their mentalhealth issues.

have ended up incarcerated and mental-health treatment. for their crimes. VTC works Treatment Court.

In VTC, eligible veterans receive For more information, go online treatment, likely through the VA. in the search box. While in treatment, which might

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Another program, Veterans in conjunction with local Justice Outreach, centers on Department of Veterans Affairs assisting veterans whose mental facilities to decrease the number illness led to the commission of of veterans who become crimes. Rather than jail, each involved with the justice system veteran is assigned to a justice and divert them to mental-health outreach specialist at a VA treatment. In areas that are on medical center for assessment, board with the VTC program treatment planning and referral. (most major metropolitan areas The specialist coordinates with are), when a veteran is arrested the court system and also may for a non-violent crime that was train local law enforcement committed due to substance about dealing with veterans who abuse or mental health issues, have PTSD or traumatic brain the veteran is sent to Veterans injury and provide services to incarcerated veterans.

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Education funding for poor school districts in danger

Hola, mi gente. If there is any one issue that has been in education that has been in the works for almost a picked apart for its importance to the future of Texas, that decade now. The equal distribution of education funding issue is education. Elected officials, political pundits, has been completely eliminated by the conservative party leaders and teacher groups have all repeatedly leadership of the last legislative session. That change is stated that educating all of our students equally well supposed to be for only one session; but once the genie means a better economy in the future.

If we all agree on that issue, then why is it not as the ones we have in El Paso County.

that minority students in Texas are not entering a level funded per student approximately \$5,400.

to the established institutions such as the University of elections. Texas system or Texas Tech.

that minorities will suffer a great disparity of income there will truly be equal education. compared to non-minority graduates who attend relegates Hispanics and African Americans to lower in consistent and heavy voting behavior. paying positions for their lifetime.

I have mentioned in the past another greater disparity servant, Chente por la gente.

is out of the bottle, how do you get it back.

It would be impossible for anyone to win an argument

The subject to which I refer is the commonly known supporting a different opinion. Our future does depend concept of "robin hood" funding. That is, extracting on a well-educated younger generation taking entering dollars from property wealthy school districts in order to equalize that wealth with property poor districts such

Instead, the conservative leadership allowed funding An editorial piece in the San Antonio Express-News to go into place for educating our children that rewarded articulated that there are still barriers in the "equal" some districts with per student of funding of up to part of our education program. The article pointed out \$11,000. The students in El Paso County were only

playing field when it comes to college or university
As I have pounded upon in the past, the reason that this was able to happen is because the voters in When I address college or university, I am referring districts (like those in El Paso) failed to vote in the 2010

The next two elections (especially the 2014) will have There has been in the past few years a growth of an enormous impact on the education of our students new colleges whose marketing appears to be aimed in El Paso County. We will produce more Hispanic exclusively toward minority students. While I feel candidates entering the realm of higher education and that any post high school education is important, I fear we need to change the conservative leadership so that

I intend to continue to pound and pound the importance the established institutions. The marketing of these of voter participation in this media and any other venue fledgling colleges may create a new glass ceiling that available. We have to engage the Hispanic community

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public

It's the law By Texas AG Greg Abbott

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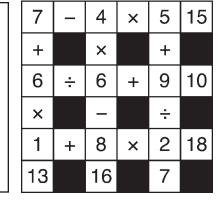
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time for identity thieves, because could owe the IRS up to \$10,000 know, their returns must ordinarily it provides an opportunity for for failing to submit their income be submitted to the IRS on April criminals to create fraudulent emails tax return on time. The email 15. However, this year the deadline and websites to trick taxpayers references a bogus federal statute for filing federal income tax returns into divulging their sensitive and provides a malicious link to a is Tuesday, April 17. According to the IRS, the filing deadline was scams give identity thieves access Taxpayers should remember moved back because April 15 is a to all the information they need - that the IRS does not use email or Sunday and April 16 is a holiday in

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HERE A CHICK, THERE A CHICK... - John Pendell, left, and Skyler Paul show chickens to students at Surratt Elementary School.

Clint FFA promotes agriculture awareness

Special to the Courier

CLINT – Do you know what cows eat? What are t-shirts made of? Did you know a horse can sleep while standing? These are the kinds of questions posed to Surratt Elementary students during Clint High School's Ag Day on Feb. 23, 2012.

Students in the Clint High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) celebrated National FFA Week by setting up exhibits at the neighboring Surratt Elementary displaying animal projects and to encourage agriculture awareness.

"Agriculture is important. Without it we would not have food or clothing," said Daniel Rivera, a first year member of FFA who works with horses and rabbits.

During the event, students were able to pet goats, rabbits, pigs, horses, a cow, and chickens as the high school FFA members shared information about each animal, how they are raised and how they are useful to us. FFA members also discussed the importance of cotton in fabrics and showed students how to rope an animal.

