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#### **NEWSBRIEFS**

#### Canutillo ISD earns TASBO recognition

The Canutillo Independent School District is among a handful of state districts in to have earned the prestigious Award of Excellence in Financial Management award from the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) – the largest school-finance organization in the state. "We take great pride in receiving recognitions such as the TASBO Award of Excellence in Financial Management because it shows our commitment to ensuring we are being diligent and responsible with district funds," Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz said. "It is important for our stakeholders to have confidence in our ability to go above and beyond to manage and protect our assets." The award is given to Texas school districts and education services centers that demonstrate professional standards, best practices, and innovations in the area of financial management and reporting. "These organizations have gone above and beyond to demonstrate transparency by meticulously documenting their districts' policies and procedures," said Tracy Ginsburg, TASBO Executive Director. "Not only have they showcased the ways they monitor spending, improve budgeting, implement controls, and enhance financial reporting, but they have shared their best practices with colleagues throughout Texas, helping even more educational organizations to better utilize taxpayer dollars."

- Gustavo Reveles

#### Killer sought

A road rage incident ends with a man killed in East El Paso. Crime Stoppers of El Paso and the El Paso Police Department are asking for help in identifying the person involved in this murder. On Thursday, February 18, 2021, 39-year old Jose Guzman, was traveling with his family on Joe Battle. Guzman became involved in a road rage incident with another driver. Guzman exited Joe Battle and pulled into a parking lot at 1201 Bob Hope. The suspect also exited and pulled into the parking lot. Guzman exited his car and walked

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There must be a shortage of truth the way so many folks stretch it these days.

- Quips & Quotes



- Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

CATCHING SOME RAYS - El Paso Electric Company's anticipated rate increase is prompting more El Paso County residents to consider switching their electricity source to solar energy by installing solar panels, like the ones shown above.

# Solar energy can offset cost of electricity

By Alfredo Vasquez *Special to the Courier* 

EL PASO COUNTY – With the price year for El Paso County residents, more home and business owners are looking alternative to lessen the impact.

company officials announced recently to keep the power flowing. that they are planning for about a

this year by the Texas Public Utility Commission and local governments, which regulate the utility company.

of electricity expected to increase this among homeowners, businesses and other entities, with the homeowners' electric bills expected to increase by to solar energy options as a possible about \$11 per month, according to El Paso Electric officials. They stated that energy for the rest of our lives from Although El Paso Electric's proposed the increase is necessary to recover the hike has been on hold since July 2021, costs of plant and generator upgrades Shelby Ruff, board president of the

And solar energy professionals

13.4 percent rate hike to be approved insist that home and business owners can stave off that price increase by installing a solar energy system. They assert that it only makes sense for El The increase is meant to be spread out Paso County residents to consider using solar panels on their homes to take advantage of the region's abundant sunshine.

"We are either going to rent our the utility or go solar and own it,"

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# Federal funding for stormwater infrastructure

By Denise Parra *Special to the Courier* 

announcement of federal done. funding to help improve On January receive \$1 million to fund Stormwater Division. the design of a stormwater pond in Far East El Paso.

organizations and entities to than \$6 million. receive funding.

these projects represents basin with the capacity to a critical component of hold 11 billion gallons of improving our community," water, strategically placed said Rep. Escobar.

**EPWater** has made

significant investments in stormwater improvements that have saved lives and protected private property EL PASO COUNTY - since the creation of the El Paso Water welcomed Stormwater Utility in 2008, the new year with an but there is more work to be

"There are a lot of stormwater infrastructure. challenges and drainage 20, needs citywide, and this Congresswoman Veronica grant will be very helpful Escobar held a news in our continuous efforts to conference to announce El implement our Stormwater Paso Water, working through Master Plan," said Gisela the U.S. Army Corps of Dagnino, EPWater Chief Engineers (USACE), will Operations Officer for the

The \$1 million in funding will allow the USACE to The Community Project design the planned SAC 1 Funding allows members Sediment Detention Basin of Congress to direct in Far East El Paso near the funding to projects within Socorro Independent School their constituency through District Student Activities application process. Complex. The estimated EPWater is one of fourteen cost of the project is more

Plans call for the "Each and every one of construction of a desilting



ALL SMILES - From left are Hector Gonzalez (EPWater Government Affairs Manager) Congresswoman Veronica Escobar and Gisela **Dagnino (EPWater Chief Operations Officer, Stormwater Division)** taking a moment after announcing \$1 million in federal funding See FUNDING, Page 6 for stormwater infrastructure.

# No, you cannot believe 'The Science'

Copernicus surely had no idea when he got the has magically become "the science." Scientific Revolution underway in the 16th century agenda-driven bullies and fanatics.

Of course, science is a pillar of modern life for which we should be deeply grateful. It has given us longer and healthier lives, incredible material abundance, and abilities that were unfathomable a few generations ago.

It is "science" – science used as a rhetorical tactic and ideological weapon – that is a blight on 21stcentury American life.

by a great moral certainty. It is not open to counter arguments and different interpretations but insists on only one answer to complicated or ambiguous questions. It is not rigorously neutral but aims to achieve cherished political goals.

the faux scientific method.

First, researchers conduct flawed studies reaching alarming conclusions. Second, the media generates headlines about the findings that don't note the methodological inadequacies. Third, advocates agitate for changes to public policy based on what controversy was a classic in this genre. It related,

A new study, for instance, concluded that a world needs to that an unintended effect would be empowering suspiciously precise 12.7% of childhood asthma rapidly transition cases are attributable to gas stoves.

> The study relied on findings from other papers that, as economist Emily Oster points out, arrived at widely divergent outcomes, didn't account for other factors in households using gas stoves that might contribute to respiratory problems, and sometimes produced results that weren't even internally consistent.

