



## NEWSBRIEFS

### EPCC theater online

The El Paso Community College (EPCC) Disciplines of Theatre Arts and Mass Communication proudly present Eugene O'Neill's one-act play THIRST. The production can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpZKkyPHxk>. The plot of THIRST is three people are trapped on a raft in the middle of the ocean after the ship they were on sinks. A Gentleman, a Dancer, and a West Indian Mulatto Sailor are adrift without food and water far off the normal shipping lanes, surrounded by sharks and slowly going mad. For information on EPCC Theater, contact Ted Karber, Jr. at (915) 831-3205.

— Jim Heiney

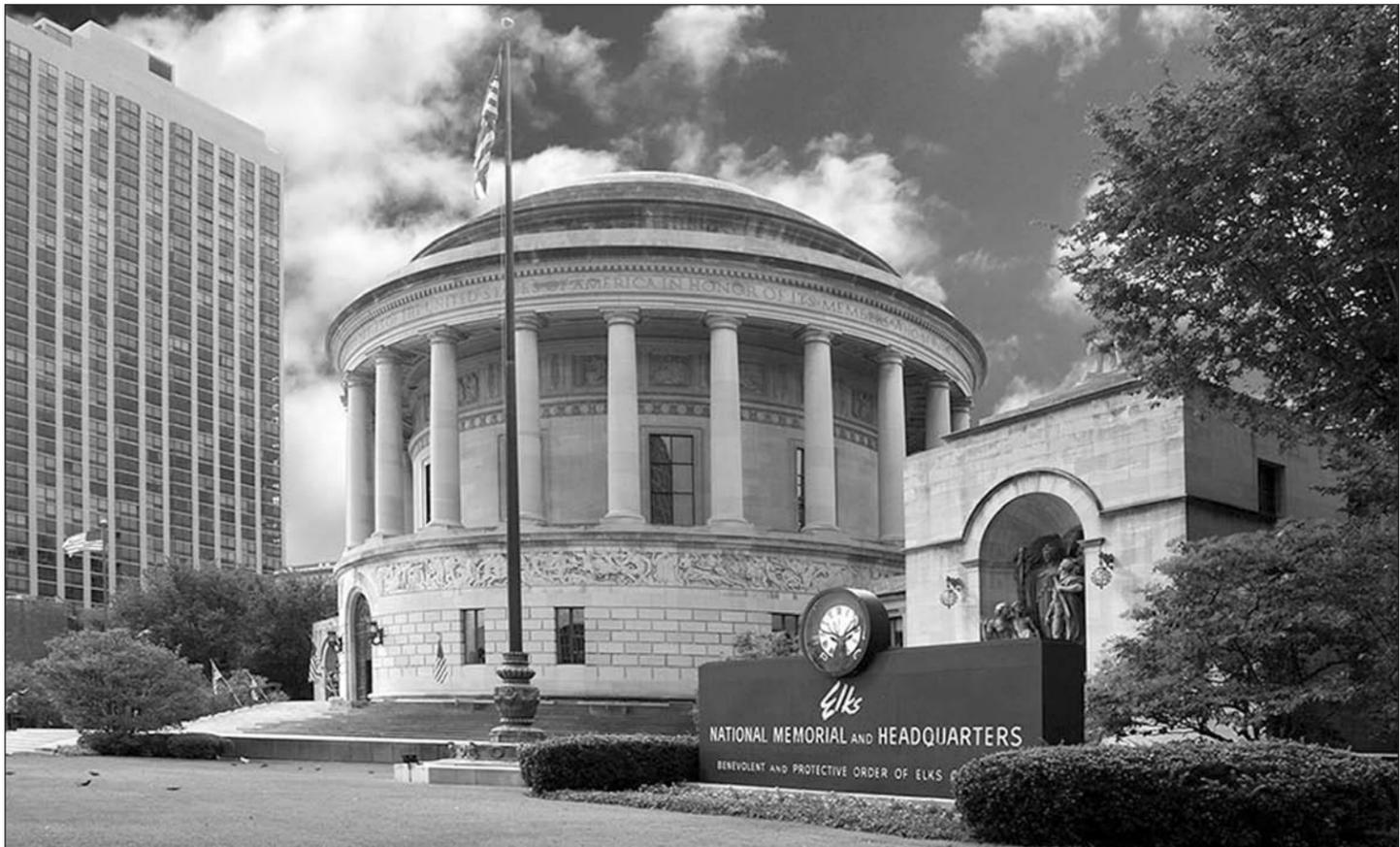
### Rodriguez gets second term

Last week the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) elected Armando Rodriguez to a second, three-year term, on its Board of Directors to conclude in June 2023. Rodriguez was unanimously elected to serve an initial three-year term on the NALEO Board in 2017. NALEO Educational Fund is a leading non-profit, non-partisan organization that facilitates full Latino participation in the American political process, from citizenship to public service. "To be effective advocates for our community, the leadership of this organization continues to empower the Latino community and create opportunities for kids," Rodriguez said. "We address the complex issues facing our community and influence legislation that affects student outcomes." A graduate of Canutillo High School and the University of Texas at El Paso, Rodriguez is a native of the Border and a leader in his community. His work on behalf of students extends beyond El Paso. Earlier this month, Rodriguez was nominated to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), a nonprofit association that serves local public school boards to become the first trustee from Region 19 to serve as an officer on the TASB Board of Directors since 1998.

— Liza M. Rodriguez

*A real home is more than the roof over your head – it's a foundation under your feet.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy of Elks National Foundation

The Elks Veterans Memorial building and rotunda, above, are the centerpiece of the Chicago, IL campus of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Now a landmark, it was dedicated in 1926. Adjoining the memorial building are Elks administrative offices including the Elks National Veterans Service Department and the Elks National Foundation.

## Elks provide high school seniors scholarship opportunities

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

Through its Elks National Foundation (ENF), the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the more than 750,000-member organization is providing charitable services that help build stronger communities across the United States.

Elks members, from their 1,900 lodges throughout the country, assert that they joined the Elks to help build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks members live and work.

One of the organization's many successful programs is the Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship contest which is held every year. The MVS contest is currently taking applications for the 2020-21 scholarships.

According to local Elks Lodge 187 member Teddy Martinez, the ENF is investing \$4.2 million in college scholarships this year. "We are investing wisely," she stated. She pointed out that MVS scholars- all of whom demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and a commitment to service- are graduating from college at a rate of 90 percent, which is more than 30 percent higher than the national average.

