



## NEWSBRIEFS

### How much is your 'snack' worth

Chicken McNuggets can be addictive, so much so that an aficionado might go to great lengths to bite down on one. Take the bidder at an eBay auction that paid nearly \$100,000 for a single, but special, McNugget at an eBay auction. The bidding started at just 99 cents but quickly attracted "hungry" buyers who upped the ante at an alarming rate. The winner outbid 184 would-be buyers by offering \$99,997 for the single McNugget, which sells for about 45 cents at McDonald's. Why? Because this particular McNugget looks just like a character in *Among-Us*, a popular video game. The question is: will the buyer enshrine his or her purchase or eat it? The seller promised to deliver the nugget before its expiration date and even offered to include a packet of sauce, saying "I have Szechuan and at buyers request will ship some with the nugget."

— John Grimaldi

### Foodies beware: It's locust season

The 17-year cicadas, sometimes known as locusts, are back, swarming in large numbers in several parts of the United States. But don't try snacking on them if you are allergic to seafood. Anthropologist Cortni Borgerson touts the "shrimpy" looking critters as a tasty snack. But, the FDA warns that they are, indeed, related to shrimp and lobsters and can cause a reaction if crustaceans should not be on your menu.

— John Grimaldi

### A whale of a tale

Jonah lived in the belly of a whale, so the Bible tells us. But the whale that tried to devour Michael Packard recently spat him out after trying to swallow him. It happened in the waters off the coast of Cape Cod. "A humpback whale tried to eat me. I was in his closed mouth for about 30 to 40 seconds before he rose to the surface and spit me out. I am very bruised up but have no broken bones," says Packard who was scuba diving for lobsters at the time. He was treated at Cape Cod Hospital and told reporters it happened in mid-dive: "All of a sudden, I felt this huge shove and the next thing I knew it was completely black. I could sense I was moving, and I could feel the whale squeezing with the muscles in his mouth."

— John Grimaldi

*Every father should remember one day his son will follow his example instead of his advice.*

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— Photo by Cynthia Villareal

## El Día de Los Muertos celebration

By Jeannie Meza-Chavez  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO – Students, teachers, and staff are returning to school with untreated social and emotional complications. They are emerging from a year and a half of lockdowns, battles to mask on or mask off, and the overwhelming loss of loved ones physically gone forever. For many, the loss is still very raw regardless of how long it has been since the death of a loved one. The Día de Los Muertos or the Day of the Dead is a traditional celebration to honor the life of ancestors.

The Arts and Culture Google page indicates that the Día de Los Muertos is

a celebration by the "people in Mexico and Central America, and for Mexican Americans in the United States." Director Lee Unkrich captures the essence of the Día de Los Muertos in *Coco*, a Pixar Animation Studios movie released by Walt Disney Pictures in 2017.

Vibrant artistry, deep tradition, and an unwavering ceremony are celebrated yearly in preparation for the November 2nd Día de Los Muertos Celebration. Getting ready for the Día de Los Muertos begins with the set-up of an altar. Altars for the Día de Los Muertos can be composed of one picture or several pictures of loved ones who have passed. Artistic sugar skulls help decorate the altar along with marigold flowers and lit candles. Perforated paper with decorative

designs known as "papal picado" also help enhance the look of the altar. One can begin to capture the personality of the individual being honored by adding the individual's favorite music playing in the background and adding the preferred foods and objects of the deceased loved one. Many also add water and "pan de muerto," known as Day of the Dead Bread.

In the San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD), traditional celebrations like the Día de Los Muertos are passed on and kept generationally authentic through the passionate teaching of Mrs. Cynthia Villareal. Through her education, generations of Ann M. Garcia Enriquez

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## Hinojosa named as Anthony HS Honored Ex

By Adriana Candelaria  
*Special to the Courier*

ANTHONY – Anthony Independent School District celebrated one of their own – Dr. Cecilia Hinojosa – naming her Anthony High School's Honored Ex for 2021-2022 at this year's homecoming festivities.

Hinojosa was chosen for her outstanding research on neurology and her dedication to improving the lives of individuals with post-traumatic stress disorder. She has broken many barriers as a Latina first-generation college graduate with roots in Anthony.

During her time at AHS, Hinojosa was involved in AP Biology classes, Gifted and Talented, and Library Club. She graduated in 2012, one year earlier than expected.

"I graduated a year early because I always knew what I wanted to do with my life," Hinojosa said.

"Ever since I was in middle school, I knew I wanted to work with individuals who were dealing with mental disorders," Hinojosa said.

Hinojosa also explored the idea of enrolling in the military. She says she was inspired by her dad, grandfathers and cousin who were all military service members. However,



— Photo courtesy Anthony ISD

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Dr. Cecilia Hinojosa



## Woody Woodpecker is not laughing

Unless you're a member of the Audubon Society, you're about to learn more about woodpeckers than you ever thought you'd know. Or care to.

I hate those detective shows where they say, "I'm sorry for your loss." But yeah, it's like that. I'm REALLY sorry for your loss because, I don't know how to break it to you, but Woody

Woodpecker is dead. He's been officially declared extinct by a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which keeps track of such things. Amy Trahan wrote the official report on the demise of the ivory-billed woodpecker—the species that was the model for Universal Studios' character Woody, of "Heh-heh-heh-HEH-heh" fame. He (or she) is not to be confused with the pileated woodpecker, which makes more of a jackhammer sound as he scrounges for bugs (don't we all) in a tree's bark.

This is the genuine Woody,

an ivory-billed. He hasn't been seen, that we know of, since back in 2005 in Arkansas. He (or she) was unmistakable. He was a big bird. In fact, (choose your pronoun) was nicknamed "The Lord God Bird," because when people saw one they'd exclaim, "Lord God! What a bird!"

But 2005 was the last time and long enough. "He no longer exists," said Ms. Trahan. And she checked the box for "delist based on extinction."

Since 1973, when Congress passed the Endangered Species Act, 54 plants and animals have

been delisted, but millions more are expected in the coming decade. That's because of various human abuses, including hunting, property development, mining and the biggie, the double-C, climate change.

