



HAT IN THE RING – Dr. Pedro Galaviz (above), retired Canutillo ISD superintendent, stated that he is not running because he believe Canutillo needs someone to come in and run the schools. “At this stage of my life and career, this is about service and giving back. Canutillo helped educate my children. I would now like to use what I have learned over a lifetime in public education to help ensure the district remains strong for the children and families who will come after ours,” he said.

– File photo (Canutillo ISD)

Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees election offers a grab bag of eight candidates for four available seats

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO—When the November 3rd general election comes around, nine candidates will be in the running for four open seats on the Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) board of trustees – three incumbents, two former board members, two newcomers, a write-in challenger, and a retired superintendent.

CISD board of trustees consists of seven community members elected by voters across the district. Trustees serve without pay and are responsible for providing leadership and oversight on behalf of students, staff, and taxpayers. Board members serve staggered four-year terms with elections being held every two years as part of the November general election cycle.

Of the nine candidates, seven will be vying for one of three at-large positions, and two will seek to fulfill the unexpired two-year term spot left open by Sergio Martinez, who replaced Blanca Trout in 2024.

Trout beat Martinez by a handful of votes in the 2024 school board election. However, Trout withdrew from the race, but it was after the El Paso County Elections Department had already printed the election ballots.

Now Martinez, who is currently the CISD board president, has decided to give up his appointed position and is asking voters to elect him to one of the three, open four-year term seats.

And Trout has reconsidered and wants voters to put her back on the school board for another full term. Trout previously served two four-year stints on CISD school board, from 2016 to 2020 and from 2020 to 2024.

Seeking the two-year unexpired term seat is Patsy Mendoza, who previously served two terms on the CISD school board, from 2010 to 2014 and again from 2020 to 2024. Her challenger is write-in candidate Brandi Stevenson.

The seven candidates vying for one of the three four-year term positions, besides Martinez and Trout, are incumbent board members Cindy Andrade Carrillo and Breanne Barnes, newcomers Ryan Escamilla and Guadalupe Montañez, and the recently retired CISD superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz. Not seeking re-election is Lucia Borrego.

An intriguing candidate in the race is Galaviz, who was CISD superintendent from 2013 to 2025. Under his watch, CISD earned three consecutive A ratings by Texas Education Agency, a National Blue-Ribbon School designation for its Northwest Early College High School, a H-E-B Excellence in Education Award, and a voter-approved \$387 million bond issue in 2024.

“My decision to run is both personal and professional. CISD is the school district where my family calls home. My wife, Esperanza, and I raised our children here, and both are

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9th Annual Fajitas and Margaritas benefits EPCC students

By Beau Bagley
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC) Foundation, along with EPCC Culinary Arts program hosted its 9th annual Fajitas and Margaritas for Scholarships event. This year the EPCC Foundation awarded ten scholarships to Culinary Arts and Travel & Tourism students.

In the sold-out event, guests, EPCC Board of Trustees, EPCC Foundation Board of Directors, along with celebrity judges, chose the best recipes of EPCC Culinary Art students.

“We are so grateful for your support, and your investment in scholarships helps our students stay in school, graduate, and achieve their dreams,” EPCC President Dr. William Serrata said.

The fiesta for student benefit event also featured a silent auction with over 100 specially crafted gift baskets, bottles, gifts, artwork, home décor, aguas



– Photo courtesy El Paso Community College

See EPCC, Page 4 MEET AND EAT – A sold-out crowd attended the annual *Fajitas & Margaritas* fundraiser on September 25th.

The lynching epidemic that wasn't

Even paranoiacs have enemies, they say, but sometimes they are just paranoid. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, a founding member of the Squad, organized 59 fellow Democrats to co-sign a letter demanding a federal investigation of a spate of supposed lynchings that never happened.

The document pronounced its signatories “extremely alarmed by reports of Black people found hanging from trees in numerous states throughout our country.” “The series of deaths,” the letter continues, “raises significant suspicion of foul play given the role of lynching in our nation’s history.” Pressley and her colleagues call for a federal investigation of every hanging death of a black person in the U.S., and insist that “inaction by the federal government is tantamount to complicity.”

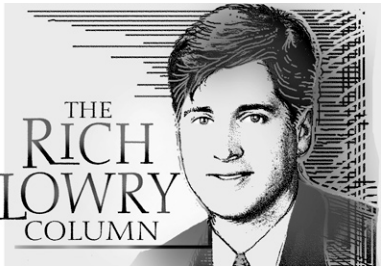
The letter deems all of this “a national crisis.”

In a post on X, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said how proud she was to sign the missive. She noted that “this year, there have already been 10 reported hangings of Black people in the U.S.,” and how we must “address these widespread modern-day lynchings and put a stop to this racial terror.”

It apparently didn’t occur to AOC or any of the other signers to do Google searches of local news stories about the hangings. If they had, they would have learned that most of them were acts of suicide – awful in their own right, but not evidence that we are once again living in the Deep South circa 1892. These news stories invariably recount how the local police have concluded a person found hanging on a tree died by suicide – as well as all the speculation

on social media that something more insidious must have been at play.

In one horrifying case, a young African-American woman was found hanging from a tree outside an abandoned house in Jackson, Mississippi, and her death was indeed ruled a murder. A CNN report several days ago related the heightened scrutiny around the crime given “Mississippi’s long history of racial violence involving hangings.” The police have now arrested a 51-year-old suspect and charged him with murder, although he doesn’t advance the narrative of the



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View from here By Dr. Glenn Mollette

The \$5,000 dividend digs up all kinds of problems

Most Americans could use an extra \$5,000. President Trump is dangling that amount to Americans if Republicans are able to maintain control of the House and Senate. The estimated cost of such a payout would be over \$1 trillion. Our President is calling it a dividend.

