



NEWSBRIEFS

Security for Social Security

On July 30, 2016, Social Security began requiring new and current *my* Social Security account holders to sign into their account using a one-time code sent via text message. This second layer of security that requires more than a username and a password is known as “multifactor authentication.” Although Social Security has always provided the “extra security” option to account holders, this new process was implemented to comply with the *President’s Executive Order on Improving the Security of Consumer Financial Transactions*. Social Security has a fundamental responsibility to protect the public’s personal information. However, multifactor authentication inconvenienced or restricted access to some of the account holders. We’re listening to the public’s concerns and are responding by temporarily rolling back this mandate. Social Security strives to balance security and customer service options, and we want to ensure that our online services are both easy to use and secure.

— J. Jioni Palmer

The ‘dirt’ on thumb-sucking

Your thumb-sucking granddaughter or grandson may just be doing the right thing, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. A new study suggests that the normally frowned-upon activity may help them resist certain allergies. Professor Malcolm Sears of Canada’s McMaster University School of Medicine says that “early exposure to dirt is not a bad thing. When [children] suck their thumbs or bite their nails, they’re exposing themselves to additional microbes or dirt which is stimulating the immune system.”

— John Grimaldi

Listen

Nearly ten percent of the U.S. population suffers from hearing loss to one degree or another, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. The older you are the more likely you are to be hard of hearing. Yet, despite the impact it has on an individual’s quality of life, “many people with hearing loss do not seek

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Automobiles did away with horses and now they’re working on people.
— Quips & Quotes

Eagle Scout project is cemetery clean up

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

FABENS – How do you breathe life into a cemetery?

Ask Jorge Gutierrez, Jr., a Life Scout, and a soon-to-be Eagle Scout, with Troop 513 in Fabens. He had the answer, but it was not an easy one to carry out. Coming up with the answer would require a team effort.

Gutierrez, 18, was looking for an Eagle Scout project, the final step to fulfill requirement for the coveted rank of Eagle, which is the pinnacle of achievement that a Boy Scout can attain.

He found his answer in a cemetery that had been ravaged and severely damaged by vandals around Halloween of 2015. The cemetery belongs to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

“My responsibility as a Boy Scout,” Gutierrez said in his project paper, “was to complete the project not only for myself, but for the honor of those deceased.

“When I heard the news that the cemetery had been trashed... I knew I was going to make a change to the community and to the family members of those who are buried there,” he continues.

Gutierrez supervised the project that took 219 hours to complete. That amounts to a little more than 27 eight-hour days of hard work that involved parents as well as other members of the Scout troop.

“I didn’t know where to start,” Gutierrez



— Photos by Curt Noland

TIDYING UP – Jorge Gutierrez, Jr. with other Boy Scout and volunteers cleaned up the cemetery at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Gutierrez is in the background raking while his mom, Laura Gutierrez, walks some garbage to the dumpster. The three Scouts raking are, from left, Flabio Andres, Guy Wright and Abraham Santa-Maria. The project also included repair or replacement of broken crosses and tombstones.

said in an interview. He did manage to find a place to start.

The work included replacing 30-40 crosses that had been damaged beyond repair. Salvaged wood from the remains of the damaged crosses was used to construct the new ones. Work also entailed minor repairs to a few tombstones.

They also picked up the trash and cut

the weeds around the cemetery site.

He and two other of his fellow Scouters from Troop 513, will receive the Eagle Award in an Eagle Court of Honor, sometime in September, says Scoutmaster Curt Noland. The other boys are Sebastian Trujillo and David Ruiz. Their Eagle projects will

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Greenwald to receive award of archaeological distinction

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

ELPASOCOUNTY—Renowned archaeologists David Greenwald and Dr. David Kirkpatrick will be the featured guests during El Paso Archaeological Society’s (EPAS) upcoming annual awards banquet.

EPAS’s annual Award of Distinction banquet is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at the State Line Restaurant, 1222 Sunland Park Drive.

During the banquet, a special Award of Distinction recognition will be presented to Greenwald for his dedication to the study and preservation of archaeological sites throughout the American southwest. And Kirkpatrick, the keynote speaker, will expound on the archaeology of the Lincoln County War of the 1870s, stated Marilyn Guida, an EPAS representative.

Greenwald, president of the Jornada Research Institute (JRI), has accumulated over 45 years

