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Fabens ISD programs recognized by TEA

Fabens High School (FHS) received three CCRSM (College and Career Readiness School Model) Designations from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for 2020-2021. FHS was recognized for the Early College High School, the Wildcat T-STEM (Texas Science, and Technology, Engineering & Math) Academy, and the newest addition, the Fabens Wildcat P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School). These initiatives, led by the TEA, blend high school and college coursework to help historically underserved and at-risk students develop technical skills, earn dual college credit, and pursue in-demand career paths to meet regional and local workforce needs.

— Leticia Mora

New Canutillo ISD school calendar

The Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved an intersessional school calendar as recommended by Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath. This would be to offset missed school days in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak during the next school year. All plans are subject to change as per guidance from health authorities. Under this new calendar, students will return to school on August 3, 2020. The calendar will incorporate a fall break and a spring break. Each break will include a preceding week to provide intervention and remediation for small group learning. This also provides flexibility to help the district make up for any days lost. The district feels this calendar allows for closer monitoring of students focusing on their safety, wellness and learning. “This new calendar provides flexibility for the district in terms of responding to possible spikes in COVID-19 case numbers,” Canutillo ISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz said. “Recommended by the Texas Commissioner of Education, we agree that this schedule is best in view of the unpredictability of the disease.”

— Liza Rodriguez

Working dads

With Father’s Day approaching and many dads working from home during

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The more a man studies, the more he discovers how much he does not know.

— Quips & Quotes



— Image courtesy U.S. Census Bureau

BE COUNTED – The 2020 U.S. Census Bureau operation is crucial to ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities, which helps guide hundreds of billions of dollars in public and private sector spending per year. By completing the census questionnaire – either by mail, online, or by phone individuals are helping secure funds for their communities’ future.

2020 census questionnaires to be distributed

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The U.S. Census Bureau, in coordination with federal, state and local health officials, will begin to drop off 2020 census questionnaire packets at front doors of households in

the El Paso region starting this week, according to Census Bureau officials.

The questionnaire drop-offs will be done in areas where the majority of households do not receive mail at their physical address, officials affirmed. The El Paso Area Census Office serve the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Loving, Reeves, Ward, Winkler, Ector,

Crane, Midland, Upton, Pecos, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, and Terrell.

The Census Bureau began hand delivering census materials back in March, but shortly afterwards suspended all fieldwork for this operation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Temporary field staff have been trained to observe all social distancing protocols and will wear official government-provided personal protective equipment for their safety and the safety of the public,” stated Oscar Arriaga, media specialist for this region’s Census Bureau operations. “This operation is contactless and follows the most current federal health and safety guidelines. The health and safety of Census Bureau staff and the public is always a top priority,” he stated.

The Census Bureau will deliver 2020 census invitations and paper questionnaires at the front doors of roughly 5.1 million stateside households and an estimated 26,775 households in the El Paso region.

“This operation is crucial to ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities, which helps guide hundreds of billions of dollars in public and private sector spending per year,” Arriaga stated.

Upon receipt of the packet, household members are strongly encouraged to respond to the census questionnaire and then mail it back using the ID number included in the questionnaire packet. “Responding with a census ID number on the paper questionnaire helps ensure the best count of their community,” Arriaga explained. “Also, individuals can still respond online or by phone,” he added.

Additionally, Census Bureau officials announced that the new dates for

Rico named technology chief for Canutillo ISD

By Andrew Reynoso
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District has named Dr. Oscar Rico as Director of Technology to lead the District’s Information Technology Services Department. An experienced professional in educational leadership, Rico has most recently served as the principal of Jose J. Alderete Middle School in CISD and has 17 years of experience as a professional educator.

During his tenure at Alderete Middle, the school has seen significant changes. The Alderete Medical Academy was launched, the campus went from three to six TEA academic distinctions, and the school will be introducing a new dual-language program to promote biliteracy.

“We believe that Dr. Rico has the academic experience we need as technology moves toward a more instructional focus than ever before,”

Canutillo ISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz said. “By the time we go one-to-one and get electronic learning devices in the hands of every student in the District this fall, Dr. Rico will ensure that meaningful instruction is delivered to the students successfully.”

Rico began his career as an educator and high school football coach in 2003 at Clint High School followed by a seven-year tenure at Parkland High School in Ysleta ISD. During his time as a high school Science teacher, Dr. Rico taught Biology and was inspired to become an instructional leader. He served as an administrator in El Paso ISD as a STEM coordinator and as an assistant principal at Franklin High School.

Rico believes that the recent challenges in the educational environment due to the global health crisis are an opportunity for growth.

“This pandemic has really shown us that the classroom walls extend farther

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Back during the pandemic (remember that?), nearly every corporate advertiser rushed out TV commercials stating, “We’re all in this together.”

No, we’re not.

Even our name, the United States, is a load of hooey. There’s nothing united about this country. We are instead bristling with divisions: right and left, white and black, pro-Trump and anti-Trump. Obviously, that refers to President Donald Trump, who, as his first defense secretary Jim Mattis said in an extraordinary statement, “is the first president

Trump tatters

in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people – does not even pretend to try. Instead, he tries to divide us.”

Even matters of public health, as in fighting the coronavirus, collapsed into anger, as heavily armed ultraconservatives, agitated by Trump, succeeded in prematurely reopening the country. Even wearing a mask became the subject of a violent dispute.

But then our powers of concentration were shattered to smithereens by still another example of the racial prejudice that runs deep in our history, and still another case of deadly abuse of citizens of color by the police. This time it was George Floyd, who was victimized by officer Derek Chauvin, who fancies

himself a “Dirty Harry” but is really the prototypical dirtbag police abuser. Floyd was killed on the streets of Minneapolis, where his last words were “I can’t breathe.”