Martinez stated that for the upcoming school year, ENF will select 500 national winners by next spring. The top 20 finalists will be invited to participate in the Elks Leadership Weekend conference that is scheduled for April in Chicago. While there, the finalists will interview

for the scholarship awards that range from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

These 20 finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. Each of the remaining 480 runners-up participants will receive a \$4,000 scholarship.

The MVS scholarship is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens.

Applicants are judged on academics, leadership, community service, and financial need, Martinez explained. And, applicants do not need to be related

to a member of the Elks, she added.

Since 1931, the ENF program has awarded life-changing scholarships to thousands of students, like Santiago Alvillar of California, who is last year's top winner. Alvillar acknowledged that excelling in academics became an outlet for him. He stated that he is the first in his family to receive a formal education and that now he is using his studies to create a future that includes greater opportunities for those he cares about. Alvillar will begin college life this fall as a freshman at Stanford University, where he plans to study engineering and physics, with a

specialty in energy alternatives.

In the El Paso region, Elks Lodge 187 has been instrumental in helping local high school seniors win scholarships in recent years. Leonardo Moraveg, an Eastwood High School graduate, was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship in 2018; and Regina Sung, a Clint Early College High School graduate, received a \$20,000 scholarship in 2019. Six other local area high school seniors in the past

eight years have also been awarded scholarships through the Elks MVS scholarship program, Martinez related.

Martinez urged all area high school seniors to apply. "For sure, you cannot get a scholarship if you do not apply," she said, "but maybe, just maybe, you could be a recipient if you do apply."

Applications for the 2020-21 contest are available on the ENF's website. Complete MVS scholarship contest details including the application may be viewed, at [elks.org/scholars](http://elks.org/scholars) or at [elks.org/MVS](http://elks.org/MVS). The application process must be completed online and submitted by November 15.

For more information about Elks Lodge 187 and the scholarship application process, contact Teddy Martinez, at (915) 503-3067, or send email to [liliamartinez48@hotmail.com](mailto:liliamartinez48@hotmail.com). Individuals may contact the El Paso Lodge 187 office at [elpaso187@gmail.com](mailto:elpaso187@gmail.com) or at (915) 532-4441.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS, the San Elizario Independent School District will hold a virtual public meeting at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

**Event address for attendees:**  
<https://seisd.webex.com/seisd/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3e22ce4e189d30712458e866247eb580>  
**Event number: 146 744 5733**  
**Event password: wuFkd6sGq36**

**Audio conference:**  
**United States Toll +1-408-418-9388**  
**Access code: 146 744 5733**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Maintenance Tax</b>          | \$1.015100/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| <b>School Debt Service Tax</b>  |   |
| <b>Approved by Local Voters</b> | \$0.154900/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)     |