"I think it's important to share this information with young children because it helps to protect our agriculture. Many people don't even know what's in their hamburger," said Jessica

Clint High School FFA members through hands-on experiential learning participate in competitions based on real-world agriculture skills. The students develop leadership skills, participate in stock shows, and learn to judge livestock, cotton, and meats.

"This event helps us to promote agriculture in the classroom so students know where they get food and other products from," said Shannon Jarvis, Clint High School Agriculture Science

Clint Independent School District offers high school students courses in animal science, agriculture mechanics, agribusiness, equine science, horticulture, floral and landscape design,



MOO – Jamie Paneral shares her knowledge of cows with Surratt Elementary students.

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at Jose Alderete Middle School, 801 Talbot Dr. and on Thursday, March 29 the meeting will be at Jose Damian Elementary School, 6300 Strahan.

– Kim Guzman

Musuem

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/.

- Alfredo Vasquez

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

Crime Stoppers

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

and kicks the victim viciously

– James Klaes

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

might have fled. If you have any

information at all about this case,

please call Crime Stoppers at 566-

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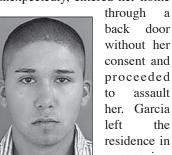
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an assault that occurred in East El Paso County. Deputies met with the a 29 year-old woman that told Deputies that about 4:30 p.m. an acquaintance identified as Garcia arrived to her home unexpectedly, entered her home



left residence in possession **Edgar Garcia** 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' immunization registry - keep their immunization history adult vaccinations. The bad news is advocated for an "opt-out consent that unless young adults fill out an process" for ImmTrac."Opt-out ImmTrac Adult Consent Form when registries are much more robust they turn 18, the state will purge and functional,"adds Terk. their immunization records from the The state's immunization registry registry. Texas Medical Association is an important resource for Texas (TMA) physicians are urging young families, physicians, nurses, and adults to sign the form as soon as schools. "ImmTrac ensures that

chair of TMA's Council on Science multiple clinics." and Public Health, and adviser for Preventable infectious diseases TMA's Be Wise - ImmunizeSM and vaccinations do not stop when may interfere with efficient care for the consent form ensures 18-yearthe patient. Most young adults do not olds can maintain their vaccination take the time to keep up with their records well into adulthood. 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, TEXAS - The good news is that and once when they reach 18 to ImmTrac – was expanded to include in the registry. TMA has long

patient vaccination records are not "A young patient's ImmTrac lost and always available," says records must be destroyed by age Terk. "For physicians, the registry 19 years if consent is not received," prevents unnecessary, repeat warns Jason Terk, MD, a pediatrician, vaccinations, even if patients visit

program. "The loss of these records a child reaches adulthood. Signing

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March Madness begins with ugly Syracuse controversy

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

Wimbledon and even the World Cup when it have been swept under the rug.

has come to be known as March Madness.

The NCAA Basketball Tournament begins nothing about. this week with the usual contingent of super hoping to hoist the trophy at the end of it all. defend

And like everyone else I'll be sitting in games and turning back-and-forth to the best test positive for banned recreational drugs. matchups and down-to-the-wire finishes.

this year's tournament (unless of course your suspended or kicked off the team, right? team didn't get selected).

has received a pass only because his team is athletic department

fondness for him has vanished as quickly as tests and playing ineligible players after they Ryan Leaf's football career.

I believe that because Syracuse – one of There are certain events every year that the considerable favorities to win this year's in this situation because in some instances, sports fans drool over, like the Super Bowl, the tournament - has been ranked so high, the some of them weren't even notified of their basketball. World Series, the Triple Crown, the Masters, ugly controversies surrounding the school own ineligibility.

But nothing captures the imaginations of abuse his assistant coach Bernie Fine (and unfortunate news never got to the head sports fans for a three-week period like what his wife) inflicted on young team ball boys? coach? Years of abuse that Boeheim said he knew

As difficult as it is to believe that one, girlfriend problems. powers, mid-majors and little-guy-Cinderellas the following news is almost impossible to

Now there's been a report that over the last front of my TV for hours checking out the decade, Syracuse has had at least 10 players

Nothing really unusual there, a player tests It's hard to find any negatives connected to positive for an illegal drug and is subsequently "I was born at night – but not last night."

But I have one sour note concerning one were allowed to practice and play games allegations as soon as Syracuse is eliminated team, and really to one coach, who I believe instead of properly being suspended by the from the tournament.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, but my two areas: failing to properly count positive confirmed after they've won the title? should have been subject to suspension.

But you can't even blame all the players cover-up.

Has anyone forgotten the years of sexual whenever a player failed a drug test the under the leadership of Jim Boeheim.

when a player fails a test, is homesick, or has program.