Oh, thank heaven, you were worrying that I was writing an ornithology column, not a political one. But here I am on familiar turf, where everyone agrees that global warming is an urgent problem, a disaster, actually, except for the miners, energy conglomerates, all the other special interests and the mealy-mouthed politicians who

represent constituencies they rely on to get them re-elected instead of trying to save the entire planet.

Woody is just a canary in a coal mine – more like a woodpecker, really – a warning of pending doom. How about record-setting heat waves, hurricanes, floods and massive droughts at the same time, and glaciers falling off and slush where frozen oceans used to be?

One problem is that climate is worldwide; it's not a national issue. If one country decides to ignore it or doles out a weak

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View from here By Dr. Glenn Mollette

## Who will pay for the \$2 trillion infrastructure project?

If you are making less than \$40,000 a year then you probably don't care that single people making over \$523,601 pay 37% of their income in federal taxes. Married people filing jointly making over \$628,301 also pay 37%. These people make it and can afford to pay it we often say. What affects someone else doesn't bother us that much when it comes to income and taxes.

Let's say you are making \$35,000 this year but next year you have an opportunity to make \$45,000. Suddenly your federal tax rate increases from 12% to 22%. This is a big jump. You have the opportunity to make more but more of what you make goes to taxes. You start calculating the hours and time worked versus how much more you have to pay in taxes and you start wondering if it's worth what it will take to earn the extra

income. If a great job comes your way to earn \$209,426 then you start calculating maybe it would be better to figure out how to make \$208,000 and stay in the 32% tax bracket. Most likely if you are making \$209,426 dollars a year you are probably working very hard for it and turning over \$70,000 plus a year to the government doesn't feel very good.

Our government is hungry for money. The \$2 trillion infrastructure project that is on the table will mean our government will desperately need lots more money for many years to come. Our grandchildren will be saddled with this debt for most of their lives.

We need infrastructure updates. Roads, bridges, new water lines, better energy sources, internet and more. The project will create a lot of jobs. However, don't be

fooled into thinking someone else will pay for the project. We hear reports that the debt will be passed onto America's 600 billionaires. Do you really think Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, Bernard Arnault, Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg are going to pay for this \$2 trillion-dollar infrastructure deal?

America's billionaires should pay their fair share like all Americans but a nation that penalizes prosperity is unfair. I don't feel sorry for billionaires but a billionaire shouldn't have to pay 40% of his/her earnings to the government. Also, America's billionaires have the resources to move to another country if they choose to. Their tax rate should

be fair but we shouldn't run them out of the country.

If your income grows from \$30,000 a year to \$60,000, that is no reason for you to be penalized by your country. Congress needs to push for a flat tax and tax everyone including billionaires. A tax rate of 12% to 15% on all individuals and corporations would encourage people to make more and America would have more money to cover our infrastructure costs. Plus, more manufacturing would come back to America. Instead, our nation discourages prosperity by penalizing those who make more.

Every American will pay for the infrastructure project. We

will be paying for a long time. Every American's tax burden will increase. Don't let Washington fool you into thinking somebody else will pay for this project. It's going to be all of us and for a very long time.

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View from here By Marilyn Singleton, M.D.

## Covid coincidence

"They" say there is no such thing as coincidence. They must have known about Covid-19, the political viral disease.

Is it a coincidence that the year of the Covid is also the year that scientific integrity died? Discourse is the lifeblood of science. I thought we had gotten past jailing or guillotining or dismissing as crackpots people whose scientific theories with which we disagreed. Many scientific mavericks were vilified: William Harvey describing the circulatory system, Ignaz Semmelweis' advocating for simple hand-washing, Barry Marshall determining that H. pylori, not spicy foods caused peptic ulcers, to name a few. We have a modern day version of public humiliation and worse. Data that does not fit the "official story" is removed from popular social media sites, not reported on mainstream television channels, and hidden from easily accessed public websites.

Was it a coincidence that an all-out campaign to debunk the effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine as an early treatment for Covid-19 occurred after President Trump had good words to say about it in an election year? The denigration was relentless, despite 60 years of use in autoimmune diseases for its anti-inflammatory effects. Hydroxychloroquine was also found to have anti-blood clot effects. And with several viruses it was shown to inhibit viral entry into cells and viral replication. All of these properties would be effective in treating Covid-19 symptoms.

Another anti-parasitic medication, ivermectin,

has 20 possible mechanisms of action against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including interrupting viral entry into cells and anti-inflammatory action. Significantly, ivermectin is a protease inhibitor, that is, a substance that blocks proteins that allow viruses to reproduce themselves.

Is it a coincidence that Pfizer's new anti-Covid pill, PF-07321332 is also a protease inhibitor? Notably, Pfizer's drug would have to be given early after the onset Covid symptoms. This is also the recommendation for hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin—a recommendation that many studies ignored when dismissing the value of these anti-parasitic medications.

Is it a coincidence that Merck, who distributes ivermectin, is seeking fast-track approval for molnupiravir, an antiviral agent to treat Covid-19? How convenient that the U.S. government will purchase \$1.2 billion worth of the yet-to-be-approved drug. And how predictable that vaccine maker Moderna's stock fell 11 percent after the announcement. Vaccines are yesterday's cash cow. Is it a coincidence that ivermectin costs no more than \$100 dollars per treatment course and molnupiravir costs \$700 per 10-day course of treatment?

Is it a coincidence that the pharmaceutical and health products industry, to keep their seat at the table, has spent \$171,262,239 so far this year in lobbying and that Pfizer and Merck were among the top five clients?

Is it a coincidence that Dr. Fauci, in dismissing hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin, resurrected

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# We should arm Taiwan to the teeth



We warned China to stop its incursions into Taiwan's air defense identification zone – and the Chinese responded by flying even more aircraft into the zone.

The 56 Chinese flights last Monday brought the total for October to 149, already the year's highest monthly total.

The flights have been steadily increasing in recent years, as Beijing harries Taiwan and demonstrates its discontent with the island nation's closer relationship to the United States. The Chinese may also want to wear down the Taiwanese by forcing them to constantly respond.