A passerby recorded the deadly encounter, so the officers involved were not able to default to the good ole days of law enforcement, when they would simply lie about the reasons they used deadly force.

That deadly force is disproportionately dished out to people of color, America’s traditional whipping boys. Time after time, even with video evidence, they get away with it. But this time, the sheer casual taking of a life that was captured by a smartphone struck a nerve, not just in Minneapolis, but

around the country, and even around the world. Not only were there massive protests, but violent massive protests. The one good thing was that the confrontation with police forces everywhere did not include just blacks, but whites – for that matter, just about all demographic groups. George Floyd had unified much of America in an uprising.

And who is the one person you would not want to lead the nation in this crisis? Your president, Donald Trump, that’s who.

His behavior is getting even more erratic than ever. After issuing empty threats against the protestors, calling them “thugs,” pandering to his white supremacist base, he decided to rally his theocrats. So after ordering police and military forces to clear the area of peaceful demonstrators from the streets around the White House,

he went totally berserk and took a stroll across the park to a nearby church that had been vandalized the night before.

He wasn’t through even then. He posed for pictures holding, get this, a Bible. It was so bizarre that even men and women of the cloth were offended. Of course, Trump as president has made it his hobby to destroy any shred of national unity.

If the Democrats get their act together, which is a big “if,” and actually do beat him this November, they will be left with a gargantuan task: stitching the country back together. It may not be possible. It certainly will be impossible if Donald Trump is re-elected.

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Food for thought By Dr. Elizabeth Lee Vlie

Hydroxychloroquine misinformation can be deadly: Let patients decide

What President Trump called a potential “game-changer” in the battle against COVID-19 – a safe, cheap, effective treatment, available NOW – is suddenly seen as a highly dangerous drug. Of the fake news and misinformation that has proliferated in this pandemic, the most harmful is the claim that hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) is a serious heart hazard. That incorrect claim has been supported by prestigious medical journals.

This negative message contradicts 65 years of experience of safe, worldwide use of HCQ for malaria, lupus, and rheumatoid arthritis. Hundreds of millions of patients have taken it without difficulty and without serious side effects. Recent studies in several countries have shown that if used early, within the first week

of symptoms, HCQ is safe and highly effective for COVID-19.

Yet the Food and Drug Administration is severely restricting its use to hospitalized patients, and doing nothing to counter the fearmongering.

On May 27, Yale professor of epidemiology Harvey S. Risch published an article in the American Journal of Epidemiology entitled: “Early Outpatient Treatment of Symptomatic, High-Risk Covid-19 Patients that Should be Ramped-Up Immediately as Key to the Pandemic Crisis.”

Dr. Risch referred to five clinical trials, including two controlled trials, which showed “significant major outpatient efficacy” of hydroxychloroquine plus azithromyxin (HCQ+AZT). No

cardiac problems were noted in these trials. He concluded: “Evidence about use of hydroxychloroquine alone, or of hydroxychloroquine+azithromycin in inpatients, is irrelevant concerning efficacy of the pair in early high-risk outpatient disease. Five studies, including two controlled clinical trials, have demonstrated significant major outpatient treatment efficacy.”

Dr. Risch concluded that theoretical fears of cardiac events were not borne out in real-world usage and were vastly overshadowed by lives saved. He writes: “These medications need to be widely available and promoted immediately for physicians.”

The FDA in its drug evaluation database has only 62 cardiac deaths attributed to

HCQ out of 50 MILLION prescriptions for HCQ, an actual risk of 1.2 per one million people. You have a TEN-fold greater risk (1/74,000) of dying in a fatal car accident on a 1000-mile road trip than dying from a heart arrhythmia if you take HCQ.

The combination HCQ+AZT has been in widespread standard-of-care use in the U.S. and elsewhere for decades in older adults with multiple comorbidities. A large Oxford-based record-linkage study involving more than 300,000 patients with rheumatoid arthritis led to an estimate of only 47/100,000 cardiac arrhythmias attributable to these drugs, most not fatal.

But the media are ignoring this Yale

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View from here By Marilyn M. Singleton, M.D., J.D.

Normal and ‘Universal Health Scare’

Politicians are a strange lot. Not content with merely being Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi is moonlighting as Surgeon General, opining on what medications the President should be taking. Service to the public is a distant memory. The new charge is to invent catchy phrases, like the “new normal,” to quietly coax us into obeying dictates, while ignoring facts and science.

It is not normal to base lifting the lockdowns on the trend in positive novel coronavirus (aka SARS-CoV-2) tests. Predictably, positive tests (with many folks never becoming symptomatic) will continue to increase as more tests are done. Given that the stated goal of lockdowns was to lessen the strain on hospital resources, using hospitalization trends makes more sense.

It is not normal for New York and Minnesota governors to insist that COVID-19 patients be admitted to nursing homes, even after it became clear that nursing homes were a hotspot for infections and up to 81% of COVID-19 deaths.

It is not normal for healthy people to walk around wearing masks – particularly when it is not recommended by the sainted World Health Organization.

It is not normal to never see your parents, children, or grandparents. Older folks suffer from

loneliness in the best of times.

It is not normal for children to stay home from school indefinitely. When children do go back to school, it is not normal to tell them they have to wear masks and might not be able to play or eat with one another. Meanwhile, the CDC’s latest report tells us that the infection fatality rate for those aged 0-49 years is 0.05%. The CDC’s latest numbers are what Stanford researchers predicted in April.

It is not normal to have cellphone apps that track your movements. I suppose helicopter parents and stalkers would make good use of them.

It is not normal to propose “immunity passes” enabling the holders to move about society unimpeded. Immunity passes make no scientific sense given that the serology tests are unreliable, the length of immunity to SARS-CoV-2 is unknown, and invites social stigmatization.