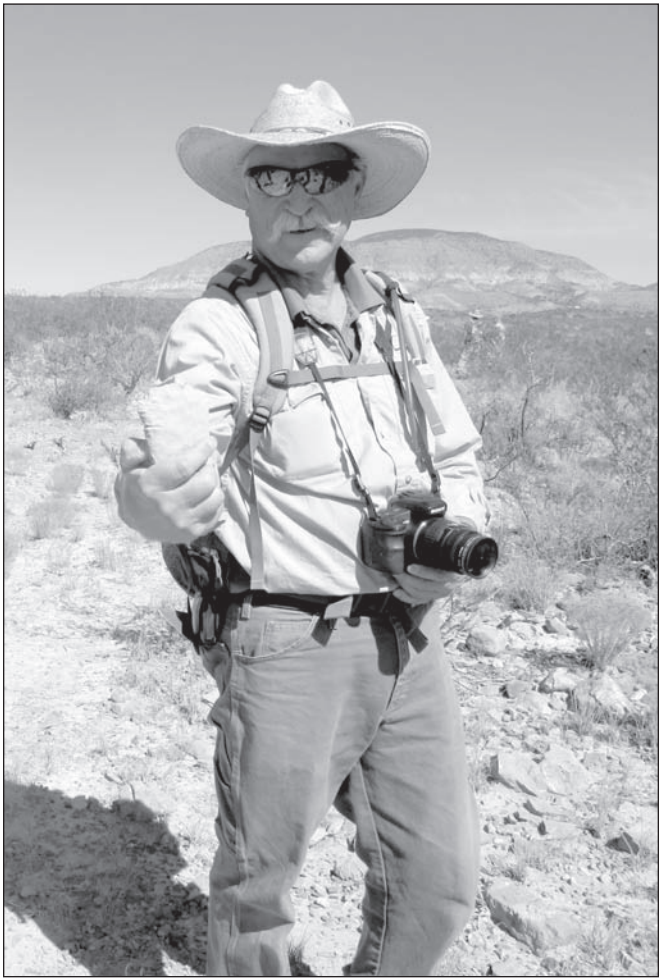
of archaeological experience including academic research, cultural resource management, and independent research. JRI’s mission is to study the archaeological, ethno-historic, and historic and natural resources of the northern Chihuahuan Desert of Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and adjacent regions.

Greenwald began his career as a Southwestern archaeologist in 1971 and focused his research on the archaeology of northern Sonora, Mexico. In 1976, he joined the Arizona State University (ASU) Office of Cultural Resource Management program.

While at ASU, Greenwald developed a strong background in Hohokam archaeology and expanded his research interests to include portions of the Colorado Plateau and the upper Little Colorado River valley of eastern Arizona.

In 1979, Greenwald joined the Dolores Archaeological Program

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— Photo by Joan Price

A LOT TO STUDY – Archaeologist David Greenwald has been instrumental in gathering experts who share a vision of advancing research among the various cultural and natural resources within this vast region. They want to develop more opportunities for public involvement and education.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room, 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas 79838. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.294000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	4.79%	Increase
Debt Service	1.27%	Decrease
Total Expenditures	3.52%	Increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 241,626,995	\$ 224,058,758
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2,819,500	\$ 1,735,063
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 165,326,084	\$ 164,619,544
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 2,646,725	\$ 1,643,553

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$29,955,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.290300*	\$ 1.330300	\$ 928	\$ 6,992
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.064400	\$ 0.294000*	\$ 1.358400	\$ 844	\$ 7,023
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.294000*	\$ 1.334000	\$ 954	\$ 6,879

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

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 54,339	\$ 54,693
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 29,339	\$ 29,693
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.330300	\$ 1.334000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 390.30	\$ 396.10
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 5.80

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.334000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.334000.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,450,465
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 514,831

Finances By Nathaniel Sillin

How to find the right financial advisor for you

If having a dedicated professional to help you manage your money sounds appealing, consider looking into a financial advisor – regardless of your income. There’s no substitute for financial education but an expert advisor can help you with your financial goals.

There are many kinds of advisors who are trained to help you with many different aspects of your finances. Here are some of the most common ones:

- **Broker-dealers or stockbrokers do many of the same things that investment advisors do, but it’s important to note that their job is to persuade clients to buy or sell financial products such as bonds, stocks and ETFs.** Unlike investment advisors, they’re paid on commission – the more transactions you make, the higher their pay. For detailed resources and advice for investors, visit the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) website.
- **Tax advisors or tax preparers are specially trained in tax law and work to make sure everything goes smoothly when tax season rolls around.** They ensure you pay your fair share, but also that you’re not paying more than you need to. They are typically paid by the hour or for a flat fee depending on the specific service. The Internal Revenue Service government website offers in-depth advice for choosing a tax advisor and provides forums to file complaints or reports if any issues arise.

- **Investment advisors can provide a wide range of services, whether it’s helping you plan for your retirement or advising you on how to manage your investments.** You pay for their services with either a flat salary or a percentage (typically 1 percent) of the assets they manage for you. To learn about the basics of investing and investment products, visit the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Investor website.