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value** of all property    | \$ 332,456,969     | \$ 342,413,416   |
| Total appraised value** of new property*** | \$ 5,457,409       | \$ 6,774,462     |
| Total taxable value**** of all property    | \$ 247,427,219     | \$ 257,215,950   |
| Total taxable value**** of new property*** | \$ 4,963,752       | \$ 6,728,351     |

\* All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* 26,335,000

\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

|   | Maintenance<br>& Operations | Interest<br>& Sinking<br>Fund* | Total       | Local<br>Revenue<br>Per Student | State<br>Revenue<br>Per Student |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Last Year's Rate</b>   | \$ 1.028700                 | \$ 0.117400*                   | \$ 1.146100 | \$ 859                          | \$10,615                        |
| <b>Rate to Maintain Same<br/>Level of Maintenance &amp;<br/>Operations Revenue &amp;<br/>Pay Debt Service</b> | \$ 1.119400                 | \$ 0.283300*                   | \$ 1.402700 | \$ 1,159                        | \$10,458                        |
| <b>Proposed Rate</b>  | \$ 1.015100                 | \$ 0.154900*                   | \$ 1.170000 | \$ 1,010                        | \$10,921                        |

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

|                                     | Last Year   | This Year   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences  | \$ 72,094   | \$ 74,797   |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 47,094   | \$ 49,797   |
| <b>Last Year's Rate Versus</b>      |             |             |
| Proposed Rate per \$100 Value       | \$ 1.146100 | \$ 1.170000 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence      | \$ 539.74   | \$ 582.62   |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes        |             | \$ 42.88    |

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.180600. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.180600.**

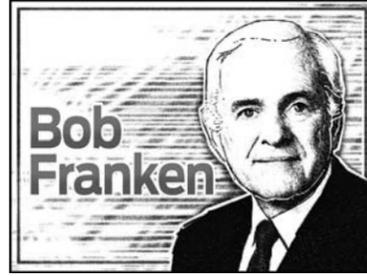
### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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|--|---------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 10,941,681 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 446,259    |

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# Smear campaign begins



together they were intending to make the current incumbents their main issue, particularly the handling of the pandemic. They will describe him as a president who is really an empty suit, who generates lawsuits every time he pulls another of his con jobs. Quoth Harris: "This is what happens when we elect a guy who just isn't up to the job."

"Phony Kamala and Slow Joe." That was President Trump giving nicknames to the opposition after Joe Biden picked Kamala Harris to share the Democratic ticket with him. Of course, Trump threw in "extraordinarily nasty," but he always describes those who oppose him as "extraordinarily nasty." A couple of days later, he tried to hint that Kamala Harris was not eligible to be vice president, a sad reprise of the "birther" campaign he led against Barack Obama. How pathetic.

I have to ask: Is that the best Trump can do? Has he lost a step in attaching insulting nicknames and leveling racist dog whistles against anyone who riles him, which is just about everyone? "Phony" and "slow" are hardly devastating. "Nasty" seems puny. "Birther"? Been there done that. Is the Trumpster still feeling the after-effects of the hydroxychloroquine pills that he popped?

Trump had better get on his game, because in Harris, Biden has picked someone who might give him a bit of reflected pizzazz that's badly needed. Donald Trump just has Mike Pence, who is not a pizzazz kinda guy. Or we think Pence will be his choice.

And both Joe Biden and Kamala Harris made it clear at their first campaign appearance

So it is with his power grab from Congress. His administration negotiators refused to budge from their lowball position when it came to extending the unemployment benefits lifeline to those devastated economically by the coronavirus. This time, he was conjuring up a bunch of phony executive orders and memoranda that pretended to solve many of the critical issues.

Take enhanced unemployment payments and eviction prohibitions. He announced that unemployment was \$400, down from \$600. It's actually \$300, much of it paid for by budgetary sleight of hand, which will be challenged in court. As for the stoppage of evictions, as he announced, it's really just a memo to federal agencies to "study" the issue.

Most of it is a mirage, but he is counting on some of the voters to be taken in by his subterfuge. Besides, Congress has the authority, according to the Constitution, to control spending. But Trump has never been a big fan of the Constitution and its limitations.

One of the most intriguing aspects of the Kamala Harris selection is that the opposition

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# Post office paranoia

At this rate, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy will be lucky if he isn't arrested and tried for treason before a people's tribunal.

According to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, DeJoy is a "complicit crony" aiding Trump's efforts to sabotage American democracy. She believes the two have hatched a plot to delay mail-in voting and disenfranchise countless

Americans prior to the election.