The real “new normal” is politicians being blatant with their old games. It is normal for California’s Governor Newsom to make a secret \$1 billion deal with BYD, a Chinese-based electric bus maker, to manufacture N95 masks at \$3.30 a piece. Kudos to his fellow Democrat legislators for

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Law and order is not fascist

Confronted by a clear and present fascist threat, the staff of *The New York Times* rose up to humiliate and punish quislings in its ranks.

In a now famous op-ed, Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton called for federal troops to quell riots and looting, an idea that the *Times* staff considered worthy of Oswald Mosley or Benito Mussolini.

As the *Times* was disavowing the Cotton piece and preparing to push out or demote its top opinion staffers for publishing it, columnist Michelle Goldberg wrote a response called “Tom Cotton’s Fascist Op-Ed.”

She acknowledged that the *Times* published Russian President Vladimir Putin and Taliban leader Sirajuddin Haqqani and “a similar case could be made for hearing from Cotton, an enemy of liberal democracy.” But the difference is that Cotton “is calling for what would almost certainly amount to massive violence against his fellow citizens.”

The sophomoric and ahistorical charge that President Donald Trump and his supporters are fascists is now a staple of elite left-of-center opinion.

There is no doubt that Trump’s periodic blustery assertions of having total authority are gross, would freak out Republicans if a Democrat made them, and deserve to be condemned. The president loves strength and is drawn to theatrical demonstrations of his own power.

But his critics are unable to distinguish between wild statements at press briefings or in cruel tweets on the one hand and establishing a one-party state or invading France on the other.

Law and order, a favorite Trump theme, is not fascism.

Consider Cotton’s op-ed. The senator called for federal troops to assist in subduing rioters and stipulated that “a majority who seek to protest peacefully shouldn’t be confused with bands of miscreants.” If this is fascism, any effort to stop people burning down buildings now has to be considered dangerous.

Masha Gessen of *The New Yorker* wrote of Trump’s photo-op with a Bible in front of St. John’s Church, “perhaps he had seen a picture of Hitler in a similar pose” (a photo of Hitler in a similar pose that circulated on social media afterward was a fake).

Trump, like Cotton, distinguished between peaceful protestors and rioters, and surely one purpose of his tough talk

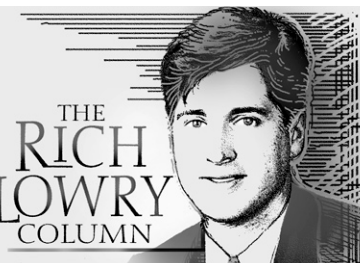
on federal troops was to prod governors and mayors to get a better handle on the situation on their own.

Much has been made of protestors being pushed back from Lafayette Park before Trump walked over to St. John’s Church, but Attorney General Bill Barr has explained this was an effort to expand the perimeter around the park, where there had been mayhem and fires the night before.

Kristallnacht it was not.

No one has talked about crushing peaceful protests. No one has urged the stifling of dissent (no one, that is, outside of *The New York Times* and other “woke” circles). No one has talked of suspending the election. In fact, Trump has been faulted for wanting an overly normal election, with a traditional convention and standard in-person voting.

In a long piece on Trump “collaborators” in *The Atlantic*, Anne Applebaum noted how “references to Vichy France, East Germany, fascists, and Communists may seem over-the-top, even ludicrous. But dig