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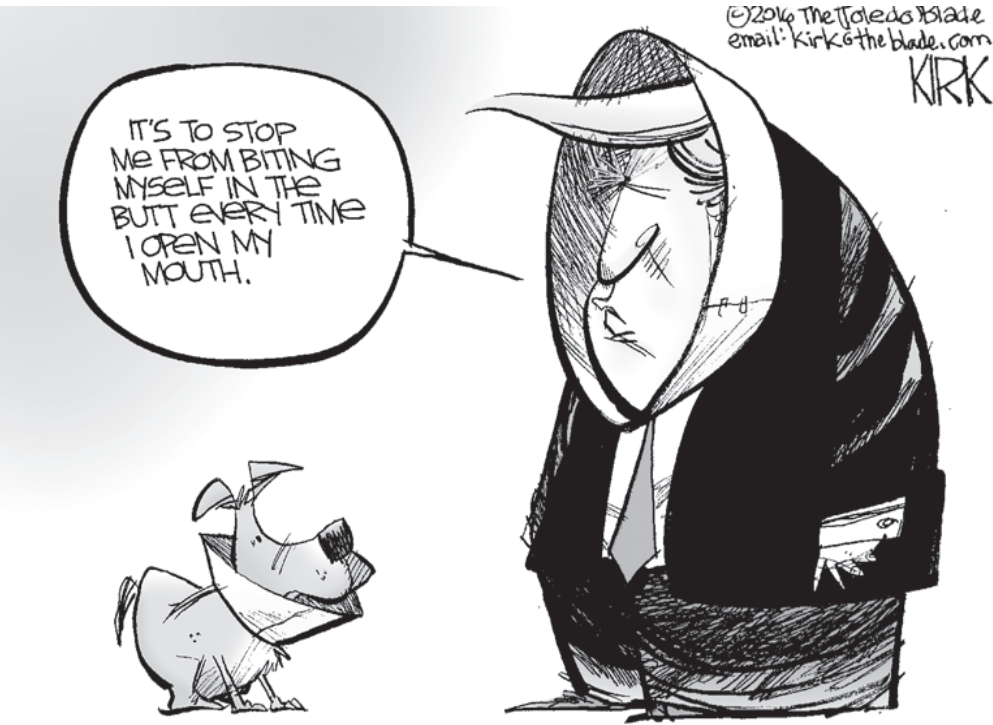
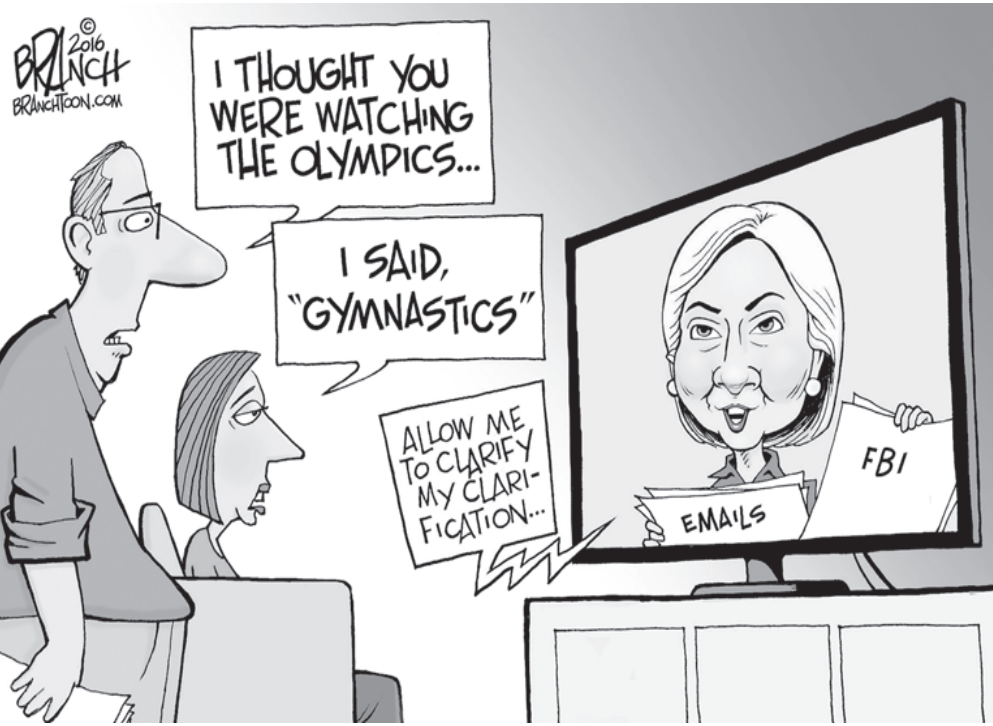
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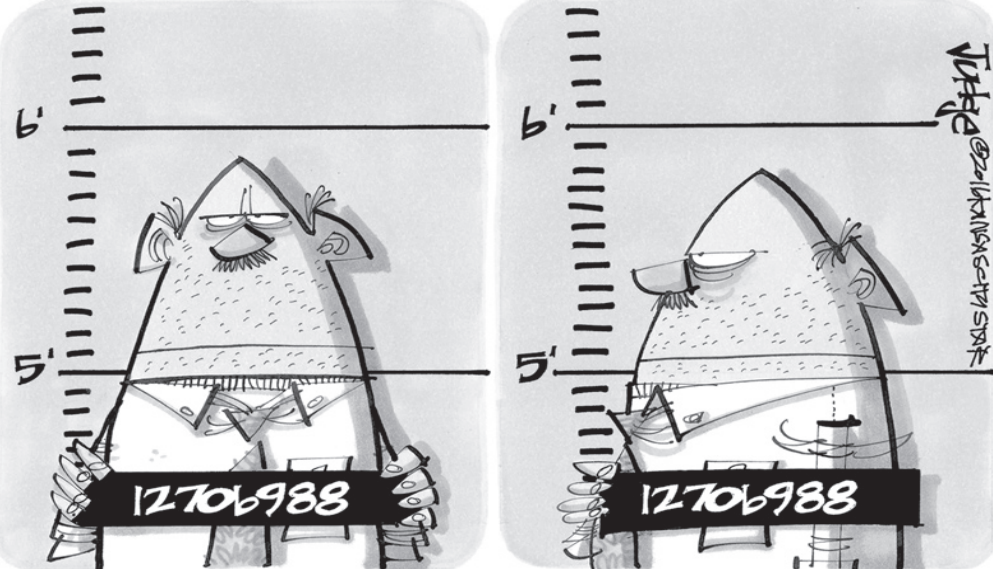

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IF TAXPAYER FUNDED OIL PAINTINGS ARE BANNED, WHERE WILL WE GET PORTRAITS OF CONGRESSMEN?