In tried-and-true fashion, President Trump has stoked suspicions by saying that he opposes a \$25 billion Postal Service bailout in the latest Democratic COVID-19 relief bill. According to Trump, blocking this measure – and \$3 billion in election aid to the states – will prevent universal mail-in voting. But the bailout doesn't

have anything to do with mail-in voting, and given the billions of pieces of mail handled by the post office every week, it surely can handle the increased volume from mail-in voting.

It is true that Postmaster General DeJoy is a major Trump donor. He made his fortune in shipping and logistics, though, and he was selected by the Postal Service's board of governors.

Little did he know, when he took over the agency in June, that he'd soon have a starring

role in the country's latest psychodrama. Every change at the Postal Service is now seen through the prism of a belief that the agency is a tool of creeping authoritarianism.

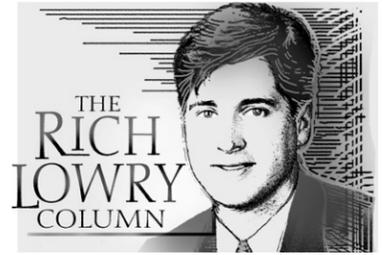
Letter collection boxes are being removed – never mind that this has been an ongoing process for years. Underutilized boxes are decommissioned or moved to higher-traffic areas. In 2009, the Washington Post reported that 200,000 boxes had been shelved over the past two decades. In 2016, the inspector general noted that another 12,000 collection boxes had been cut over the previous five years.

Letter collection boxes all of a sudden have big, red locks on them – well, yeah, as an off-hours device to prevent the theft of mail, also something the Postal Service has done for years.

The Postal Service is deactivating mail-sorting machines – right, and there was a plan for this prior to DeJoy becoming postmaster general, and it has long been discussed in response to the declining volume of mail.

DeJoy is cutting back on overtime – indeed he is, because artificially swollen overtime is an enormous expense that he hopes to eliminate with a more rational delivery system.

Democrats and much of the media make it sound as though the post office was an efficient,



smooth-running agency before DeJoy took charge. In reality, the post office has lost nearly \$80 billion since 2007, and it lost more than \$2 billion last quarter. Unless the service finds a way to innovate, it is headed for bankruptcy.

This is the impetus for DeJoy's reforms, which should be welcomed by all the people now caterwauling about how essential the post office is to the American way of life.

DeJoy has been adamant that the Postal Service will do its job regarding mail-in ballots. The post office's recent warnings to states that they should be mindful of how quickly ballots can be delivered were intended to avoid unrealistically late deadlines for mail-in voting that could create a train wreck in November.

But in their inflamed state, Democrats want a villain. If not a foreign potentate, then the guy in charge of delivering the mail.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.

## View from here By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD., J.D.

# The new population control: Fear and isolation

Planet of the Humans, a Michael Moore vehicle, came and went with little fanfare. Perhaps it was the message that our feeble attempts at halting climate change were just that: feeble and useless. Solar panels, wind turbines, electric cars and the like were criticized as mere "band-aids" and corporate moneymakers that leave a larger human footprint on Gaia. In truth, the sole savior of the Earth is controlling the root of energy consumption: our population.

Mother Earth aside, Margaret Sanger and her eugenicist friends tried to control population by cruel design in the early 1900s. She opposed philanthropy as it perpetuated "human waste." To achieve world peace, Sanger proposed that "the whole dysgenic population [including epileptics, feeble-minded, prostitutes] would have its choice of segregation or sterilization."

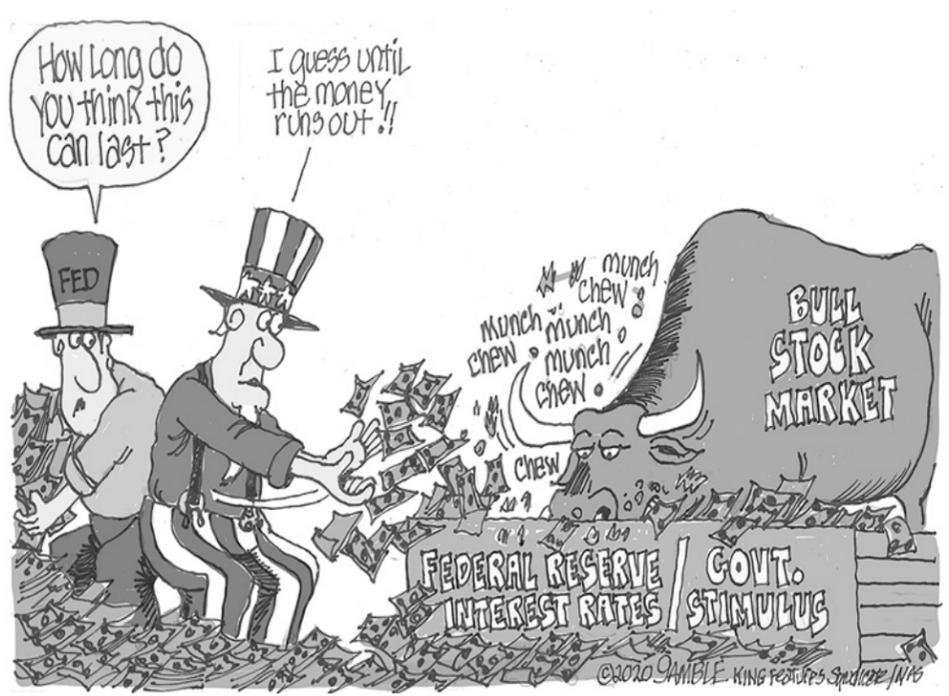
Government-sponsored forced sterilizations became too much for civilized society to bear and ceased in 1981. Margaret Sanger's legacy soldiers

