



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Jesus Chapel is fine arts champion

Jesus Chapel School (JCS) was named the state 1A overall 2021 fine arts champion for the first time in school history during the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) annual convention on July 9. TAPPS awards an overall championship to the school in each classification that accumulates the most points earned in all competitions in either fine arts or athletics for the school year. JCS was named the TAPPS 1A champion in the academics and speech competition in May. The school placed first out of 13 schools in the 1A classification of the 2021 TAPPS overall state competition, second place in academics, and third place in speech. Last month, JCS was named the TAPPS 1A champion in the art competition. “This is so exciting for Jesus Chapel,” the outgoing Principal Alba Wilcox said. “For the first time ever, our school attained the highest state academic and fine arts rank in our classification. We had to do it all online this year and it was not an easy task. But, our student leaders met the challenge to achieve the remarkable results.”

— Andrew Reynoso

### San Eli ISD PR work

The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) Communications Department earned 13 nods from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) in the Publications and Digital Media Excellence Awards in categories such as branding/image package, infographic, internet/intranet website, marketing publication, video (produced in-house), and video (produced with outside contract). The SEISD Communications Department earned an Excellence Award for a *Comunidad de Campeones* (Pathway of Champions) Video in Spanish (produced with outside contract). SEISD was also awarded three Merit Awards and nine Honorable Mentions. The NSPRA national communication recognition is another first for this SEISD Communications Team. This honor follows the nine Texas School Public Relations Awards (TSPRA) that the SEISD Communications Department earned earlier in the spring. The NSPRA recognizes

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*When you're right you can afford to keep your temper; when you're wrong you can't afford to lose it.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Internet photo

**GETTING WIRED** – An initiative to create a binational internet-connected community encompassing the El Paso-Juarez region is now underway, and its goal is to improve education outcomes and create economic opportunities for all borderland residents.

## El Paso County leaders push for broadband internet expansion

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Digital El Paso, a public-private partnership, is determined to close the digital divide in the El Paso-Juarez metroplex region by creating the

largest, binational internet-connected community in the world.

El Paso County Economic Development Department officials recently stated that the participating partners have embarked on a three-year mission to develop programs that would expand broadband internet access and promote digital inclusion to

residents on both sides of the border.

The Digital El Paso group consists of Cisco, The Borderplex Alliance, El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence, El Paso Community Foundation, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas- El Paso Branch, Microsoft, Rio Grande Council of Governments, Region 19, and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).

Partnership members plan to collaborate with El Paso County, the City of El Paso, El

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## Guerrero, Garcia attend White House barbeque

By Jeannie Meza-Chavez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – While educators around the county are enjoying time off to rest and recover before the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, two Alarcon Elementary School (AES) colleagues attended a 4th of July barbecue at the White House during their summer vacation. The was made possible because AES counselor Nora Garcia nominated librarian Blanca Guerrero for the trip to the office of Senator Cesar Blanco.

Guerreros's selection came just weeks before the 4th of July festivities. As part of her official invitation from the President and Dr. Jill Biden, she was able to take three

additional guests. Guerrero took her husband, Fernando Ortiz – a San Elizario High School alumnus from the class of 2001, her two-year-old son and extended an invitation to Garcia.

Guerrero has 13 years of educational service. She is a former English Language Arts teacher and presently serves

as the librarian at AES. She said, “Receiving this invitation to the White House is another dream realized.” This invitation is of personal significance as she received permanent US residency 21 years ago and promised herself to embrace challenges and not waste opportunities. “I hope that my example shows my students and baby that hard work loving what you do can bring priceless memories and opportunities,” Guerrero said.

One of Garcia's first experiences in education was



Nora Garcia



Blanca Guerrero

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### Free Covid Vaccine Clinic

The Horizon Fire Department will be hosting a drive-thru Covid Vaccine Clinic. It is open to all those who would like to receive their first or second dose. It is free, fast, and no insurance is required.