Classic musical hits EPCC stage

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC) Summer Repertory concludes its season with Guys and Dolls. Performances will be August 25-27 and September 1-3 at 8:00 p.m., with Sunday matinees on August 28 and September 4 at 2:30 p.m. Proceeds from the Summer Repertory go to Theater and Forensic scholarships.

The EPCC Summer Repertory performs at the EPCC Transmountain Campus Forum Theater, 9570 Gateway North. General Admission is \$15, Non-EPCC students and military are \$10 and EPCC students/staff and senior citizens are \$7. Tickets are available at the door. The box office opens two hours before each performance.

Guys and Dolls was written by Joe Swerling and Abe Burrows, music composed by Frank Loesser and directed by EPCC Theater Director, Keith Townsend. The play is a musical romantic comedy set in Depression-era Times Square involving the unlikeliest of Manhattan pairings: a high-rolling gambler and a puritanical missionary, a showgirl dreaming of the straight-and-narrow and a crap game manager who is anything but.

For EPCC Forum Theater information, call (915) 831-5056.

– Jim Heiney

Haciendas del Norte Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2016 on August 25, 2016 at 13931 Sagebrush Circle, El Paso, Texas 79938 at 6:30 pm. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal:

Joseph McCandless, Robert Lucero, Daniel Diaz, Ed Brown and David Lincoln
- AGAINST the proposal:

NONE
- PRESENT and not voting:

NONE
- ABSENT:

NONE

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.220128/\$100	0.219710/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	(\$0.000418)	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 1.90%	
Average appraised value	\$ 197,567	\$ 202,132
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 197,567	\$ 202,132
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 434.91	\$ 444.11
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 9.20	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 2.12%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Finances

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a potential stockbroker, FINRA has a search tool that allows you to see a broker’s employment history, licenses, complaints against them, and more. You can also search for information on investment advisors on the SEC government website.

• **Understand the differences between advisors held to a fiduciary or a suitability standard.** Investment advisors held to a fiduciary standard are legally obligated to act in your best interests. Advisors who are registered to provide services under a suitability standard are obligated to choose investments that are suitable for you. However, this doesn’t mean that advisors who work under a suitability standard are not good options – regardless of which standard they’re held to, advisors with integrity work for your best interests.

• **Consider how they make their money.** Depending on the type of advisor, the way they get paid can be critical to consider. For example, investment advisors that are paid at a flat rate are considered preferable to those paid on commission, since advisors paid on commission may have an incentive to advise you to invest in certain companies, even if it’s against your best financial interest. Fee-only advisors are often held to a fiduciary standard, while commission-based advisors usually work under a suitability standard.

• **Get to know your potential advisor.** Beyond competence and integrity, make sure you get along with your financial advisor. Personal finance can be a sensitive and stressful topic, so you want to be able to discuss issues openly with your advisor as they arise.

• **Ensure advisors operate with transparency.** Though ideally you will never need to file a complaint, it’s important to ensure the advisors you work with make it easy to do so. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)’s website allows customers who haven’t been able to file a complaint with a company to do so directly in the CFPB complaint database. The database is open to the public, so you can also search for companies you’re interested in working with and check the credibility and reliability of their services.

• **See if you fit the profile of a “typical client.”** If you choose to hire an investment advisor that typically works with wealth management clients and you’re asking them to manage a much smaller amount of money, he or she might not be the advisor for you. Ask your potential advisor about the kinds of clients he or

she manages money for and whether he or she has experience managing money for someone with similar assets to you.

• **Decide what their qualifications should be based on your needs.** Depending on what you want your advisor to accomplish for you, decide what you think his or her qualifications should be and see if they match up to your expectations. It’s

important to check certifications –for example, Certified Financial Planners (CFPs) must pass a test covering financial categories from retirement to taxes. For more information on financial certifications, check out FINRA’s complete list and explanations of professional designations. Also, search for advisors who have years of experience working with clients.

Bottom line: While there are many qualified financial advisors out there, it’s important to find the right match for you. Regardless of your income, a good financial advisor can make your life easier and suggest ways to help you grow your money. Hiring one that is not a good fit could complicate your financial situation, so research your options before making a

commitment.

This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It’s always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.