I voted for our President twice. I would vote for him again, but this is a terrible idea. He has to know it’s a terrible idea but I am sure he thinks another trillion dollars in debt is the lesser of two evils. The other evil would be if the Democrats regain control of either the House or the Senate and especially both they would immediately impeach President Trump. Illegal immigrants would flood into our country and who know how the Iran war would end. I can’t blame him

for doing whatever it takes to hold on, but this is too much. Our nation is already in danger of financial collapse. Are we going to file bankruptcy or just print more. Who will suffer? We all will suffer. Social Security recipients will be the first to feel the impact. We are already in danger of having our funds reduced by 2034. This could come sooner due to our crippling debt. There will be no let up on student loans. Young adults are crippled for life by college debt that many spend most of their lives repaying. These interest rates vary from 6.52% to 9.07% depending on if you are an undergraduate, graduate or parent. There will not be any tax cuts. A \$40 trillion debt will only result in the need for more taxes and not less.

You will owe tax on the \$5,000 and it might put you

into another tax bracket which will make your tax burden greater. The more you owe the government in April could end up erasing the \$5,000 dividend.

Joe Biden did a stupid thing when he sent out \$1,400 to most Americans as part of the American Rescue Plan, which cost \$414 billion, only a part of 1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief bill. Biden sent our billions to businesses and colleges that they didn’t have to pay back. That’s in the past but the debt is very present.

Promising all of us a \$5,000 dividend is dangling a carrot in the front of the eyes of millions of Americans who are financially struggling. That money would but some groceries or maybe payoff a credit card or a car.

Most Americans are not in the position to turn down



such an offer. Is buying votes illegal? Every politician makes promises of big returns if elected.

If such an event takes place it won’t be until after the first of the year, and only if the Republicans win. Time will tell. Promises have been made by politicians before that did not come to fruition.

All the while, gasoline is outrageous, groceries are sky high and the rising cost of the

war in Iran is over \$30 billion while some estimate the cost to be nearing \$50 billion. Who will pay this \$40 trillion debt? You, your children, your grandchildren and so on.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a syndicated columnist read in all fifty states. He is also the author of numerous books and can be heard each weekday morning on XM Radio 131.

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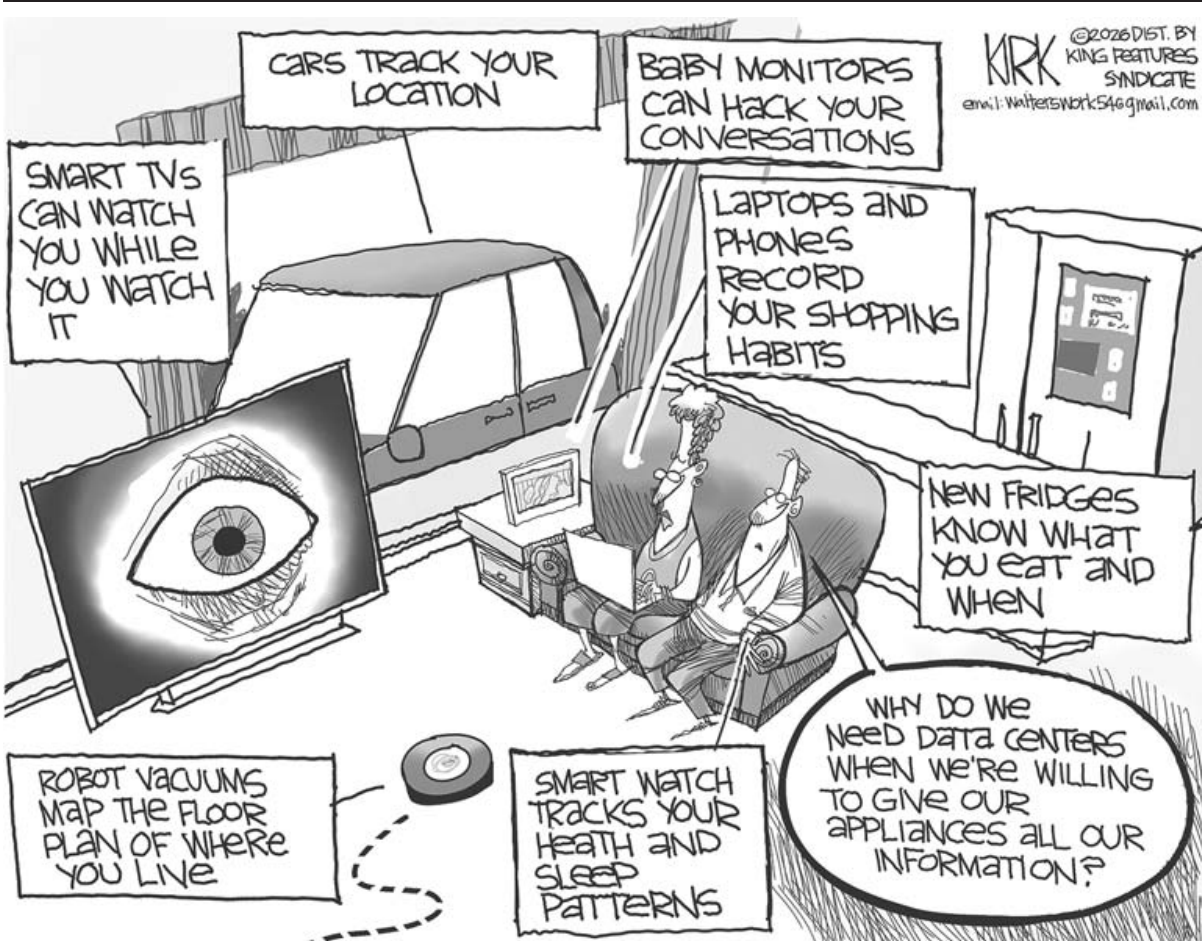
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proud Canutillo High School graduates. We experienced Canutillo not just as members of the community, but as parents who entrusted the district with something incredibly important – the education and future of our children,” Galaviz remarked.