on, conducting "God's work" at Planned Parenthood abortion clinics disproportionately located in minority neighborhoods. Taking it up a notch, pediatrician Governor Ralph Northam (D-Va.), who while in medical school wore either black face or a KKK hood – he doesn't remember which – grotesquely believes it's OK to kill babies who are born alive.

The new standard bearer for the current brand of population control is fear. Dressed as the Angel of Death, he appears on CNN as an ever-present sidebar flashing numbers of COVID-19 "cases," rarely making the distinction between those who are ill and those who simply had a positive test for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

We are never told that 81 percent of cases are mild. Nor are we told that well over 99 percent of Americans have recovered. We were never told that the military ships dispatched to accept patients served a handful of patients. We were not told that

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# Classified Ads

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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL**

**PERMIT NO. WQ0014529001**

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.**

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District, P.O. Box 136, Tornillo, Texas 79853, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0014529001 which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 730,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on March 6, 2020.

The facility is located at 695 Henderson Road, Tornillo, in El Paso County, Texas 79853. The treated effluent is discharged to the Tornillo Drain, thence to Rio Grande Below Riverside Diversion Dam in Segment No. 2307 of the Rio Grande Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for Tornillo Drain. The designated uses for Segment No. 2307 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a

public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application: <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-106.105421%2C31.43454&level=12>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at The El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District business office, 19225 Highland Street, Tornillo, Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / MEETING.**

You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and significant public

comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity;

explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a

contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant or for a contested county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. **All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.**

at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

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**Public Notice**

**Town of Anthony, TX**

**Fair Housing, It's the Law**

To promote fair housing practices, the Town of Anthony encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion,

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically

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By Lucie Winborne

• Sociologists have discovered an interesting correlation between economic health and women's clothing: The worse the economy, the longer women's skirts become, while the better the economy, the shorter they rise.

• Coca-Cola owns all website URLs that can be read as ahh, up to 62 h's.

• The world's shortest escalator is the one in the basement of the More's Department Store in the city of Kawasaki, Japan. It's 33 inches tall and has only five steps.

• Realizing that surgical antiseptics were marketable to just a small group of professionals, the makers of Listerine began to market the product as a floor cleaner – as well as a cure for gonorrhea. While we won't necessarily vouch for the latter, in a pinch, just add a capful for every gallon of water and mop away. Other uses include dandruff elimination, deodorant, a numbing agent for toothache pain and tick removal.

• The famous Battle of Hastings didn't take place in Hastings, but a town seven miles away, today called Battle.

• According to an American study, Californians are less likely to barbecue on a Tuesday than any other day of the week.

• Ferdinand Demara, aka "The Great Impostor," posed as a surgeon aboard a Navy destroyer in the Korean War, where he was forced to operate on 16 people. He proceeded to speed-read a textbook on general surgery and was able to successfully perform all the operations without losing a single patient.

Thought for the Day: "Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would rather have talked." – Mark Twain

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## CryptoQuip Answer

Irish song concerning a fellow who always smiles warmly: "The Wearing of the Grin."



• On Aug. 24, 1981, Mark David Chapman is sentenced to 20 years to life for the murder of John Lennon, a founding member of The Beatles. After the shooting on Dec. 8, 1980, Chapman stayed at the scene, reading "The Catcher in the Rye," a book he was obsessed with, until the police arrived. His requests for parole have all been denied.

• On Aug. 25, 1944, after more than four years of Nazi occupation, Paris is liberated by the French and the U.S. infantry. Gen. Dietrich von Choltitz, commander of the German garrison, defied an order by Adolf Hitler to burn Paris to the ground and instead signed a formal surrender.

• On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution. The amendment was the culmination of more than 70 years of struggle by woman suffragists.

