



NEWSBRIEFS

Canutillo ISD names top teachers

The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) community has chosen its top educators of the year. Congressman Silvestre & Carolina Reyes Elementary School Teacher of the Year Nancy Campero was selected as the CISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. She is a 3rd-grade bilingual teacher who has worked at Reyes Elementary for 3 years. Canutillo High School Teacher of the Year Anthony Lopez-Waste was selected as the CISD Secondary Teacher of the Year. He teaches World History and AP World History. He is also a Senior Class representative and coaches Varsity Girls Basketball and JV Softball. Campero and Lopez-Waste will represent CISD in the Elementary and Secondary Teacher of the Year Contest for Region 19 later this summer. If they're successful there, they could represent the El Paso region in the Texas Teacher of the Year contest. "Our teachers in Canutillo never cease to amaze me," said Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz. "Ms. Campero and Mr. Lopez-Waste are exemplary representatives of who we are and what we do as a premier district."

— Liza M. Rodriguez

Canutillo ISD puts \$4.8 million towards tech

On April 28 the Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) Board of Trustees approved a \$4.8 million request to purchase Apple devices for every student in the district. "We believe this substantial investment in devices is critical to ensuring that all students have equitable access to learning," said Board President Sergio Coronado. CISD partnered with Apple, Inc. in launching this one-to-one solution to be issued to all students fall 2020. Students from Pre-Kinder through 12th grade will have access to their own device allowing faculty to expand the classroom beyond its four walls. The total price tag is \$4,804,806, with a 30% discount. "Technology has obviously benefited education in many ways. However, it can also create educational inequity when some students enjoy access, while others do not. This problem has been called the digital divide or technology gap. This purchase is intended to close this gap, thus providing equal opportunity for learning," said Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz.

— Liza M. Rodriguez

He that forgets the language of gratitude will never be on speaking terms with happiness.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy El Paso County

CAUTION – El Paso County Commissioners Court members unanimously agreed that due to the coronavirus pandemic it was in the best interest to allow any El Paso voter to cast a ballot by mail if he or she fears contracting the virus. Commissioners are, from left, Vince Perez, Carlos Leon, County Judge Ricardo Samaniego, David Stout, and Carl Robinson.

Pandemic has impact on Texas runoff elections

Early voting slated to begin July 6

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – With the runoff elections, that were supposed to be held in May, re-scheduled for July 14 by Texas Governor Greg Abbott due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some unfinished primary races will finally be decided including El Paso County District Attorney, El Paso County Commissioner's Court Precinct 3, 388th District Court, 383th District Court and races for both the Republican and Democratic candidates for the U.S. Representative District 16.

As the election period nears, El Paso County commissioners showed support for vote-by-mail measures to protect people from being infected with COVID-19 because the pandemic continues to impact this border community.

The commissioners voted unanimously during a recent meeting to authorize the El Paso County Attorney's Office to file a brief supporting a Travis County court judge's ruling to allow all Texas voters to cast a ballot by mail.

The Travis County judge granted an injunction that allows "all registered voters qualify for a mail-in ballot as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis." According to Texas election laws, the only people eligible to vote by mail include people 65 years or older; those who have a disability or illness; those living outside of their county during the election period; or confined in jail.

However, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said that the state has filed an appeal of the judge's ruling with the Texas Supreme Court to order El Paso County, along with Travis, Dallas, Cameron and Harris counties, to follow Texas

election law regarding mail-in ballots. Paxton stated that fear of contracting the COVID-19 is not a disability therefore it is against state law to vote by mail.

"Mail ballots based on disability are specifically reserved for those who are legitimately ill and cannot vote in-person without assistance or jeopardizing their health," Paxton said in a statement. "The integrity of our democratic election process must be maintained, and law established by our Legislature must be followed consistently with the integrity of Texas's election laws," he stated in a recent news release.

Paxton claimed that county officials who are urging mail-in ballot for all voters are "misleading the public about their ability to vote by mail, telling citizens that in light of COVID-19, anyone can claim a 'disability' that makes them eligible for ballot by mail."

Commissioner David Stout saw it differently. During the recent council meeting, he stated that the issue definitely comes down to people's safety and voter safety. "By not having wider access to mail-in ballot, we are potentially putting voters at risk, and they could possibly contract this virus; it is obviously something we know can be very fatal," the commissioner said.

Commissioner Vince Perez also refuted Paxton's comment by asserting that the state's top lawyer was not taking into consideration the seriousness of the virus. "The attorney general has said that the fear of COVID-19 is not enough to qualify for disability and to me that is very dismissive of the very real health concerns that exist," Perez said. "It is called the novel corona virus for a reason and that is because it is a new virus for which people have not been able to develop an immunity. We

don't have a vaccine for it, so it is not just a fear."

During the meeting, County Commissioner Carlos Leon added that the county's number one priority should be safety. "We, as a county, need to look at this closer and give our voters the flexibility to vote by mail or show in person," Leon said.

"It is a real fear that residents are exposing themselves by exercising their right to vote," Leon said. "I feel very strongly about it. I hope the public and the folks from Austin realize that we are moving away from really protecting the public and protecting our voters," he noted.

El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal told commissioners that she felt that it would be foolish to pretend like there wasn't a real threat to the health and safety of persons who try to exercise their right to vote in person.

"We should not be in a position of whether a citizen has to choose between their health and safety and to exercise their right to vote," Bernal acknowledged.

Although an estimate cost projection for the July election has not been completed, El Paso County Elections Department Elections Administrator Lisa Wise reported to commissioners that with the expansion of mail-in ballot voting she expected an increase of about \$750,000 in additional funding mostly to purchase supplies – such as ballot paper, envelopes, labels, postage, gloves and cleaning wipes.