“Professionally, I have spent decades in public education, serving at different levels of the system, including as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. Those experiences taught me that successful school districts require more than good intentions. They require focused leadership, clear expectations, accountability, financial responsibility, and a governing board that understands its role,” the former superintendent added.

Galaviz said that he believes that there is a fundamental difference between governance and management. “The board of trustees is responsible for establishing direction, adopting policy, overseeing the budget, monitoring results, and holding the superintendent accountable. The superintendent and administration must then be allowed to manage the district and its day-to-day operations,” he noted.

“When those roles become blurred, a district can lose focus. Board meetings can become consumed by operational matters, individual concerns, or

personalities rather than the larger issues affecting students, employees, and taxpayers. Good governance requires trustees who are willing to ask difficult questions and demand accountability while respecting the professional responsibilities of the people hired to operate the district. Having served as a superintendent, I understand what it means to be held accountable by a board and a community. I also understand how important it is for a superintendent to receive clear direction from the board and then be given the opportunity to lead,” Galaviz pointed out.

As a board member, Galaviz said that his approach would be straightforward: set clear expectations, establish measurable goals, monitor the data, ask difficult questions, insist

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Notice of Public Meeting
To Discuss San Elizario
Independent School District’s
State Financial Accountability
Rating (FIRST)

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 in the boardroom of the San Elizario ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss San Elizario Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the scheduled board of Trustees’ Meeting.

WTCC: 10-01-26

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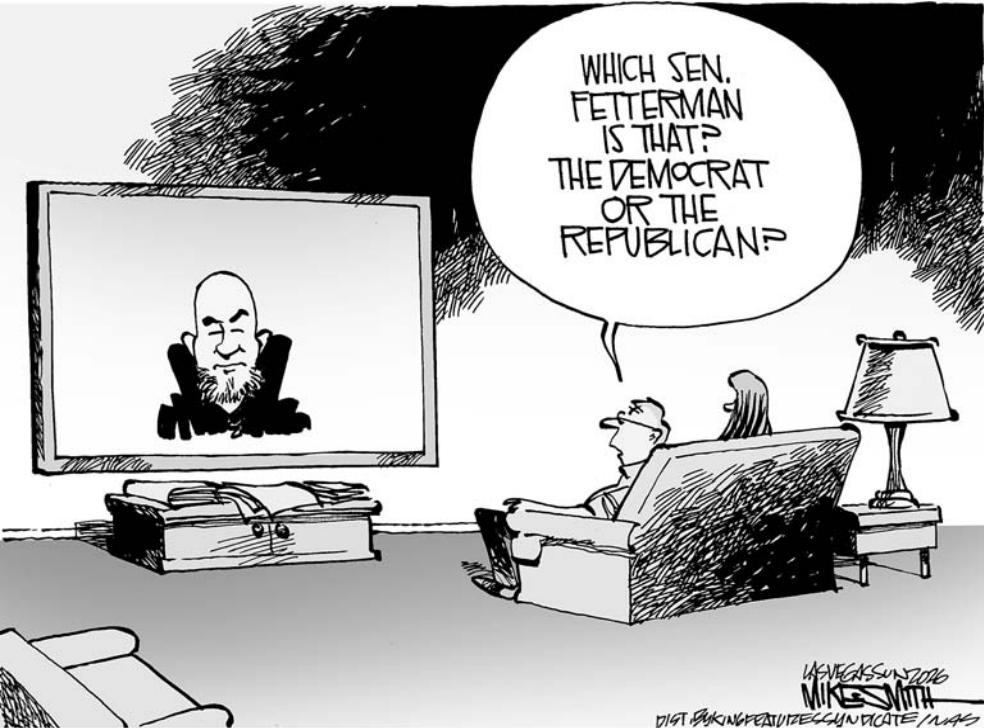
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El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The EL PASO COUNTY TORNILLO WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2026 on October 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM at 19225 Highland St., Tornillo, Texas 79853. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: Eusebio Villa, Jr. Hector Luna
Loretta Aguilar Alejandro Rodriguez
Anel Lujan

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: Jorge Aguirre

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.080217/\$100	\$0.077830/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$ 0.002387	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 2.98%	
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 132,366	\$ 141,205
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 132,366	\$ 141,205
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 106.18	\$ 109.90
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 3.72	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 3.50%	

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate the governing body of EL PASO COUNTY TORNILLO WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects.

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

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

Canutillo ISD lowers tax rate

By Gustavo Reveles
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District Board (CISD) of Trustees have approved a tax rate for the 2026-27 school year. The rate, approved on September 22, is lower than the rate approved the previous year.

CISD will levy property taxes at a rate of \$1.1468 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2026-27 fiscal year. That rate is lower than the \$1.1525 per \$100 of valuation adopted for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

This means the average home in Canutillo ISD, valued at \$331,116, will pay \$2,191.72 in school taxes this school year. That same home paid \$2,202.61 in school taxes last year.