• On Aug. 27, 1883, the most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history occurs on Krakatau, an uninhabited volcanic island west of Sumatra in Indonesia. The explosions threw 5 cubic miles of earth 50 miles into the air, created 120-foot tsunamis and killed 36,000 people.

• On Aug. 28, 1968, at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, thousands of Vietnam War protesters battle police in the streets, while the Democratic Party falls apart over its stance on Vietnam.

• On Aug. 29, 1876, Charles F. Kettering, inventor of electric self-starter, is born in Ohio. Kettering's inventions spread far beyond the automotive industry: He helped develop the refrigerant Freon and an incubator for premature infants.

• On Aug. 30, 30 B.C., Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, takes her life following the defeat of her forces against Octavian, the future first emperor of Rome. She may have committed suicide by means of an asp, a poisonous Egyptian serpent and symbol of divine royalty.

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## Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 11 of El Paso County

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo Del Este Municipal Utility District No. 11 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 11: 30 a.m. solely by means of using a toll-free conference number 1 (888) 599-1357; Access Code: 8529 and via Zoom videoconference Meeting ID: 857 8155 3140; Passcode: 019202 due to the existence of an emergency related to the coronavirus epidemic making the convening of an in-person meeting at one location of a quorum of the Board of Directors difficult or impossible. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Jose R. Soto, Murray Van Gundy, Darwin Voge, Marisa Lascurain and Alexandra Treviño**

**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**

**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**

**ABSENT:** **NONE**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

|  | Last Year            | This Year    |
|--|----------------------|--------------|
|  | Adopted              | Proposed     |
| Total tax rate (per \$100 value)   | 0.7500/\$100         | 0.7500/\$100 |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value   | \$ -                 |              |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)  | - %                  |              |
| Average appraised value  | \$ 147,598           | \$ 147,005   |
| General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)                  | \$ -                 | \$ -         |
| Average taxable value  | \$ 147,598           | \$ 147,005   |
| Tax on average residence homestead   | \$ 1,106.99          | \$ 1,102.54  |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) | - \$ 4.45<br>- 0.40% |              |

#### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

**The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.**

## Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo Del Este Municipal Utility District No. 9 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 11:30 A.M. MT by means of using a toll-free conference number (877-853-5257 | Meeting ID: 999 6877 6872 | Passcode: 418895), pursuant to Section 551.125, Texas Government Code, as modified temporarily by Governor Greg Abbott, and the related guidance from the Office of the Texas Attorney General, in connection with the Governor's COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation.

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**FOR** the proposal: **Directors Bustamante, Lascurain, Owen, Grenier and Zuniga**

**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**

**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**

**ABSENT:** **NONE**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

|   | Last Year             | This Year      |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|
|   | Adopted               | Proposed       |
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)   | \$0.7500/\$100        | \$0.7500/\$100 |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value  | \$ -                  |                |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)   | - %                   |                |
| Average appraised residence homestead value   | \$ 188,448            | \$ 186,419     |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ -                  | \$ -           |
| Average residence homestead taxable value   | \$ 188,448            | \$ 186,419     |
| Tax on average residence homestead  | \$ 1,413.36           | \$ 1,398.14    |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)  | - \$ 15.22<br>- 1.08% |                |

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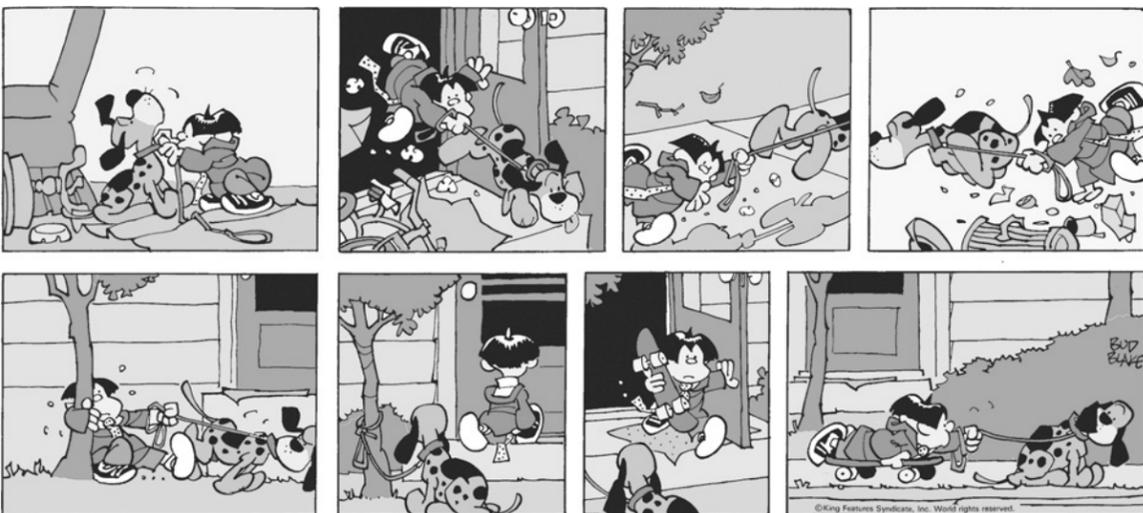
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**Franken**