And yet how often have you heard about to John Gotti, has refused to make a statement these problems concerning this year's team?

Some people may think that Boeheim is a bumbling fool and knows absolutely nothing vigorously in favor of assistant coach Fine that is going on with his own program.

I've got a feeling that reporters all over Only thing is, in these cases all the players the country will start investigating all these has made some serious errors in judgment.

But what if they aren't eliminated? What if Four sources close to the school said they win the whole thing? Can you imagine I'm going to root for, I'm positive on whom I've always had the utmost respect for Syracuse violated its drug policy in at least what will happen if all these charges are I'm rooting against.

The NCAA would have to deal with the drug scandal, the sexual abuse and the resulting

Talk about a black eye for college

There is absolutely no doubt that some very Anyway, are going to really believe that sleazy things have been happening at Syracuse

And if Boeheim feels his good name will get him through all this, all he has to do is Are you kidding me? The coach knows look to Joe Paterno and the Penn State football

> The slippery Boeheim, basketball's answer concerning the drug tests.

But interestingly enough, he came out and accused the abused boys of lying to try to But my former father-in-law had a saying: make some money – until damaging evidence caused him to backtrack.

> So at least we can all agree that Boeheim But the good news is that the tournament

is here.

And though I'm not really sure which team

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Goodell the bounty hunter

NFL, however, will have legs.

According to the results of an NFL payouts doubling or tripling during program investigation, the New Orleans the playoffs.

When some entity wants to plays made the previous game. The bury a story, it usually makes an investigation is said to have shown announcement late Friday afternoon that the total amount of funds in in the hopes that nobody will notice the pool may have reached \$50,000 during the weekend when news or more at its height during the going to hit me," Warner said about Eli Manning, the Giants two-time score. Make a good play in college consumption takes lower priority. 2009 playoffs. The program paid the scandal. Last Friday's announcement by the players \$1,500 for a "knockout" Former quarterback Brett Favre said disgusted him, though and \$1,000 for a "cart-off," with he wasn't upset about the bounty "It's not good for football and can't Expect to see a bunch of players

Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt you on every play."

going to hit me or how they were snot bubbles.

Saints defense operated a cash pool NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell anything less of those guys," Favre Championship game, bounty or not, dollar game and nobody wants to that paid "bounty" payments for said the investigation began in told media. "I'm not going to make and worked well for the Giants. The see it turn into "The Longest Yard"

2010 after allegations were made a big deal about it. In all honesty, who recovered both fumbles, said that Saints defenders had targeted there's a bounty of some kind on after the game. "[We] did a great

New Orleans' 2009 run to the Super guy who snapped Joe Theisman's leg and said he didn't consider any "They went beyond what was tackle a sack unless the quarterback normal in regards to when they were was left on the ground "blowing basketball players will give you a

Super Bowl MVP said the scandal

be part of football." "It's football, and I don't think But it was part of the NFC

> 49ers punt returner Kyle Williams, keep an eye on the defense. aware of. "We were just like, 'We who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 gotta put a hit on that guy," Devin King Features Synd., Inc.

job hitting him early, and he looked Warner and Minnesota Vikings Former Giants linebacker Lawrence kind of dazed when he got up. I feel quarterback Brett Favre during Taylor would agree. He was the like that made a difference and he

> Hockey has its enforcers, baseball pitchers will brush you back, and hard foul if you're running up the or Pop-Warner football games and they give you a sticker.

knocked out of the game before the NFL spring meetings. It's a billion-Giants forced two fumbles from every Sunday. In the meantime,

Socorro's new volleyball coach to lead alma mater team who had a history of concussions, which Giants players said they were which Giants players said they were which Giants players said they were

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 a player and as a person," Estrada to 2009. told her players after she was

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



coach with Advanced 2009 and was games.

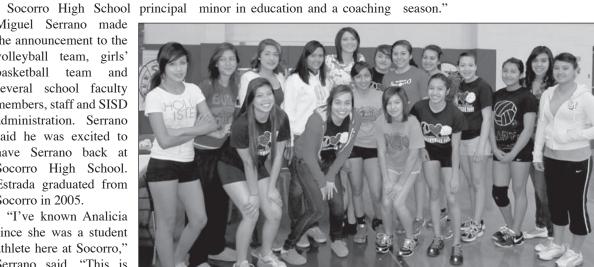
her dream job and give back to the specialization in 2009 from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Estrada Texas.

> was overcome with Estrada emotion at the announcement. "I'm very excited to be here,"

in Estrada said. "I come in here and Amarillo, Texas see this empty gym and I can't from 2008 to wait to fill it with people to see our

an intramural The Socorro volleyball players coordinator are also excited about the upcoming with Wayland season under Estrada's leadership.