Wise informed commissioners that another \$100,000 could be needed for staff and committees to process the increase in ballots received by mail, and that community outreach and public advertising to inform voters of the changes



Let’s take one of those magical trips down memory lane, way back to 1939. One of the popular tunes back then was “Wishing (Will Make It So).”

“Wishing will make it so, Just keep on wishing and care will go.”

It was sung by Vera Lynn, among others, and covered by the likes of Glenn Miller, Bing Crosby and now, 80 years later, by Donald Trump and his Bootlicker Chorus. In his version, the lyrics have been revised to reflect the coronavirus era:

“This is going to go away

Wishful thinking

without a vaccine, It’s going to go away, and we’re not going to see it again, hopefully, after a period of time.”

He’d better hope so. The coronavirus has already breached the White House complex, infecting Secret Service agents and a few key people thus far who have been in close proximity to not only the president, but to his obsequious vice president, Mike Pence.

If both got ill it’s feasible that the duties of the chief executive would pass down to the third in the order of succession. Who would that be? None other than House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. If that ever happened, there would be chaos as the lawyers would come out of the woodwork. Of course, there is already chaos in

Washington these days.

To the Trump faithful, Pelosi for even a short time as acting president would be a bigger disaster than the devastation of COVID. Donald Trump is advocating a “reopening” of America in spite of the fact that the danger is increasing, not decreasing. Most of the governors are wilting under the political pressure, even though public health officials predict almost unanimously that they are courting a national disaster.

Meanwhile at the White House, Trump is being a role model. A role model for bad behavior. Normally when someone is exposed to the coronavirus in the way President Trump has been, he would self-quarantine,

isolate himself so he wouldn’t be contagious. Even Mike Pence decided to stay away from the White House for a couple of days. But not POTUS, who continues to refuse to wear a mask.

He is now focusing not on COVID but getting re-elected in November and all about somehow repairing the economic collapse. He and his accomplices are more than willing to accept the deaths of thousands of Americans to deflect blame for the mind-boggling joblessness. Of course, the Trumpsters make the point that the pandemic was not caused by him. But the slow reaction by his incompetent administration was his fault, particularly when the president wasted several critical weeks belittling the danger.

Also his fault was the daily line of self-serving balderdash that he handed out at the task

force briefings. He used his time not just for self-promoting but fouling the air with misinformation. Meanwhile, the problems piled up. The U.S. was and still is way behind on the tests that offer minimal advance notice of COVID. And we’re only now catching up on the tools of the trade that heroic medical providers and other first responders need. Instead, we get Trump’s wishful thinking.

By the way, “Wishing Will Make It So” was nominated for an Academy Award in 1939. But the winner was “Over the Rainbow,” sung by Judy Garland. Donald Trump’s version makes it clear he is in way over his head.

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Support for the Physicians Pro Bono Care act grows in the House

By John Grimaldi
Special to the Courier

The Physician Pro Bono Care Act, introduced earlier this year by Rep. Dan Webster (R-FL) and Colin Peterson (D-MN), now has 25 co-sponsors [as of May 8].

Bob Carlstrom, president of Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) Action, says “The Physician Pro Bono Care Act is particularly important at

a time when the government’s coffers are being depleted by the COVID-19 pandemic and so every billion dollars’ worth of savings counts.”

According to Carlstrom, individuals who cannot afford to see a physician tend to visit local ERs instead because the visits are covered by Medicaid and CHIP. “By offering physicians the opportunity to take a charitable tax deduction for seeing Medicaid eligible patients in their offices

and clinics, instead of having to travel to a separate medical charity facilities, Medicare and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) could see billions of dollars in savings. The cost of the tax deduction pales in comparison to the level of Medicaid and CHIP reimbursements for the same services, particularly the costs for chronic care in ER visits – a 95% savings.”

Just as important, Carlstrom

notes, is that the bill would give needy patients the ability to choose their own doctors and to establish long-term patient-physician relationships. In addition, as co-sponsor Congressman Webster put it: “This bill removes government bureaucracy and red-tape that obstructs the patient-doctor relationship, and it expands access to doctors for some of the more vulnerable in our society.”

Medicaid spending has increased dramatically in recent years and it has put a strain on state and federal resources. Meanwhile, the CORVID-19 outbreak is bound to increase ER visits long term, greatly adding to the burden.

AMAC’s Carlstrom argues

that the Physician Pro Bono Care Act “provides a genuine opportunity to lower state and federal governments Medicaid spending, with doctors helping to reduce the number of Medicaid and CHIP payouts by using the charitable tax deduction alternative. This simple tax deduction is self-executing in the normal tax filing processes of the physicians further decreasing their administrative costs, which are much higher in the Medicaid reimbursement processes. The bill does not prevent physicians or qualifying individuals from using Medicaid or CHIP, it simply adds an additional, more attractive option for low-income patients to receive localized healthcare services.”

Public Notice / Aviso al Público Canutillo Independent School District

Summer Meal Program 2020/ Programa de Servicio de Alimentos para el Verano 2020

Canutillo Independent School District is participating in the Seamless Summer Option. Meals will be provided to all children 18 and under without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the bellow school sites, dates and times as follows:

Distrito escolar Independiente de Canutillo está participando en el Programa de Servicios Alimentos de Verano. Las comidas se proporcionará a todos los niños de 0 a 18 años sin cargo y por igual a todos los niños sin importar raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad, y no habrá ningún tipo de discriminación en el servicio de comida. Las comidas se proporcionará en los sitios y horarios siguientes:

Campus/Facility	Address	Dates (weekdays only)
Campus/Instalaciones	Dirección	Fechas (Sólo los días laborables)
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Canutillo Elementary School	651 Canutillo Ave.	May 26 - June 30 / M-F
Davenport Elementary School	6701 South Desert Blvd.	May 26 - June 30 / M-F

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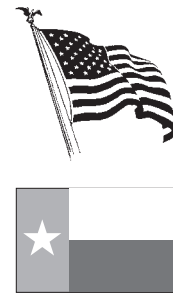
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New York story

New York is the greatest city in the world. It also is uniquely suited to the spread of the coronavirus.