The calculation takes into consideration the \$140,000 homestead exemption approved by voters last November. It does not take into consideration any increase in home valuation, which CISD does not control or determine.

“We are pleased to be able to remain good stewards of the taxpayers’ money in our efforts to provide our students with a world-class education,” said Board President Sergio Martinez. “We have had tough funding cycles over the past three years, and we continue to tighten our belts to make sure we are both financially sound and academically innovative.”

The Board of Trustees approved a balanced \$65.7 million budget this summer for the 2026-27 school year.

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on transparency, and hold leadership accountable for results. “When something is working, support it. When something is not working, determine why and require a plan for improvement,” he stated.

The winners of the upcoming school board election will join current board members Lilia Maldonado, Carolina Ortega, and Armando Rodriguez (whose terms end in 2028). Together, they will help manage a total annual budget of nearly \$66 million and lead a school district of approximately 5,747 students across 10 school campuses with over 800 classroom teachers and about 930 support staff employees.

November General Election

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.
- Early In-Person Voting will be from Monday, October 19 to Friday, October 30.
- Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Polling locations are posted on the El Paso County Elections Department website.
- The last day to register to vote for the November 3 election is Monday, October 5.

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frescas, and even a pastry package put together by EPCC Culinary Arts students. “Tonight is all about helping students succeed in their college education with the support of scholarships and emergency assistance funding,” EPCC Foundation Director Dr. Dolores Gross said. “The EPCC Foundation strives to make college affordable and accessible to all in our community who desire higher education and excellent quality workforce training. We want El Paso students to achieve higher education and prepare their skills for great

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By Lucie Winborne

• The first animal ever cloned, the famous sheep Dolly, was named for singer-songwriter Dolly Parton.

• According to a study, dancers and choreographers reported the highest divorce rates.

• Students are more than four times more likely to drop out of school if they are unable to read proficiently by the third grade.

• Early hairspray formulas often used shellac, a resin secreted by female Kerria lacca bugs.

• Some scientists have speculated that a zombie apocalypse may not be impossible because humans are vulnerable to neurotoxins, parasites and viruses such as rabies, which can alter behavior and brain function. Prions, the proteins behind mad cow disease, can remain active in deceased tissue, while hypothetical nanobots could raise similar questions.

• Holes in crackers allow steam and gas to escape so the product will remain flat and crisp.

• According to Gallup, Inc., more people recognized the term “UFO” than remembered the name Gerald Ford in a poll taken just six months after Ford left the presidential office.

• The Wizard of Oz’ full name is Oscar Zoroaster Phadrig Isaac Norman Henkel Emmannuel Ambrose Diggs. He called himself OZ because the other initials spelled P-I-N-H-E-A-D.

• Frida Kahlo is the only Mexican woman to have a major solo exhibition at the Louvre.

• In many early Northern European tribes slaves were forbidden from hunting since they were not allowed to own weapons or bear arms.

• Archaeology suggests that belt buckles were developed during the Bronze Age.

• The longest poem in the world is the “Mahabharata,” an Indian epic dating from the 4th century B.C. or earlier and containing about 1.8 million words.

Thought for the Day: “A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.”

– Emo Philips

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Sept. 28, 1542, Spanish explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo became the first European to sail into San Diego Bay, which he named San Miguel and claimed for Spain. The bay was given its present name in 1602 by Sebastian Vizcaino, who was also the first person to note certain ecological features of California’s coast.
- On Sept. 29, 1885, the world’s first practical public

- electric tramway, designed by Michael Holroyd Smith, opened in Blackpool, England, using an underground “conduit” system to supply electricity rather than overhead wires. The route is still active today, operating modern light rail vehicles.
- On Sept. 30, 1934, St. Louis Browns coach Charley O’Leary “unretired” to good effect by becoming the oldest player to get a hit and score a run in the major leagues, at age 58.
 - On Oct. 1, 1962, Barbra Streisand signed her first contract with Columbia Records. Her manager, Marty Erlichman, negotiated full

- artistic and creative control, including the right for Streisand to choose her own songs, in exchange for a lower initial pay rate of a \$20,000 advance.
- On Oct. 2, 1985, Hollywood heartthrob Rock Hudson died of AIDS related complications, just a few months after publicly acknowledging he had the disease at a hospital in Paris where he was seeking treatment.

- On Oct. 3, 1997, 69-year-old Hall of Famer Gordie Howe, who was known as “Mr. Hockey” and played his first NHL game when Harry Truman was president, skated the first shift with the DetroitVipersintheirInternational Hockey League opener for a total of just 40 seconds but became the only professional in the sport to compete in six decades. Afterward, he thanked the Vipers for “putting up with me.”

- On Oct. 4, 2011, Michael Morton, who served 25 years in prison for the murder of his wife, Christine Morton, was released after DNA evidence implicated convicted felon Mark Alan Norwood in the crime. The prosecutor in the case later was accused of withholding evidence indicating Morton’s innocence.

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Immunize El Paso urges people to get vaccinated

By Elizabeth Thornton
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Flu season is approaching, and Immunize El Paso is urging individuals and families across El Paso to get their annual flu vaccine before flu activity increases. Influenza is more than a seasonal inconvenience. It can lead to serious complications, hospitalization and death. The 2024–2025 flu season was classified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a high-severity season across all age groups. During that season, the CDC estimated that flu vaccination prevented 10 million flu-related illnesses, 5 million flu-related medical visits, 180,000 flu-related hospitalizations and 12,000 flu-related deaths in the United States.