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doesn't know what to make of her or how to attack her. Republican National Chair Ronna McDaniel, for instance, in one day went from saying Harris' politics "show that the left-wing mob is controlling Biden's candidacy," to sending out an email with the subject line "Liberals revolt against Biden, Harris ticket."

They will get their oppo acts together

quickly, and so will the Democrats. This race promises to be one of the most dishonest, ugly campaigns ever, with the potential of the coronavirus to cause Election Day chaos. Add foreign misinformation to the mix, and you have a cauldron of trouble.

We've never had a mess like this one, but now the tickets are set. Let the games begin.

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**Removing gallbladder didn't end gallstones**

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My husband had his gallbladder removed many years ago. In the past few years, he has had six ERCPs to remove gallstones from his bile duct, as he is still making them. He has been told to drink lots of water but that there is no preventive remedy. Do you have any suggestions for how to prevent these gallstones from forming? – B.A.P.



Ordinarily, removing the gallbladder stops new gallstones from forming. Having a gallstone left after surgery is not uncommon, but it is very uncommon for people to make multiple new stones years after surgery.

One possibility is a diverticulum of the common bile duct. The common bile duct drains bile from the liver and gallbladder into the small intestine; it drains pancreatic fluid, too. A diverticulum is a blind pouch. It's possible for a stone to form there, so you should find out if he has one. They should have seen it on one of the ERCPs (a special endoscopy that looks at the bile and pancreatic ducts). If present, a diverticulum can be removed surgically.

I asked my colleague at Weill Cornell, Dr. Arun Jesudian, for his expertise, and he said he has seen multiple stones in the liver due to parasitic infections, often in Asian patients. That may require surgical treatment. He also discussed doing a sphincterotomy, which is a procedure to open the end of the common bile duct, to let stones pass through easily. Your husband may benefit from expanding it. Finally, there is a medication to reduce gallstones, ursodiol (Actigall), which Dr. Jesudian feels had no real downsides and might well help.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I'm a female, 53, who suffers from and is being treated for IBS. I have a history of colon cancer in my family. My family members and I go through regular screenings and so far, we've been clean. Once in a while, I wake up feeling a sharp, stabbing pain in my rectal area that lasts no more than 20-30 minutes before going away. These pains occur no more than once a month, sometimes every few months, but the pain often happens while I'm asleep and wakes me up. Luckily, there have been no bloody or black stools or urine following this, much to my relief. I've talked to my gastroenterologist about it, and he's as clueless as I am. I do exercise and watch what I eat. Could it be gas? At least the pain is short-lived, so it doesn't interfere with my daily activities or routine. – A.

Irritable bowel syndrome is a common problem, found more frequently in women, that ranges from annoying to life-changing. Although it does not predispose to cancer or reduce life expectancy, IBS can have dramatic effects on a person's social and work lives.

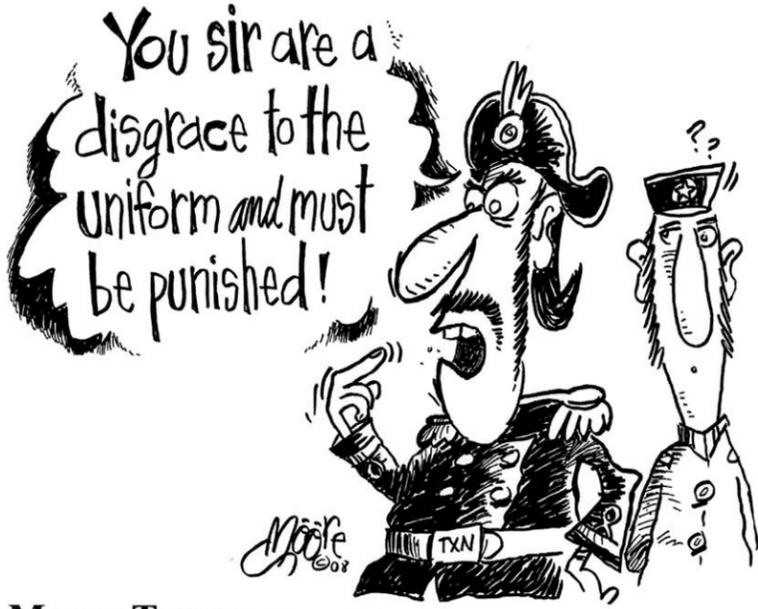
The hallmarks of IBS are bowel changes (diarrhea, constipation or sometimes both, alternating) and abdominal discomfort. The discomfort is usually described as cramping, but it is not unheard of to be described as sharp or stabbing. I believe a colonoscopy is appropriate to be sure IBS is not actually a different problem, such as inflammatory bowel disease. Black or bloody stools would be concerning for IBD not IBS.