As the national debate over re-opening continues and the political blame game intensifies, it's worth considering the scale of New York's outbreak. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the country, and almost nothing like it in the rest of the world.

The story of coronavirus in America is overwhelmingly the story of coronavirus in New York and its surrounding suburbs. Any account of how we got to this place, with deaths nationally headed toward 100,000, must center on New York, which was seeded with the virus early and then seeded much of the rest of the country.

Nearly 20,000 people have died in New York City. If the city were a country, it'd rank sixth in the world in total deaths, behind France and ahead of Brazil.

In New York City, according to a New York Times report, deaths have been more than 300% above normal. In New Jersey, intimately connected to New York, deaths have been 90% above normal. Otherwise, no other state is close. In the rest of New York state, deaths have been 9% above normal.

The epidemic started early in New York. By the time it had its first confirmed case on March 1, there may have been as many as 10,000 undetected cases.

The city was getting seeded constantly from abroad. A study published by medrxiv.org concluded that "introductions from Europe account for the majority of cases found in NYC in the first weeks of March 2020." Then, people coming from or through New York spread the disease elsewhere in the United States.

A New York Times analysis found that the number of cases around the country correlated with how many travelers arrived from New York in early March. New York's connection to the world, especially Europe, its density and its mass transit system all made it a potent vector.

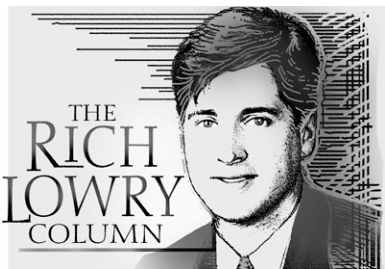
So, the question of how we could have kept the U.S. from getting so hard hit is really how we could have kept New York from getting so hard hit. Every day counted, and better leadership at the federal, state and local levels would have made a difference, but we shouldn't underestimate the difficulties. Trump's early travel restrictions on China would have had to be imposed on Europe as well,

when no one was contemplating that. New York's leaders would have had to warn people off the subways, shut the schools and torch the Big Apple's economy before any plainly visible metrics justified it.

This is why the simplistic shots at President Trump, who indeed should have taken the virus more seriously at the outset, don't work. He's the president of New York, but also of other large, international cities

like Los Angeles and Miami that have escaped New York's fate. Has his leadership been better in those places, or do divergent conditions and local decisions account for the better outcomes?