“Flu season is approaching, and now is the time to take action,” said Ivan Luna, Director of Immunize El Paso. “We want people to know that they have options. Whether you are protecting a young child, an older adult or someone with a health condition that puts them at greater risk, our team can help you find an age-

appropriate flu vaccine.” Immunize El Paso carries multiple flu vaccine options for different ages and needs, including:

- Fluad – A high-dose flu vaccine for adults 65 years and older;
- Fluarix – A standard-dose flu vaccine for people 6 months and older;
- Flucelvax – A cell-based, egg-free flu vaccine for people 6 months and older; and
- mFlusiva – An mRNA-based flu vaccine for adults 50 years and older.

The CDC recommends annual flu vaccination for everyone 6 months and older, with rare exceptions. Adults 65 and older, young children and people with certain health conditions are among those at higher risk for serious flu complications.

For most people who need one dose, September and October are generally good times to get vaccinated. Getting vaccinated before flu activity increases, gives the body time to develop protection. Now is the time to get protected.

Visit Immunize El Paso at www.izep.org or call (915) 533-3414 to learn more or to schedule your flu vaccination.

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careers without debt.” The event centered on raising scholarship money around a competition by EPCC Culinary Art students on who created the best fajitas and margaritas.

Ten Culinary Arts and Travel & Tourism students, who have demonstrated their talents, maintained good grades, and assisted the college through service received \$1000 scholarships. Award winners were Adriana Picca, Arianna Villalobos, Dario Jones, Genesis Jordan, Kevin Rodriguez, Priscila Esparza, Samantha Mendez, Solomon Griffin, Teresita Prieto, and from Travel and Tourism, Patricia Rodriguez.

“It’s been a great experience, we have a great team and have been working together really well,” Scholarship winner Prieto, a Culinary Arts and Pastry major on team El Apache, said. “I plan on using the money on equipment that I need for my classes, and I hope to one day open up a catering business when I finish up my degree.”

Visit www.epcc.edu/Administration/Foundation for more information on the EPCC Foundation and scholarship donations.

Classified Legals

NOTICE ESTABLISHING OFFICES AND MEETING PLACES OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 10

TO THE RESIDENTS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 10 OF EL PASO COUNTY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with V.T.C.A. Water Code § 49.062, the Board of Directors of Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 10 of El Paso County (the “District”) has on September 1, 2026, formally established offices for the District that are outside the boundaries of the District, and meeting places of the Board, which are both, inside and outside the boundaries of the District.

District offices are hereby established at the offices of Paseo del Este MUDs, at 13034 Eastlake Boulevard, Suites D-E, El Paso, Texas 79928, inside the District; Paseo del Este MUDs, at 460 Bill Burnett Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928, outside the District; Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701, outside the District; TRE & Associates, LLC, at 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, outside the District; TRE & Associates, LLC, at 215 E. Yandell Drive, El Paso, Texas 79902, outside the District; TRE & Associates, LLC, at 6101 W. Courtyard Drive, Building 1, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78730, outside the District; and, Hunt Communities LLC, at 601 N. Mesa, Suite 1900, El Paso, Texas 79901, outside the District. These offices are established for the purpose of conducting business and filing and maintaining certain records of the District. Said offices are hereby declared to be public places and open to the public.

Meeting places of the Board are hereby established at the offices of Paseo del Este MUDs, at 13034 Eastlake Boulevard, Suites D-E, El Paso, Texas 79928, inside the District; Paseo del Este MUDs, at 460 Bill Burnett Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928, outside the District; TRE & Associates, LLC, at 110 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79912, outside the District; TRE & Associates, LLC, at 215 E. Yandell Drive, El Paso, Texas 79902, outside the District; Hunt Communities LLC, at 601 N. Mesa, Suite 1900, El Paso, Texas 79901, outside the District; and Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701, outside the District. Said offices are hereby declared to be public places and the public is invited to attend any meeting of the Board.

YOU WILL THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOREGOING FACTS.

PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 10 OF EL PASO COUNTY

By: **/s/ Greg Spence, President**
ATTEST:
By: **/s/ Ysrael Valenia, Secretary**

WTCC: 10-01-26

NOTICE ESTABLISHING OFFICES AND MEETING PLACES OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 11

TO THE RESIDENTS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 11 OF EL PASO COUNTY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with V.T.C.A. Water Code § 49.062, the Board of Directors of Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 11 of El Paso County (the “District”) has on September 10, 2026, formally established offices for the District that are outside the boundaries of the District, and meeting places of the Board, which are outside the boundaries of the District.

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PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 11 OF EL PASO COUNTY

By: **/s/ Cynthia Ruiz, President**
ATTEST:
By: **/s/ Alexandra Treviño, Secretary**

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CryptoQuip Answer

What could you call people who “no” on something in a legislative assembly? Anti bodies.

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Even the sports records no one wants are impressive

Some of the best players own some of the worst records

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Very few athletes are fortunate enough to hold all-time records in their sport. That’s why we call them superstars and they will be remembered forever.

But there are some record holders who wish their records would be forgotten – quickly.

For instance, Chicago White Sox infielder Colson Montgomery set a Major League record last week he can’t be particularly proud of.

See, he struck out for the 224th time and it broke the mark set by former Arizona Diamondbacks infielder Mark Reynolds. Reynolds struck out 223 times in 2009.

That led me to wonder, what other ugly records are out there.