B a p t i s t "She's going to do great things next level and help you get better as University Intramurals from 2007 for the program. We're going to go far with her leading us," said middle She earned a bachelor of science hitter and junior Alexa Mendoza. formally announced as head coach. in exercise sport and science with a "I think it's going to be a great



Photos courtesy Socorro ISD

she always wanted to be. ENTHUSIASTIC - Head coach Analicia Estrda (back center) and her team are Now she's able to live looking forward to playing some volleyball.



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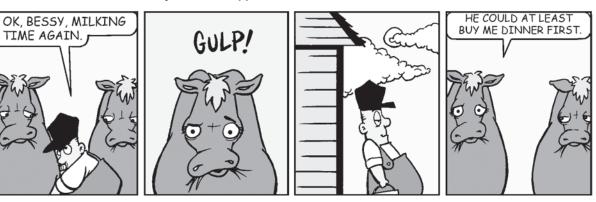
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

chest pain. The pain comes and your case, it's not. goes unpredictably. Sometimes I Stress is the most likely cause am just sitting at my desk, and I of your chest pain. get a squeezing sensation in my doctors say my heart is healthy, - No. 101W, Box 536475, What do you think? -P.A.

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had EKGs, stress tests and even
It takes a full month for your problem if you had one.

no family history of heart trouble at early ages.

However, complications can arise Reserved.

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Super Crossword

EVERYBODY'S IRISH **ACROSS** 1 Auctioneer's item

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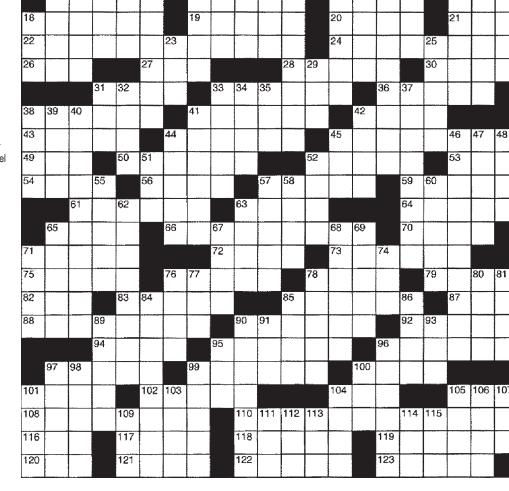
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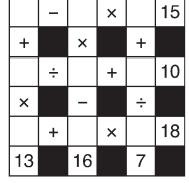
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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!

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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 Answer Page 2 *** HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: When a person who has worked Retirement Estimator at www. and paid Social Security taxes dies, socialsecurity.gov/estimator to test are benefits payable on that person's different retirement scenarios. This

can be paid to:

- 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 gov/planners/calculators.htm. deceased's child who is under age Security benefits;
- · Unmarried children under 18, or circumstances, benefits can be paid to stepchildren, grandchildren or adopted children;
- disabled; and
- older.

Even if you are divorced, you still may qualify for survivors benefits. For more information on any of For more information, go to www. the questions listed above, visit our socialsecurity.gov.

retirement benefit at several different like to have answered, please mail possible ages?

A: Yes. We suggest you use our Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

online tool will give you retirement benefit estimates based on current A: Social Security survivors benefits law and real time access to your earnings record. The Retirement • A widow or widower — unreduced Estimator also lets you create additional "what if" retirement scenarios. It's even available in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov/ calculador. You can test even more alternatives at www.socialsecurity.

16 or disabled, and receiving Social Q: I lost my Social Security card. Should I get a new one?

up to age 19 if they are attending A: You may not need to get a high school full time. Under certain replacement card. Knowing your Social Security number is what is important. However, you can replace your Social Security card for free if it • Children at any age who were is lost or stolen. Remember, you are disabled before age 22 and remain limited to three replacement cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime. • Dependent parents age 62 or Learn more at www.socialsecurity.

website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you Q: Can I get an estimate of my have any questions that you would them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray

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.

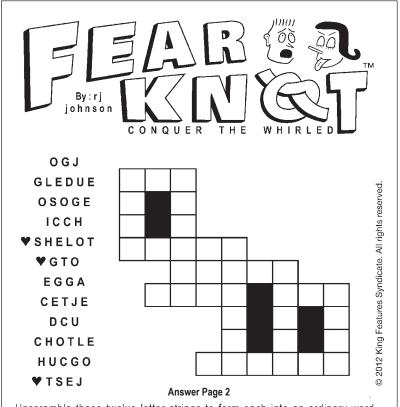
Clue: R equals V

MS NHSP LKOYJDF YJCF MPN AJR MVPH J KJVCSMKK, RHO YMDUP NJR MP'N CHAV MV PUF

COYLN.

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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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