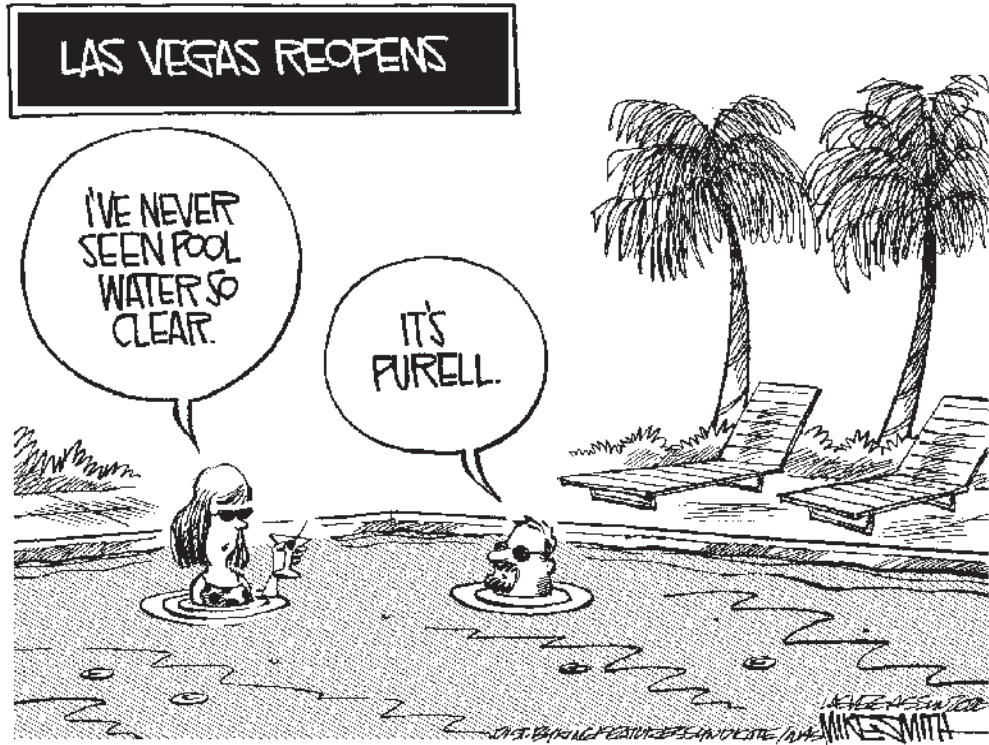
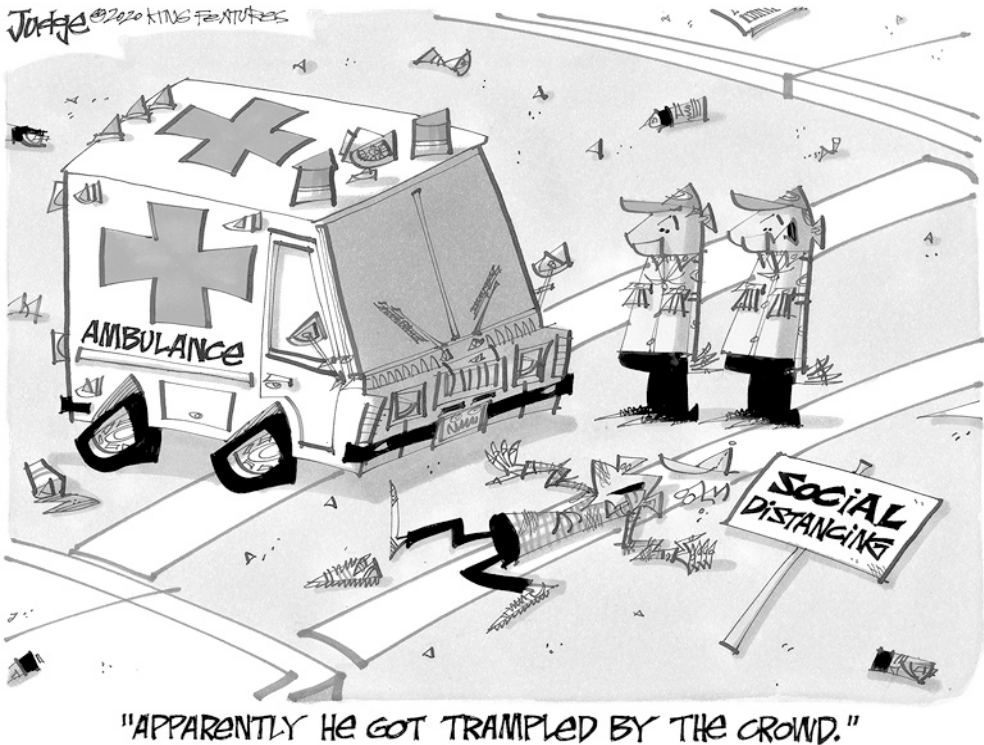
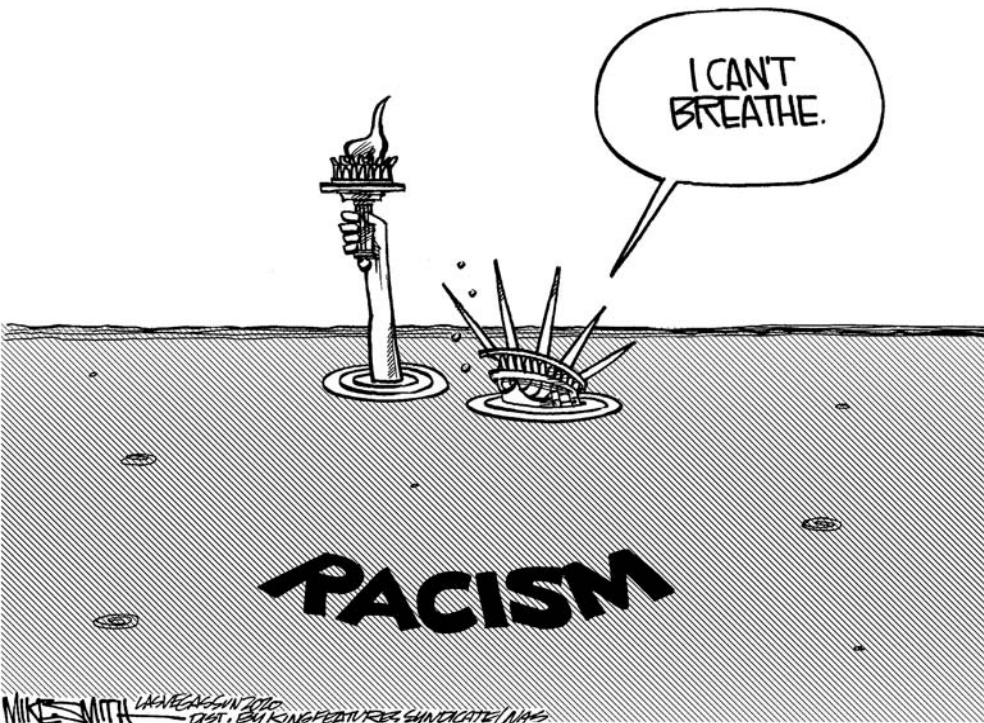


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a little deeper, and the analogy makes sense.”

No it doesn’t. It only speaks of the lack of seriousness of those who insist on making it.

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



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the coronavirus pandemic, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2020's Best & Worst States for Working Dads*, as well as accompanying videos. In order to help dads balance their dual role as parent and provider, WalletHub compared

the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia across 23 key indicators of friendliness toward working dads. The data set ranges from average length of work day for males to child-care costs to share of men in good or better health. Texas was rated 38th in the report, ranking (1-Best; 25-Avg.):

- 30th – Male Life Expectancy;
- 46th – % of Kids Younger

than 18 with Dad Present Living in Poverty;

- 1st – Unemployment Rate for Dads with Kids Younger than 18;
- 51st – Male Uninsured Rate;
- 46th – Avg. Length of Work Day (in Hours) for Males;
- 30th – % of Physically Active Men;
- 37th – Child-Care Costs (Adjusted for Median Family* Income); and
- 3rd – Day-Care Quality.

