



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

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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.

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be received at the Village Hall, located in Vinton, Texas at 436 E. Vinton Rd, Vinton, Texas 79821, or by mail to the Village Hall until 2:00 P.M., local 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 Rural Affairs (TDA-ORA) - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Contract No. 710711 and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Contract No. 50-000450.

Bids are invited for 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 approximately 84 linear feet of 10-foot high rock wall, amphitheater

seating with 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 and obtained via PSC's Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with PARKHILL, SMITH & COOPER, INC. (ENGINEER), 810 East Yandell, El Paso Paso Texas, 79902 (915) 533-6811.

There is no cost or deposit required for this option. Digital copies (PDF file extension format) are available upon a non-refundable cost of \$18.48 per each CD, plus applicable sales tax.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on **March 20, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Village Hall in the Village of Vinton, Texas. A site tour will be held after the pre-bid meeting to allow bidders

to familiarize 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 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.

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Labor Standards contained in the specifications and must pay not less than the federally 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. Adherence to the Grant Recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contract and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00

The Village of Vinton, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informality in the Bidding.

All contractors/subcontractors who are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Bids may be held

by the Engineer for a period not to exceed 30-days from the date of the Bid Opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the Bidder's qualifications, prior to awarding the Contract.

The Village of Vinton, Texas is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer. Small, Minority and Female Owned firms are encouraged to submit Bids for this project.

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Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District
Invitation to Bid

The Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District is now accepting sealed bids for the surplus building and property located at 1539 Pawling Drive (Legal Description H O R I Z O N MANOR #1, SEC OF BLK 1, Prop ID 7910010010001B), within the city limits of Horizon City. This property is sold as

is and subject to an existing lease which expires December 31, 2012. A copy of the lease can be obtained at the HRMUD office at 14100 Horizon Boulevard, Horizon City, Texas or by calling 852-3557.

Sealed bids, addressed to **Toby Alvarado, Horizon Regional MUD, 14100 Horizon Boulevard, Horizon City, TX 79928**, will 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.

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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City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

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

1. ORDINANCE 302, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RETAIL RATES OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS DENYING RATE INCREASE REQUEST AND MAINTAINING THE CURRENT EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY RATES IN EFFECT.

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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*

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/.

— *Alfredo Vasquez*

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. You can remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— *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

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."

Preventable infectious diseases and vaccinations do not stop when a child reaches adulthood. Signing the consent form ensures 18-year-olds can maintain their vaccination records well into adulthood.

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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.

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.

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

Socorro's new volleyball coach to lead alma mater team

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

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."



Analicia Estrada



— Photos courtesy Socorro ISD

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

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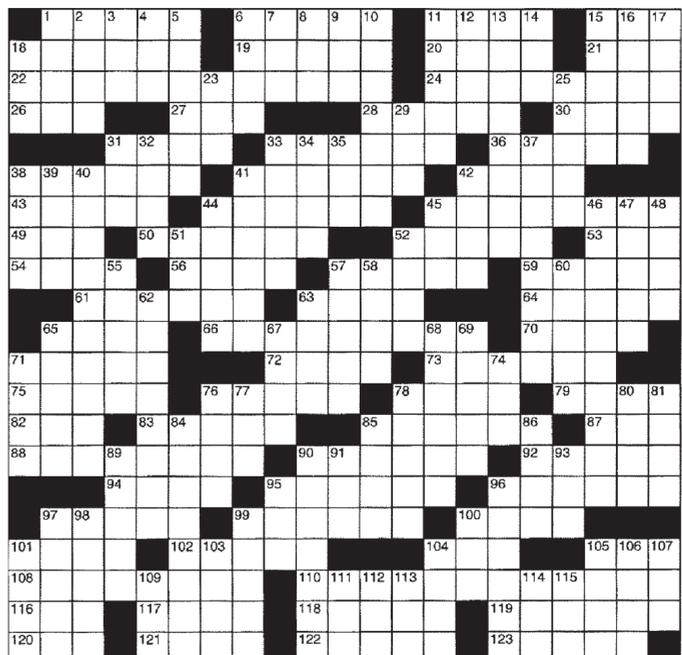


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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 38-year-old woman who has a very stressful job. It is also very well paying, so I don't want to give it up. I think it might be giving me chest pain. The pain comes and goes unpredictably. Sometimes I am just sitting at my desk, and I get a squeezing sensation in my chest. At other times, I had been hurrying around. I have had several EKGs, been examined by three doctors, had a stress test and a radioactive stress test. The doctors say my heart is healthy, and the chest pain could come from stress. In speaking with people I trust, I have been told to have a heart catheterization. What do you think? – P.A.

from any procedure that invades the body. When the detection of heart disease can be accomplished in no other way, information from a catheterization is justified. In your case, it's not.

Stress is the most likely cause of your chest pain.

Coronary artery disease is the No. 1 cause of death in most of the world's countries. The booklet on that subject explains in detail its symptoms and its treatments. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 101W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

None of your three doctors told you that. Don't you think they might know more than your friends? You have to be guided by advice given to you by those who have had experience in assessing people's complaints. There's no pattern to your chest pain. Heart pain, in contrast, causes chest pain when a person is physically active. That pain goes when the person rests. Your kind of pain is not suggestive of a heart disorder.

Your doctors have told you that your heart is healthy. You have had EKGs, stress tests and even a radioactive stress test. Those tests would have disclosed a heart problem if you had one.

Furthermore, you are only 38 years old – not an age for heart problems to occur. You mention no family history of heart trouble at early ages.

With a catheterization, a thin, pliable tube is inched from a groin blood vessel to the site where the heart arteries are found. There, dye is injected so doctors can visualize the health of heart arteries. The doctors can spot any obstructions, like cholesterol buildup, in those arteries. It's an amazing test. However, complications can arise

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

You're not facing an extended recuperation after donating blood. One day is enough. That sounds like too little time, but it's sufficient. You won't notice it.

It takes a full month for your blood count to return to what it was before you donated. That slight dip in your blood count isn't going to affect your exercise performance unless you are into marathon training.



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.

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 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. You can test even more alternatives at 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.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

STRANGE BUT TRUE By Samantha Weaver

• It was noted 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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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		15
+		x		+	
	÷		+		10
x		-		÷	
	+		x		18
13		16		7	

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 4 5 6 6 7 8 9

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals V

MS NHSP LKOYJDF YJCF MPN

AJR MVPH J KJVCSMKK, RHO

YMDUP NJR MP'N CHAV MV PUF

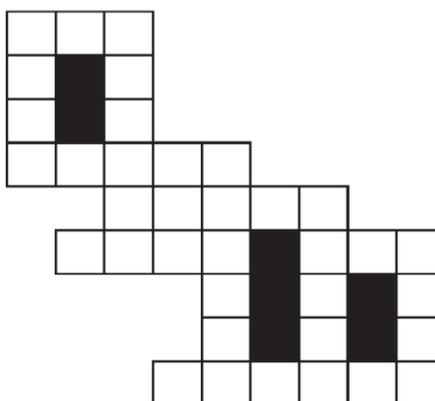
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- OGJ
- GLE DUE
- OS OGE
- IC CH
- ♥ SHEL OT
- ♥ G TO
- EG GA
- CET JE
- DC U
- CH OT LE
- HUC GO
- ♥ TSE J



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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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