**July 17, 2021**  
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#### San Elizario Independent School District

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### Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados Bajo la Sección 504

*Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario, Amanda G. Sanchez-Muñoz, al numero 872-3926, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, Texas 79849.*

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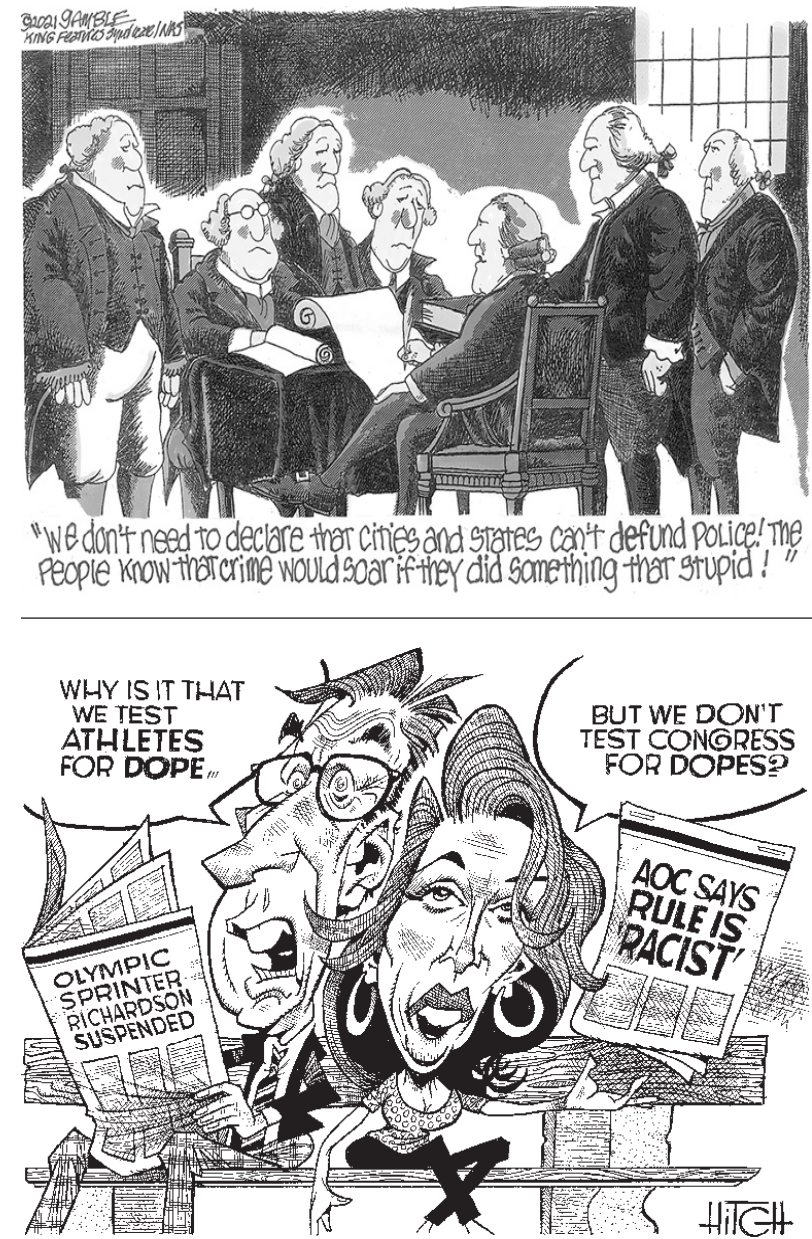
### BBQ

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serving as a teaching assistant to migrant children in Warwick, NY during a summer camp when she was just seventeen years old. She has served as a kindergarten teacher, social worker, and school counselor. Garcia exclaimed, "Receiving an invitation to be a guest at the White House on the 4th of July solidifies that everything is possible if you believe and never underestimate the possibilities in your life!"

The 4th of July barbecue was entitled "America's Back Together" and held on the South Lawn of the White House. This 4th of July, Americans celebrated 245 years of independence. Approximately 1000 other guests invited included essential workers and military family members.

Guerrero is thankful for the memorable experience and added, "Thanks to Ms. Garcia for putting my name in the ring, cheering me on, and accompanying my family and me."



