



## NEWSBRIEFS

### GED and a trade

Workforce Economic Development of El Paso Community College, with the help of YouthBuild, is looking for young students, ages 18-24, (16-17 youths could qualify) that want to earn a GED diploma while learning a building trade. YouthBuild is a youth and community development program that addresses core issues facing low-income communities including housing, education, employment, crime prevention and leadership development. The students who qualify for the program will work toward their GED, learn job skills and serve their communities by building affordable housing and transforming their lives and roles in society. YouthBuild requires a 9-month daily commitment from participants. Students will participate in the program from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. During this period, students will alternate spending time in the classroom and working their trade on the construction site. Students should be able to earn a stipend for participating in all required activities. Application deadline is January 25, but could be extended. Applications can be picked up in Room 560, Building B, at the college's Administrative Services Center, 9050 Viscount. For additional information call José Cassolópez at 831-7825/7756.

— Javier Sánchez

### Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in identifying and locating the person or persons responsible for murdering a man in the central part of town, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Monday, February 7, 2011, officers responded to a call of "man down" in the parking lot of the Stagecoach Motel, 4110 Alameda. They found Elias Nicarsio Perez inside his van at that address. Perez was having difficulty breathing and was taken to University Medical Center. Investigators found that Perez was a field worker in New Mexico and was living out of his van while visiting El Paso. It seems that he was attacked sometime on Saturday, Feb. 5, or early Sun., Feb. 6. Perez is known to visit friends and bars in the area, and often carried large sums of money. It is not known who he might have been with that weekend. Perez died from his injuries the following Saturday, Feb. 12. If you have any information at all about the identity of the person or persons involved in this crime, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-TIPS(8477) or submit your tip online at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

*If you can see yourself as others see you and not get mad, you're a philosopher.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**A QUESTION OF GOVERNMENT – The City of Socorro is proposing to annex property that would include the Licon Dairy, above, a popular family-owned San Eli tourist stop known for its asadero cheese and petting zoo. The dairy encompasses a large store, an ample lake and a petting zoo with a variety of farm and exotic animals. Socorro City Council is scheduled to review and possibly take action on the proposal during its Thursday, February 7 meeting.**

## Socorro's plan makes neighbors unhappy

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO—Socorro City Council's second hearing on its proposal to annex a small part of neighboring San Elizario and parcels of land near Horizon City was held recently at the Socorro administration building and, once again, drew a standing-room-only crowd of more than 100 persons, most of them voicing their opposition to the annexation idea.

Socorro city spokesman David Garcia said that the proposed annexation would add fewer than 100 homes on seven parcels of mostly desert land to Socorro. But, the heart of the controversy is a piece of land in San Elizario along the Rio Grande bordering Socorro.

Garcia said the proposed annexation in San Elizario would not include the historic San Elizario plaza and adobe chapel but does include a sliver of the historic Mission Trail. He said that the land, if annexed, would fall

under Socorro city regulations, which would help improve and protect development, including curb problems such as illegal dumping and unpaved roads.

Existing farms and properties with horses and animals that are annexed would be grandfathered to remain the same and that the annexation would not change which schools children attend, according to Socorro City Attorney Jerry Wallace.

The proposed annexation would also include the Licon Dairy, a popular family-owned San Eli tourist stop known for its asadero cheese and petting zoo. "We are totally against it," said dairy manager Angel Licon at the second public meeting. "There are three generations of us here from San Elizario. Switching over to another government in the City of Socorro would not be beneficial for us. It isn't all of San Eli that Socorro wants; it just seems the parts of San Elizario that are booming," he added.

Socorro is also looking at taking parcels of

land on the south edge of Interstate 10 east of Eastlake Boulevard. However, Horizon City Mayor Walter Miller told the Socorro council that his town is against Socorro taking one parcel of desert land north of I-10 and at the south edge of the Horizon City limits. He added that Horizon City has first chance at the land because it has extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Garcia explained that a Texas municipality has a right to annex a certain amount of land per year under state law and that Socorro had not annexed any land for the past three years. "The City of Socorro has followed all of the strict procedures mandated by the state when it comes to annexing surrounding land. We are doing everything in accordance to the law," he stated.

Garcia said the proposal could go to vote by the Socorro City Council as early as the first Thursday in February. If approved, the annexed areas would pay city taxes while receiving city services.

## Writing workshops use local museums for inspiration

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Monica Gomez – an award winning writer, artist, and broadcast personality – will lead a series of writing workshops that will take their inspiration from exhibits at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology and the El Paso Museum of History.

The free workshops, titled *Write off the Walls*, will be held on consecutive Saturdays, February 2nd and 9th. "The workshops are designed to spark an inquisitive interest in visual art and encourage writers of all skill levels to formulate personal opinions and express themselves with confidence," stated Gomez.

Participants will have the opportunity to turn their attention to specific exhibits at the Museum of Archaeology and the Museum of History for inspirational writing ideas, Gomez stated.

The first workshop will be held, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (4301 Transmountain Road). The lesson will highlight the exhibit, *Walking with the Ancestors: From Mesoamerican to the Southwest*.

The second workshop will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., at the El Paso Museum of History (510 N. Santa Fe Street). This writing exercise will showcase the exhibit, *Fourth Wall of Giants: The Missions and Their People*.