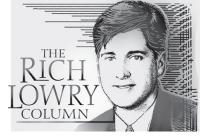
All of this would have counseled caution that was This faux science is not dispassionate but fired notably missing in the media coverage. A headline in The Washington Post read, "Gas stove pollution causes 12.7% of childhood asthma, study finds." Yahoo News: "Gas stoves have given 650,000 U.S. children asthma, study finds." And so on.

Yes, the headlines include the caveat of "study The debate over gas stoves illustrates perfectly finds," but the phrase brings with it the presumed authority of scientific rigor and detachment.

> It is similar to the phrase "scientists say" so often used in stories about climate change and its potential

> A report in The Washington Post on the gas stove

"Scientists say the away from fossil fuels, including



replacing gas appliances with cleaner versions that emit no pollution, such as electric and induction cooktops." And then added, "Scientists say a growing body of research shows that gas stoves pose a threat to the planet and public health."

That's a lot of sayin' by a mass of mostly unidentified scientists.

A more strictly accurate phrase in stories like this would be "some scientists contend," and a less tendentious formulation would be "some scientists say, but others aren't so sure." This would ruin the point, though, which is to imply that research – and facts and rationality – all point one way.

If it can be asserted that "science" has arrived at a conclusion – that gas stoves are a major health hazard, that climate change is responsible for extreme weather, that young kids must wear masks during the pandemic – then any dissenters or doubters can be

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#### Food for thought By John Grimaldi

# Pro-lifers are under attack by hostile abortion activists

numbers of babies killed in Committee (NRLC). the womb in the U.S. since the Supreme Court legalized Education mark – the equivalent of the population of France, the 22nd largest nation among the significant event in 233 countries on the planet. Last June, the Supreme Court overturned its 1973

The NRLC's Director of and Research, abortion 50 years ago has Randall O'Bannon, shares passed the 64.5 million the good news, however, that, "the overturning of Roe was obviously an enormously nation's history and a political watershed. Abortion was no longer, by the Supreme Court's pro-abortion decision, yet fiat, legal in all fifty states, the numbers of abortions throughout pregnancy, for any nationally in the U.S. each and every reason or none at all. year continues at a rate of But for pro-lifers, it represented more than half a million to as so much more. It meant, for many as 900,000 as reported the first time in nearly half a

Here's a wake-up call: the by the National Right to Life century that states would have when the Supreme Court's FBI protection for pro-life of conception forward."

> saved. For those states which took the opportunity, it meant that it no longer had to be the Institute case that 10%, 20%, 30% or even 50% of pregnancies legally, almost would automatically, end in abortion. Their laws could protect unborn children and their increased. death could be limited or even put out of business."

the fact is pro-abortion states have shown a willingness to created. In addition, the good news is overshadowed by apparent lack of concern at property destruction, its decision in June, more multiple days. than 230 pro-life churches pregnancy and centers came under attack. It Services talked with Fox

life advocates.

recently an assessment that shows "criminal attacks on pro-life congregations and organizations across America immediately and dramatically Hostile centers, education and advocacy organizations, churches, and It's good news indeed, but even schools. The attacks continued at a high frequency 24, 2022. Attackers often committed multiple crimes the growing violence against against the same organization, pro-life advocates and the including arson, death threats, and the FBI. Last year, particularly menacing or vile graffiti. in the months since the Perpetrators attacked several The Association of Mature American Supreme Court handed down of the same organizations on Citizens (http://www.amac.us) is a se-

CEO Jim Harden support CompassCare Pregnancy all started in May last year News about the lack of the problems they face today.

the actual legal authority to draft-copy of its decision to advocates and institutions. protect unborn children, in overturn the pro-abortion Roe- The CompassCare facility in many cases, from the moment Wade ruling leaked. It was the Buffalo, NY was firebombed beginning of what amounts to last year by pro-abortion He went on, "Lives could be an organized war against pro-extremists who call themselves Jane's Revenge and, thus far, The Religious Freedom he says, the FBI has done issued little to identify and arrest the culprits responsible. "There's some very, very disconcerting things that are going on, and the fact that the FBI has not made any arrests is only shame actors on them." Jane's Revenge, he mothers, and the merchants of targeted pregnancy resource said, admitted that they were responsible and yet neither local law enforcement nor the FBI has made any arrests. "There is a serious sickness in after the Court handed down the body politic of America fill the gap the Court's ruling its Dobbs decision on June and the FBI isn't even talking about it. It's the largest law enforcement agency on the globe and it appears that they're treating this like some sort of bubble gum theft."

> nior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve

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#### **Briefs**

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toward the suspect's vehicle. The suspect accelerated his vehicle towards the victim, struck him and fled. Jose Guzman died days later from his injuries. The suspect vehicle is a 4-door red or burgundy car and will have damage to the front right side. Anyone with any information on the murder of Jose Guzman should call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS) or online at; www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your

tip leads to an arrest, you may qualify for a cash reward.

- Javier Sambrano

#### **Black History Month**

El Paso Community College (EPCC) will celebrate Black History Month (BHM) with its annual month of activities this February. This year's theme is Black Resistance. A Discussion Panel on Black Resistance will be held on February 15, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through at the Valle Verde AST Building Foyer. Moderator: Shonique

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#### Solar

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non-profit Eco El Paso and former recent newspaper interview.

"As you go west towards El Paso, the solar radiance gets stronger and stronger, which means more watts produced for every solar panel," Ruff said. "So, the exact same system in Austin that costs the exact same price, in El Paso it will make 15 to 20 percent

more electricity."

Solar professionals suggested that recent news article. homeowners should look at solar as an investment that will pay off over time. To determine whether a solar system owner of a solar company, stated in a is a good fit for a particular home or business, experts suggest that owners start by soliciting and comparing price quotes.