### Socorro Independent School District

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The Socorro Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following 2021 – 2022 Federal Grant:

- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Socorro ISD will be held July 20, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the District Service Center Board Room, 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928. All persons in physical attendance may choose to wear face masks, maintain at least 3 feet of social distance from one another, and remain in compliance with any other state and local public health orders issued in connection with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The meeting will also be made available to the public at the following live stream link: <https://youtu.be/xp8HhadMFGE>

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### Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro

### AVISO PUBLICO

#### La junta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar este programa federal:

- Fondo de Alivio de Emergencia para Escuelas Primarias y Secundarias (ESSER III)

El 20 de julio de 2021 se llevará a cabo una reunión regular de la Mesa Directiva de Socorro ISD a partir de las 6:00 p. m. en la sala de juntas del Centro de Servicios del Distrito, 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928. Todas las personas que asistan físicamente pueden optar por usar cubrebocas, mantener al menos 3 pies de distancia social unos de otros y cumplir con cualquier otra orden de salud pública estatal y local emitido en relación con la pandemia Covid-19.

La reunión también estará disponible para el público en el siguiente enlace de transmisión en vivo: <https://youtu.be/xp8HhadMFGE>

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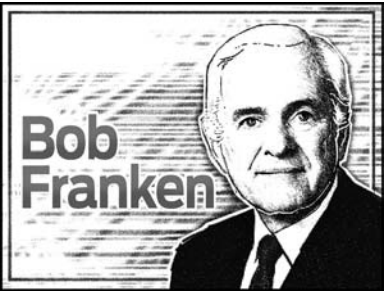
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Gloria Allred, who represents more than 30 of Bill Cosby’s accusers, attributed his release from prison by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to “technical grounds.” Another who charged him of sexual assault called it a “legal glitch.”

That “legal glitch” and Allred’s “technical grounds” are not trivial, unless the United States Constitution is of little consequence. Unless the 5th Amendment to the Bill of Rights – which protects, among other things, a person from being “compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself” – is insignificant.

In Bill Cosby’s case, the sexual abuse allegations against him had been circulating publicly for years when a prosecutor worked a deal with him by promising that nothing Cosby said in a civil lawsuit deposition could be subsequently used as incriminating evidence. But a subsequent prosecutor broke the deal, and years later Cosby was indicted and convicted based on exactly that evidence. He served three years of his sentence before the state’s Supreme Court ruled that his conviction was a breach of his 5th Amendment rights against self-incrimination, or, as the justices wrote, such a “vast” violation of the Constitution that he could never be tried again because also in that same 5th Amendment double jeopardy applied.

No matter how obvious it was, it clobbered what is now called the Me Too community. Everybody who is anybody who’s attached to the issue was flabbergasted. “Sick to my stomach,” said one. Another exclaimed, “My hands were shaking.”

An attorney representing women accusing Harvey Weinstein, the first villain of the movement, said, “At the end of the day, rulings like this mean survivors of sexual abuse will be less willing to step forward, afraid that the legal system is stacked against them.”

The Constitution is frustrating. It often protects the guilty, at least the wealthy who get off even though everybody knows he or she did the deed. You can be sure the Pennsylvania ruling is being scrutinized by Weinstein’s lawyers even as we speak, or write, or read... whatever.

But imagine what America would be like without the 5th Amendment. We’d have coerced confessions and repeat harassment of an individual by vindictive officials.

The body of Me Too

# That pesky Constitution

jurisprudence is still being developed. The Cosby case is a reminder that we need to do better as a country, writing clear laws that stand up to constitutional scrutiny, but that apply to the alleged offender while satisfying the victim’s rights and society as a whole. While we’re at it, we need to address the financial gap between law and justice. Somebody as prosperous as Bill Cosby can have at his disposal a “legal team,” charging huge billable hours, to scour every loophole, real or imagined. An indigent defendant is entitled to a public defender, who is more likely than not to be someone who freshly passed the bar, has an overloaded case file and the first words out of his or her mouth are “Let’s try to cop

a plea” – innocent or not. Or there’s the poor schlub who may not be below the poverty line, but will be by the time he bankrupts himself paying off his legal bills if he gets in trouble. Meanwhile, the deep pockets of a Bill Cosby, Harvey Weinstein or Donald Trump – who has

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## San Elizario Independent District SPECIAL EDUCATION/CHILD FIND

The San Elizario Independent School District provides services for children who are eligible for special education. Eligible special education students will be afforded a free, appropriate public education beginning on their third birthday and continuing through their 21st year. Children who are identified as auditorially impaired, visually impaired or deaf-blind may be served from birth through 21 years of age. The San Elizario Independent School District provides special education and related services to students residing within the District boundaries. A student with a disability must meet eligibility guidelines in one or more areas including physical disability, intellectual disability, emotional disturbance, learning disability, autism, speech impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual or auditory impairment. This impairment must significantly affect the student’s ability to progress adequately without support services.