Clint Independent School District Public Notice

2016-2017 School Meal Policy

The Clint Independent School District and Clint High School, Clint ISD Early College Academy, Clint Junior High School, W.D. Surratt Elementary School, Horizon High School, Ricardo Estrada Junior High School, Horizon Middle School, C.T. Welch Elementary School, Desert Hills Elementary School, Frank Macias Elementary School, Mountain View High School, East Montana Middle School, Montana Vista Elementary School and Red Sands Elementary School announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2016-2017 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact Clint ISD: Julia Delgado, CNP Coordinator, CISD Child Nutrition Program, 311 S. Darrington Rd., El Paso, TX 79928; 915-852-8578; julia.delgado@clint.net.

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Noticia Pública

Póliza de Comida del Año 2016-2017

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint y las escuelas Clint High School, Clint ISD Early College Academy, Clint Junior High School, W. D. Surratt Elementary School, Horizon High School, Ricardo Estrada Junior High School, Horizon Middle School, C. T. Welch Elementary School, Desert Hills Elementary School, Frank Macias Elementary School, Mountain View High School, East Montana Middle School, Montana Vista Elementary School y Red Sands Elementary School ha anunciado hoy que continuará con su póliza de hacer funcionar el Community Eligibility Program (CEP) bajo los programas de National School Lunch Program y School Breakfast Program en año escolar 2016-2017. Las escuelas que califican para operar CEP ofrecen desayuno y comida a todos los niños sin costo alguno y elimina la colección de solicitudes para comida gratis, precio reducido, y pagado. Este nuevo enfoque reduce la carga para las familias y los administradores escolares y asegura que los estudiantes reciban comidas nutritivas.

Para información adicional por favor comunicarse con Clint ISD: Julia Delgado, CNP Coordinator, CISD Child Nutrition Program, 311 S. Darrington Rd., El Paso, TX 79928; 915-852-8578; julia.delgado@clint.net.

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Pros should step off and let amateurs play the games

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I guess I’m like most people in that if I would happen to accidentally channel surf to a swimming event or some gymnastics or maybe rugby on TV, I’d immediately continue my search for something else.

But like most people, I become a swimming, gymnastics and rugby fan whenever the Olympics come along.

Hey, it’s only once every four years.

There’s something about watching young people devote their entire lives to s single moment. And for many of them, the Olympics are it – there’s no more.

There isn’t a big professional swimming organization or an NBA (National Badminton Association) that these athletes can look forward to.

That’s why these athletes appear so grateful and truly honored to compete on a worldwide scale.

When these athletes finish competing in their events they immediately wave at their family members in the crowd. They are not busy contacting their agents on a cell phone.

As much as I enjoy the amateurs that

compete, I have a real problem with the professional basketball players, golfers and tennis stars that take part in the games.

Maybe it’s just the idea of these mega-millionaires crashing the party. The Olympics should be reserved for dreamers that for the most part aren’t known at all outside of there own communities.

While normal Olympic athletes are competing for their one and only chance at glory, the professionals have already achieved theirs.

Would a pro basketball player rather win an NBA title or an Olympic gold medal? Would a golfer rather win a gold medal or the Masters? Would a tennis star rather take home a gold or win Wimbledon?

Then there’s the elitist lifestyle many of the millionaires are used to.

You always hear stories about the high-priced pros refusing to sleep in cots along side the regular athletes in the Olympic Village.

When I hear that Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic both lost in the first round of the Olympics, I didn’t care. Why? Because they didn’t care either. Honestly, how much can they care about

this tournament? It’s not like that trained specifically for it.

When I hear anything about Olympic golf, I don’t care. I think the whole world is with me on that one.

I stand up and shout when an American wins an Olympic medal, but seriously, how excited can you get when the NBA stars take down Angola or Latvia or Nigeria by 55 points?

I have to admit, when Serbia had a shot at a 3-pointer to tie the USA men’s basketball team last Friday, I was actually rooting for them to make it and send the game to overtime.

And then I was hoping they would go on to upset the NBA stars.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m definitely one of those, “USA, USA, USA” guys. But how can I root for guys who are obviously just going through the motions.

Could you imagine how hard a bunch of college players would be competing for their country. They’d be diving into the stands and giving it their all every minute on the court.

The NBA players can’t afford to do that. They might get injured and ruin their livelihood.

I know all the other countries use their

professionals. I get that.

But watching professional stars who have already reached their goals of either winning championships or making their first \$10 million, kind of goes against the Olympic ideal.

And even if the Olympic divers are splashing head first into green water, I appreciate their reaction after a victory way more than any professional that already has enough money to last several lifetimes.

The thing is, they already have their sports league. They already have their yearly tour of events. When they make the Olympic team they take spots away from young eager athletes who deserve a chance to participate.

Young stars emerge like Simone Biles, Katie Ledecky and Maya Dirado. We already know who Carmelo Anthony, Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving, Serena Williams and Bubba Watson are.

Aside from the uniquely colored water and the constant threat of those *Ziquitos*, the Rio Olympics have been very entertaining.

It would just be nice if we eliminated the millionaires and added athletes who are still hungry.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Do it better

The Hall of Fame, for any sport, can be a bit of a buzzkill.

For one thing, casual followers of the sport could not care less about who a bunch of journalists or insiders choose to venerate in their hallowed halls. I mean, my favorite baseball players growing up were Graig Nettles, Rick Cerone, Mike Pagliarulo and Don Mattingly. They all make my personal Hall of Fame. Know how many of them made the actual Hall of Fame? Zero. Zilch. Nada.