> "When you decide to install a solar system, you are offsetting your electric bill with this monthly payment for the solar. It's become really affordable," Gad Ronat, owner of El Paso-based

Solar Solutions, commented in a

Solar professionals also pointed out that solar energy is a possible choice for people nearing retirement or living on a fixed income, because unlike fluctuating energy prices from a utility, once a homeowner installs solar panels, the price is locked in.

going to pay in 20, 25 years towards your electric bills, it will be more than what you will pay to get solar," stated a local solar energy provider.

Another thing to take into consideration, according to solar experts, is that the federal government offers a 26 percent residential solar energy tax credit, which means that one can claim a portion of the cost of the solar installation when filing their annual income tax forms.

According to the Energy Sage "If you add up how much you're website, an average quote for a five kilowatts solar installation in El Paso ranges in cost from \$12,000 to \$17,000

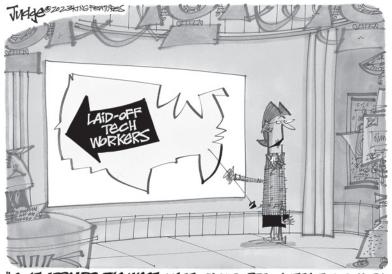
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"OK, I'M READY... GO AHEAD AND TELL HIM HOW MUCH PAXLOVID IS GOING TO COST HIM ONCE THE GOVERNMENT STOPS PAYING FOR IT."







"So IT APPEARS THE WEST COAST SHOULD BRACE ITSELF FOR MORE

#### **El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District Public Notice**

#### **Wastewater Collection System Expansion Project**

The El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District (EPCTWID) in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and North American Development Bank (NADB) funding requirements will conduct a Public Meeting to solicit input from interpersonal parties on the proposed sewer project. The Public meeting will be held Thursday March 9th, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the W.E. Neil Service Center Board Room located at 19210 Cobb Ave., in Tornillo, TX. The proposed project includes a conventional sewer collection system that is an extension of EPCTWID's existing sewer infrastructure. This project is located on the north side of Tornillo, specifically the areas identified as Rancho Henderson, Drake Units 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and Knox Acreage. This project proposes to serve approximately 256 homes with first-time access to the public sewer collection system and will include the decommissioning of the existing septic tanks which are currently used for on-site sewer collection for these homes.

The overall EPCTWID estimated completion date is still to be determined. The Final Plan and Documents for this project can be viewed at the EPCTWID Office Building, located at 19225 Highland St., Tornillo, TX. Contact Marlena Hernandez at (915) 764-2966 for information on this project. This information is available for viewing Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Those unable to attend are invited to submit their views in writing to EPCTWID P.O. Box 136, Tornillo, TX 79853. Handicapped persons in need of special assistance to attend the hearing are encouraged to contact EPCTWID at (915) 764-2966 (or email: epctwid@yahoo.com), forty eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. EPCTWID is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

#### **El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District Aviso Pública**

#### Proyecto de Conexiones de drenaje y alcantarillado

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District (EPCTWID), en cumplimiento con los requisitos de financiamiento de Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) y Banco de Desarrollo de América del Norte (NADB) llevara a cabo una reunión pública para solicitar contribuciones de ideas de las partes interesadas del proyecto propuesto de drenaje y alcantarillado. La reunión se llevará a cabo el jueves, de marzo de 2023 a las 6 p.m. en la sala de juntas W.E. Neil, ubicada en 19210 Cobb Ave., en Tornillo, Texas. El proyecto propuesto incluye un sistema de colección de drenaje y alcantarillado convencional que es una extensión de la infraestructura de drenaje y alcantarillado existente de EPCTWID. Este proyecto se encuentra al norte de la ciudad de Tornillo, específicamente las áreas identificadas como Rancho Henderson, Drake unidades 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, y Knox superficie en acres. Este proyecto propone atender aproximadamente 256 viviendas con acceso al sistema de drenaje y alcantarillado público por primera vez y también incluirá el desmantelamiento de los tanques sépticos existentes que se utilizan actualmente par recolección de drenaje y alcantarillado de estos hogares.

La fecha de finalización estimada general de EPCTWID aún no se ha determinado. El plan final y los documentos para este proyecto se pueden ver en el edificio de oficinas de EPCTWID, ubicado en 19225 Highland St., Tornillo, TX. Comuníquese con Marlena Hernandez al (915) 764-2966 para obtener información sobre este proyecto. Esta información está disponible para su consulta de lunes a viernes de 8 a. m. al mediodía y de 1 p. m. a las 5 p. m.

Aquellos que no puedan asistir están invitados a enviar sus opiniones por escrito a EPCTWID P.O. Box 136, Tornillo, TX 79853. Se recomienda a las personas discapacitadas que necesiten asistencia especial para asistir a la audiencia que se comuniquen con EPCTWID al (915) 764-2966 (o correo electrónico: epctwid@yahoo.com), cuarenta y ocho (48) horas antes de la audiencia. esta reunión. EPCTWID es un proveedor de igualdad de oportunidades.

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# Moments THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Feb. 6, 1952, England's King George VI passed away, making his daughter, Princess Elizabeth, Queen Elizabeth II. The sovereign received the news from her husband, Prince Philip, while on a trip to Kenya, which was immediately cut short as she prepared to assume her new role.
- On Feb. 7, 1964, the music world would never be quite the same after the Beatles arrived in New York for their first visit to the U.S., where thousands of near-hysterical

fans waited to greet them at Kennedy Airport. During their appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," they whipped up an even greater frenzy, with 73 million viewers watching on their TVs at home.