Regardless, the flights underscore why Taiwan is the most dangerous and potentially most consequential flashpoint on Earth.

If China can successfully absorb Taiwan while limiting the military, economic, and diplomatic costs, it would vindicate President Xi's vision of an ascendant China undoing past humiliations, represent a milestone in China's campaign to establish hegemony in the most important region of the world, and, perhaps, collapse the credibility and global position of the United States.

On the other hand, a debacle in

Taiwan could have devastating economic and diplomatic consequences for China, threatening Xi's rule.

In other words, attention must be paid – the trajectory of the modern world is conceivably at stake.

The Trump administration began to reorient the U.S. defense posture toward this threat, and the Biden administration has followed up, most importantly, with the nuclear submarine deal with Australia.

It's been completely obvious for a long time that China has been preparing, if it so chooses, to take Taiwan by force of arms, and keep us from being able to do anything about it.

It has massively increased its force of ballistic missiles, better to target a wide array of ships and hold at risk U.S. ground units. Prior to the latest, more serious iteration of the missile threat, Tom Shugart of the Center for New American Security estimated that a preemptive Chinese strike on our bases in the region "could crater every runway and runway-length taxiway at every major U.S. base in Japan, and destroy more than 200 aircraft on the ground."

China has been churning out long-range strike aircraft and

engaged in a historic naval buildup. It now has the largest navy in the world.

Nonetheless, invading and occupying Taiwan after launching a gigantic, logistically taxing amphibious operation across a 110-mile strait would be no small feat, to put it mildly.

It should be our objective to keep China at bay, toward the goal of keeping it from establishing its dominance over Asia, as former Trump defense official Elbridge Colby argues in his compelling new book "The Strategy of Denial."

But the Taiwanese haven't exhibited the urgency one would expect of an island of 24 million people coveted by a nearby nation of 1.4 billion people that makes no secret of its compulsion to try to swallow it whole.

Until a few years ago, Taiwan's defense budget was shockingly inadequate. Its military reserves are lackluster. Its frontline units tend not to operate at full strength. It has often been seduced by the allure of so-called prestige weapons, such as top-end fighter aircraft that are irrelevant to its predicament.

We should be fortifying Taiwan and making it as difficult as possible for China to take. That means stockpiling food, energy

and munitions against a Chinese blockade. It means making its infrastructure more resilient and enhancing its cyber capabilities. It means increasing its capability to detect an early mustering of Chinese forces. It means more mines, anti-ship missiles, air-defense capabilities and unmanned systems to frustrate a cross-strait invasion.

The Chinese have been focused on "area denial," missiles and the like to deny our access to Taiwan and its environs. But these capabilities can be turned

against China, too.

If we are ever inclined to forget about how pressing the threat is, not to worry, the Chinese will have more flights or other provocations to remind us.

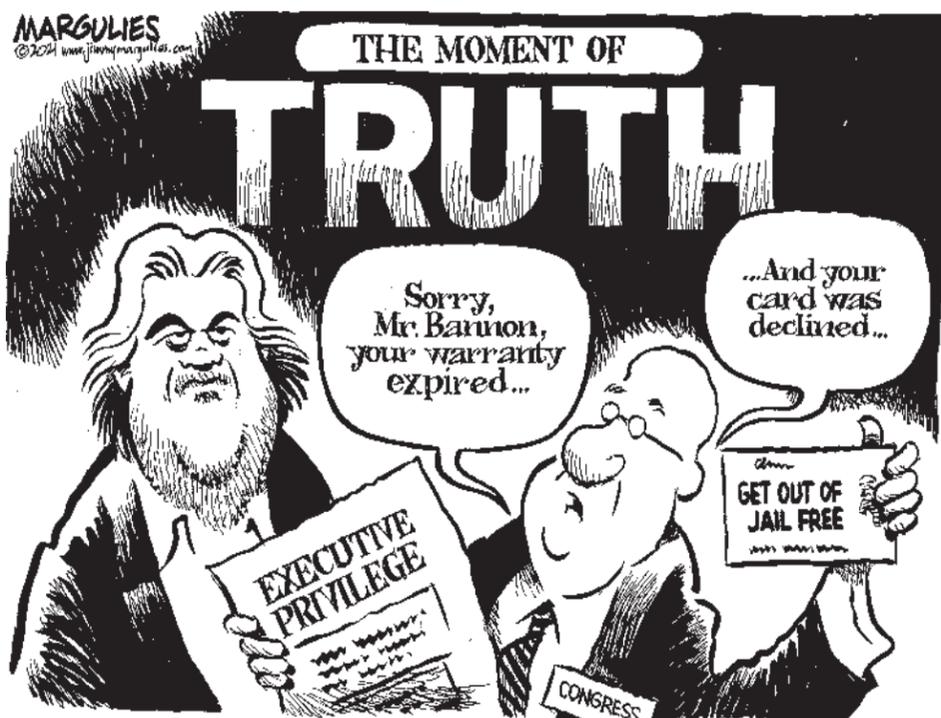
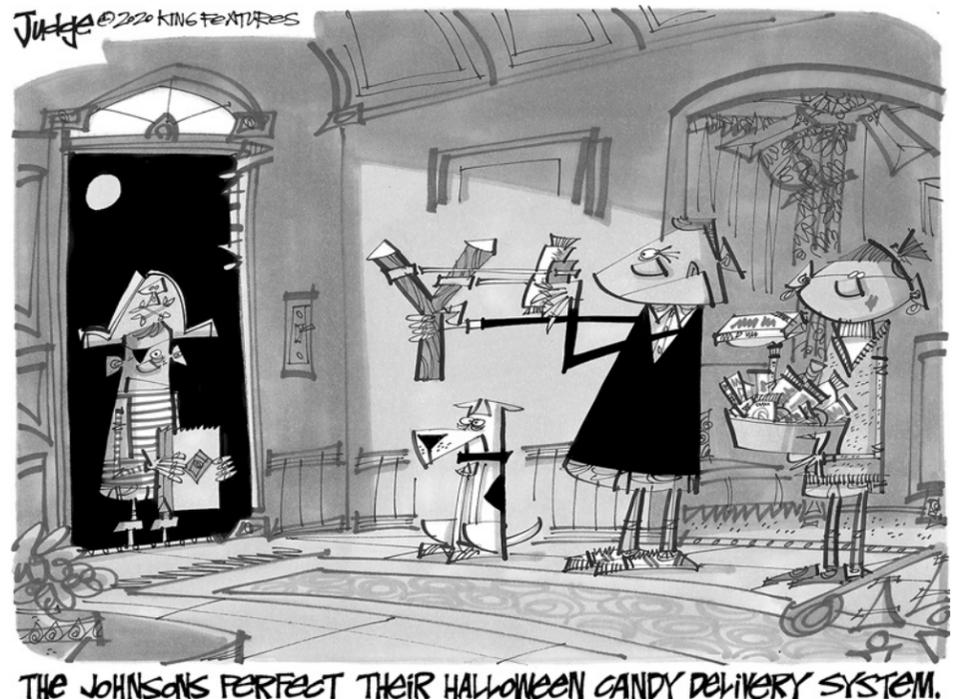
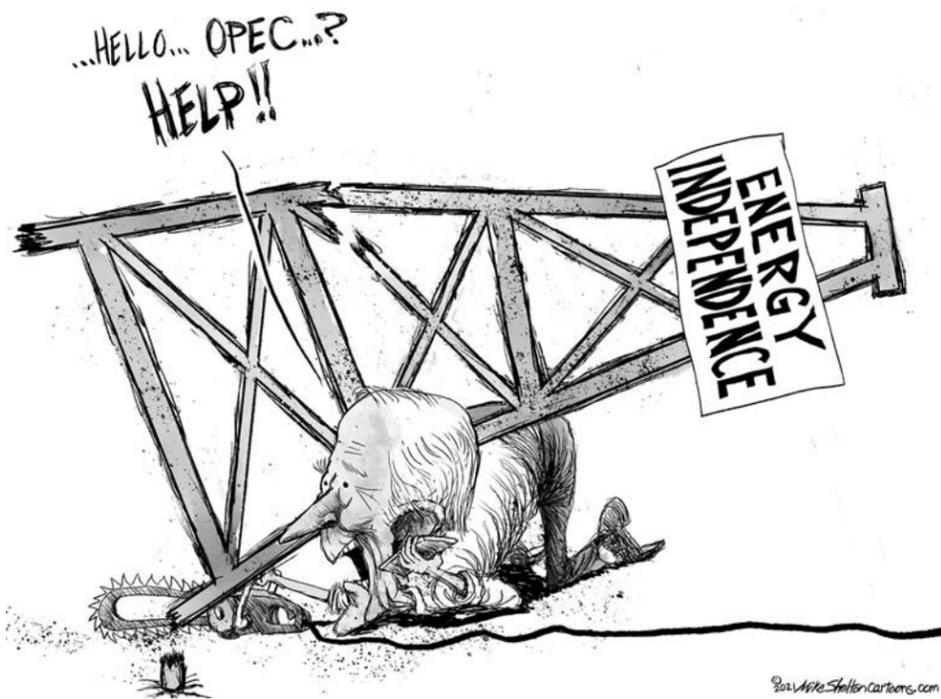
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## Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Anthony Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 in the Anthony Middle School Library, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Anthony Independent School District's rating on the State's Financial Accountability Rating System.