That’s fine, however. It’s not like anybody else gets to see their favorite player make the Hall in regular order. Look, we all like and appreciate the superstars... but when it comes to picking

your favorite player, you have to kind of skip the obvious favorites. Nobody picks Jerry Garcia as their favorite member of the Grateful Dead and nobody picks John Lennon as their favorite Beatle. Those two picks are implied... it’s the McCartney, Weir, Harrison, Pigpen picks that separate the real fans from those just passively listening or looking in.

Don’t think you’re above it all, by the way... outside of Cooperstown and Canton, can you name the location of your favorite sport’s Hall of Fame? And even if you did your best to follow that sport, let’s be honest... you can’t match the rabid voraciousness of your earliest years following your favorite sport.

Still, there are certain moments that bring us all together, and no other sporting event can come close to matching the Olympics. The same week that saw Michael Phelps win his 21st gold medal also saw the National Football League’s Hall of Fame game canceled due to poor field conditions. This brings me to a serious point.

When I was a kid, my parents used to host “gourmet” dinner parties in the formal dining room that my younger sister and I were never allowed to step foot in on days other than Thanksgiving and Christmas. We understood that it was off limits, but we also understood that it was ready to be used at a moment’s notice.

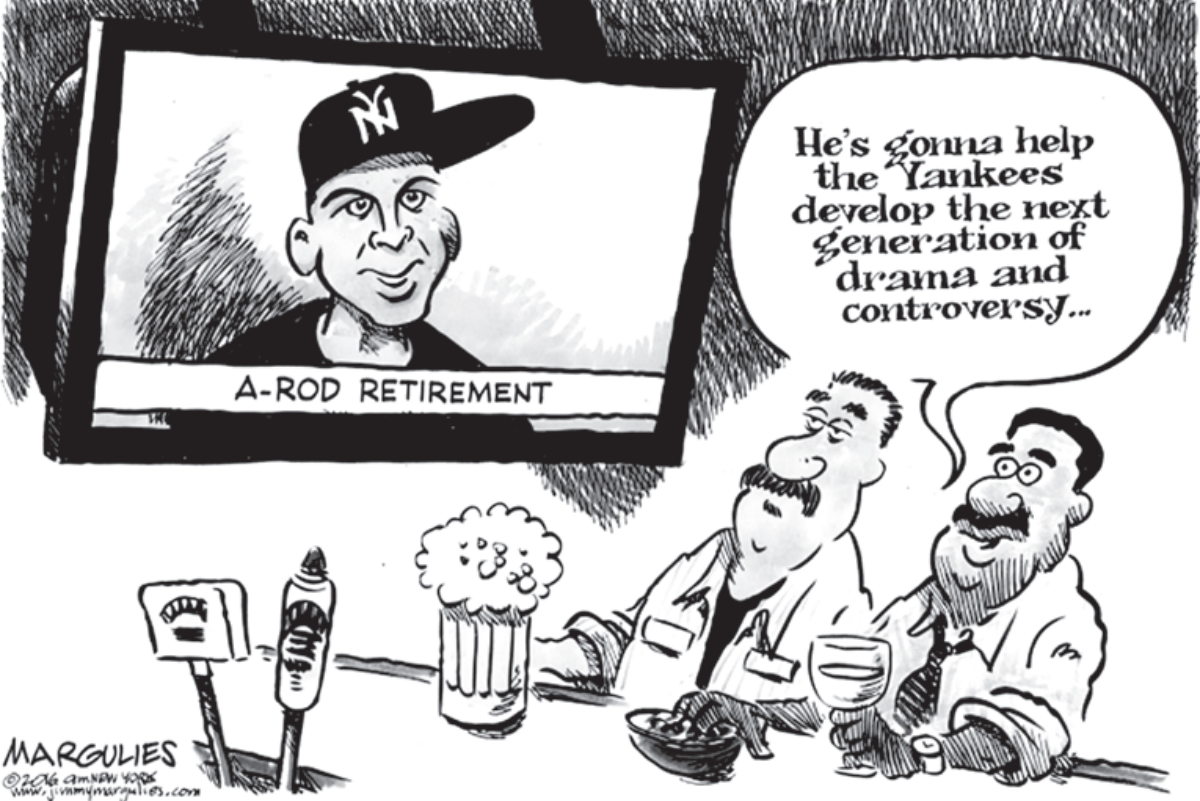
Not so in Canton, Ohio. With a mere 90 minutes to go, the Hall of Fame Game was called off due to unplayable conditions at its newly remodeled stadium and

football field. Leave it to the NFL to take a game that has just two serious requirements in order to play – a flat surface consisting of 100 yards and two goalposts – and completely blow it. Even the local high school, which planned on playing its games there this season, knew the field was unplayable and made other plans, but not the NFL. Its decision to skip playing the game was met with a collective yawn, once again proving that nobody likes exhibition football games anyway.

Meanwhile, in Rio, despite all the talk of a city on the brink

of collapse, things were going pretty well – particularly for the Americans, who as of this writing were dominating the medal count. Every hour, our athletes stand up on top of the podium, their eyes filled with tears of joy as our national anthem plays. Watching them walk up there begs the question: Who needs a Hall of Fame, anyway? Sometimes it’s better to just live in the moment.