- On Feb. 8, 2008, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the electric chair, which was the only execution method used in that state, represented a violation of human dignity and was consequently unconstitutional, adding that electrocution "has proven itself to be a dinosaur more befitting the laboratory of Baron Frankenstein than the death chamber."
- On Feb. 9, 1861, Jefferson Davis and Alexander

Stephens were respectively elected to six-year terms as the Provisional President and Provisional Vice President of the Confederate States of America, after running without opposition.

- On Feb. 10, 1535, notwithstanding the winter chill and in a form of protest that was, unsurprisingly, ridiculed by both Protestants and Catholics, a small group of Anabaptists ran stark naked through the streets of Amsterdam, shouting that they "had been sent from God to communicate the naked truth to the godless."
- On Feb. 11, 1916, American feminist and anarchist Emma Goldman was arrested and

imprisoned for violating the Comstock Act just before she was scheduled to deliver a public lecture on birth control, which she argued was essential to women's social, economic and sexual freedom.

 On Feb. 12, 2014, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, a sinkhole estimated at about 30 feet deep and 40 feet wide opened under the National Corvette Museum, swallowing eight of the rare sports cars. The building suffered no structural damage and remained open, and though damaged, the vehicles were returned to display and remain a popular attraction.

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# **By Lucie Winborne**

- The only people guaranteed to get Super Bowl rings, regardless of a game's outcome, are the referees, though their rings aren't nearly as large or valuable as that of the players.
- In the 1880s, a railroad signalman named James Edwin Wide taught a South African baboon to perform his job by recognizing the whistles that indicated a train was about to change tracks. Dubbed "Signalman Jack," the animal performed his duties so well that not only was he formally hired at a salary of 20 cents per day and half a bottle of beer per week, he carried on for nine years until his death from tuberculosis in 1890.
- Queen lead singer Freddie Mercury's overbite resulted from four extra teeth in his upper jaw. He refused to have them removed, however, for fear the surgery would affect his voice and vocal range.
- In the 2015 film "Jurassic World." Pratt's Chris character carries a stainless Marlin 1895 - the only firearm on Marlin's website that's rated for a T-Rex.
- Two churches Vrontados, Greece, have a particularly unconventional way of marking the Easter holiday: They fire rockets at each other! While they used to use cannons, those were outlawed. The tradition has been carried out for at least four centuries.

Thought for the Day: "The heart of man is very much like the sea, it has its storms, it has its tides and in its depths it has its pearls too." Vincent Van Gogh

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Tornes; Panelists: Adeni Janae, UTEP Music Major and Black El Paso Voice Editor, Reverend Beverly J. Mathis, NAMI Peer Instructor, El Paso HS & JROTC Alumna, and Marcus McCoy, Army Veteran/Activist, Black El Paso Voice Editor. As part of the BHM Celebration, A Night of Jazz featuring jazz saxophonist Gil Del Bosque and pianist Ruben Gutierrez. also featuring soprano Kodaya Butler and baritone Dendre Wright, will be held at the Valle Verde AST Flexitorium on February 23, at 7:30 p.m. Also, Black Resistance in Music featuring jazz saxophonist Gil Del Bosque and pianist Billy Townes will be held at the Transmountain Café, on February 24, at 11:00 a.m. "It's important for us to remember and

appreciate the contributions and accomplishments that Black Americans have provided us for many, many years." Dr. Andrew Peña. **EPCC** Executive Director of Human Resources said.

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**PUBLIC** NOTICE

**TOWN OF** ANTHONY, TX

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT** 

**PROGRAM** 

The Town of Anthony will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on February 16 2023, at Anthony City located at 401 Wildcat Drive in Anthony, Texas regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department Agriculture for one or more Texas Community **Development Block** Program (TxCDBG) grants Program Year 2023. The Town of Anthony may be eligible to participate in Community Development Fund. Colonia Fund Construction Hall at (915) 886-Program, Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program, Fire, Ambulance Service Truck (FAST), and Downtown Revitalization Program. purpose of this

meeting

is to

allow citizens an

opportunity discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing community development needs, the amount Anthony llevará a of TxCDBG funding cabo una audiencia available, all eligible pública a las 5:30 TxCDBG activities,

and the use of past

TxCDBG funds. Town Anthony encourages citizens to development de TxCDBG de application(s) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting submit may their views and proposals to the Office of the Mayor at P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, Texas Persons 79821. disabilities with who may require auxiliary aids or services to attend meeting this should contact City 3944 at least two Ambulance days before the meeting to make arrangements.

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**PROGRAMA SUBVENCION** 

PARA **BLOQUES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO DE TEXAS** 

Pueblo de

p.m. el día 16 de febrero de 2023, en la sala municipal, Wildcat 401 Drive, en Anthony, Texas sobre la presentación de una aplicación a participar en participate in the al Departamento Agricultura Texas para programas sobre Programa la Subvencion Para Bloques De Desarrollo Comunitario De (TxCDBG) Texas en 2023. El Pueblo de Anthony puede elegible participar para en TxCDBG Community Development Colonia Fund, Fund Construction Program, Colonia y otras personas Economically Distressed Areas Program, Fire, auxiliares & Truck Service (FAST), o ell Downtown Revitalization 886-3944 al menos El de dos días antes Program. propósito de esta de la audiencia.

reunión es permitir a los ciudadanos la oportunidad de hablar sobre el plan de participación

Valerie M. Armedariz Town Clerk

#### **Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice**

Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2021-2022 Annual Educational Performance Report, including TAPR, as part of a regular School Board meeting which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at the Canutillo Administrative Offices Board Room, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, TX 79932.