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## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Oct. 25, 1929, during the Teapot Dome oil reserve scandal, Albert Fall, who served as secretary of the interior under President Warren Harding, is found guilty of bribery and conspiracy. He was the first former cabinet officer sentenced to prison as a result of misconduct in office.

• On Oct. 26, 1775, King George III speaks before both houses of the British Parliament to discuss growing concern about the rebellion in America. He urged Parliament to move quickly to end the revolt and bring order to the colonies.

• On Oct. 27, 1873, Joseph Glidden, an Illinois farmer, submits an application to the U.S. Patent Office for his new design for a fencing wire with sharp barbs on two strands. Barbed wire would forever change the face of the American West.

• On Oct. 28, 1962, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev orders the withdrawal of missiles from Cuba, ending the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1960, Khrushchev had launched plans to install ballistic missiles in Cuba that would put the eastern U.S. within range of nuclear attack.

• On Oct. 29, 1998, almost 40 years after he became the first American to orbit Earth, Sen. John Glenn Jr. is launched into space again as a payload specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery. Glenn, 77, was the oldest human ever to travel in space. • On Oct. 31, 1864, Congress quickly admits Nevada as the 36th state in the Union. President Lincoln's proposed 13th Amendment banning slavery was the decisive factor in easing Nevada's path to statehood.

• On Oct. 30, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt, determined to keep the United States out of the war while helping those allies already mired in it, approves \$1 billion in Lend-Lease loans to the Soviet Union. The terms: no interest, and repayment would not start until five years after the war ended.

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## Muertos

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Middle School students have learned about the artistry and fanfare of the Día de Los Muertos Celebration. Ms. Villareal has been a Spanish teacher with the SEISD for all 14 years she has served in education.

For Villareal, the most challenging part of teaching students about the Día de Los Muertos Celebration is explaining the learning challenges and cultural characteristics. She states, "Día de Los Muertos is a lesson taught with respect." The celebration ultimately brings families together when students and parents engage in the beautiful aspects of the celebration.

Students follow different methods in narrowing down the

individual(s) they will honor with an altar for the celebration. For students, "The assignment is to research the person they wish to honor and write a bibliography to share with the class; the hope is for them to get to know the person on a deeper level and to acknowledge their time with us." states Villareal. In this way, the altar begins to take form because it honors someone who has passed away. Many times, the students admire the person being honored. The culmination of the assignment is the presentation of research findings that become a part of the commemorative altar and celebration.

The Día de Los Muertos Celebration in SEISD takes on a different form as the altars are created individually by students or by a team of students. In the first week of the lesson, students learn about the altar

and how Spanish-speaking countries celebrate the Día de Los Muertos. In the second week of the study, students apply what they have learned about altars and transfer that knowledge to the altars they begin to construct. Ms. Villareal engages many individuals through this celebration. She has students present their altars with individual judges scoring a set criterion as they submit their respective altar information.