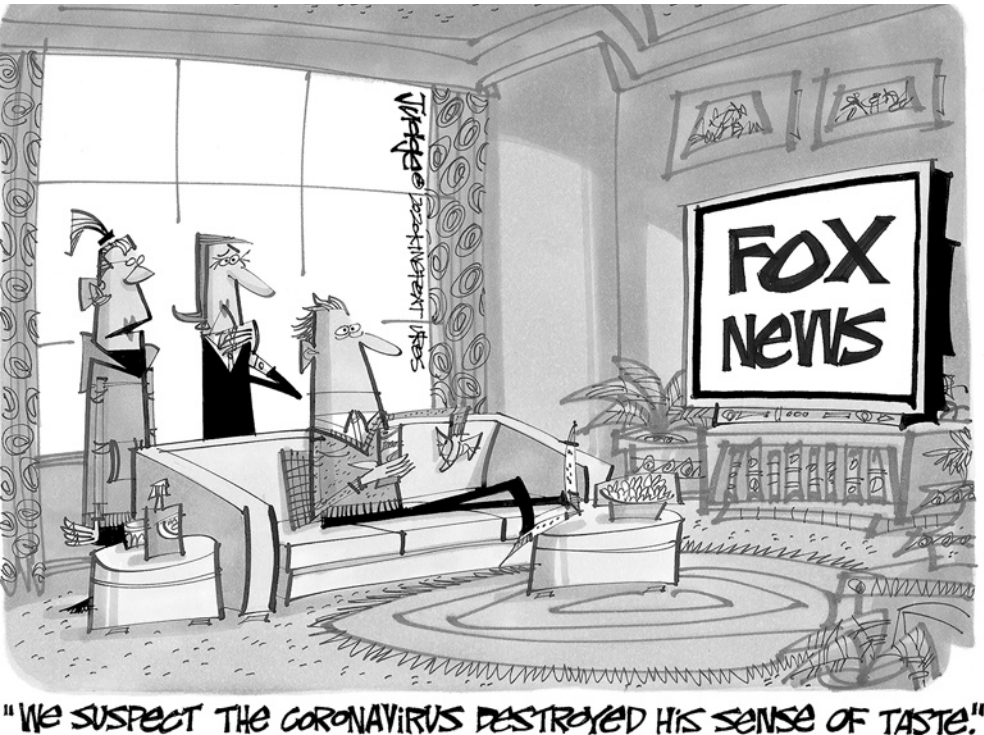
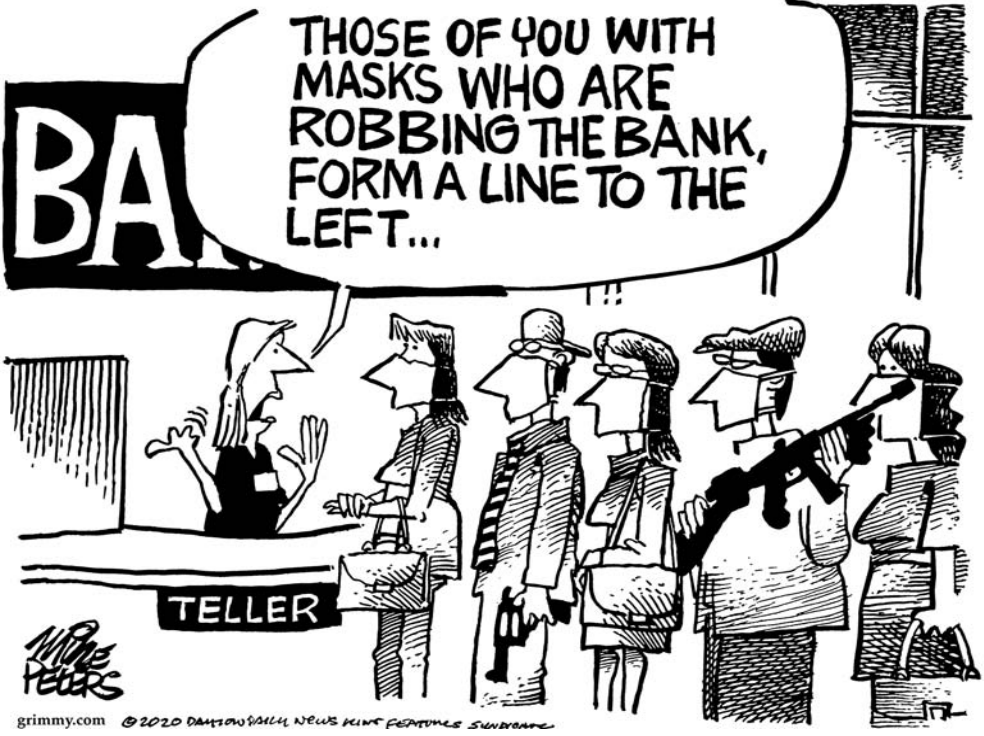
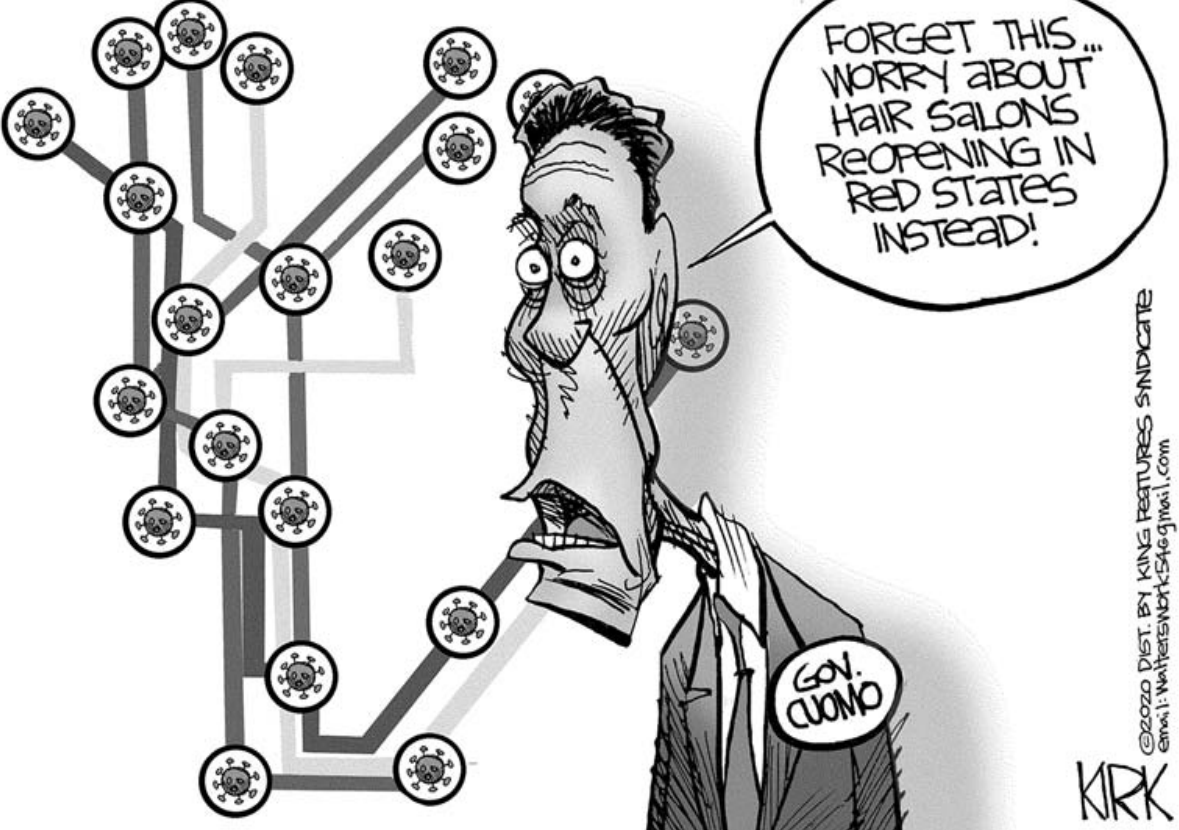
None of this, of course, is to disparage New Yorkers. They have absorbed a gut punch over the past two months with characteristic grit and bravery. Yet, without New York's distinctive vulnerability, the course of the epidemic would



look completely different.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.

NEW YORK SUBWAY (IN THE CORONAVIRUS ERA)



San Elizario names top teachers, employee for 2020

By **Jeannie Meza-Chavez**
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO, TX – The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) held its first virtual 2020 Teacher and Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Twelve employees were celebrated by colleagues for their service and commitment to students and the SEISD. The winners were announced via a virtual awards ceremony. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic closures, the SEISD had planned to have the actual ceremony with a dinner and dance at a local venue.