"The two-hour inspirational workshops will

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**LISTEN UP – Monica Gomez, right, will facilitate writing workshops at two local museums. "A good workshop should turn us inside-out just enough to see how we're all different, yet so alike," said Gomez. Gomez has recently released her creative writing workbook, EXPRESSERCIZE: Write Answers.**



— Photo courtesy of Monica Gomez



# Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

## One less chore

If you receive a pension from the Department of Veterans Affairs, one annual chore just became a lot easier. You no longer have to submit an Eligibility Verification Report. Until now, you’ve had to fill out an EVR every year to keep the benefits coming. Now the VA is going to get the necessary income information in an automated process from other sources – the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security.

By taking this step, the VA will free up 100 staff members, who will then be diverted to work on the claims backlog. This is going to be a win-win, officials say – you don’t fill out forms and they get more personnel working on the backlog. (Despite VA chief Eric Shinseki’s vow to bring a wait-time down to 125 days by 2015, wait days have climbed monthly over the past year. To see for yourself, go to [www.vba.va.gov/reports](http://www.vba.va.gov/reports) and click on the ASPIRE dashboard.)

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Additionally, you must have served during a wartime period.

If you’re housebound and need the aid and attendance of another person, you may receive additional money.

To find out if you’re eligible for the pension, you’ll need Form 21-526 Veteran’s Application for Compensation and/or Pension. To get the form, call the VA toll free at 1-800-827-1000 or go online to [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms).

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# Museum offers free repujado workshop

By Alfredo Vasquez

Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Museum of History will offer a family-oriented, hands-on workshop on the Art of Spanish colonial repujado, or tin embossing, at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 26, at the museum (510 N. Santa Fe Street).

The Art of Spanish colonial repujado, or tin embossing, workshop will be taught by locally renowned artist Maria Almeida Natividad. The museum is offering the Saturday workshop in conjunction with its current exhibit, *Fourth Wall of Giants: The Missions and Their People*.

Funding for the free program is provided by the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

In the workshop, Natividad will lead adults and children in creating unique art using the ancient technique of embossing or pressing shapes into metal to create a design. Aluminum metal sheets and other materials, including special paints, will be supplied.

Participants will learn to reproduce pictures of the Ysleta and Socorro Missions and the presidio chapel at San Elizario, as well as flowers, angels, and other traditional designs. Participants will also be able to select a design or create their own and take their artwork home.


Repujado – tin embossing – arrived in Mexico sometime during Spanish colonization and would have been taught to the natives at the missions as a means

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– Photo courtesy of Maria Almeida Natividad

Socorro Mission repujado by Maria Natividad.



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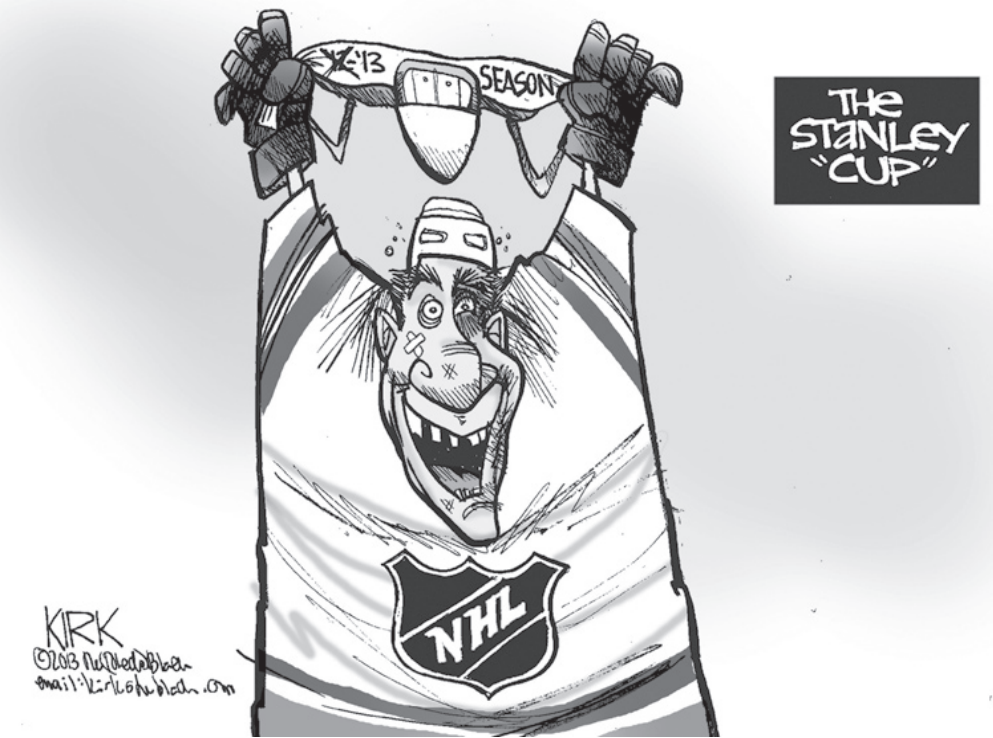
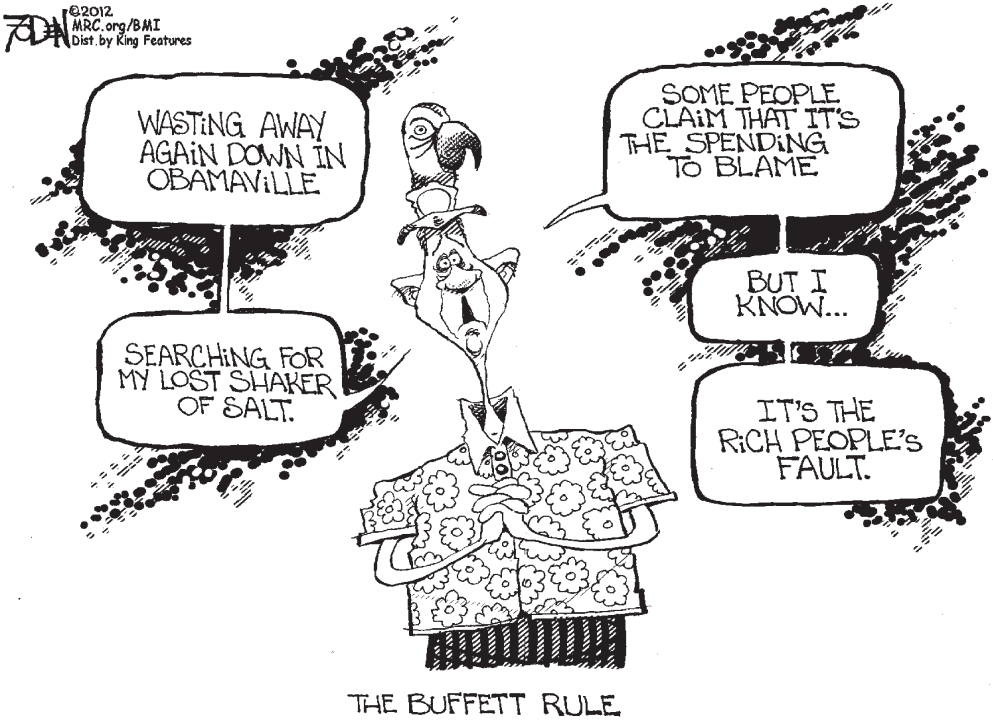
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Finances