The culmination of the Día de Los Muertos Celebration extends to involve parents. Many parents engage by assisting with decorations, the construction of the altar, the creation of flowers, and the preparation of authentic Mexican food to place on the altars. Some favorite foods are mole, a sauce made of dried chile, and spices layered or mixed into the chicken. The

chile colorado is chopped-up pieces of beef with red chile. A favorite is enchiladas, which are rolled corn tortillas stuffed with cheese dipped in red chili sauce. Flautas are also a regular favorite because they are tightly rolled corn tortillas stuffed with meat. Another popular item is tacos, corn tortillas folded in half and filled with different ingredients such as potatoes or beef.

Such a celebration enables the overwhelming loss of a loved one to be remembered and honored. Villareal states, "During these difficult times, I believe it's most needed." The Día de Los Muertos Celebration is necessary when the magnitude of the loss from the last year and a half is taking a toll. To honor and celebrate the life of a loved one is a heritage lesson that serves to nurture the resilient students we want to succeed in life.



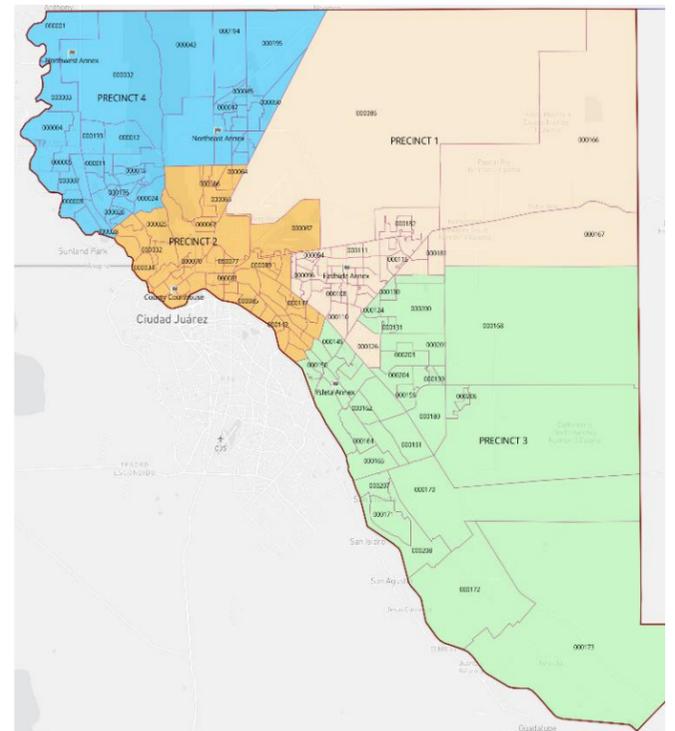
# El Paso County Redistricting Advisory Commission Proposed Commissioners Court Maps & Justice of the Peace Map

On March 22, 2021, the El Paso County Commissioners Court voted to establish the El Paso County Redistricting Advisory Commission to draw new County Commissioner precinct boundaries as well as Justice of the Peace precincts based on 2020 U.S. Census data, applicable law, traditional redistricting principles and public input. The new precinct maps are expected to be adopted no later than November 8, 2021. The proposed maps, if adopted by the Commissioners Court, specify the area of the County each elected County Commissioner, Justice of the Peace and Constable would represent starting on January 1, 2023.

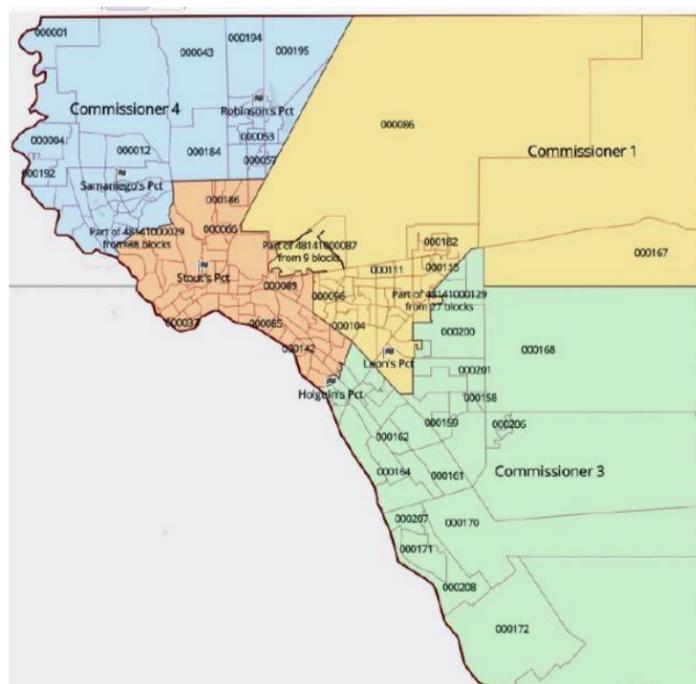
Pursuant to the El Paso County Commissioners Court Order for the Redistricting Advisory Commission, if the Commission's recommendation for a proposed map is not unanimous, the Commission must present the Commissioners Court with a majority map, as well as the map recommended by the minority of the Commission. On October 2, 2021, a majority of the Commission voted to propose Map A for the new County Commissioner Court boundaries. Map B consists of the Commissioners Court boundaries proposed by a minority of the Commission. Map C, which proposes new Justice of the Peace precincts, was unanimously recommended by the Commission.

The Redistricting Commission presented the proposed maps to the El Paso County Commissioners Court on October 18, 2021 during the Commissioners Court meeting. The proposed maps will be discussed again at the October 25, 2021 meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse, Room 303. If you are interested in learning more about the proposed maps or providing public input, the public is encouraged to participate in the upcoming Commissioners Court meeting.