Your symptoms are not typical for colon cancer, which often has no symptoms until it is quite advanced, making regular screening is so important.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). (c) 2020 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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**Moore Texas** by Roger MOORE

Aug 21, 1844: Although a Texas hero for his leadership in the Yucatan naval campaign, Commodore Edwin Moore insisted on his OWN court martial on a number of charges.

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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: T equals G

NANDY DXRT GXRGPARNRT  
 Z MPBBXQ QYX ZBQZID  
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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# Stolen medical equipment



by Freddy Groves

It's hard to fathom how low some criminals will go. Right in the middle of the COVID crisis, a respiratory therapist working for the Department of Veterans Affairs was nabbed for theft. Hospitals were sweating out having enough space and equipment to take care of patients, and medical personnel were struggling to find enough protective gear for themselves. So what was this respiratory therapist doing? He was stealing ventilators and selling them on eBay.

He stole not only ventilators but bronchoscopes and other respiratory support equipment – just the medical stuff COVID patients need to keep breathing while their bodies heal. Among other things, he sold on eBay a whopping five ventilators in two months – March and April – right in the middle of the COVID chaos.

Staff at the VA hospital knew the items were missing,

of course, and had reported each instance. They probably did a daily count of materials, worried about how they would cope with an influx of patients. Then someone thought to check sales of those medical items on eBay, and there they were.

The VA Office of Inspector General stepped in, as well as the U.S. attorney. The suspect initially denied involvement, of course. Criminals always do. He said someone else was using that seller name on eBay, that he hadn't stolen anything, even though eBay listings and IP addresses traced back to his house.

Search warrant in hand, the authorities collected all manner of stolen medical equipment from the guy's house, including CPAP machines and masks, ventilation tubes and more. EBay sales records were found, complete with serial numbers of the missing items. The U.S. Attorney's Office spoke with buyers of some of the equipment.

But one piece of the evidence was damning. The final nail in the crook's coffin was his own cellphone with photos of some of the items he stole.

Theft of government property can net a 10-year prison sentence. Hopefully, that 10 years will apply to each individual piece of equipment this criminal stole..

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- "Technology is going to be a significant part of our back to school strategy. So, this year, we made sure we have extra chargers and headphones, plus set up a charging station for all school items. We are doing everything we can to be prepared!" – M.K. in Louisiana

- Double crust pies should be cooked on the bottom rack. This will ensure the pie is cooked from the bottom and the top crust will not overbrown.

- Cane-bottom chairs feeling a little bit loose? You can tighten the cane by taking them outdoors, thoroughly wetting the seat from the underside with hot water, then letting them dry in the full sun. The drying process can shrink the cane, causing it to tighten.

- "I recently inherited a beautiful cedar chest from my grandmother, who is downsizing. To freshen the smell of cedar, we lightly sanded the interior and buffed out the dust with a rag that we put a little cedar oil on. It's totally renewed and ready for all my heirloom quilts!" – T.F. in South Carolina

- Use a bit of shaving cream to spot clean a carpet. The "soap" is easily controlled and doesn't spread unless you make it spread. Use a damp, clean sponge to rinse.

- Things you can do with chunks of Styrofoam: Use them as filler in a large garden pot so that you don't need as much potting soil; create a stamp for a fun art project; set a square of thick foam into a small box and poke holes to hold a set of colored pencils upright.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

# 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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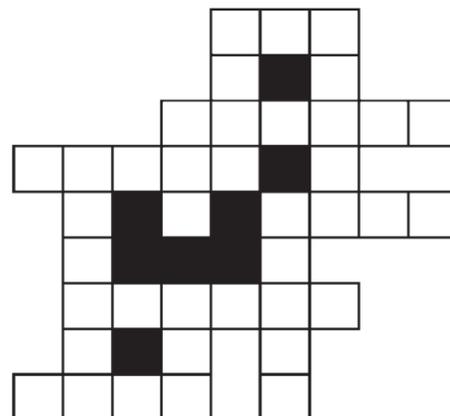
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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