**Refers to families with children aged 0 to 17 and in which the father is present.*
Visit<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-states-for-working-dads/13458/> for the full report.
– Diana Polk

What's up?
Daniel Thorson lost himself

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Italy was the only country to issue stamps specifically for mail traveling through bank tubes until the practice was discontinued in 1966.
- Kleenex tissues were originally developed as crepe paper and used for gas mask filters.
- Proof that human nature is the one thing that never really changes: The oldest “your mama” joke was discovered in 1976 on a 3,500-year-old Babylonian tablet in Iraq.
- The “Jesus Nut” on a helicopter fixes the rotor blades to the vehicle. It comes by its unusual moniker because, if it should fail, your only option is to pray to Jesus!
- Do you, like most people, normally skip reading the fine print? You might want to reconsider that. In 2017, 22,000 people who signed up for free public Wi-Fi from the UK-based technology firm Purple learned their lesson when they inadvertently agreed to 1,000 hours of community service that included cleaning toilets and “relieving sewer blockages.” The company said it inserted the clause in its contract “to illustrate the lack of consumer awareness of what they are signing up to when they access free Wi-Fi.”
- In 2014, a new species of vine was discovered in Chile that can mimic the leaves of many different host trees by changing the size, shape, color, orientation and even the vein patterns of its leaves to match the surrounding foliage. It is the only known plant that can do this.
- When asked how he was able to portray battle scenes so accurately, Stephen Crane, author of “The Red Badge of Courage,” replied that he learned all he needed to know about war from football.

Thought for the Day: “Every child is an artist. The problem is staying an artist when you grow up.”
– Pablo Picasso

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For free information about preventing type 2 diabetes, visit www.YourDiabetesInfo.org or call 1-888-693-NDEP (6337); TTY: 1-866-569-1162.



www.YourDiabetesInfo.org

A message from the National Diabetes Education Program, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On June 15, 1846, Great Britain and the U.S. sign the Oregon Treaty, establishing the U.S.-Canadian border as the 49th parallel from the Rocky Mountains to the Strait of Georgia.
- On June 16, 1884, the first roller coaster in America opens at Coney Island, in New York. Known as a switchback railway, the roller coaster traveled at approximately 6 mph and cost a nickel to ride.
- On June 17, 1958, the Second Narrows Bridge, being built to connect eastern and northern Vancouver in western Canada, collapses, killing 59 workers. The bridge rose 175 feet above the water.
- On June 18, 1812, the day after the Senate and the House of Representatives vote to declare war against Great Britain, President James Madison signs the declaration into law – and the War of 1812 begins. It was partly in response to the forcible induction of American seaman into the British Royal Navy.
- On June 19, 1905, some 450 people attend the opening day of the world’s first nickelodeon, located in Pittsburgh. The storefront theater boasted 96 seats and charged each patron 5 cents to view live vaudeville acts as well as short films.
- On June 20, 1975, “Jaws,” a film directed by Steven Spielberg that made countless viewers afraid to go into the water, opens in theaters. The story of a great white shark that terrorizes a New England resort town became an instant blockbuster and the highest-grossing film ever at the time.
- On June 21, 1982, John W. Hinckley, Jr., who on March 30, 1981, shot President Ronald Reagan outside a Washington, D.C. hotel, was found not guilty of attempted murder by reason of insanity. Hinckley’s defense argued that he was obsessed with the 1976 film “Taxi Driver” and the lead actress, Jodie Foster. Hinckley was released from the mental institution in 2018.

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in meditation at a remote Buddhist retreat in the hinterlands of Vermont and missed the onset of the COVID pandemic. As he emerged from his two-and-a-half months of self-imposed seclusion in May he mused via a Twitter message that he broadcast for all to see, the words: “I’m back from 75 days in silence. Did I miss anything?” As he put it to reporters: “while I

was on retreat, there was a collective traumatic emotional experience that I was not a part of.”

– John Grimaldi

Working at home

Almost 60 percent of Americans think COVID-19 has changed the way we work for the better, according to WalletHub’s nationally representative *Coronavirus and Working from Home Survey*. WalletHub’s survey examined Americans’ thoughts about working from home during the coronavirus

pandemic and a potential return to an office, including how being at home has affected productivity and what people miss most about the office. Below are highlights of the survey, along with a WalletHub Q&A.

- Harsh penalties for not returning to the workplace.** A third of Americans believe that businesses should fire employees who refuse to go back to work.
- Parents’ work efficiency may suffer at home.** Around 50 percent of parents with young children at home don’t

think they are more productive working from home.

- Working from home seen as the future.** Almost a third of Americans think that physical offices are a thing of the past.
- Positive changes to the work environment.** Almost 60 percent of Americans think COVID-19 has changed the way we work for the better. Visit <https://wallethub.com/blog/coronavirus-and-working-from-home-survey/75534/> for the complete survey results.

– Diana Polk

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report, instead hammering on studies of critically ill hospitalized patients that show no benefit when HCQ is used far too late in patients in whom severe organ damage has already been done – often to the heart. One study performed in Brazil and published in JAMA on Apr 24 used double the known lethal dose of chloroquine in debilitated, critically ill patients, many with multiple other diseases. Brazilian scientists have demanded JAMA immediately retract this study. The Brazilian government has launched a judicial investigation into the authors’ ethical and legal violations of approved dose guidelines, yet JAMA has still refused to retract the publication.

The recent Lancet data-mining report, also heavily covered in the news, again only included severely ill hospitalized patient, including those in that Brazilian study. Leading scientists from several countries are questioning the validity and accuracy of the data.

To put HCQ safety in perspective, consider the risks of common over-the-counter medicines (OTC) that most people don’t think twice about using:

Tylenol (acetaminophen) is the number 1 cause of acute liver failure in the U.S., ahead of hepatitis, with a death rate of 20-40 percent. It is also the second overall cause of liver failure requiring liver transplant.