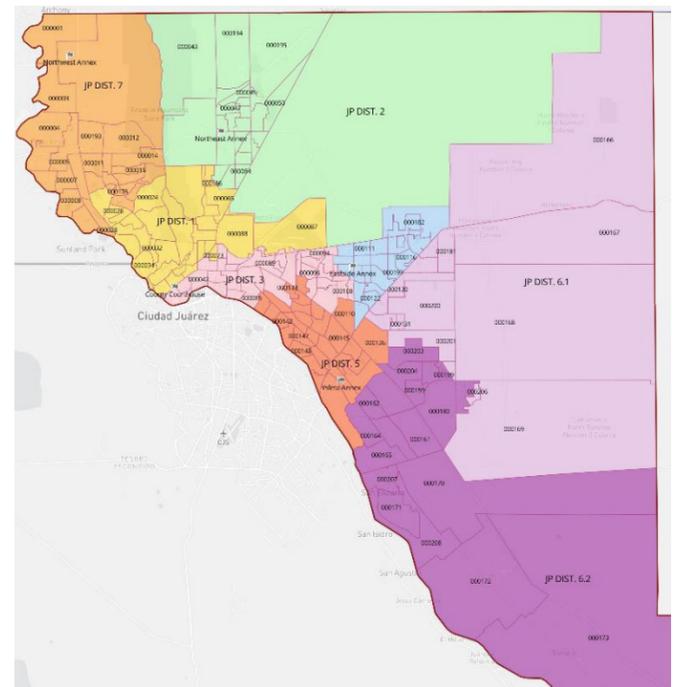
Map A: Proposed Majority Commissioners Precinct Map



Map B: Proposed Minority Commissioners Precinct Map



Map C: Proposed Justice of the Peace Precinct Map



# Astros and Braves get it on in the World Series

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

After a long six months the regular season, the World Series is finally here.

However, the two teams that'll be playing for Major League Baseball's championship are not the ones that everybody expected. At the beginning of the season, most of the experts felt that either the Tampa Bay Rays, or the New York Yankees, or the Los Angeles Dodgers would make it to the big series.

When it was all seven done, the Houston Astros and the Atlanta Braves are meeting for all the marbles this week.

The Houston Astros were definitely a team that was expected to battle for this

opportunity, however, the Atlanta Braves surprised everybody.

Don't get me wrong, the Braves were good last year but they got off to a bad start this season and were nowhere near the playoff race with about two months to go. They put together a great record down the stretch and it carried them all the way through the playoffs.

There is no doubt that the Astros have the big names in this series. With names like Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman and Carlos Correa and Yuli Gurriel and Zack Greinke, it would appear as if Houston would have the edge in this series. But the Astros starting pitching staff has gone through quite a few injuries late in the season and that could make things tough for the American League team.

What carried Houston past the Boston Red Sox in the American League Championship Series was their relief pitching. The starters would go about three or four innings at the most and the relievers have been able to come in and shutdown the opponents the rest of the way.

The Astros are a veteran team who won the World Series back in 2019 with many of the same players. That alone, gives them plenty of confidence against the Braves, who are in the World Series for the first time since 1999.

But don't for a second believe that the Braves are going to be easy victims for the Astros. The Braves have a tough lineup with hitters like Freddy Freeman, Eddie Rosario, Austin Riley and Ozzie Albies.

But even with that lineup, everyone

thought Atlanta would lose its series against Milwaukee, and even more felt they had no chance whatsoever against the defending champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

But over again, the Braves come up with clutch hitting and clutch pitching when they needed it. The most surprising thing overall is how the Braves pitching staff totally shut down the Dodgers hitters in their surprising 4-2 series win.

The Houston Astros have been playing the last couple of seasons under the harsh reality of their cheating scandal in 2019. Because they were caught cheating against the Dodgers in that series, they've turned into the team that everybody loves to hate.

The most disappointing fact about their scandal, is that just by making it to the World Series this year proves that they were good enough to win without cheating.

Because of this, I believe the Atlanta Braves will be the overwhelming favorite of the fans. I don't know if that will make any difference in this series. It'll either propel the Braves to victory or it can add to the chips on the Astros' shoulders, making them play harder than ever.

Houston will enjoy the home field advantage in the World Series, which is obviously an advantage, but a small one.

Houston's ace pitcher, Lance McCullers, wasn't able to play in their series against the Red Sox. If the Astros can get him back for the World Series, that would be a much larger advantage.

So when it comes down to it, who is going to win this World Series?

My prognostication and skills aren't always the best, but I feel this year's baseball crown will be put over the heads of the Houston Astros.

The Braves have had a great season and keep surprising everyone over and over, but Houston has a tremendous hitting lineup and I think that'll be the difference in the series.

I believe that Altuve will be named the World Series MVP after the Astros beat the Braves four games to two.

## Coincidence

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his same excuses for not using a drug that frontline physicians found effective for AIDS patients? Physicians begged Dr. Fauci to publicize the use of the sulfa drug, Bactrim, as prevention and treatment for PCP (Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia) in AIDS patients. According to investigative author Sean Strub, "Fauci refused to acknowledge the evidence and ... even encouraged people with AIDS to stop taking treatments, like Bactrim, that weren't specifically approved for use in people with AIDS." Dr. Fauci told activists there was "no data to suggest PCP prophylaxis was beneficial and that it may, in fact be dangerous." Thousands of deaths could have been avoided. This sounds chillingly familiar to his position on Covid treatments. Damn the clinical success. I don't care if the drugs work; I'm waiting for my pet drugs with high price tags!

Is it a coincidence that Dr. Fauci's personal favorite AIDS drug, AZT (zidovudine), was ramrodded through the FDA? And that it was toxic, didn't work, and in fact killed people, like his favorite anti-Covid drug, remdesivir? Remdesivir's toxic effects were known when it was tested against Ebola virus disease in 2019. By April 2020, it was known that 60 percent of Covid patients given remdesivir had adverse effects, including liver and kidney injury. Worse yet, remdesivir did not improve survival. Indeed, a few months later the World

Health Organization recommended against its use, but Fauci's National Institutes of Health (NIH) still has it on its treatment protocol at \$3,120 per treatment course.

I have a broader question about why diversity of thought is squelched. Tyrants despise free thinkers. It is not coincidence that President Biden, who wants to exert more federal government control over our lives through vaccine mandates, bought all of Regeneron's monoclonal antibody treatments that were not in short supply but were being successfully used by "red states." He vowed that "if governors won't help us beat the pandemic, I'll use my power as president to get them out of the way."