Lourdes De Leon from Alfonso Borrego Elementary School was chosen as the Elementary Teacher of the Year, Adriana Castruita from Ann Garcia Middle School was selected as the Secondary Teacher of the Year, and Nora Garcia from Lorenzo G. Alarcon Elementary School was named the District Employee of the Year. As winners De Leon and Castruita will now advance to represent the SEISD at the ESC Region 19 Teacher of the Year competition, which will take place throughout the summer.

De Leon has proudly served

the SEISD and community for 32 years. She started in 1988 as a Special Education Assistant. The following year, the school district needed special education bus drivers and she was given the opportunity to obtain her license. In fall of 1993, she went on to become a Librarian Assistant at Lorenzo G. Loya Primary. In 2002, De Leon was given the opportunity to return to school and further her education through a grant opportunity. She graduated from El Paso Community College with an associate degree in Special Education and bachelor’s degree in Bilingual Early Childhood from the University of Texas at El Paso Texas. In 2008, De Leon became a certified Teacher and has held that position for the last 11 years. When asked about her strategy to connect with students, De Leon stated,



Lourdes De Leon

“I ensure that education transcends in my classroom by having high expectations for each student; I see each student



Adriana Castruita

as an individual learner, having a learning goal.”

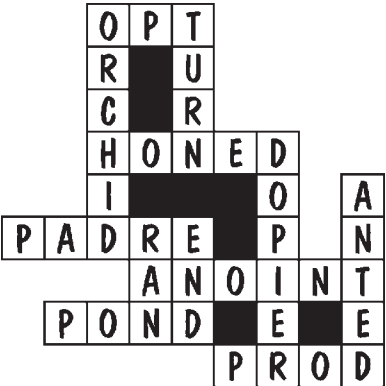
Castruita began her journey in the SEISD in 2003 and is



Nora Garcia

currently a 7th grade history teacher at Garcia Enriquez

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part ways, I suppose they
ought to sing “Fangs
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Moments
in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On May 18, 1917, six weeks after the United States formally entered World War I, Congress passes the Selective Service Act, giving the president the power to draft soldiers. Of the almost 4.8 million Americans who served in the war, some 2.8 million were drafted.
- On May 19, 1715, the colony of New York passes a law making it illegal to “gather, rake, take up, or bring to the market, any oysters whatsoever” between the months of May and September. The regulation was intended to help preserve certain species.
- On May 20, 1506, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus dies in Spain. Columbus, and most others, underestimated the world’s size, calculating that East Asia must lie about where North America sits on the globe.
- On May 21, 1901, Connecticut becomes the first state to limit the speed of motor vehicles to 12 mph in cities and 15 mph on country roads. As late as 1930, a dozen states had no speed limit, while 28 states did not even require a driver’s license.
- On May 22, 1969, actor Paul Newman makes his onscreen racing debut in the film “Winning.” Newman played a struggling race car driver who must turn around his fortunes by winning the Indianapolis 500.
- On May 23, 1701, at London’s Execution Dock, British privateer William Kidd, known as Captain Kidd, is hanged for piracy and murder. In 1695, Kidd was commissioned to defend English ships from pirates in the Red Sea. When arrested with a shipload of treasure, Kidd’s Whig sponsors failed to back his claims of legitimacy.
- On May 24, 1844, before members of Congress, American inventor Samuel F.B. Morse dispatches a telegraph message from the U.S. Capitol to a railroad station in Baltimore. The message - “What Hath God Wrought?” - was telegraphed back to the Capitol a moment later.

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Strange
BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Sigurd the Mighty, a ninth-century Norse earl of Orkney, was killed by an enemy he had beheaded several hours earlier. He’d tied the man’s head to his horse’s saddle, but while riding home one of its protruding teeth grazed his leg, causing an infection from which the unlucky Sigurd died.
- Irish author and politician Edmund Burke was not a skilled public speaker. In fact, his speeches at the House of Commons were so boring, many MPs left the building once he stood up.
- In 1907, an ad campaign for Kellogg’s Corn Flakes offered a free box of cereal to any woman who would wink at her grocer.
- While Jackie Robinson was laid up for two weeks in 1948 with a hamstring injury, the Dodgers secretly replaced him with Herschel Morowitz, a white man in black face.
- The average human body contains enough iron to make a 3-inch-long nail. It also contains enough fat to produce seven bars of soap.
- The first washing machine was invented in 1782 by H. Sidgier of Great Britain. His design was later honed by other inventors, including William Blackstone, who invented the first at-home washer as a birthday gift for his wife.
- Drinking seawater will cause rapid dehydration and, if enough is consumed, eventually death. Frozen seawater is a much safer alternative, since it contains only a tenth as much salt as the liquid form, due to the fact that the salt is separated from the water when freezing as it does not fit into the crystalline structure of ice.
- The first lipstick appeared in ancient Mesopotamia approximately 4,000 years ago, when women decorated their lips with dust made from precious gems.

Thought for the Day: “The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don’t do anything about it.”
— Albert Einstein

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Middle School. She holds a master’s degree in reading from the University of Texas at El Paso and is presently pursuing a doctorate in education. She is also the cheerleading team and yearbook club sponsor. Castruitas’ message about the teaching profession is, “It is our job to help guide students and provide opportunities for them to find their way; we need to use all available resources to

see this dream through in our students.”

Garcia joined the SEISD in 2008 as a Drug Prevention Coordinator and then became the Migrant Education Program Social Worker. From 2011 to 2013, she served as the district Social Worker. Since October of 2015, she has served as the Counselor of Alarcon Elementary where she was named the 2019 Social Work Intern Field Instructor of the Year by the University of Texas at El Paso. When asked about the reason why she enjoys working for SEISD, Garcia states, “The students face serious challenges, that at times appear to be unsurmountable, but yet the children show up to school and are ready to learn and give their best every day. So how could I not show up and give my best?”