By Jason Alderman

# With investments, diversifying is key

Ever wonder why Mom and Pop stores sell wildly unrelated products side by side, like umbrellas and sunglasses, or Halloween candy and screwdrivers? Customers probably would never buy these items on the same shopping trip, right?

That's exactly the point. By diversifying their product offerings, vendors reduce the risk of losing sales on any given day, since people don't usually buy umbrellas on sunny days or sunglasses when it rains.

The same diversification principle also applies in the investment world, where it's referred to as asset allocation. By spreading your assets across different investment classes (stock mutual funds, bonds, money market securities, real estate, cash, etc.), if one category tanks temporarily you may be at least partially protected by others.

You must weigh several factors when determining how best to allocate your assets:

**Risk tolerance.** This refers to your appetite for risking the loss of some or all of your original investment in exchange for greater potential rewards. Although higher-risk investments (like stocks) are potentially more profitable over the long haul, they're also at greater risk for short-term losses. Ask yourself, would you lose sleep investing in funds that might lose money or fluctuate wildly in value for several years; or will you comfortably risk temporary losses in exchange for potentially greater returns?

**Time horizon.** This is the expected length of time you'll be investing for a particular financial goal. If you are decades away from retirement, you may be comfortable with riskier, more volatile investments. But if your retirement looms, or you'll soon need to tap college savings, you might not want to risk sudden downturns that could gut your balance in the short term.

Diversification within risk categories is also important. From a diversification standpoint it's not prudent to invest in only a few stocks.

That's why mutual funds are so popular: They pool money from many investors and buy a broad spectrum of securities. Thus, if one company in the fund does poorly, the overall impact on your account is lessened.

Many people don't have the expertise – or time – to build a diversified investment portfolio with the proper asset mix. That's why most 401(k) plans and brokerages offer portfolios with varying risk profiles, from extremely conservative (e.g., mostly treasury bills or money market funds) to very aggressive (stock in smaller businesses or in developing countries).

Typically, each portfolio is comprised of various investments that combined reach the appropriate risk level. For example, one moderately conservative portfolio offered by Schwab consists of 50 percent interest-bearing bond funds, 40 percent stocks and 10 percent cash equivalents. Usually, the more aggressive the portfolio, the higher percentage of stocks it contains (i.e., higher risk/higher reward).

Another possibility is the so-called "targeted maturity" or lifecycle funds offered by many 401(k) plans and brokerages. With these, you choose the fund closest to your planned retirement date and the fund manager picks an appropriate investment mixture. As retirement approaches the fund is continually "rebalanced" to become more conservative.

Although convenient, this one-size-fits-all approach may not suit your individual needs; for example, you may want to invest more – or less – aggressively, or may not like some of the funds included.