The TAPR report will also be available for review after the hearing within the Canutillo ISD Testing and Accountability webpage:

www.canutillo-isd.org/departments/testing\_\_\_ accountability research department/TAPR Report For more information, call 915-877-7481.

#### Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Junta Pública

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para discutir el "Reporte de Rendimiento Académico de Texas" 2021-2022 del Distrito, incluido TAPR, como parte de una reunión regular de la Junta Escolar que está programada para las 6:00 p.m. martes, 28 de febrero de 2023, en la sala de juntas de las oficinas administrativas de Canutillo, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, TX 79932.

El informe TAPR también estará disponible para su revisión después de la audiencia dentro de la página web de Canutillo ISD Testing and Accountability:

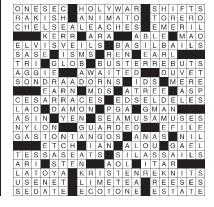
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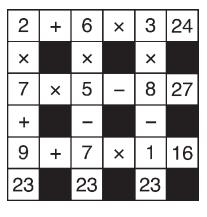
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#### **CryptoQuip** Answer

Why are trowels, hoes and spades common items in novels and movies? They're plot devices.



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#### Solar

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are over \$30, everyone can meter relocations. go solar, because you have some amounts of energy that customers you can save on," Ruff said. their time to research the "Even if it's only five solar panels on your roof versus understand the process they your neighbor that might have will need to follow," stated 25 or 30." He added that he Javier Camacho, El Paso has also worked with housing Electric spokesperson. developers to install solar code exempts solar panels from property tax appraisals.

Solar professionals recommended that interested customers get at least three quotes before signing a contract. Also, the potential installers should first determine if one's for panels. To do this, solar rejections," he said. providers use Google Earth is south-facing and receives enough sunlight.

Then, the company should systems that are generally determine how many panels will be needed by calculating the buyer's average electricity usage based on recent electricity bills. Another consideration is making the home as energy efficient as possible before installing solar panels.

"If you can make a tight airship with your home, you might have reduced your solar system size from 12 panels to eight panels," stated on solar company official. Also, "if your roof is due for a replacement, you're better off making that investment before getting solar, because it could cost more down the line if you already have panels," he advised.

When comparing quotes, homeowners should ask the company what components they are using and how long their warranty lasts. Other factors to consider are installation costs, the options the company offers to service and repair the solar panels, and the price per watt. Additionally, experts recommended that potential buyers seek out companies with fulltime staff in El Paso and a track record of successful installations.

Once the home or business owner decides to go solar, the

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

solar installer will submit an interconnection application with El Paso Electric. The utility recommends waiting (depending on the number of to install the system until the solar panels installed) with a application is approved, as payback period of about 12 some customers will need to make improvements such "As long as your bills as transformer upgrades and

"Like any other investment, should best product available and

Camacho said some systems because solar houses customers experience delays are in high demand, and Texas getting their solar system energized because of errors in applications, incorrect contact information, and a lack of communication with the utility. "Communication between El Paso Electric and the customer is integral throughout the installation process, without property is a good candidate it, it can cause delays and/or

and satellite images of the Paso typically stay connected home to see whether the roof to the electric grid. Going completely off-grid requires installing expensive battery



PRESTO CHANGO - The solar panels capture the energy from the sun and transmit it to an inverter system, shown above. The inverter system transforms direct current (DC) into alternating current (AC) and then sends it into the breaker box that distributes the electricity into the home.

not cost-effective in urban companies settings, noted a solar company systems so customers will still representative.

having access to electricity when the panels are not electricity needs would incur generating comes at a price, as all customers with El Paso Electric must pay a \$30 and have no electric bill, the Residential solar users in El minimum bill. This means if utility company will still send one currently pays less than \$30 a month for electricity, going solar is unlikely to be of money extra on producing cost effective.

Ruff suggested that solar now turn around and give to competitive.

should unnecessary costs.

"If you get down to net zero you a \$30 bill every month," Ruff said. "You just spent a ton energy that you're going to system prices are now very

size the utility for free."

Lastly, installing solar isn't generate a \$30 minimum bill an option for everybody, like But staying on the grid and because installing a system for renters or for those who that will cover 100 percent of do not qualify for financing to pay off solar panels; or maybe for homeowners whose bills are low enough that paying for solar panels isn't economical.

> Nonetheless, all El Paso County residents could benefit from this technology because the sun is so rich and solar

#### **Anthony Independent School District** Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance **Governmental Funds** For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

Data	10		Total	
Control	General	Other	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Funds	Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,022,018	\$ 389,162	\$ 2,411,180	
5800 State Program Revenues	7,463,247	310,859	7,774,106	
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,363,049	1,529,481	2,892,530	
Total Revenues	10,848,314	2,229,502	13,077,816	
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	4,980,643	901,878	5,882,521	
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	172,902	3,357	176,259	
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	31,830	105,277	137,107	
0021 Instructional Leadership	76,812	280,148	356,960	
0023 School Leadership	692,032	30,783	722,815	
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	279,630	94,893	374,523	
0032 Social Work Services	-	8,612	8,612	
0033 Health Services	131,630	30,247	161,877	
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	321,486	100,238	421,724	
0035 Food Services	888,135	11,973	900,108	
0036 Extracurricular Activities	440,405	- -	440,405	
0041 General Administration	776,289	60,064	836,353	
6051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	983,484	57,855	1,041,339	
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	166,130	7,760	173,890	
0053 Data Processing Services	389,750	4,317	394,067	
0061 Community Services	284	41,629	41,913	
Debt Service:		, -	12,5 22	
Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	19,920	340,000	359,920	
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	756	132,625	133,381	
Capital Outlay:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	41,745	-	41,745	
Intergovernmental:	7		,,	
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	28,567	-	28,567	
Total Expenditures	10,422,430	2,211,656	12,634,086	
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	425,884	17,846	443,730	
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,771,404	515,697	4,287,101	
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,197,288	\$ 533,543	\$ 4,730,831	

# Sunday's Super Bowl should be a super show

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

Well, the big game is upon us again, Super Bowl LVII is this Sunday and it looks like one of those games that can truly go either way.