The San Elizario ISD has awesome educators inspiring children every day. The virtual celebration was held in honor of all the teachers and employees in the district whose primary goal is to reach a student and help support their academic endeavors.

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San Elizario Independent School District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The San Elizario Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following SEISD Programs funded by Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Migrant Program
- Title I, Part C - Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century
- Title II, Part A – Improving Teacher and Principals Quality
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title IV, Part A – Subpart 1
- Special Education Grant (IDEA B – Formula and IDEA B Preschool)

The virtual meeting will be held:
Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Reviews of the Federal Application for Educational Funding for San Elizario ISD will be a virtual meeting by the following the link:

<https://meetingsamer19.webex.com/meetingsamer19/j.php?MTID=m96c7f8c4a9d7230f0f1c44b22fd2941a>

Meeting Number: 620 478 320
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San Elizario Independent School District

AVISO PÚBLICO

La Junta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa para Estudiantes Migrantes
- Título I, Parte C – Perkins V: Fortalecimiento de la carrera y la educación técnica para el siglo XXI
- Título II, Parte A – Mejorando la Calidad de Maestros y Directores
- Título III, Parte A – Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segundo idioma
- Título IV Parte A – Parte 1
- Beca de educación especial (IDEA B-formula y IDEA B preescolar)

La Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para el Distrito de San Elizario se llevará a cabo en una reunión virtual en el siguiente enlace:
Jueves, 28 de Mayo, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

<https://meetingsamer19.webex.com/meetingsamer19/j.php?MTID=m96c7f8c4a9d7230f0f1c44b22fd2941a>

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If you're bored at home, try 'The Last Dance'

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Like many of you sitting at home without any live sports to watch, I've begun tuning in to games that occurred decades ago.

It's gotten to the point that watching games I've already seen is better than watching no sports at all.

I've been watching reruns of Dallas Cowboys games, UTEP Miners games, past Super Bowls, World Series games and college bowl games. They've kind of filled the void I need for live sports.

But they aren't close to being enough.

That is, until I stated watching *The Last Dance*.

I'm sure many of you have watched the ESPN series about Michael Jordan and

the Chicago Bulls.

I started watching about two weeks into it, and I binge-watched the whole thing over a three-day period.

The 10-part series focuses on the final year of the Jordan-led Bulls dynasty in 1998.

Most of us know that the Bulls won three straight NBA titles from 1991-1993, and then again from 1996-1998.

But this series doesn't just cover the on-court playoff games the Bulls won along the way. It covers the story within the story; a behind-the-scenes look at the players, the coaches, the administration and some of their famous fans.

The Last Dance focuses mainly on five main characters, players Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, head coach Phil Jackson and general manager Jerry Krause, although many other players

Summer program to meet learning needs during pandemic

By Liza M. Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO—Learning for Canutillo ISD students will not end when school officially concludes later this month. The District Curriculum and Instruction Department (C&I) administrators have developed Summer S.A.L.T. (Sustaining Academic Learning Together), a robust remote instruction program that will launch June 8.

The program partners with parents and supports the continued growth and learning of their students to prevent a loss of information and preserve all they learned this year.

“We are not about to lose the momentum we had when we rapidly switched to distance and online learning during the health crisis,” Canutillo ISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz said. “Our students, teachers, and parents adapted very well to the dramatic change in the learning

environment this spring and we are determined to take what we learned and deliver a high quality program to boost their progress.”

The C&I department explains that during typical school years, teachers can account for the summer slide, or loss of information, at the beginning of the next school year. However, this is not a typical year. School closures due to COVID-19 may have a bigger impact on students and the amount of information students lose over the summer will be greater.

Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Debra Kerney says that CISD recommends a whole-child approach to learning and this is an opportunity to spice up the summer.

“This summer, we want students to relax, play outside, and experience adventures with their families,” Dr. Kerney said. “A dash of Summer S.A.L.T. daily will give children time to explore new ideas, play, and strengthen math and reading skills. This will help

and front office personnel are featured.

Of course the star of the show in Jordan – that most say is still the greatest basketball player the planet has even seen.

The series not only captures Jordan as a magician on the court, it reveals the man behind the superstar persona.

It shows how Jordan was equal parts dictator, entrepreneur, family man, teammate, son, teacher and tyrant.

But then again, aren't most uber-successful people tough, never-take-no-for-an-answer, my-way-or-the-highway types?

It also covered his weaker side, like his weakness for gambling. Whether playing cards on the bus, rolling the dice in Vegas, or on the golf course, if there was money on the line – Jordan wasn't far away.

The series also covered the hard work Jordan did to get where he was. And how

them to successfully leap into next year and land on their feet.”

Summer S.A.L.T. is a menu of activities for parents and children to choose from. Students are asked to spend a little bit of time each day reading and practicing math. In addition, the menu includes activities for social studies, science, art, community, citizenship, and exercise. There are an abundance of other fun activities to do while at home this summer.

Children will also be able to participate in a schedule of online lessons provided in English and Spanish by CISD teachers. Every CISD student in Pk-5th grade will receive Grab 'N' Go Packs by mail, more than 21,000 books in all, to be used during Elementary Literacy-Extension Live-Stream Sessions. In addition, dual language students will receive a set of books in Spanish.

Students will receive credit at the start of the next school year for the time they

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Super Crossword

1 Perceive

8 Wavering

16 Dies down

20 One of the Great Lakes

21 CD from Eminem or Jay-Z, say

22 Marshland

23 Start of a riddle

25 Teal, e.g.

26 Mineo of films

27 First-century emperor

28 Sufficient, in dialect

29 After-bath sprinkle

30 Zest

32 Riddle, part 2

38 Majestic

40 Inane

41 High-pH compound

42 Sticky, viscous stuff

45 Previously called

46 " _ have to wait"

49 ESPN's Hershiser

50 Riddle, part 3

55 They often elicit groans

56 "Suffice it _..."