These may seem like complicated concepts, but the Security and Exchange Commission's publication, "Beginner's Guide to Asset Allocation, Diversification and Rebalancing," does a good job explaining them ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

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2. Over-65 Exemption\*\*

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7. Veteran's 100% Total Disability

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DEADLINE FOR FILING EXEMPTIONS AND APPLYING FOR SPECIAL USE VALUATIONS IS TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013, FOR ALL TAXING JURISDICTIONS. ALL OF THE ABOVE APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL AT THE EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 5801 TROWBRIDGE, EL PASO, TEXAS 79925. TO OBTAIN APPLICATION(S) CALL (915) 780-2131 OR WRITE TO ABOVE ADDRESS OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.epcad.org](http://www.epcad.org).

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EPCC offers Black History Month events

By Jim Heiney

Special to the Courier

El Paso Community College (EPCC) will be holding many events for its annual Black History Month observance during February. Curriculum will include student involvement in African-American history and literature and all campus libraries will have displays of books, photography and historical documents. A student art exhibit will be presented throughout the month in the EPCC Administrative Services Center Building A, 9050 Viscount Blvd. The exhibit is free and open to the public weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The highlight of the EPCC Black History Month activities is the Monday night performances at the EPCC Administrative Services Center Building A, 9050 Viscount Blvd. All performances are at 7:00 p.m., free and open to the public. The dates and performers are:

• February 11 – Jazz Night: featuring local Jazz greats Mike Hamilton and Billy Townes;

• February 18 – Musical and Martin Luther King, Jr. Speech: a journey of African-American history through music by the Young El Paso Singers Elite Ensemble, directed by Dr. Cindy Jay and the “I Have a Dream” Speech performed by gold medal Toastmasters International speaker, Alex Hernandez; and

• February 25 – In the Spotlight: “Frederick Douglass-The Starry Road to Freedom” performed by nationally recognized actor, Phil Darius Wallace.

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San Elizario Chapel repujado by Maria Natividad.

## Repujado

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of preservation and instruction, according to Natividad. She stated that the technique was born out of the necessity to protect the icons of the churches from the chandelier smoke, the environment, and time itself.

Natividad explained that Mexican and South American artisans have

been using copper and tin to produce jewelry and ornamental items for centuries. Religious images were embossed on tin metal sheets initially, and today this technique is used for many decorative popular arts, she related.

The workshop is free and open to the public, but space is limited, so call to register. For more information and to reserve a place, contact Sue Taylor at 351-3588 or [taylorsl@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:taylorsl@elpasotexas.gov).

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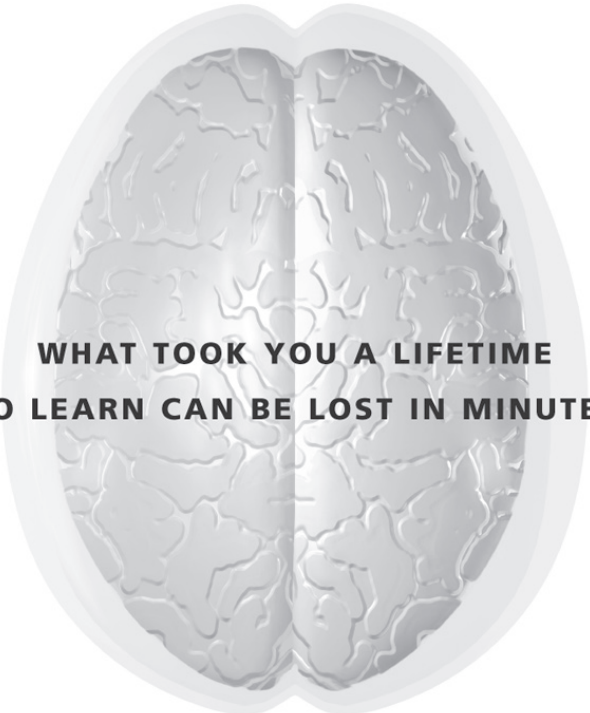
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allow participants to learn and write about images created by the great artists including Edgar Degas, Jacob Lawrence, Gaspar Enriquez, Mary Aiken, Salvador Dali, Gauguin and van Gogh,” said Gomez. “We will learn about the connections among these artists and their work, and compare the nature of the times in which they

lived with today,” she added.

The workshops are supported by the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

For more information, contact El Paso Museum of Archaeology at 915-755-4332 or send email to [guidamr@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:guidamr@elpasotexas.gov), [www.elpasotexas.gov/arch\\_museum/](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/); for El Paso Museum of History, call 915-351-3588; or send email to [taylorsl@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:taylorsl@elpasotexas.gov); [www.elpasotexas.gov/history](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/history).




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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 11, 2013, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as HOME Housing Reservation Funds for Reservation number 2011-0082 and all associated contracts for the purpose of rehabilitation, reconstruction, new construction, acquisition/contract for deed conversion and down payment assistance of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of forty 40 single family homes in El Paso County, Texas if funding becomes available. The maximum amount of funding proposed for each activity is as follows: rehabilitation - \$30,000, reconstruction/new construction – \$80,000/\$85,000, acquisition/contract for deed conversion - \$35,000 and down payment assistance - \$20,000. This Project is following a tiering plan, and site specifics will be submitted as addresses are known. Reconstructed homes will be energy efficient, and rehabilitated homes will be as energy efficient as existing structure and funding allow.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The TDHCA has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at TDHCA, 221 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas and at El Paso Collaborative for Community & Economic Development, 1359 Lomaland, Room 538, El Paso, Texas 79935 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to TDHCA. All comments received by February 8, 2013 will be considered by TDHCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDHCA certifies to HUD that Brenda Hull in her capacity as Director of Program Services consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the El Paso Collaborative for Community & Economic Development to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the TDHCA’s certification received by February 26, 2013 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the TDHCA approved by HUD; (b) the TDHCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD Fort Worth Regional Office at 801 Cherry Street, Unit #45 – Suite 2500, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: Brenda Hull, Director, Program Services

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# A hard lesson learned: Make sure the girl is real

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Have you ever watched a movie and kind of understood it, only to watch it again and you think you learned a little more about it and then you watch it one more time and realize that you mistook certain details that leave you with a new and different perspective of the film?