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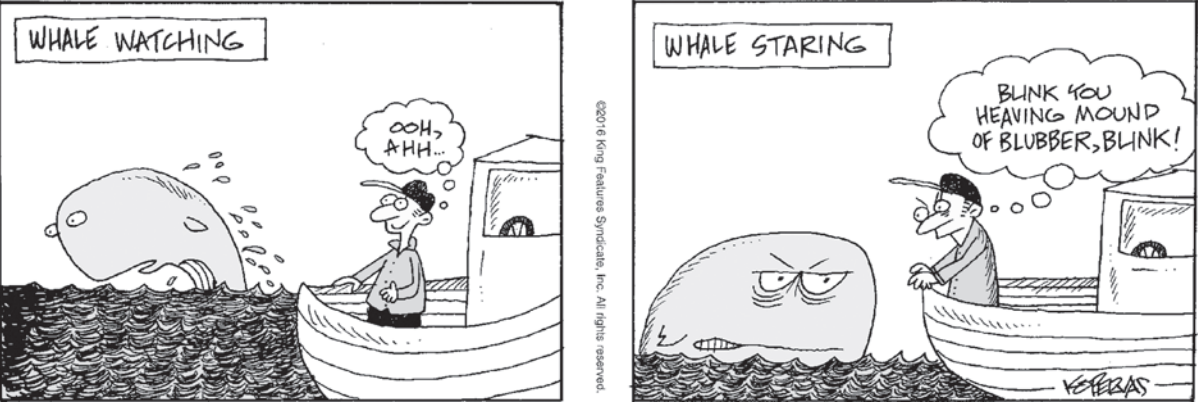
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DEAR DR. ROACH: Three months ago, I slammed the fingertip of my left index finger in a drawer. The fingertip is still swollen and painful. My doctor sent me for an X-ray, and there is no fracture. I can bend it at the joint, but cannot put pressure on the fingertip. I looked online, and read something that said a fingertip crush injury can take six months to a year to heal, and the swelling may never go away completely. Can this possibly be true? Why does it take so long? Is there anything I can do to help it heal? I can get along OK without using the finger for everyday functioning, but I am a guitar player, and I really need to use that fingertip to play. Is there hope that I will be able to play again someday? I would be very sad to have to give it up. – D.L.

Crush injuries to the fingertip often do take months to heal completely, due to the fact that there isn’t a lot of room in the fingertip and that there are many important structures in the fingertip, and that a little bit of inflammation can cause pain and loss of function for a long time.

Fortunately, most everybody does regain complete use of the hand, and I wouldn’t sell your guitar just yet. Think about what Pete Townshend did to his hand, and he’s still a pretty good guitar player.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My 18-year-old grandson has just been diagnosed with superior mesenteric artery syndrome. It sounds extremely serious. Would you be able to tell me more? I am very worried. – G.D.

The superior mesenteric artery is one of the critical arteries that supplies blood to the intestines. Directly underneath the SMA is the duodenum, the first part of the small intestine. In SMA syndrome, loss of the normal fat around the duodenum causes the artery to constrict the duodenum, causing a compression of the duodenum and an obstruction to food going through. Serious weight loss due to medical illness, surgery or anorexia nervosa is the most common cause of SMA syndrome. It’s a difficult diagnosis to make, and there is some controversy about what criteria are used for diagnosis.

If weight loss is the underlying cause of SMA syndrome, then nutritional support and weight gain become the primary treatment. Surgery is sometimes necessary.

DEAR DR. ROACH: You wrote about reheating foods in a microwave, and advised against Styrofoam or other plastic containers. What is the best kind of container to use in the microwave? The manual says not to use anything metal. – J.W.

Most plastics probably are safe to heat liquids in, but reheating foods can cause pockets of very high temperatures that can partially melt the plastic and cause the release of potentially harmful chemicals. I recommend using glass or ceramic plates or bowls to reheat food.

Many people wrote in to tell me that Dow Chemical’s brand

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Super Crossword

- THE FIRST REVERSED ACROSS

1 Signal-enhancing audio equipment

9 Ukrainian port

15 Judge, during a case

20 Not digital, as a clock

21 Largest "little piggy"

22 As a result

23 Gave some merchandise an awful review?

25 Cultural values

26 Film's name, e.g.

27 Actress Wray

28 Winning tic-tac-toe line

29 Sans _ (carefree)

30 Ancient Aegean region

31 Jazz band's job

32 Lowers a lady again while tangoing?

35 Yule libations

36 Election winners

37 Took a load off

38 Alarm clocks, when going off

39 Fashions

articles out of yarn incessantly?

45 Osaka cash

46 Partner of parks, briefly

47 City grid: Abbr.
- 48 Sac fly stat

49 "Of course, amigo!"