There’s no doubt that one of the greatest players ever to play in the NBA is Kobe Bryant, who won five league titles with the Los Angeles Lakers. It’s also a little-known fact that Kobe also holds the record for the most missed shots ever with a whopping 14,481.

In the 1970s, there was no more feared a hitter than Reggie Jackson, who hit towering home runs for the Oakland A’s and the New York Yankees. But when you swing that hard, you’re going to miss a lot too. And nobody missed more than Jackson, who holds the record with 2,597 strikeouts.

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Nobody has stuck out more batters (5,714) or thrown more no-hitters (7) than the great Nolan Ryan. The power pitcher won 324 games in his career, but along the way he also set the record for the most walks in Major League history with 2,795.

Rasheed Wallace played 16 years in the NBA with six different teams and was named an all-star four times. He was also known for losing his temper on the court. In fact, no player in NBA history has recorded more technical fouls in a season than Wallace, who got whistled 40 times in 2000. That comes out to one technical foul every two games.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was one of the greatest players ever to play in the NBA, ranking as the second-leading scorer in league history. He also holds another record that won’t be broken any time soon. Over his 20 years in the league, Jabbar set the record for the most fouls committed by a player with 4,657.

In the NHL, goalie Martin Brodeur, who played 20 of his 21 seasons with the New Jersey Devils, holds the record for regular-season shutouts (125). But the 9-time all-star also holds the records for giving up more goals than any goalie with 2,757.

The great Karl Malone, the “Mailman” as he is known, ranks third on the NBA all-time scoring list behind LeBron and Kareem. The 14-time all-star and 2-time MVP holds the record for the butteriest fingers. The Hall of Famer committed more turnovers than any other player with 4,524.

The great Cy Young holds one of those records everyone thinks will never be broken with his 511 pitching victories. The Major League Hall of Famer played 22 seasons, his last in 1911. Pitching all those years it isn’t surprising that he also holds the record for the most losses by a pitcher with 316.

Dan Reeves coached the Broncos, Giants and Falcons over his 23-year career and won 190 games, ranking

him 11th on the all-time NFL wins list. Reeves, who was 0-4 in Super Bowls, also holds the record for the most coaching losses with 165.

Brett Favre might be the most special person on this list. Nicknamed the Gunslinger, Favre is one of the greatest NFL quarterbacks to have ever played the game. He won a Super Bowl with Green Bay in 1997, but he also had a reputation for taking wild chances. And because of that, he holds the NFL records for most interceptions thrown (336), committing the most fumbles (166), and was sacked more than any other quarterback as well (525 times).

The last player on this list is poor Hughie Jennings, who played in the Majors back in the 1890s. I don’t know much about him, but he must not have been the most popular guy, after setting the record for being hit by pitchers 287 times.

They say that records are made to be broken; all the guys on this list are definitely hoping that saying is true.

Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Beware the supplements on TV

If you’re home during the day and have spent much time with the television on, you’ve no doubt been inundated with advertising for supplements that promise to change your life. By the time you’ve heard those ads 30 times you can probably quote them word for word. And at some point you might even be tempted to just dial that number and place an order.

Don’t do it.

Just because companies create slick ads that sound like they’ll solve all your problems doesn’t mean it’s safe for you to use their products, especially if you take any prescription drugs or have a medical condition.

The Food and Drug Administration does not approve supplements. The FDA doesn’t evaluate those types of products and doesn’t conduct any trials to check their safety and recommended dosage. The supplement companies are required to tell you this in their advertising, but it’s in all that tiny text at the bottom of the TV screen that’s impossible to read.

Learn all you can about potential drug interactions. Go first to [drugs.com](https://www.drugs.com) and click on the Drug Interaction Checker. Type in the name of your drug. Then type in the name of whatever you’re considering taking and see what it says. I tried this with one of my prescription drugs and added one of the frequently advertised products and it showed 11 potential drug interactions. There were also some possible uncomfortable side effects, even without the possible drug interactions.

Seniors are especially targeted by the manufacturers of those supplements, hoping we’ll believe their slick claims if we see those ads often enough. It’s a billion-dollar industry, and they want your money. Before you dial that number on the TV screen, dial your doctor’s office and ask if the supplement is something you should have. Chances are they will say no.

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JUST ADD WATER

ACROSS

1 "May I talk to you briefly?"

8 Placed

12 Motor oil additive

15 TV character whom you "better call"

19 Certain outlet accessory

20 River of Aragon

21 Weeding tool

22 Singer Amos

23 Like a gallery that has five dozen paintings by artist Antoine?

25 Sort of

27 Shar_ (wrinkly dogs)

28 What a hailstorm is doing when composer Jean-Philippe is caught in it?

30 Hawaiian for "appetizer"

32 Little League precursor

33 Calling device in a forest east of Paris?

41 Banquet, e.g.

45 Four eighths

46 Let borrow again

47 Monte _

48 Oil from flower petals

49 Wine enjoyed near a hearth?

53 Aliens, briefly

54 August hrs.

55 Guilty feeling

56 Garage oil

58 Hilo hellos

64 Giving the go-ahead for

68 Atmosphere

69 Raised, flat land that you are visiting today?

72 Rapa _ (Easter Island)

73 Bookish sort

75 Giorgio of fashion

76 Apartment policy about animals

78 Island porch

80 Goat's cry

82 Application file extension

83 Festive antique hat?

91 Slanting

93 "Nay" sayers

94 Shower sponges

95 100-page story, maybe

97 Portend

98 That powerful essayist Henry David?

101 Sea's edge

102 Have _ (lose it)

103 Flat-bottomed vessel sailing across the River Styx from Hades?

111 Notion, in Paris

115 An hour before midnight

116 Teasing tribute held at the Green Bay Packers' stadium?

119 Sold out, say

120 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie _" (1973 hit)

121 Leg, e.g.

122 Tom Cruise/Dustin Hoffman film

123 Puts in place

124 Pastor's talk: Abbr.

125 Legs' counterparts

126 Iran neighbor

DOWN

1 [I'm in shock!]