Well, I’ve heard the Manti Te’o story about 10 times and I still feel like I have to go through it one more time.

As I’m sure everyone on the planet has heard by now, the famed Notre Dame linebacker went through the tragedy of losing his grandmother and girlfriend on the same day last November.

News like that would understandably hit anyone hard.

And though the news was tragic, it only enhanced the legend and mystique of Te’o, who has been viewed as a quiet, but emotional leader with the kind of values we’d all like our sons to have.

In other words, Te’o was now viewed as a

bit of a hero.

But over the years we’ve seen heroes like O.J. Simpson and Pete Rose and Mark McGwire and Michael Vick and Tiger Woods and Joe Paterno and Marion Jones and Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds and Jim Tressel and Lance Armstrong fall from grace.

The jury is still out on whether Manti Te’o should be added to the list. But let’s look at the so-called facts.

For those of you who are like me and have heard the story several times and are still trying to make sense of it, here is the timeline one more time.

First it was reported that Manti’s girlfriend was involved in a car accident in January of 2012. While in the hospital, doctors found that she was suffering from leukemia.

Then in June, she received a bone marrow transplant. Lennay Kekua recovered and was doing so well that she was released from the hospital on September 10.

But just days later, Te’o received the news that his girlfriend had died.

In Notre Dame’s victory over Michigan State three days later, Te’o recorded 12 tackles

and had an interception. After the game he said that he thanked everyone for their support concerning the loss of his grandmother and his girlfriend.

On December 6, Manti received a call from a woman claiming to be his deceased girlfriend.

Two days later, Te’o talked to Notre Dame officials and told them that he believed he was the target of a sick hoax.

The name of Ronaiah Tuiasasopo has emerged as the one who orchestrated the hoax. In fact, its been reported that Tuiasasopo called a friend in tears admitting that he was behind the hoax and that Te’o was not a part of it.

Tuiasasopo has posted a message on his Twitter account admitting the hoax and he also called Te’o to apologize for doing it.

So what are we to think about Manti Te’o?

Is he a liar? Is he a victim? Is he a little of both?

Even though he stretched the truth a bit, I don’t consider him a lair. Not a Lance Armstrong-type of liar any way.

Te’o admitted that the idea of having

on online girlfriend may sound stupid to some people so to save himself a little embarrassment, he said on occasion that he had met her.

That makes him a 22-year-old kid who made a bad decision. Not only about saying that he met her when he hadn’t, but in having a strictly online relationship in the first place.

I believe that Te’o has a ton of integrity and a strong sense of responsibility. But he is still a kid who is just beginning to make his way in the world.

The best thing in this whole sorted story is that he has learned some very valuable lessons about trust and honesty.

It’s probably a very good chance that any innocence the young man had in his heart has been destroyed. And that’s too bad – and maybe it’s a good thing at the same time.

It’ll teach him not to be so trusting the next time around.

I also believe that the next time he falls for a member of the opposite sex, it’ll be in the flesh accompanied by proof of insurance, social security card, driver’s license and dental records.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Keep an eye on that kid

Anyone who’s ever tried out for a sports team knows the drill: You announce your intentions, fill out some paperwork, lift a few weights and maybe run around the block a bit, and then you report to a gymnasium.

Gymnasiums have that odd smell of scorched wood, burnt rubber, sweaty socks and sporty spice deodorant. The dusty, splintered bleachers are dotted with active parents, semi-interested cheerleaders, kids waiting to practice, tryout or get picked up by

their ride. A guy with a whistle clad in a ridiculous outfit – presumably the head coach – is making people run “suicide” sprints. He mutters agitated asides to a younger, usually more nattily attired guy, who nods intermittently and scrawls something onto his clipboard.

People make like to make fun of the clipboard and the stereotype, but don’t kid yourself – that clipboard holds an outsized role in the destiny of young men and women everywhere who aspire

to be athletes. For at the end of practice, right outside the coach’s glorified ball storage space of an office, the clipboard hangs on a single, solitary hook. The joking in the locker room stops, there is a deep collective breath followed by an anxious silence that will only be punctuated by the occasional “yes!” from those who made the cut.

Outside the gym, cued in their cars and idling in the fire zone (for the purpose of this column, we assume the suburban position), waits the parent, friend or guardian. They suffer their own ordeal. Most are well past their playing days, but ask them and they’ll tell you that their anxiety is far more intense than they ever remembered it being when they

were the ones competing.

The doors of the gymnasium open and the first wave of kids sprint out joyously. Many will be met with enthusiasm and pride – some will be cautious, urge them to practice harder, noting their work has just begun.