If a child is experiencing learning difficulties, the parent may contact the person listed below to learn about the district’s overall general education referral or screening system for support services. This system links students to a variety of support options including referral for special education evaluation. Students having difficulty in the regular classroom should be considered for tutorial, compensatory, and other support services that are available to all students. At any time, a parent is entitled to request an evaluation for special education services. Within a reasonable amount of time, the district must decide if the evaluation is needed. If the evaluation is needed, the parent will be notified and asked to provide consent for the evaluation. The district must complete the evaluation and the report within 45 school days of the date the district received the written consent. The district must give a copy of the report to the parent. If the District determines that the evaluation is not needed, the district will provide the parent with a written notice that explains why the child will not be evaluated. This written notice will include a statement that informs the parent of their rights if they disagree with the district. Additionally, the notice must inform the parent how to obtain a copy of the Notice of Procedural Safeguards-Rights of Parents of Students with Disabilities.

For more information, contact the Director of Special Education, Amanda G. Sanchez-Munoz, (915) 872-3926 at 13680 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX 79849. Mailing address: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

## Educación Especial / Programa De Identificación De Niños (Child Find)

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario provee servicios a los niños que califican para recibir educación especial. Los estudiantes que califiquen recibirán una educación pública gratuita y adecuada comenzando con su tercer cumpleaños hasta el fin de su vigésimo-primer año (21). Los niños que son identificados con problemas auditivos, visuales, sordos o ciegos pueden ser atendidos desde su nacimiento hasta los veintiún años de edad. El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario provee servicios de educación especial y otros servicios relacionados a los estudiantes que vivan dentro de los límites del distrito. Un estudiante con una discapacidad debe cumplir con las guías que reúnen los requisitos en una o más áreas incluyendo: discapacidades físicas, discapacidad intelectual, alteraciones emocionales, discapacidad de aprendizaje, autismo, discapacidad del habla, daño cerebral por trauma, o discapacidad visual o auditiva. Esta discapacidad debe afectar significativamente la habilidad del estudiante para progresar adecuadamente sin asistencia.

Si un alumno está teniendo dificultades en su aprendizaje, los padres pueden contactar a la persona encargada (ver información al final) para que les informe acerca del programa general de derivación (referral) del distrito o sistema de detección para servicios de asistencia. Este sistema enlaza a los estudiantes con una gran variedad de opciones de apoyo que incluyen la derivación para que se le practique una evaluación de educación especial. Los estudiantes que estén teniendo dificultades en un aula regular deber ser considerados para recibir tutoría, planes de compensación educativa y otros servicios de apoyo que estén disponibles para todos los estudiantes. Los padres tienen derecho, en cualquier momento, de pedir una evaluación para recibir servicios de educación especial. El distrito debe decidir, dentro de un plazo razonable, si dicha evaluación es necesaria. En caso afirmativo, el padre será notificado y se le pedirá permiso para realizar la evaluación. El distrito debe llevar a cabo la evaluación y el reporte sobre los resultados dentro de 45 días escuela a partir de la fecha en que el distrito recibió el permiso del padre por escrito. El distrito debe proporcionar una copia del reporte al padre. Si el distrito determina que la evaluación no es necesaria, debe proporcionar por escrito una notificación que explique el por qué. Esta notificación por escrito debe incluir una declaración que informe al padre sobre sus derechos si es que no está de acuerdo con la decisión del distrito. Además, la notificación debe informar al padre cómo obtener una copia del Aviso sobre Garantías Procesales-Derechos de los Padres de Alumnos con Discapacidades.

Para mayores informes, favor de contactar el departamento de Educación Especial, Amanda G. Sanchez-Munoz, (915) 872-3926 at 13680 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX 79849. Mailing address: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.