Common pain relievers Aleve and Advil account for 21 percent of U.S. adverse drug events. They lead to a 50 percent increase in risk of acute kidney failure, and significant risks of life-threatening gastrointestinal bleeding.

OTC proton-pump inhibitors (“acid-reducers”) cause a 31 percent increased risk of hip fracture, and 54 percent increased risk of spine fracture.

Other countries, which use HCQ prophylactically or early, have dramatically lower COVID-19 death rates than the U.S., as shown in the newly updated table below for May 30, 2020. The U.S. death rate is nearly 20 times that of India, and 265 times the FDA’s estimated rate

Country	No. of cases	No. of deaths	Deaths/mil./population	Use of HCQ
Costa Rica	1,047	10	2	Early and prophylactic
India	181,827	5,185	4	Early and prophylactic
Australia	7,185	103	4	Early and prophylactic
South Korea	11,441	269	5	Early and prophylactic
Argentina	15,419	524	12	Early and prophylactic
Israel	17,012	284	31	Early, some prophylactic use
Turkey	163,103	4,515	54	Early, some prophylactic use
U.S.A.	1,811,775	105,577	318	Late, in hospitalized patients

The President has the legal authority under the Defense Production Act in the Presidential Emergency Powers to bypass the FDA and change HCQ to over the counter during this National Emergency. Its long safety record supports that as a reasonable option when compared to risks of common current OTC medicines.

It is time for people to light up the switchboards at the White House, governors’ offices, and legislatures. Americans deserve accurate risk information and the right to choose whether or not to take HCQ. All Americans, not just the elite, should be able to access this life-saving, inexpensive, safe medication.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., during the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, TX, at the Town Council Chambers, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, TX 79821, to solicit comments on an ordinance of the Town of Anthony, TX amending Anthony Zoning Ordinance No. 121415-507, Title 17 (Zoning), Chapter 17.08 (Residential Districts), Section 17.08.120 (Lot Area) for the purpose of reducing the minimum lot area required for a one-family dwelling and multi-family dwelling from 6,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet.

request a copy of the proposed ordinance amendment from the Town Clerk by e-mail at ngonzalez@townofanthony.org, or in-person at the Town Hall located at 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, TX 79821, or by written correspondence mailed to the address below.

All persons interested are invited to attend this public hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to:

Town of Anthony, TX
401 Wildcat Dr
PO Box 1269
Anthony, TX 79821
Attention: Ms. Norma Gonzalez Town Clerk

If you should have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944.

Norma Gonzalez
Town Clerk

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We can still keep calm during this time of chaos

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It’s been about two weeks since much of the country began to witness a daily barrage of protests and riots after the senseless killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer.

It was heartbreaking watching peaceful protests being taken over by rioters who attacked people, attacked police, looted stores and damaged businesses.

From politicians to police captains to entertainers to sports figures to media members, it seems like everybody has either an answer, or a demand, they want to share in the wake of all this turmoil.

And some of it makes no sense.

I’ve always found that the best thing to do during situations like these is to think before you speak. Too many times, people who are angry react impulsively without any regard for the citizens they’re impacting.

Only those who keep their composure can influence real change.

And that brings me to one of the athletes I respect most in sports. Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald weighed in on the ugliness of the last month.

It turns out that the future Hall-of-Famer grew up in Minneapolis, not far from where George Floyd died.

The death touched Fitzgerald so much that he flew to Minneapolis soon afterward to get a feel for what his city was going through.

In this time of “*instant news all the time*,” Fitzgerald took about two weeks before coming out publically with any comments.

The reason he waited before saying anything about the unrest is because he wanted to have as many of the facts as he could.

“I wanted to not only get accurate information but also gauge what my true feelings and emotions would be like.” Fitzgerald told reporters last week. “And I really felt like it was best for me to just sit down for two weeks and take notes from every single interaction that I had with somebody – white, black, police officer, just had a lot of conversations with a lot of different people. And I wanted to get their feelings and not only their feelings but the

emotions that they were feeling because a lot of the people here were outraged and a lot of people were optimistic that this would bring about change.”

Fitzgerald avoids the knee-jerk reaction and tries to think things through before speaking his peace.

Another reason I’ve always looked up to the wide receiver is the fact that he is his own man.

He said he typically tries to stay out of politics and explained that he isn’t swayed by fellow athletes or entertainers. He said he prefers to listen to what politicians say and see what they do “because their words are the ones that are most important in terms of the changes that are going to happen.”

He also went on to say that he takes a little bit of a different stance.

Normal

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seeking transparency about his pandemic spending spree. To his credit, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti purchased 24 million “Made in America” masks from Honeywell at 79 cents a mask.

COVID-19 is a handy justification for Congress to promote a political ideology rather than propose targeted measures to assist those struggling with the consequences of the virus. The HEROES Act, the fourth stimulus bill, presents a path to universal basic income by paying some workers more to stay home than they would receive by returning to work. The CARES Act suspended student loan payments, but the HEROES Act paves the way for free college tuition for all by forgiving up to \$10,000 of student loans for every borrower.

Moreover, the HEROES Act contains a multitude of other agenda-driven programs like access to financial services and the marketplace for minority-owned cannabis-related businesses, diversity in banking, a Post Office bail-out, \$50

million to the Environmental Protection Agency for environmental justice grants, economic impact payments to illegal immigrants, permanent voting by mail, and the clearly relevant requirement that the President inform Congress of the reasons for not filling a vacancy for an Inspector General position.

The proposed Medicare Crisis Program Act of 2020 would provide health insurance for those who lost their health insurance due to the COVID-19 lockdown and its consequences. We want to help those who lost their jobs, but why use a newly-minted premium-free Medicare program as the vehicle? Is it to get people accustomed to Medicare covering all age groups?