It pits the Philadelphia Eagles, who just won the Super Bowl in 2018, be decided by which against the Kansas City Chiefs, who just won the Super Bowl in 2020.

At the beginning of the season everybody knew that the Chiefs were is determined by the a huge contender for this game but the Eagles were still a question. All the little question that the experts knew the Eagles were going to be better, but not nearly as good as they eventually turned out to be.

The game will feature a youngveteran superstar quarterback against a young quarterback who appears to be on the way to being a superstar.

Patrick Mahomes, who will probably be named this year's NFL MVP, has already established himself not only as one of the best quarterbacks of all time, but as the face of the league, especially since Tom Brady has called their playoff games by a combined it quits – for good.

But while Mahomes' style of play

on the field, Philly's Jalen Hurts is more subdued in his style and his demeanor. Hurts is quieter off the field and not as flashy on it, but his ability to run still makes him a dangerous threat.

This game will likely quarterback has the better day.

And many times, that defenses. And there's Eagles have the better defense.

and second in total defense.

Kansas City was in the middle of the pack defensively, but they were second in sacks with 65.

A lot of people like to look at which is the hotter team coming into the Super Bowl and a lot of people may say it's the Eagles, who have both score of 69-14.

And that's true, but let's examine Jacksonville Jaguars and



so New York Giants team 38-7. The both their quarterbacks get injured. Philadelphia led the NFL in sacks Giants finished the season with a 9-7-1 with 70, they were first in pass defense record and while they are improving, they were barely good enough to get the game. into the playoffs.

> Francisco 49ers 31-7. A nice win, but the 49ers almost played the entire game with no quarterback. At least no quarterback that could throw the ball. Once both San Francisco QBs were injured – game over.

their and enthusiasm can be seen and felt those two wins. First, they beat a so-emerging star quarterback Trevor

Lawrence and won 27-20. They followed that up with a 23-20 last-second victory over last year's Super Bowl loser, the Cincinnati Bengals.

I'll say one thing about the Chiefs' underrated defense, they bottled up Joe Burrow like I haven't seen in a while.

So who is the hottest team, this one is a tossup. Both are pretty lucky, the Eagles have enjoyed the luck of playing an inferior team and a team that saw

The Chiefs have been very lucky to eke out two close playoff wins late in

When you talk about the coaches And then the Eagles beat the San there's one who everybody knows by either his walking along the Chiefs sidelines or painting mustaches on his player's faces - Andy Reid.

Then there's the other coach who no one has ever heard of, Philly's Nick Sirianni. Sirianni is just in his second The Chiefs took on the hot year as the head coach of the Eagles. And, he's just in his second year as an NFL head coach – period.

> But here's something interesting about the coaches, Andy Reid was head coach of the Eagles for 14 years and Sirianni spent four years as an assistant coach with the Chiefs.

Am I the only one hearing the Twilight Zone music right now?

I think the game will come down to those things, the quarterbacks, the defenses and coaching.

Everything about this game tells me that I should go with the Eagles, who have been the most consistent team all season.

But this is just about the 60 minutes of football this Sunday, and I think Mahomes and his magic will find a

My pick: Chiefs 24, Eagles 20.

#### Funding

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to detain stormwater flows during heavy rain events. The basin would also catch sediment and debris to keep it from getting pushed downstream and potentially causing damage to homes, businesses and agricultural

The basin will also help prevent further erosion and provide protection to areas downstream, including Interstate 10.

helping to keep stormwater fees affordable for customers while EPWater works to tackle a long list of stormwater

being instrumental in the appropriation of the funds and them a boost of support."

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4 Chicken with long,

6 Herb of the parsley

123 Transition zone

we look forward to partnering with the USACE once again to make this a successful project," Dagnino said.

A long-standing collaboration with the USACE has resulted in funding for past water and wastewater projects, but more recently the focus has shifted to stormwater projects.

Last year, the USACE announced funding for two stormwater projects in El Paso totaling more than \$10 million, with funds coming from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Corps of Engineers is also in the middle of a three-year study of the Central Cebada Watershed in Central El Paso that may Partnerships with entities like the USACE are crucial in lead to additional funding to improve stormwater infrastructure in the area.

"We are working with entities and organizations with a proven track record who have worked toward "We are very grateful to Congresswoman Escobar for improving our community," Escobar said. "Let's give

### **Super Crossword**

#### **SCRAMBLING TO GET THINGS DONE ACROSS**

- "Just a moment!"
- 14 Changes gears 21 Spiritedly, in music
- Bull battler 23 Clinton drains material away by percolation?
- 25 Celebrity chef Lagasse 26 Deborah of "Separate Tables" 27 Coach Parseghian
- 28 Competent 30 "Red Book" chairman
- 31 Presley wears a disguise? 35 Rathbone jumps ship?
- 38 RSVP encl. 39 Ideologies 40 Kylo\_(Darth Vader's grandson)
- 41 British peer 42 Prefix with angle 43 Liquidy lump 44 Keaton argues
- back in a debate? 49 Longhorn's gridiron rival 51 Anticipated 53 Downy quilt
- 54 Locke adds decorations? 57 Carders' demands