Briefs

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outstanding print and digital work in school communications. Technology Director Horacio Hernandez said, “To be part of a team that brings the spotlight to the many great things happening in San Elizario ISD and your work corroborated and acknowledged at the national level has been an awesome experience.” Members of the SEISD Communications Department are Superintendent Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, Technology Director Horacio Hernandez, and Specialist for Information Technology Systems Perla Magallon. Their day-to-day duties extend to promoting and highlighting the continuous successes of SEISD through various mediums.

– Jeannie Meza-Chavez

Socorro ISD PR work

The Socorro Independent School District (SISD) was recognized by the National School Public Relations Association for exceptional communication campaigns,

special events, publications, and digital media executed in 2020-2021. The SISD Public Relations department earned 12 awards in the NSPRA 2021 National School Communication Awards program. The team won three Golden Achievement Awards, three Awards of Excellence, four Awards of Merit and two honorable mentions. The three Golden Achievement Awards are among the highest national honors that recognize the outstanding execution and reception of communication campaigns and special events – the SISD COVID-19 Communication Campaign, the 2020 SISD Virtual Teacher of the Year Announcement, and the 2020 Team SISD Graduation in the Time of COVID. The SISD PR team also earned accolades for its annual report, branding/image campaigns, writing, special purpose publication and various in-house produced videos highlighting the district’s students, employees, schools, and the opportunities provided to ensure students and staff succeed in Team SISD. The NSPRA annual awards program recognizes school district communications teams from across

the U.S. for outstanding and strategic work in educational communications, publications, and multimedia.

– Chrsty Flores-Jones

It’s as easy as one, two, three for her

Eleven-year-old Sanaa Hiremath, who was diagnosed with autism when she was two years old, has set a world record for her ability to multiply very large numbers without pen and paper, calculators or any other such aid. In fact, Sanaa won the Guinness award for solving a 12 digit multiplication problem in under ten minutes using just her mind. Her mother, Priya, home schooled Sanaa and told a Tampa, FL TV station: “One day when I was doing second-grade homework, we introduced the concept of multiplication for her for the very first time and she was able to answer instantly.” She’s come a long way in the meantime as evidence by her award for the “largest mental arithmetic multiplication.” How difficult is that? Try multiplying 617286 times 315969?

– John Grimaldi



By Lucie Winborne

- On May 19, 1996, Kermit the Frog gave the commencement speech at Southampton College, Long Island University.
- TASER is actually an acronym for Tom A. Swift’s Electric Rifle. “Tom Swift” references the book character who is not just an inventor of amazing gadgets, but a childhood favorite of the Taser’s inventor, Jack Cover.
- The average high-school swimmer swims 1 million strokes per season.
- Researchers found that male bottlenose dolphins in Western Australia’s Shark Bay have formed “boy bands” that harmonize their mating calls together in order to better attract females.

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It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the district’s Title IX Coordinator Rene Chavez at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000 and/or Section 504 Coordinator, Margarita Flores, Director of Instruction, at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

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Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Rene Chavez, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Margarita Flores, Director de Instrucción, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

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- While working as an extra on the set of “The X-Files,” singer Michael Buble was fired for stealing a hot dog from the craft services table.
- The most common injury caused by makeup is scratching the eye with a mascara wand.
- A local folk remedy in Boho, Ireland, involved placing soil from the local church under one’s pillow while sleeping to cure infections. The nature of the remedy proved more scientific than divine when, in 2018, a microbiologist found the soil contains a previously unknown strain of streptomyces, which can be used to create antibiotics.
- Out at sea, a tsunami is only about 3 feet high, and could pass a boat without being noticed.

• With every bottle of Laphroaig whisky, you’re entitled to a lifetime lease on a one-square-foot plot of land on the Scottish island of Islay, as part of Laphroaig’s loyalty program “Friends of Laphroaig.”

Thought for the Day: “When you’re good at something, you’ll tell everyone. When you’re great at something, they’ll tell you.”