57 Chinese zoo mammals

58 "Thou _ lady": King Lear

59 Hotel's kin

60 Young dog

61 Sews an edge around

65 Riddle, part 4

73 Tara of "American Pie"

74 Granola bit

75 " _ Man Answers" (1962 film)

76 Jazzy Anita

77 Irritated reply to

81 Devours, with "down"

83 Accept

84 Riddle, part 5

90 Gulf nation

91 Good diving score

92 Genetic letters

93 Flanders river

94 Ovum, e.g.

96 "There it is!"

98 Souces

102 End of the riddle

108 Al who drew Li'l Abner

109 Old Italian coins

110 Tie down, as a ship

111 Sheik, e.g.

113 Actress Carrere

114 Mark Twain's Huck

115 Riddle's answer

120 Poker cost

121 Ethereal quality

122 Relate (to)

123 Prayer opener

124 Northern parts of

125 Numbers used in sums

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1 Divining rod

2 Get some air

3 German military camp

4 Jaguar, e.g.

5 " _ Brockovich"

6 Gone up

7 _ Dame

8 Suffix with script

9 Round bread of India

10 Hot tub

11 In a docile way

12 1985 Kate Nelligan film

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14 "Dallas" actor

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15 Singer Sumac

16 Begin, as a journey

17 _ ball (pool hall item)

18 "Fists of Fury" star

19 Get sight of

24 " _ the weather?"

29 Phone no.

31 Port of Japan

33 Actress Lisa

34 Poem of lamentation

35 "Hick" actor

Baldwin

36 Hayek of Hollywood

37 Window ledge

39 Parking -

43 _ left field

44 Tine

46 Repeated statement in Windows ads

47 Plating metal

48 Kind of PC monitor

50 Rage

51 _ nous

52 "There _ 'I' in team"

53 Musical piece

54 Racket-raising

Arthur

55 Rover's foot

60 Fruit discard

62 Arcane

63 Annoyed with

64 Boa, for one

66 "Right, bro"

67 0% of the people

68 Biker's bike, colloquially

69 Largest city on Hawaii

70 "Get _ back!"

71 Abrades

72 Coloring substance

78 Dance great de Mille

79 Ovid's 1,051

80 Diarist Anaïs

81 Took the prize

82 Florida city

84 Breathe loudly

85 Bringing up the rear

86 Collides with

87 Not deserved

88 Tramped (on)

89 "Holiday" actor Ayres

95 Mao _-tung

96 Romeo and Juliet's town

97 "It's _ state of affairs"

99 Lane of Broadway

100 Narcotic

101 Generates

103 Beatnik's "Got it!"

104 People on the move

105 Like a well-pitched inning

106 "Sing, Sing, Sing" drummer Gene

107 Totally filled

112 Longtime West Virginia senator Robert

114 _ Schwarz

115 Sorority letter

116 Humid

117 Suffix with colour

118 Ar-tee link

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OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



Election

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could cost around \$50,000.

The election department head explained that the additional funding would come from the departmental budget, a special County COVID-19 account, and, possibly, from state and federal reimbursements.

“In Texas, during this deadly global pandemic that has cost the lives of more than 1,200 residents and sickened over 45,000 others, Republicans have made it easier to get a margarita to go than to cast a ballot during an election,” Perez said.

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put into the menu this summer. Organizers plan contests for time spent reading and online use of Imagine Math, myON, and Istation, and students in PK through 8th grade are encouraged to login at least 4 times a week.

The Summer S.A.L.T. Menu and links to the live-stream sessions will be available on the District Website at www.canutillo-isd.org/COVID19/Summer_SALT.

Off-the-charts pain

DEAR DR. ROACH: Why is pain measured by numbers? I have severe pain, and doctors do not know what to do when I say it is an 11 on a scale of 1-10. My pain can't be measured by numbers. It depends on the time of day, what I have done during the day and the weather. I have arthritis in most of my joints, specifically my spine and hips. Having had five spine surgeries, epidurals and hip shots, I have pain every day. There is not much more that can be done but to take opioids. It can be hard to make the decision either to take an opioid and go out shopping or for coffee feeling like I am in a vacuum, or to go out in pain. There is no chronic pain support group in my area, and no one can understand how I feel, even the professionals, unless they have gone through it. So when asked how I am, I say "fine." Other people don't want to hear about my pain. Why is there not another way the doctor can measure your pain? I have given up everything I love to do in life because of pain. There's no way to get "better" from pain. – M.L.D.



I am very sorry to hear your story, as it is similar to those I have heard before from people with chronic pain due to many different causes. It is disappointing for me to hear that you haven't found a pain specialist in your area who seems to care about helping you.