The cars remaining are filled with empathy, but at least the heat is on and it’s warm inside. Their kids walk sullenly to the car, and they don’t make eye contact. They slide into the car with a sigh and they don’t want to talk about it, because whatever you’re about to say about how trying counts, how the coach was wrong and how proud you are of them still sounds like everything they’ve ever heard said about losers before. They stare at the curb as they drive off in a

plume of exhaust.

And that’s when they notice that one “clean-cut” kid still sitting on the steps, patiently waiting for his ride. More than one of the drivers wonders if he needs a ride or some help, checking their rearview mirror as they turn out of the lot. That kid puts his hands in his pockets and rocks slowly back and forth. He tells the coaches, always the last to leave, that he’ll be fine. Late – as usual – comes his ride.

Maybe the person picking that kid up doesn’t see what the others see – but that kid? Keep an on him. He’s the one you’ll be watching for years to come.

*Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.*

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### LEGALS

#### TOWN OF CLINT

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, and 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

Town Senior Center 200 N. San Elizario Road Clint, Texas

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code that the Town of Clint will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed initiation of annexation proceedings for the tracts generally

described below. Maps related to the proposed annexation are available for inspection at Town of Clint, 200 N. San Elizario Road Clint, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A Municipal Services Plan for each tract will be available at the public hearing and copies will be available for inspection. After the two (2) required public hearings, the Town Council will consider an ordinance for the annexation at their March 13, 2013 Town Council meeting. For additional information call the Town of Clint at: (915) 851-3146.

Tropicana Development Inc. property pertaining to the tract of land consisting of approximately 61.95 acres of land from the 11 San Elizario Tract 9

also described as Property ID 25571 and Geographic ID S07500001100930 by the El Paso County Appraisal District.; and

Waynelle and James Strachan property pertaining to the tract of land consisting of approximately 18.9375 acres of land from the 11 San Elizario Tract 8-B also described as Property ID 324427 and Geographic ID S07500001100850 by the El Paso County Appraisal District; and

John and Staci Witte property pertaining to the tract of land consisting of approximately 1.00 acres of land from the 11 San Elizario Tract 8-A also described as Property ID 378451 and Geographic ID S07500001100820 by the El Paso County Appraisal District.

Persons with disabilities who may require auxiliary aids or services to attend this meeting should contact City Hall (915) 851-3146 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements.

Susana Rodriguez  
City Clerk  
Town of Clint

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#### City of Socorro PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on February 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at City of Socorro Chambers, 860 N. Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the following:

1) On the proposed rezoning of Lot 10, Block 1, El Campestre, from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-1 Light Commercial.

2) On the proposed rezoning of Lots 1 and 2, except a portion of Lot 1, North Loop Acres from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-2 General Commercial.

3) On the proposed rezoning of a Portion of Las Margaritas and a Portion of Tracts 9, 9A, and 16C, Block 12, Socorro Grant from R-2 Medium Density Residential to R-3 Heavy Density Residential.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in

need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting.

Sandra Hernandez  
City Clerk

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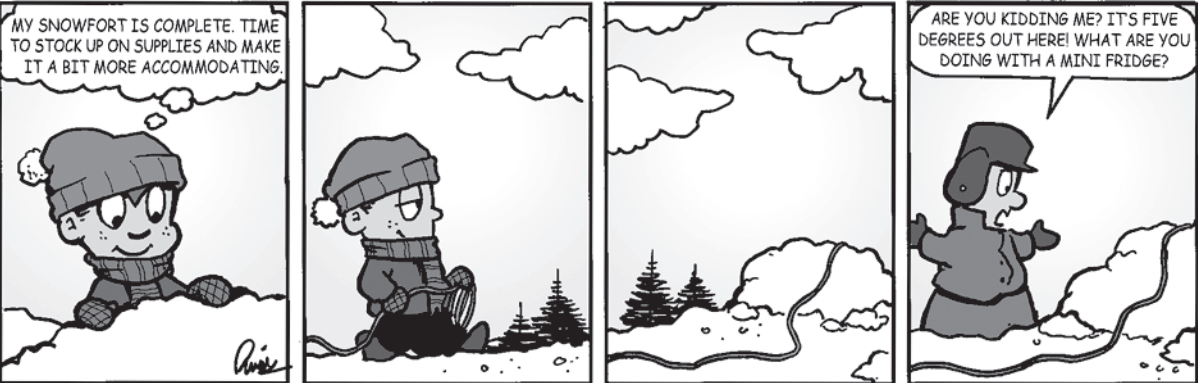


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Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: This year I retired, at age 66. Since retirement I've been tormented with drenching sweats nightly. I mention the retirement because it's the only thing in my life that has changed. Could there be a connection? I have to change my pajamas every night, and sometimes the bed linens. I feel well otherwise. I will appreciate anything you can tell me. – D.D.*

each taken 45 minutes before going to bed, stop the production of excessive sweats.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Can you give us some information on adult drooling? My husband, 87, is normal in all other ways, but cannot control his drooling. He won't leave the house because of it. – E.K.*

With aging, we have less-effective swallowing mechanisms. In our younger years, saliva is constantly, automatically and imperceptibly swallowed throughout the day. At older ages, it stays in the mouth, and its only exit is through the lips.