Health and Human Services framed the sequestration more kindly: "This system will help maintain equitable distribution, both geographically and temporally, across the country." Is it a coincidence that "governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods" sounds like socialism?

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## Super Crossword

### SEVEN THREE WAYS ACROSS

- 1 Verbal quirk from the 43rd U.S. president
- 8 Actor Gabe
- 14 "Go ahead" hand gesture
- 20 Diplomatic agreement
- 21 "Stop already!"
- 22 Workweek ender
- 23 Disturb calm piccolo players?
- 26 Alley \_
- 27 Card game with melding
- 28 Chef Emeril
- 29 Rival of Bing
- 33 Singer Wilson with the 1977 hit "Telephone Man"
- 34 Diner patron
- 35 Most agile men of the cloth persevere?
- 42 Moreno of film
- 43 Goddess of dawn
- 44 \_ Na Na
- 45 Noisy baby toys make an aspiring actress jump?
- 56 Hilo "hello"
- 57 Related to fat, in biochemistry
- 58 Neighbor of a Syrian
- 59 Tiny drink
- 60 Directive to Danno on "Hawaii Five-O"
- 62 French actor Delon
- 63 More sickly-looking buccaneers wander around?
- 71 Tiny bits
- 72 At minimum
- 73 Above, to poets
- 74 It links England and France
- 77 Retina part
- 79 Actor Romero
- 81 Shows where a few food-industry calves are hiding?
- 85 Rage
- 86 Suffix of sugars
- 87 Yale attendees
- 88 Threw away the most rigid filaments?
- 100 Salk vaccine target
- 101 "\_ pronounce you..."
- 102 Make certain
- 103 Add to a database
- 106 Munich's state
- 109 Actor Romero
- 110 Doorkeeper's purplish-red uniform ID?
- 115 River through the Carolinas
- 116 Devoted fan
- 117 "Let's do this now"
- 118 Letter-shaped tracks in metalworking
- 119 Softhearted
- 120 Operating room

### DOWN

- 1 Enshrouds in haze from, e.g.
- 3 Mental torpor
- 4 "\_ So Fine" (1963 hit)
- 5 Bank acct. earnings
- 6 Fr. nun, maybe
- 7 Former div. of Ford
- 8 More acute
- 9 Actor Aziz \_
- 10 Anson Williams' role on "Happy Days"
- 11 Liza Minnelli's half sister Lorna
- 12 Water, in Peru
- 13 Sabres' gp.
- 14 In the recent past
- 15 Diane who played Helen in "Troy"
- 16 Hindu lutes
- 17 May 15, e.g.
- 18 Needlefishes
- 19 Wall Street market inits.
- 24 Exit incline
- 25 Lickable envelope part
- 30 Waist size
- 31 Actress Arcieri or Kenzle
- 32 Punta del \_
- 34 To be, to Nero
- 36 Prof's aides
- 37 Alien-seeking proj.
- 38 Recounted
- 39 Dot on an ocean map
- 40 Silverstein of kiddie lit
- 41 Comic actor Jacques
- 45 Filing tool
- 46 Inter \_ (among others)
- 47 Summits
- 48 Splashes liquid on
- 49 \_ torch (luau light)
- 50 Mimicker
- 51 Lovey stuff
- 52 Riverbed deposits
- 53 Old Russian autocrats
- 54 Opera tune
- 55 Hindu queen
- 60 Chewed leaf stimulant
- 61 Spoken exams
- 62 Give \_ of approval
- 64 Fork point
- 65 39-Down off Scotland
- 66 Series of gigs
- 67 Jazz legend Fitzgerald
- 68 Ask, as a question
- 69 Char
- 70 Blows it
- 74 Lit \_ (univ. course)
- 75 Mr., in Berlin
- 76 Middle layer of the eye
- 77 Arizona city
- 78 Say to be so
- 79 \_ terrier (Toto, e.g.)
- 80 "It's nobody \_ business"
- 82 Arty area of NYC
- 83 Doc for pets
- 84 K-12
- 89 Swimsuit brand
- 90 Certain wasp
- 91 Best-of-the-best groups
- 92 Merrill of old movies
- 93 Shift, as attention
- 94 Glossy paint
- 95 1957 Jimmy Dorsey hit
- 96 Mattress size
- 97 Mom's sis
- 98 Saw things while asleep
- 99 Marsh plants
- 103 Pre \_ (replace)
- 104 Scottish turndowns
- 105 Neutrogena shampoo brand
- 106 Expressed, as a farewell
- 107 Lots
- 108 Blue dye
- 111 Comedy bit
- 112 \_ loss
- 113 Rival of AOL
- 114 Misc. abbr.

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# Comix

## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



## TIGER By Bud Blake



## Franken

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response, particularly if motivated by economic concerns, another country cannot make up for it. If a demagogue leader can't see the political or fundraising benefit of going against powerful special interests, the cheap shot artist can

easily ridicule what's necessary to reverse climate change.

Donald Trump spewed carbon over the entire concept. Joe Biden turned around most of what Trump did, but it wasn't nearly enough to change the relentless heating up of Earth. That is going to take genuine sacrifice or ingenuity.

Otherwise, by midcentury –

mid THIS century – our cities will be flooded with the melt from nonfrozen tundras far away, that are nowhere near as distant. And at the same time, the desert will be expanded.

Unless we take meaningful action – and by “meaningful” I mean universal solar and wind energy, along with hydrogen batteries, along with relocating

# Bacteria are to blame for stinky shoes, feet

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My nephew has foot odor. Even after showering, his feet have a bad odor. His shoes smell bad and have to be replaced often. What is the remedy for this problem? – B.C.



Foot odor is caused mostly by bacteria living on your feet. Bacteria thrive in warm and moist environments, so people who sweat a lot from their feet are at high risk. Some people are also colonized with particularly bad bacteria, such as *Kytococcus* (formerly *Micrococcus*), *Corynebacterium* or *Dermatophilus*. These bacteria do not cause disease, but they break down dead skin cells into unpleasantly smelly chemicals. A careful look at the skin on his feet may reveal small pits in the skin, especially around the heel, after a long day in socks and shoes.