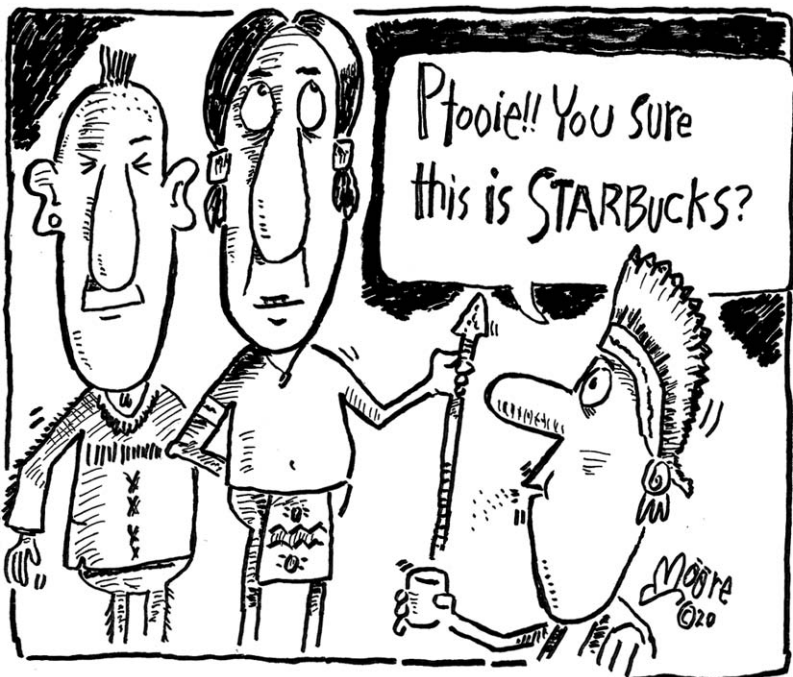
Although the 1-10 pain scale is thoroughly entrenched, it has its flaws. The biggest one is that what one person might consider a two, another person might consider a nine. I've seen people with horrifying injuries gritting their teeth and saying their pain is a 3 while other people claim their pain from what seems to be a minor condition is a 10 (I had one person tell me the pain from getting his blood pressure taken was a 10). Because pain is subjective, there is no way of standardizing what a person means with their pain rating. However, a 10 on a scale of 1-10 is supposed to be the worst pain imaginable.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My father, 90, has neuropathy in his feet and legs, and it is very painful. He recently talked to a clinic that is offering stem cell treatment to relieve the pain. The clinic says it helps 85% of those who get the treatment; however, because of HIPAA laws, they don't provide any referrals. The treatments are very expensive (\$16,000), and results are seen in six weeks to six months. Are you familiar with this treatment, and is it effective for most people? Is this something you can recommend? – D.B.

I also have seen advertisements for stem cell treatments for many conditions. For neuropathy in particular, there are no good studies that give an estimate of effectiveness. It may be the case that 85% of people treated at the clinic report improvement. But the risk of a placebo effect is very high with this kind of procedure, and I could not recommend stem cell treatments for neuropathy without better information about the risks, the benefits and how long those benefits might last.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2020 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
May 1875: Kiowa chief Kicking Bird is given poisoned coffee by tribesmen who thought he collaborated with the US Army.

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: H equals W

HMAO EHR FANIAOEF
IGNE HGTF, W FSIIRFA EMAT
RSQME ER FWOQ "LGOQF
LRN EMA PAPRNWAF."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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VA garners awards



by Freddy Groves

The Gears of Government Award is a program that recognizes individual federal employees and teams for performance and dedication to their agency mission. There are 29 agencies and councils in government, ranging from NASA to the Treasury Department.

The Department of Veterans Affairs won 16 Gears of Government Awards this year. Here are a few of them:

- Patient safety was high on the list. Procedures were put into practice to prevent in-hospital pneumonia and the prescribing of unnecessary drugs to veterans. VA police now carry opioid-reversing medication should there be an overdose emergency. These two steps lowered VA costs by \$24 million and improved care for 120,000 veterans.
- Technological advances allowed eyeglasses to be created in minutes rather than a whole day.

• Over 350,000 VA customer-service employees were trained on modernized and improved data systems, allowing real-time feedback.

• Processing times for disability compensation claims were reduced by automating 40% of those claims.

• A group of VA individuals analyzed criminal information and provided assistance to nab five criminals involved in identity theft and fraud schemes targeting VA employees and veterans. The schemes were stopped before veterans' personal and banking information was compromised.

• Changes in the way vocational rehab counselors exhibited proficiency in job skills eliminated inefficiency, leaving more time for direct service to veterans.

• The VET TEC group managed an educational program giving veterans more job opportunities through high-tech accelerated learning programs.

• Individuals were recognized, too, including one employee who worked with community, state and federal organizations across Illinois to

benefit homeless veterans and those facing incarceration.

Wow! We knew there were some good people at the VA. Now we know where they are and what they've been doing..

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by Jo Ann Derson

• Free up space on your smartphone by setting text messages to auto delete after a certain amount of time, like 30 or 60 days. If you have a friend who loves to send you gifs or endless bitmojis, you might want to have your chuckle, then delete. These image files take up much more space than a text message.

• "Baking soda can have a whitening effect on some fabrics and is a good alternative for items that might be sensitive to the harshness of bleach in the washing machine. It's fantastic for musty items as well. Add a cup of baking soda to a load of towels, then add a cup of vinegar to the rinse water." – T.H. in Kansas

• Periodically take down curtains and run them through the clothes dryer to dust. If they are not delicate, you can add a couple wool dryer balls to help loosen the dust. Rehang as soon as they are finished to avoid unsightly wrinkles.

• "Drop a small item in a hard to reach place? Slip a sock over the end of a vacuum hose attachment and hold to secure. Turn on the vacuum and "suck up" the small item. The suction will hold it in place, but it will not go into the vacuum. Rather, it will be held captive in the sock, which you can simply slip off for retrieval." – A.F. in New York

• Pet treats for fish? Sure! If you have lettuce in your vegetable crisper, most varieties of fish would enjoy a nibble on a floating piece. Just make sure that you remove any uneaten bits after a day.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

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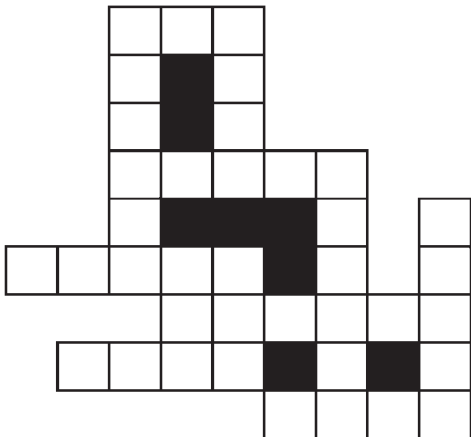
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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