A second cause of drooling is the sagging of tissues around the mouth, another consequence of aging. The lips and mouth tissues cannot hold saliva in the mouth like they used to.

Readers have made good suggestions on how to combat this problem. R.M. suggests applying a dab of Elizabeth Arden Eight Hour Cream to the corners of the lips to create a dam that blocks saliva overflow. Vaseline works too.

Robinul (glycopyrrolate) and scopolamine, the patch used for prevention of seasickness, slow the production of saliva. But they can have other unpleasant side effects that make them less useful for this purpose.

Botox injections diminish saliva volume. Doctors can tie off some of the salivary ducts to achieve the same end. Start with the dam-building technique. It has no side effects and is inexpensive.

*Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2013 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

Super Crossword

- JOHN WHO? ACROSS**

1 Soda brand since 1905

7 Tree yielding gum arabic

13 Sun visors and parasols

20 Light particle

21 Gondolas "roads"

22 Amount that fits in a fist

23 Hasbro is its parent

25 African country

26 Meal maker

27 1983 Barbra Streisand musical

28 Baseballer Combs

30 Toronto and Ottawa's loc.

31 Opposite of near

32 "Indubitably!"

33 What insults may result in

36 Stored, as a résumé

39 "For \_ jolly good fellow"

40 Spring flower

41 Courteney Cox sitcom

44 \_ Mawr College

46 Egyptian snakes

50 Bit of land in the sea

51 Suffix with direct

52 "Alice in Wonderland" star

Wasikowska

53 "Enough!"
- 55 "The Birds" star

57 Hammy brunch dish

60 Feminist Gloria

63 "\_ pro nobis"

64 Les \_Unis (America, in Paris)

65 Quantity: Abbr.

66 Holy Week's period

67 Alternative to Armani

70 Palm smartphone

71 Accrued qty.

72 Jazz "Count"

73 Grafton's "\_ for Innocent"

74 Fee-free mutual funds

76 Insect living in deadwood

79 Big name in direct selling

80 Works, as dough

81 Knee's place

82 Genetic cell stuff

83 Like icecaps

87 Goulash, e.g.

88 Partner of wherefores

90 University in Detroit

92 Cosmetician

Lauder

95 Forget to include

97 Rough shed

98 Teen doing volunteer work in a hospital

102 That guy
- 104 "\_ Boot"

105 Amin of infamy

106 Mexicali Mr.

107 Sour fruit

109 \_-am (Seuss character)

111 Minuet-like dance

113 Barriers with pickets, often

117 Undying

118 Harmonious

119 Confessional user

120 Gives a new label to

121 Take-home salary

122 Big name in swimwear
- DOWN**

1 Tach abbr.

2 Mexican-Americans

3 Not drab

4 Preminger of film

5 Appearance

6 Actress Blyth

7 Lot units

8 "Misery" star

9 "What happened next...?"

10 Hard, thickened skin area

11 Suffix with duct

12 Until now

13 Be a part of, as an experience

14 Passover chant of praise

15 Lansbury of "Gaslight"

16 Post-WWII pres.
- 17 Zac of "High School Musical"

18 Regretting greatly

19 Shutter pieces

24 "Sayonara!"

29 "Waiter, there's \_ in my soup!"

31 Points of convergence

32 "\_ out!" (ballpark cry)

34 Yitzhak of Israel

35 "Veni," in English

37 "No need to clarify"

38 Livy's tongue

39 Tnpg., e.g.

42 Fore-and-aft rig part

43 "Either she goes \_ go"

45 Untwists

47 Midsize 70-Down model

48 Aspiring doc

49 Scuffles

52 Denotation

53 "Ask later"