Treatment may include disinfecting skin solutions (such as chlorhexidine), antibiotics (topical erythromycin or clindamycin) and keeping the feet as dry as possible. This may require application of antiperspirants to the feet, either regular over-the-counter or prescription varieties. He also should wear lighter, more breathable footwear. Washing (and then drying) the feet several times daily and putting on new socks each time may also help during the treatment phase.

Although ultraviolet-light shoe sanitizers exist, I'd recommend getting new footwear while trying to get rid of as much of the bacteria as possible.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My husband is 75. I am 68. Our family doctor says that our blood pressure average is fine at 140/80 with no medicine. We thought it should be 120/70, but he says the limit is higher for seniors in order to decrease falls. This is pretty confusing. Do you think it's OK? – S.M.

The best goal for blood pressure has been the subject of controversy. For the overall population, a level of 120/80, slightly less than the average blood pressure in the U.S. and Canada, is associated with a lower risk of heart disease, stroke and death than a blood pressure of 140/80. But the difference is pretty small. A blood pressure of 160/90 has a significantly higher risk, and at blood pressures above 160 systolic (that's the first or “top” number), the risk for stroke and heart disease rises steeply.

A recent trial (the SPRINT trial) showed that among older people with high blood pressure who had increased risk for heart attack, a systolic blood pressure goal of 120 was better at reducing risk than a blood pressure goal of 140. Both groups had a diastolic (the second or “bottom” number) goal of less than 90. However, the goal among people at lower risk is not as clear.

Most experts would not treat people with medication unless their average blood pressure is over 140 systolic or over 90 diastolic. In people treated with medication, some experts prefer a goal of less than 130/less than 90, while others would treat to less than 120/less than 90. It is true that more blood pressure medication and more intensive goals can lead to greater side effects, including falls. However, in the SPRINT trial, there was NO increase in fall risk and a slight 0.6 percent increase in the risk of fainting.

Nondrug therapy, which includes modest salt restriction, regular exercise and stress reduction, can lower the blood pressure enough that people do not need medication.

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where the coal is NOT and the whole gamut of traditional fuels – and all of us, not just a few of us, think outside the box, we will wallow in fire.

Salmon or, for that matter, Harry or Harriet Human.

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**Moore Texas by Roger MOORE**  
 Oct. 24, 1932: Abilene's Plennie Wingo completes his 8,000 walk across the US... by the way, he walked BACKWARDS the whole way.

## 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: C equals T

Y IJXQO PYDL ZJX KLQVNXQ  
 OYMLICYJGE YN ZJX HLML  
 CMRDLQYGP LREC, GJMCK JM  
 EJXCK. CKL HLEC YE XV CJ ZJX.

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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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# Veterans need your help this winter



by Freddy Groves

It looks like COVID isn't likely to vanish soon. Because of restrictions everywhere, long-term patients at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals might have a lonely winter when their regular visitors are either limited or banned altogether. You can help.

While you probably won't be able to visit patients, you can help to break up their long days with gifts, cards and notes to let them know that people on the outside are thinking about them.

First stop is the website for your local VA hospital. Look for Voluntary Services and give them a call to see if they have a wish list. They might be looking for anything from thick socks to XXL T-shirts. If you're lucky, there might be a special list for the coming holidays that includes handheld electronic games, books of

a certain genre or small radios with ear buds. You won't know until you ask.

Your call to Voluntary Services might reveal that instead of needing things for the patients, they need your help with those who have been discharged. Maybe there's a homeless veteran being moved into his own apartment. He'll need a move-in basket of everything from new towels to TP to a manual can opener.

And there might be even more ways you can help at the VA hospital. Drivers are a big deal, and taking a van around to pick up patients who need to come in for outpatient treatment is a way to guarantee that those veterans don't miss crucial appointments. In cold weather, parking lot shuttle drivers bring people from their cars to the door and back. Again, a very worthwhile endeavor.

If you're in a veterans' service group such as American Legion, enlist members to help with the financial end of buying gifts and necessities.

One way or another, don't let this coming winter go by without doing something for your fellow veterans. They'd be there for you if the tables were turned.

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• Here's a tip for you waist-watchers out there: Wait until Halloween Day to buy the candy. That way the in-house sweets won't be haunting you throughout October. – JoAnn

• Now's the time to install weatherstripping or caulk for fall and winter. To find drafts, try this trick: Light a taper candle and run it very slowly along the cracks of your windows. When you see the flame flicker, that's where you have a draft leak.

• A great use for those old knee-high stockings (no runs!): Stuff with a mix of crystalized kitty litter and scent-boosting beads you can find in the laundry aisle. Stuff these in stinky shoes to freshen and deodorize. The litter wicks away moisture from sweaty feet and deodorizes, and the scent boosters last for a good long while.

• "Here is a sewing tip for your column: I prewash fabrics that tend to shrink before I use them to make clothing items. That way, the fit is more accurate." – G.V. in Indiana

• "Exfoliation can be easy if you already have a bag or jar of Epsom salts. Soak in a warm bath and rub the salts over your skin to gently scrub dead skin away. A little essential oil might help, too!" – D.D. in Florida

• "To keep sauces from splattering and dirtying the inside of your microwave, cover the food with a damp paper towel or a coffee filter." – E.C. in Utah

• Now you can have your tea and clean something, too. Teabags can be used to clean woodwork. Rub the wood softly with a damp bag.

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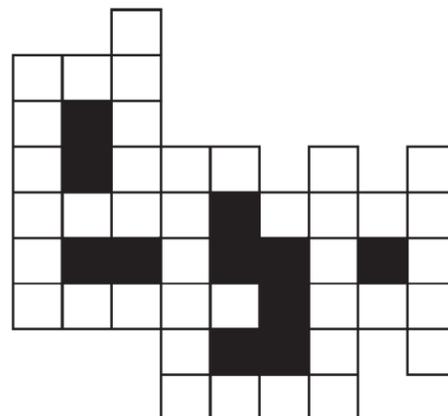
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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