- 60 Nothing more than 61 Work for 62 "ER" roles 63 Up \_ (cornered) 65 Cobra variety
- 66 Romero competes in a relay? 70 Ford marks a word for omission? 72 "7 Faces of Dr. \_" (Tony Randall film) 73 Matt of "Good Will
- Hunting" 74 Links org. 75 FBI guy, e.g. 76 Words clarifying a spelling
- 78 Osaka money 79 Heaney makes people smile? 84 Fiber for hose 86 Kept safe
- 88 Submit taxes paperlessly 89 Leroux does a soft plumage ballroom dance? 92 Santa\_(desert winds)

secretary Fleischer

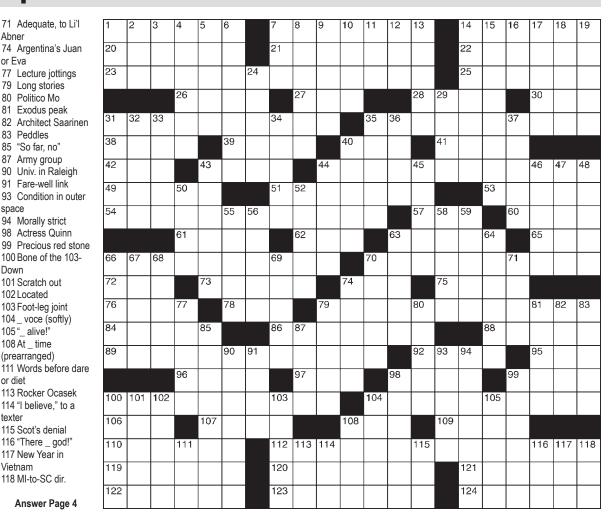
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- 10 Family rec facility 99 Scottish Celt 11 Infant cry 100 Thompson works 12 Lunched, e.g. as an usher? 13 Lovers' flowers, in 104 Deane goes on a Spain 14 Superb cruise? 106 Bush press 15 Native

16 Wrath

- 107 Old British gun 17 Physicist Enrico 18 Case hearing 108 Alternative to 19 Goes it alone 109 Russia's \_-Tass 24 "Am not!" 110 One of Janet comeback Jackson's sisters 112 Wiig mends a
- 29 Funeral stand 31 These, in Mexico 32 Slowly, musically aesture 120 Tartish brew
- 121 Peanut butter cup assertion 35 Surpasses 36 Cost of cards 37 Picture book 40 Devastates 43 Actor Depardieu
  - 46 Of the middle eye layer 47 Concise 48 Footfalls 50 Mental flash 52 Part of NOW 55 Matrix
  - 56 Jim Croce's "I Got " 58 Wine barrel residue 59 Actress Blair 63 "There Is Nothin'
  - 64 "Daniel Boone" actor 66 Trolley sound 67 Cushy course
  - 68 Stains 69 Winding-line dance 70 "Yipes!"
- 34 Tough dude's self-44 Poet-singers 45 Tweaks text
- 77 Lecture jottings 79 Long stories 80 Politico Mo 81 Exodus peak 83 Peddles 85 "So far. no" 87 Army group 90 Univ. in Raleigh 91 Fare-well link 93 Condition in outer space 94 Morally strict 98 Actress Quinn 99 Precious red stone 100 Bone of the 103-Down 101 Scratch out 102 Located 103 Foot-leg joint 104 voce (softly) 105 " alive!"  $108\,At\,\_$  time (prearranged) 111 Words before dare or diet 113 Rocker Ocasek 114 "I believe," to a texter 115 Scot's denial 116 "There \_ god!" 117 New Year in Vietnam 118 MI-to-SC dir.

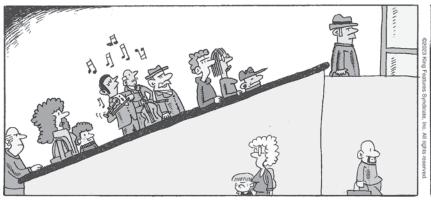
or Eva

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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













#### Lowry

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the science."

This means that they aren't dangerous and contemptible. As such, they can be belittled, COVID-19 policy – actively suppressed.

It's hard to imagine an enterprise less in keeping with the scientific spirit. The motto of the Royal Society, marginalized for not "believing the storied British academy of sciences, is nullius in verba, or "Take nobody's word for just wrong or misguided, but it." As the Society's website explains, "It is an expression of the determination of Fellows intimidated, or even - as to withstand the domination we've seen in the debate over of authority and to verify all Rich Lowry is editor of the statements by an appeal to facts determined by experiment."

today's For self-styled so-called champions of science, that sentiment badly misses the mark. Why bother with the facts as carefully and rigorously established over time, when you can misuse the authority of science to try to dominate instead?

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# Chalazions continue to develop in both eyelids

DEAR DR. ROACH: Are oral antibiotics ever prescribed to treat chalazions, in addition to eye drops and ointment? I

have had two this year for seemingly no reason. They were treated with tobramycin eye drops, ointment and warm compresses. first one didn't resolve with those meds and was excised surgically. That eyelid then became infected without a chalazion and was treated with a second round of antibiotic drops. It remains



a bit puffy and pinkish in color, which I chalked up to the new normal appearance. Now, a chalazion has developed in the other eyelid. I don't wear eye makeup and use an eyelid cleanser recommended by my ophthalmologist. I am an otherwise healthy 76-year-old woman. Could there be a systemic bacterial or viral infection causing chalazions to *keep developing? – M.W.* 

The terms for different types of eyelid lesions can be a bit confusing. Most people are familiar with a stye, which is a localized inflammation of the upper or lower eyelid, most commonly caused by an infection of one of the glands of the external eye, usually by the bacteria Staphylococcus aureus. A stye is also called a hordeolum. An external hordeolum is in the eyelash follicle or the lid margin, whereas an internal hordeolum is inflammation in the meibomian glands, the ones that secrete mucous to help keep the eyes lubricated.