The CONTACT initiative requires the CDC to work with states to implement a national system for testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment and mitigation of COVID-19. (Have we done this for the infectious and deadly flu?). The CDC regulations, instruct authorities to use the “least restrictive means” in implementing public health measures. However, “when an individual is identified as a threat to the health and welfare of others, such as

refusing medical treatment at a healthcare facility and refusing to self-quarantine, the government may take the individual into custody.”

The government has been known to abuse its power – whether through cultivating fear, regulatory force, or by individual miscreants. Frederick Douglass warned, “Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them.” We cannot let a declaration of a public health emergency become the new gauge of what it takes to break our spirit of liberty.

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Super Crossword

FIRST-CLASS

ATHLETES

ACROSS

1 Shrimp _

7 Dismay

13 Like pre-1917 Russia

20 Stomach ailments

21 Republic of China capital

22 Old roof sight

23 Inductee in the inaugural year of the ... NASCAR Hall of Fame [2010]

25 Skin bubble

26 Jan of South Africa

27 Canon camera

28 Fiscal exec.

30 _ throat

31 "As _ Dying"

33 ... International Tennis Hall of Fame [1955]

37 One pelting

40 Bubbling on the stove

42 " _ Gang"

43 ... World Figure Skating Hall of Fame [1976]

45 With 99-Down, Texas

50 Hearing pair

51 Moistureless

52 Bust _ (laugh hard)

53 "Found it!"

54 Ending of enzymes

55 Groove of carpentry

57 ... National Baseball Hall of Fame [1936]

61 Reprieve

63 Stuck-up

65 Conundrum

66 ... Basketball Hall of Fame [1959] and College Football Hall of Fame [1951]

69 "Flashdance" director Lyne

72 One of Nod's two partners

73 Not legal

77 ... Pro Football Hall of Fame [1963]

79 Writer _ Stanley Gardner

80 Less than bi-

81 Western treaty gp.

82 Hunky-_

83 Maui, e.g.

85 Blue-ribbon

86 Pasture-raised

89 ... World Golf Hall of Fame [1974]

93 "What was _ think?"

94 Compel obedience to

96 Shady alcoves

97 ... International Swimming Hall of

Fame [1965]

101 "_ girl!"

102 Full of activity

103 Med. republic

104 Darlin'

106 Relative by marriage

110 Digital data display

112 ... International Boxing Hall of Fame [1990]

117 Almondly, say

118 Lake in New York

119 Director May

120 Racing driver

121 With 122-Across, barriers of pickets

122 See 121-Across

DOWN

1 Lather

2 Quahog, e.g.

3 Rights org.

4 Encounters

5 Singer Elvis

6 "This - test"

7 _ extra cost

8 Oom-_ (tuba sounds)

9 Actress Zadora

10 Showery mo.

11 Guided

12 Chinese fruit

13 Fifer's drum

14 NBC TV inits.

15 Under debate

16 People taking breathers

17 The "I" of IV

18 Smile evilly

19 Infield covers

24 San Luis -

29 Scapegoats

32 Fido's noise

33 Sneak attack

34 "Son of," in Arab names

35 Wheel tooth

36 "Everyone experiences that, right?"

37 Trident

38 Pick on

39 Monsters

40 Flight prefix

41 "More than I needed to know" abbr.

44 Stows cargo

46 Suffix with venom

47 Zingy flavor

48 "Pardon me"

49 _ avis

52 Singer Susan

55 "Joltin' Joe"

56 Expiated

57 Horn sounds

58 Be seeping

59 Viewpoint

60 1958 Leslie Caron film

62 Match (up)

63 With cunning

64 Tri- plus six

67 Those giving out prizes

68 Spent

69 Very eager

70 Beloved one

71 Parks of civil rights

74 Mario of New York

75 _ workings

76 Cake levels

78 Soil stirrer

79 Fashion magazine

83 Memo intro

84 Pt. of USSR

85 Tirana native

87 Do nothing

88 Estrogen or testosterone

89 Locale of mil. jets

90 Reiner of film

91 Overly glib

92 Paper story

95 Not wide

97 Loft locales

98 Expend

99 See 45-Across

100 Quoter

101 Santa _

104 Jekyll and _

105 Muscat site

107 Not clerical

108 Hathaway of "Get Smart"

109 Heartaches

111 Maui strings

113 1969 Beatle bride

Yoko

114 Corp. honcho

115 Youngster

116 Foul caller

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



Census

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counting people experiencing homelessness will be September 22nd through the 24th. The Census Bureau plans now call for sending specially trained census takers to count people at shelters, soup kitchens, regularly scheduled mobile food vans, and locations previously identified by the Census Bureau where

people are known to sleep outdoors (like under bridges) and at all-night businesses (such as transit stations and 24-hour laundromats). In preparation for counting people experiencing homelessness, the Census Bureau is coordinating with local service providers and consulting with advocacy groups and other stakeholders, throughout the country to adjust their operations accordingly for this audience in

response to COVID-19. “We have also worked with the administrators at these different service provider locations to utilize rosters to ensure a complete count of this population. Census takers will follow the latest local public health guidance regarding the use of personal protective equipment and social distancing,” bureau officials asserted. “Census statistics are crucial to programs and service providers

Nighttime visions and vivid dreams

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an extremely healthy 76-year-old woman. Almost every night, I am startled awake by visions of people standing over my bed. It's usually once, but can happen up to three times in a night. It's often after being asleep for an hour and a half. They're not dreams. Something wakes me up, and that is when I see a man or a couple or a child standing around my bed or attempting to jump onto the bed. Though it lasts only seconds, my heart hammers and I jump out of bed to chase “them” away, and even checking the door locks. Then I sort of come around and pretty much laugh at myself. As it's quite frightening, I believe I shout out, and it takes me a bit to calm back down. I take NO prescription drugs nor sleep-inducing medicine. Why am I experiencing this? What actually wakes me up to see these visions? Otherwise, I sleep very well. I would greatly appreciate your insight or any advice as to who I might talk with about it. – Anon.