54 Mantra sounds

56 Nut trees

57 Soft & \_ deodorant

58 Summer, in Bordeaux

59 Dustin Hoffman film

60 Oily patches

61 Renter

62 Main order

63 Too

68 Prevarication
- 69 "Assembly required" buy

70 Prius maker

72 B&B part

75 Slight error

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78 Famed fabulist

79 \_ which way

82 Wharf pest

84 Weight-triggered danger

85 Reached

86 Classic cars

88 Moisture

89 Male lead

90 Connected electrically

91 Tree with samaras

93 Part of DOS

94 Feared African insect

96 Hall-of-Fame Giant

98 Stogie

99 Wise truism

100 David who played Bond

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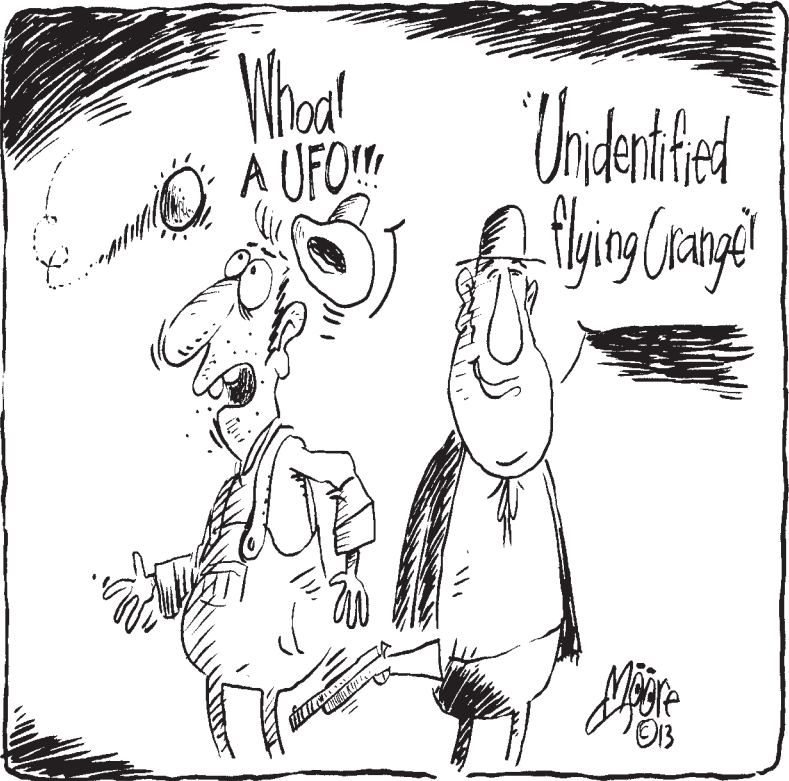
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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore Jan 25,1878:  
Farmer John Martin, while hunting near Denison ,  
spots a flying object “ about the size of an orange “.



**GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bot-  
tom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the  
arithmetic signs in the order  
they are given (that is, from left  
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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each small 9-box square contains all of the  
numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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**Social Security Q&A** By Ray Vigil

*Q: My only income is Supplemental Security Income (SSI). My sister recently died and left me a little money. Will this extra money affect my SSI benefits?*

A: It depends on the amount. You must report the inheritance to Social Security by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). SSI is a needs-based program for people 65 or older, blind, or disabled who have limited income and resources. We consider your inheritance as income for the month you received it. Accordingly, we may have to adjust your benefit for that month. If you keep the money into the next month, the money then becomes a part of your resources. A person with more than \$2,000 or a couple with more than \$3000 in total resources cannot receive SSI, although there are exceptions. For more information, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Q: I need to apply for disability benefits. Where do I start?*

A: Begin by looking at our *Disability Starter Kit*. You can find it online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability\\_starter\\_kits.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm) or you can request a copy by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). The *Disability Starter Kit* will help you prepare for your application and interview.

When you are ready, you can apply online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability) or make an appointment to apply in person at a local Social Security office. And remember: Our online disability application is convenient and secure. Don't stand in line, go online, at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Q: My husband has been in poor health for some time, and doctors have recently diagnosed him with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) – commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease. I've heard Social Security has a "fast track" for some people who are disabled. Can you tell me about it?*

A: We have two processes to "fast track" applications for disability benefits. Our *Compassionate Allowances* initiative allows us to fast-track certain cases of individuals with very severe disabilities. There are 165 different types of disabilities that qualify for this expedited decision, including ALS, and that list continues to expand. Learn more about *Compassionate Allowances* and see the full list of conditions at [www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances). Another way we speed up decisions is with our *Quick Disability Determinations* initiative, which uses technology to identify applicants who have the most severe disabilities and allows us to expedite our decisions on

those cases. Read more about *Quick Disability Determinations* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/qdd.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/qdd.htm).

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

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**

By Samantha Weaver

- It was German-born theoretical physicist (and sometime philosopher) Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: "An empty stomach is not a good political adviser."
- According to research conducted at Rutgers University, graduate students who are studying business are more likely to cheat than students in any other field of study.
- You've almost certainly heard of Supreme Court Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black American to serve as such. You might not know, though, that he was known to call a court recess at 1 p.m. so he could watch the soap opera "Days of Our Lives."
- Cheese has been around for a long time, and it can last longer than you may think. In Ireland 25 years ago, a hunk of cheese was discovered that dated back 1,700 years – and it was still edible.
- If you're like the average person, the hair on your head takes two to three months to grow 1 inch.

• At the 1904 World's Fair in Saint Louis, it was particularly hot. An ice-cream vendor was doing so much business that he ran out of the cups in which he was serving the ice cream. He looked to the other foodsellers to see if they had any spare containers that would be useful, but he had no luck. Finally, desperate not to lose any more business, he bought some waffles from a nearby vendor and wrapped one around each scoop of ice cream as he sold it. The result was even more popular than ice-cream in a cup, and thus the ice cream cone was born.

• The most common surname in Germany is Schultz.

Thought for the Day: "Life is hard. After all, it kills you."  
– Katharine Hepburn

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**CryptoQuip**

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

Clue: C equals V

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SYZS'G AJ Z IFCUEO

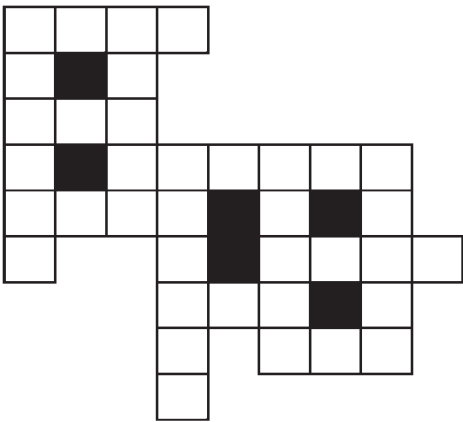
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE ). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH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

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