Makeup can block these glands and predispose someone to hordeola. Hordeola are treated with warm compresses and sometimes by an eye specialist, with a combination of antibiotic drops and topical steroids. Drainage by an ophthalmologist is necessary if it doesn't get better within one to two weeks. If the infection gets into the skin around the eye, it may need oral antibiotics.

A chalazion is not an infection. It's a usually painless rubbery mass in the eyelid. A chalazion can be a complication of a hordeolum, since the glands are blocked by inflammation, leading to thickened secretions from the gland. Since it's not an infection, neither oral nor topical eye antibiotics are useful. These also usually get better with warm compresses over weeks to months. People with recurrent chalazia should be considered for biopsy, since they can turn out to be tumors in rare circumstances.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 72-year-old female with numerous health issues, including three types of epilepsy. About two years ago, I experienced watching my pillow turn into bubbles and ants marching across my bedroom ceiling. They remained there and did not join me in bed, thankfully. After some time, they went away - until this week. I am awake and alert when I see them, and it always happens at night. Due to a staphyloma, I only have vision in one eye. I was also born with cataracts and had those, along with agerelated ones, removed at age 69 and 70. I am wondering if these visions I am experiencing could be yet another form of epilepsy. - S.G.

Although epilepsy can certainly cause visual hallucinations, they usually last only seconds and are not normally as complex as what you describe. Rather, I think this is more likely to be Charles Bonnet syndrome, which is associated with visual loss (that does not have to be complete). These visions are usually colored and may stay still or move, and hallucinations of animals and people are well-described. Moving the eyes toward and away from the hallucinations rapidly may suppress them. There are available medications to make them go away, which some people want and others do not.

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. (c) 2023 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.



#### Moore Texas by Roger Moore

February 3, 1836: A volunteer militia from Alabama called the "Red Rovers" (because of their bright red pants) joined the Texas fight for Independence.

# **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: M equals S

JUC HOR AOVJRIM, UVRM HZL MQHLRM DVFFVZ YARFM YZ ZVBRIM HZL FVBYRM? AURC'OR QIVA LRBYDRM.

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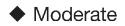
# Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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	4		8				1	
		3		6		2		4

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:** ♦◆





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## Scammers nabbed in false claims cases

by Freddy Groves

the Department of Veterans and money. They eventually get caught.

A Pennsylvania company they didn't provide. In this risk. false claims case, the service of doing what they'd been contracted to do, when they got "busy," they farmed weren't qualified. Patients lifestyle. getting health care via the

and likely their physicians, had no idea.

former company employees who blew the whistle and brought the whole thing to light. (They'll be getting \$8.3 It's not the brightest of million as a reward.) The \$750 million deal. Besides individuals who try to con company, meanwhile, was fined and denied access to any Affairs out of goods, services further government business, right? Wrong. Per the press release, the company was put under a five-year agreement has been fined \$44 million to do assessment and internal for allegations about services review to pinpoint compliance

In another false claims they allegedly provided was case, a New York man cardiac monitoring. Instead is going to prison for 20 years for crimes involving investment fraud and the sale of nonexistent N95 out the services to India. masks. Over the years, in a The diagnostic testing and long-term Ponzi scheme, he monitoring, as well as continued to solicit money, other services, were done using new money to fund by personnel in India who new acquisitions and a fancy

Enter the pandemic and the VA, TRICARE, Medicare need for masks and personal and the Federal Employee protective gear in hospitals Health Benefits Program, and clinics. Pretending to

have a direct pipeline to U.S. factories that could provide those items, he conned \$7.4 million out of medical supply companies that believed they were buying the hardto-get gear. It didn't help To their credit, it was some that the criminal attempted to con the VA out of \$3 million in upfront money for 125 million masks, in what would have been a the 20 years in prison, he'll also be paying back \$106 million in money he stole from investors.

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- Toothpaste works well as a silver polish. Wet your silver, plop a little non-gel toothpaste on it and rub gently to clean. Rinse well and let it shine.
- · A great hint from Mary R. of Duluth, Georgia: If the kids are drawing with felt markers and their hands get covered with ink, don't worry. Just spray their hands down with hairspray, then wipe off the ink with a paper towel. Don't forget to wash their hands afterward!
- · Dip your toothbrush in baking soda before you add toothpaste when brushing your teeth. You get used to the taste, but the extra scrub really gets your teeth clean, and it's very inexpensive to use. -- R.E. in Arizona
- · Have clumped-up sugar in the canister? No worries. To keep sugar from hardening. add a slice of bread to the container from time to time. and leave it there a day before removing.
- · Use this quick fix for oily hair. Rub a small amount of cornstarch into the oily areas of your hair. The cornstarch will soak up the dirt and oil; you just brush it out.
- A reader from Michigan wonders: How can I keep from having static head, especially when using a hat? The answer: You probably already have a tube of lip balm in your pocket or purse. Rub some on your palms, then run your palms over your hair.

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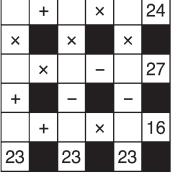
#### GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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:** ★★

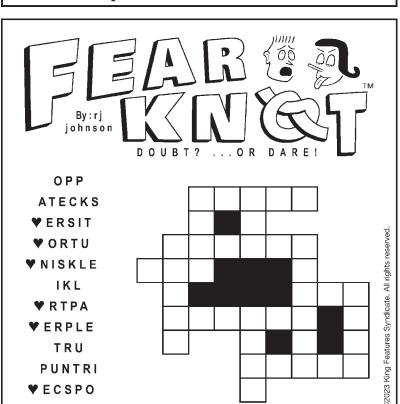
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE! **Answer Page 4** 

**♥** ELKA



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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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