I hesitate to tell you, but what I am concerned about most is a condition called dementia with Lewy bodies. This is not Alzheimer’s disease. In fact, the earliest symptoms are usually visual hallucinations. If you read this account (<https://bit.ly/2Sk1Jzo>), I think you may find some characteristics that sound familiar.

What makes me doubt this diagnosis is that you report no confusion or memory problems. Although some people may have the hallucinations well before any thinking problems come up, they are in a minority. Wobbliness may go along with Lewy body dementia. Parkinson’s disease may develop visual hallucinations, but that is usually late in the course of the disease.

This information can be shocking or depressing, but it is still important information for you to have. There is treatment for LBD. More importantly, there are medications that can make it MUCH worse.

I would recommend you visit a neurologist and specifically find someone with expertise in dementia, as that is who is unlikely to miss this diagnosis. Unfortunately, it is not always recognized early.

Here is some additional information to read about this condition: <https://bit.ly/2BSdmYW>.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been on hydrochlorothiazide for the past three weeks. Have you heard of vivid dreams associated with this medicine? I am having difficulty with it. – L.G.

Vivid dreams are not typically associated with hydrochlorothiazide. HCTZ does not cross the blood-brain barrier, so it wouldn’t be expected to have this effect. However, HCTZ often is given along with other medications that can have this effect, especially beta blockers, such as propranolol. If you are taking it as part of a combination drug, I would look at the other drug.

Some medications are particularly well known for causing vivid dreams, and it is wise to tell people that before prescribing them. The HIV drug efavirenz can cause such vivid, and sometimes unpleasant, dreams that some people can’t take it. Statins, steroids, antihistamines and SSRI anti-depression drugs all are known to cause dream problems in some people. When I was given the anti-malarial drug mefloquine, I had no idea that it was known to cause vivid dreams until I woke up the morning after taking it wondering what had happened.

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.

that support people experiencing homelessness. A complete and accurate 2020 Census can ultimately help organizations provide better services, more food and improved shelter options to those in need,” officials explained. Visit the Census Bureau’s website, at <https://www.2020census.gov> for more information.



Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
June 4, 1909: Lone Star gas files papers to become Texas' first gas distributor.

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: O equals E

L TPKLREO WNQMTKOQ ILW
WHDGVEOG KP HPUNOKO MT L
UOOK, RVK DO GMWLNOLQOG,
EPWK IMKDPVK L QLHO.

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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

Answer Page 4 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Vets at coffee shop reflect town’s pulse



by Freddy Groves

I cruised into town again to check on the elderly veterans usually arrayed on folding chairs in front of the coffee shop.

They were there, including the one with the 6-foot wooden folding tape measure. He wasn’t aiming it anyone this time, however. He was busy arguing with one of the town’s police officers.

“They can’t fit all of us inside,” he was insisting.

The officer sighed and nodded.

I sidled over to the takeout window and ordered my coffee. I looked inside and no one was in there except one waitress, leaning on the counter and wearing a mask, and the girl at the front window who shoved the credit card machine at me with gloved hands.

The town council had recently decreed that certain businesses would be allowed

to open, but only if they adhered to social distancing rules within the establishment.

“It’s a small place,” said another veteran. “And they don’t want us filling all the seats.”

“In case they get a big mob of customers,” said another.

The officer sighed again as his shoulder radio burped and squawked, and he turned to leave.

“The problem,” he said, walking away, “is that you’re blocking the sidewalk. Now that more people are out and about, we can’t have you sitting here like this.”

Not that there were many more people.

A teenage girl came down the sidewalk and the veteran with the measuring stick asked her, “Miss, are we blocking your way?”

She smiled and said as she passed by, “No, sir, you’re fine.”

Which was good for at least 10 minutes of conversation about the nice manners of some of the local young, as opposed to the policeman who hadn’t said “sir” even once.

By the time I left, they had

the teen’s future all mapped out: She would become a nurse and work at the VA hospital. They were certain of it. And everything would be all right.

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- Need a twist tie in an emergency? Check your coffee bag. Many bean bags sold these days – from the grocery store and specialty roasters alike – come in a bag with a twist tie built in, so you can fold the bag down and retain freshness. If you really need one, you can pull the twist tie off and seal your grounds in a tin or a zipper-top baggie.
- New use for a favorite mug: “My friend gave me a coffee mug that’s adorable, but it’s not very nice in the microwave – it just gets too hot! I drink hot tea, and my mug is constantly in and out of the microwave. So, I use my gift mug to hold tea bags! It sits on my counter and holds enough packaged bags for a full week. And I can look at it and think of my friend.” – T.W. in South Carolina
- “To get the rubber tops of my son’s sneakers clean, and keep them that way, I use the melamine cleaning sponges, like the Magic Eraser. Just get it damp, rub off (most) grass stains and keep it handy.” – P.E. in Kentucky

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.

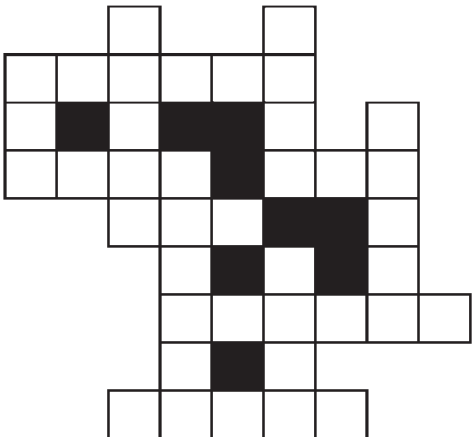
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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