53 Spicy Korean cabbage

55 Data about unstimulating java?

58 Antares, e.g.

61 Edible hero

64 Roo's donkey pal

65 Never took off one's teal jumper?

71 Bushes'

72 D major's relative key

73 Sloop feature

74 Casual pants dug out of the earth?

78 Fly in Zambia

81 Granola bits

82 Most populous Idaho county

83 Shar- _

85 Jr.'s junior

86 Boise-to-Las Vegas dir.

89 Magazine devoted to razor sharpeners?

94 Weather map line

98 '80s sitcom

99 Name of 13 popes

100 Broad valley

101 Thorough way to steal someone's milk shake?

105 Hostile dog

106 Clingy wrap

107 Like wet weather
- 108 Bruins' Bobby

109 Lass

110 Months before

Octs.

111 Make amends (for)

112 What makes thin sheets stick together?

117 Calculus pioneer

Leonhard

118 Reciprocal

119 German

120 Lechers' looks

121 Get garbed

122 Devours greedily
- DOWN

1 Golf number

2 Evenly matched

3 Inviting to enter with a hand motion

4 Snobby sort

5 Missouri city

6 Film critic James

7 Strong java

8 Home aquarium inhabitant

9 Comply with

10 Make a hole

11 Self-love

12 Endured

13 "Ditto"

14 Fable figure

15 Saint-Saens cello piece

16 Won back

17 Bury

18 Nissan Leaf, for one
- 19 Ingredients in plastics

24 Witch

30 Like pen smudges

31 Small Italian dumplings

32 Fans' shouts

33 Ordinal ending

34 Fin. neighbor

36 Bit of news

37 P.D. rank

40 Mumbai Mr.

41 Hoops Hall of Famer _ Thomas

42 Poet's "before"

43 "Castle" aier

44 By way of

49 Bully's retort

50 Twenty: Prefix

51 Houston baseball team, briefly

52 " _ a Letter to My Love" (1981 drama)

53 Krispy _ (doughnut shops)

54 Boiling

55 Slicer site

56 Store suffix with "two"

57 Extra charge

58 Replay mode

59 Bone of the lower leg

60 _-garde

62 Chinwags

63 "Smarter planet" co.

66 Pa

67 Financial paper,
- briefly

68 " _ then..."

69 Canon line

70 Novelist Theodore

75 Stud locale

76 Hue and cry

77 Middy break

79 Bandleader

Puente

80 Francis Drake's title

83 Aspirin unit

84 Santa's aide

86 Launching

87 Haile _ (Rastafarian savior)

88 Site of delight

89 Workers cutting timber

90 La-la lead-in

91 "My Gal _"

92 Wail loudly

93 Kind of plug

94 Haifa locale

95 Figurine, e.g.

96 Yankee rival

97 Pennant

102 Nick of films

103 Like comics

104 Knight wear

105 GoPro, e.g.

106 Manage

109 Singer Marvin

110 Comfy-cozy

113 _ Jima

114 Apprehend

115 First Bible bk.

116 TV hosts

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: How do I report a lost Social Security card?

A: You don't have to report a lost Social Security card. In fact, reporting a lost or stolen card to Social Security won't prevent misuse of your Social Security number. You should let us know if someone is using your number to work (call 1-800-772-1213; TTY 1-800-325-0778). If you think someone is using your number, there are several other actions you should take:

- Contact the Federal Trade Commission online at www.ftc.gov/bcdp/edu/microsites/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338);
- File an online complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov;

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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Answer Page 4 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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• Contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit by calling 1-800-908-4490, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and

• Monitor your credit report.

Q: If I call 1-800-772-1213, can a Social Security representative take my application for Medicare prescription drug help over the phone?

A: If an interviewer is available when you call the 800 number, he or she can take your application over the phone. If an interviewer is not immediately available, we can schedule a telephone appointment for you. For the fastest and most convenient way to apply for Medicare prescription drug help, go online to www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at 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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.



Jorge Gutierrez, Jr.

Scout

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be highlighted in subsequent *Courier* articles.

Jorge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gutierrez, Sr.

“This is my payback – when they make Eagle,” says Noland who has been scoutmaster of the troop for 10 years. Noland is an Eagle Scout and has been in Scouting for a total of 17 years.

What does payback refer to? Gutierrez puts it into perspective in his project paper.

“Being a Boy Scout has showed me so much and has made me the best I can be because of my scoutmaster Mr. Noland.” He continues, “Everything he has taught me will help me in the future. I am ready for what tomorrow holds in every way.”

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore

August 16, 1931, near Valentine, the strongest earthquake ever recorded in Texas (6.0) shook things up a bit.

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: Z equals J

MEY VGYISYQ IRGOJQX MEY RJP

GJX TGY GYTPPH WQGYLJQYF.

T LYI XWHU IYGY ZWUM STOJQX

URSY VGWFY ZROYU.

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(Publisher's Note: This is second in a series of articles about three Fabens Boy Scouts who have made a positive difference in their community. Next – An elementary school gets a recycling center.)

Briefs

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out or receive hearing health care. Estimates of hearing aid use are that 67 to 86 percent of adults (50 years and older) who may benefit from hearing aids do not use them, and many hearing assistive technologies as well as auditory rehabilitation services are not fully utilized,” reports the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

– John Grimaldi

Health

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of polystyrene, Styrofoam, is not used for cups.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2016 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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By: rj johnson

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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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