2 Comics dog

3 Metered car

4 Bldg. units in complexes

5 Pig's home

6 "Ick!"

7 Deep-fried crustacean appetizers

8 Riga native, old-style

9 Aid in crime

10 "Dies _" (Latin hymn)

11 Gloomy

12 Tibias

13 Native of Nuku'alofa

14 Eye care chain

15 Fruit discard

16 Top-tier

17 _ Major (constellation)

18 In _ of

24 Tightly strung

26 Mineo of "Exodus"

29 " _ to Be You" (pop standard)

30 Bartlett, e.g.

31 "Friendly skies" carrier, for short

33 Python's kin

34 _coated aspirin

35 Large central feature of the Astros' logo

36 _ apso

37 Be mistaken

38 Singer Brenda

39 Chicago Loop trains

40 Luau paste

41 British bud

42 Previous to

43 Taking after

44 Singer Rawls

47 Chevy pony car

50 "Let's just leave _ that"

51 Toy train, when repeated

52 " _ Matata" ("The Lion King" song)

54 Part of FDR

56 Car tankful

57 Spreads out, as fingers

59 Meadowland

60 Crew tool

61 Engine noise

62 Org. for cavity fillers

63 It rises daily

65 Kicked out of a country

66 Chocolate spread

67 U.S. soldiers

70 _ Sea (salt lake in Asia)

71 "Sands of Iwo _"

74 Basic trick for a skateboarder

77 Actor O'Toole

79 Baseless bit of

gossip

81 Ditz relative of Samantha on "Bewitched"

83 Sharp punch

84 Singer Yoko

85 "Inc." relative

86 Orbiter with a tail

87 _ polloi

88 Olympic code for Kabul's country

89 Oom-_ band

90 "C'_ la vie"

91 State firmly

92 Fraternity "T"

96 "Well now!"

98 Flat, hollow sounds

99 Crested bird with black-and-white wings

100 Harvard rival

101 Submission encl.

103 Pleads

104 Balm plant

105 Camp shelter

106 Nights before

107 Stewpot

108 Impartial

109 "I wonder..."

110 Recedes

111 Actress Skye

112 Accurse

113 Morales of film and TV

114 Volcano in Sicily

117 Egypt and Syr., once

118 Crater's edge

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Super Crossword

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

From Page 2

Pressley letter – since he, too, is African American.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention figures, more than 11,000 people in the United States died by suicide by hanging or a related means in 2024 – or, on average, more than 30 a day. Hundreds of these people were African Americans. In this context, a handful of black suicides by hanging occurring outdoors over the course of half a year or more wouldn't necessarily be shocking.

The will to believe the worst, though, is very strong among the people who signed the Pressley letter. They are perpetually convinced that the KKK is on the verge of riding again and making the U.S. the equivalent of the Reconstruction-era South.

One line in the Pressley letter says that black people have been found hanging from trees in places as dispersed as "Mississippi, Michigan and New York." The geographic randomness suggests a widely dispersed

social phenomenon; the signatories conclude instead that there are racist murderers seeded throughout the country, all carrying out brutal, symbolically resonant killings.

This is a terrible thing to believe of one's own country – not just of its people, but of all the law-enforcement authorities who must be suppressing evidence of systematic racial violence. No matter. The Squad and its ilk have a dim view of the United States and – as racial obsessives who consider themselves fearless crusaders for justice – must find great emotional satisfaction in the notion that they are fighting the same battle as, say, the legendary scourge of lynching Ida B. Wells.

Wells, though, didn't have to make up outrages, whereas the current crowd tends to give credence to every story based on a fake noose or a hate-crime hoax. Pressley and Co. clearly hoped to stir up a social panic, but the weakness and irrationality of their argument serve only to underline their own profound and disturbing racial paranoia.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. ©2026 by King Features Synd., Inc.

High calcium levels can be dangerous

DEAR DR. ROACH: A few years ago, at the age of 65, I was hospitalized and in critical condition with a calcium score of 14 mg/dL. After many tests, the diagnosis was hypercalcemia. After a 10-day hospital stay, I was discharged, and every test in the book was done to find the cause. All tests came back negative as to the cause, and still to this day, it isn't known what could've caused this. Any ideas? – G.V.



"Hypercalcemia" just means a high calcium level, and there are many causes – some of which are quite serious – including several cancers. A level of 14 mg/dL is very high. The many tests that they did makes a serious cause unlikely, and the fact that you're doing well years later confirms this.

The most common cause of high calcium is primary hyperparathyroidism, which should've been among the first tests they did. This is caused by a (usually) benign tumor in one of the parathyroid glands; there are usually four that sit on top of your thyroid gland (hence the name). Parathyroid hormone is the key regulator of calcium in the body.

I suspect that you had pseudohypercalcemia – an apparently high calcium level that is actually normal. This is caused by the abnormal protein binding of calcium, which, in turn, can be caused by abnormal protein levels in the blood. Some of these abnormal protein levels include high albumin (found with dehydration) and high immunoglobulin proteins (found with multiple myeloma). Again, since your tests are all normal now, a serious condition is very unlikely.

The classic cause of pseudohypercalcemia is leaving the tourniquet on too long when drawing blood. As the blood gets more acid from the muscles, calcium gets unbound from albumin, leading to an artifactually high number. This can be easily confirmed by measuring ionized calcium.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm very nervous to take any prescriptions with black-box warnings. My urine tested positive for Pseudomonas aeruginosa. My doctor prescribed 500 mg of Cipro. Everything I read says how terrible the side effects are and how they can be delayed or show up later on in the future. After more research, I see that water pills (I take hydrochlorothiazide) aren't necessarily safe to take with Cipro, as it can cause additional kidney strain due to your electrolytes being off. I'm not a doctor, but not much is sitting well with me. Would you please be so kind as to share your thoughts for alternatives that would be safer to take so that I can share them with my doctor? – L.W.

Pseudomonas aeruginosa are dangerous bacteria, partially because of their extensive resistance to antibiotics. In fact, quinolones such as ciprofloxacin (Cipro) are the only reliable oral antibiotics to treat Pseudomonas. While I agree with you that quinolones are risky drugs that should only be used in limited circumstances, your only other option to treat your infection is an intravenous antibiotic.

Ciprofloxacin has several potential toxicities. I've seen hallucinations with this drug start after hours. Many people know that ciprofloxacin in particular can increase the risk of tendon ruptures. There may also be an increased risk of aortic aneurysms. However, the major risk is while the person's taking the medication, and the long-term risk after taking a week of antibiotics is quite low.

Before starting treatment, it's important to be sure that the urine is actually infected with, rather than colonized by, Pseudomonas. The presence of symptoms is critical when considering treatment.

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. ©2026 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
There are more than 16,000 official historical markers in Texas. Some data bases track over 17,300 counting war memorials.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **R** equals **C**

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QIM GMYC "HM" MH EMACYIJHP
JH N KCPJEKNYJGC NEECAZKB?
NHYJ ZMLJCE.

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The OIG at work

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

The Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VA OIG) has been busy. And as is typical, their work involves saving millions of dollars that should have gone to veterans' services. When the OIG analyzed the details about a contractor for the Veterans Crisis Line, they questioned why millions of dollars were paid when the work wasn't actually done. The job involved providing backup services for the toll-free 24/7 crisis line. However, that contractor didn't have enough staff, didn't train the staff they did have and didn't meet federal security requirements. Due to lack of contract oversight, the VA made payments to that contractor – \$11.2 million worth – for a year. The OIG, naturally, wants that money back. Then there was the not-so-small matter of

critical medical supplies and equipment and how those were managed. After being called on to inspect the practices at one certain VA facility, the OIG spent months looking at the inventory of expendable supplies, nonexpendable equipment, distribution controls and the leadership. What they found was so bad that four operating rooms had been closed because of lack of supplies, expired supplies and unreliable restocking, causing surgery backlogs and cancellations. The OIG found expired supplies in operating rooms. (The OIG asked that they be removed; yet two months later the expired supplies were still there.) They discovered 50 pallets of supplies that were expired, damaged or obsolete. When it came to equipment, five pieces couldn't even be located. The value of missing nonexpendable items was \$10.5 million. The facility had been awarded \$3.2 million for a contract for an inventory management system but never completely installed it

and eventually disabled the program. They were then awarded more money to get the contractor to do the complete installation, and that wasn't done either. Rumor is that the VA's OIG is not getting a bigger budget for 2027. That's ridiculous considering the amount of money they save the VA through their investigations.

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• To remove stubborn hard water deposits from a shower head (without removing it), do this trick: Add a cup of plain white vinegar to a zipper-top sandwich bag (or a larger bag with added vinegar to fit larger showerheads). Submerge shower head in the vinegar and draw bag up tightly around the stem. Use a rubber band to secure the plastic bag around the showerhead. Leave overnight. Remove, scrub and shower to release the deposits.

• "When moving, use foam plates as separators for your dinner plates. Use kitchen towels to wrap serving platters. If you have a box that separates glasses, drop a spice jar into each glass. Use all the space and you'll have less boxes to move." – P.L. in South Carolina

• Borax can be used to keep sidewalks free of weeds. Simply sprinkle a little Borax on the sidewalk and sweep into the cracks. This is a very effective weed killer, but it will also kill your grass if you use too much, so keep it in the cracks only!

• "Have a stripped screw? Place a wide rubber band over the head and insert your drill. The rubber band fills in the stripped spots and makes the drill catch the screw. It works most of the time." – D.D. in Nebraska

• "Make audio recordings or short videos of you reading your children's favorite books for them to play when you are busy with housework or cooking." – K.A. in Oregon

• If you have a sticky zipper, try running a candle along the zipper face, then zipping it up and down a few times.

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GO FIGURE!

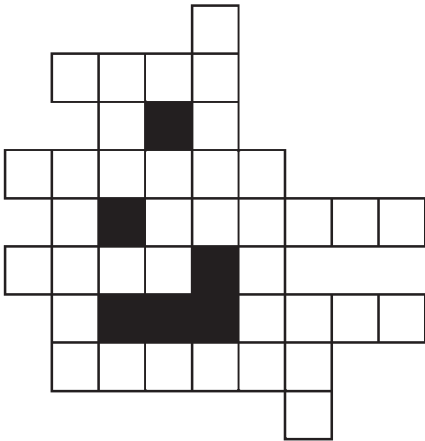
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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