– Walter Payton

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# Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On July 12, 1979, disco music died at Chicago's Comiskey Park when a "Disco Demolition" night is held. Organizers grossly underestimated the number of fans who would want to blow up their disco records: a sellout crowd inside the stadium and 40,000 outside who stormed the field and lit bonfires on the diamond.
- On July 13, 1930, France defeats Mexico 4-1 and the U.S. blanks Belgium 3-0 in the first-ever World Cup football matches, played in Montevideo, Uruguay. The World Cup has since become the world's most-watched sporting event.
- On July 14, 1881, Sheriff Pat Garrett kills Henry McCarty, known as Billy the Kid. Garrett had been tracking the Kid for three months after the gunslinger escaped from prison only days before his scheduled execution. At the trial, the judge had sentenced Billy the Kid to hang until "you are dead, dead, dead." Billy reportedly responded, "And you can go to hell, hell, hell."
- On July 15, 1903, the newly formed Ford Motor Company takes its first order, an \$850 two-cylinder Model A automobile with a backseat. The car, produced at Ford's plant in Detroit, was delivered a week later.
- On July 16, 1863, the draft riots enter their fourth day in New York City in response to the Enrollment Act. Although avoiding military service became much more difficult, wealthier citizens could still pay a \$300 fee to stay home.
- On July 17, 1955, Disneyland opens on former orange groves in Anaheim, California. Due to counterfeit invitations, thousands showed up and the opening did not go well. Food and drink ran out, and the steamboat nearly capsized from too many passengers.
- On July 18, 1940, Franklin Roosevelt, who first took office in 1933 as America's 32nd president, is nominated for an unprecedented third term. He would eventually be elected to a record four terms.

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## Internet

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Paso Independent School District (EPISD), the El Paso Housing Authority, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and technical consultant Magellan Advisors for the next three years to complete their project.

The group has started by gathering information to better understand community needs, infra-structure, and other factors in expanding broadband internet access, stated a partnership spokesperson.

"Tackling the digital divide will take our entire community workingtogether,"ElPasoCounty Judge Ricardo Samaniego said in a news release. "The assistance we will get from the Dallas Fed and Magellan Advisors will help to keep building momentum behind digital inclusion in our region and moves us closer toward tangible outcomes."

Digital El Paso was conceived in 2007 to "improve government efficiencies and provide internet access and application delivery to borderland citizens and businesses," according to a news statement that was release when the

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS all Village of Vinton Public Meetings will be conducted virtually through the zoom.us platform until further notices. This is in accordance with the Texas Attorney General's guidance temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act that allows for telephonic or videoconference meetings. The procedure for joining the meeting by telephone or computer using Zoom will be posted on the Village of Vinton website ([vinton.tx.gov/office2.com](http://vinton.tx.gov/office2.com)). Scroll down the Village of Vinton homepage and select the meeting for a PDF containing instructions, links, and access numbers. Each meeting has a distinct link and access numbers.

A public hearing will be held at 6:30p.m. on Tuesday, August 10th 2021, during the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd.,

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed item:

Consider and take action on a request for a Special Use Permit on 550 Vinton Road (front) and 570 Vinton Road (back), Vinton, Texas 79821.

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Andrea Nichole Carrillo, Village Administrator at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915)886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

*Andrea N. Carrillo*  
Village Administrator

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partnership was first announced.

The initial proposal was designed to develop a wireless mesh network that would bring internet access to underserved citizens, school children, public housing residents, and small businesses in the borderland area, according to the news release.

To promote a renewed interest in this ambitious project, Digital El Paso recently hosted a virtual public discussion, titled *The State of Broadband In El Paso County*. During the presentation, Digital El Paso members shared information about the region's broadband feasibility study and market analysis that were conducted by UTEP's Mike Loya Center for Innovation and Commerce and the Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness.

Additionally, Digital El Paso is encouraging Doña Ana County officials to improve regional access to broadband internet for their New Mexico communities by also participating in the Dallas Fed's Digital Inclusion Initiative.

"Broadband access plays a critical role in improving education outcomes and creating economic opportunities," stated Barbara Walker, a territory account manager for Cisco Systems.

## Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs at Clint Independent School District for 2021-2022 School Year

1) Clint Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Architecture and Construction; Arts, A/V Technology and Communications; Business, Marketing, and Finance; Health Science; Hospitality and Tourism; Human Services; Law and Public Service; Manufacturing; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math; Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Clint ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.

2) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of Education amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4) Clint ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Rene Chavez at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 and/or Section 504 Coordinator, Margarita Flores, Director of Instruction, at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

## Notificacion de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnica Clint ISD por el año escolar del 2021-2022

1) El distrito escolar independiente de Clint ofrece programas de educación técnica y carreras en las áreas de Agricultura, Comida y Recursos Naturales; Arquitectura y Construcción; Artes; Tecnología Audio/Visual y Comunicaciones; Negocio, Mercadotecnia y Finanzas; Ciencias de Salubridad; Hospitalidad y Turismo; Servicios Humanos; Leyes y Servicio Público; Manufactura; Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas; Transportación, Distribución y Logística. El ingreso a estos programas será basado en el número de estudiantes matriculados en el distrito escolar de Clint y se deberá cumplir con los requisitos necesarios de ingreso a estos programas.

2) El Distrito Escolar de Clint no discrimina por razones de raza, religión, color, origen nacional, sexo, género, edad o discapacidad al proveer servicios de educación, actividades, y programas, incluyendo programas vocacionales, de acuerdo con el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, y enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, enmienda.

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4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y partipacion en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.

5) Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Título IX, Rene Chavez, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Margarita Flores, Director de Instrucción, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

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# Sports stories that make you think... or not

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Most of the time, we take a look at intriguing stories that profoundly impact the world of sports; some of it good, and some of it very bad.

But sometimes it’s just fun to focus on the unusual and quirky side of sports. And some of these stories really make you wonder what really goes on out there.

Here are a few unusual tidbits that happened recently:

## Welcome to my club

We all know that fans like to get as close as they can to their sports heroes. Some want to shake their hand, some want an autograph and still others want a photo.

But a fan of golfer Rory McIlroy wasn’t content with any of those things.

This fan just walked up to McIlroy on the 10th tee at last week’s Scottish Open and removed a club from McIlroy’s bag

and promptly started to swing it as if he was hitting a golf shot.

McIlroy and his caddie just watched in stunned disbelief as the guy casually went about his bizarre behavior.

Thankfully, the fan was taken by security without incident and ejected from the tournament.

## Blinded by the light

Usually it’s the players on the field who have to be laser focused on what they’re doing during the game. But in the case of the England soccer club in the Euro Championship, it was a fan.

During their semifinal game with Denmark, an England fan aimed a laser pointer into the eyes of the Denmark goalkeeper.

So what happened? The England Football Association was fined the equivalent of \$36,000.

The UEFA Control Ethics and Disciplinary Body (CEDB) decided to fine the English Football Association

for their fans’ use of laser pointer, disturbances during the national anthems and the setting off of fireworks.

Wow, talk about a homefield disadvantage.

## Former El Paso pitcher has a grand debut

Former El Paso Chihuahuas pitcher Daniel Camarena was called up to the San Diego Padres last week and pitched for the big league club a day later.

Camarena came into their game against the Washington Nationals as a reliever in the fourth inning.

Down 8-2 in that fourth inning, the Padres loaded the bases, but Camarena came up to bat and as we all know, pitchers can’t hit a baseball.

So what did the former Chihuahua do, he belted a grand slam homerun to make the score 8-6, in a game the Padres eventually won 9-8.

So how rare was Camarena’s accomplishment?

It was his first Major League hit, which means he is the first pitcher since 1898 to make his first hit a grand slam homerun.

Camarena is also only the second pitcher in Padres history with a grand slam (since 1970), and he is also the first relief pitcher from any team to hit a grand slam since the Pirates’ Don Robinson on Sept. 12, 1985.

## An ice-cold beer

The Tampa Bay Lightning just claimed their second consecutive Stanley Cup hockey championship last week and the Florida area is going to celebrate.

They’re going to celebrate by having a beer – a beer made with ice from the very ice hockey rink the teams played on.

Coors Light has used ice collected from the rink at Amalie Arena during the Stanley Cup Final to brew “Champions Ice,” a limited-edition beer.

It will be available on tap at bars around

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## Food for thought

By John Grimaldi

# Pandemic spurred growth of computer use among seniors

Before the pandemic seniors were gradually becoming Internet users; during the extended COVID lockdown use of computer technology among older Americans has been accelerating at a faster pace, says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). “This is good news given the fact that more older citizens are now able to take advantage of benefits they were missing including, but not limited to, online help sites and an array of consumer discounts.”

Weber points out that [www.amac.us](http://www.amac.us), the association’s Website, is chock-full of information of use for its 50-plus membership offering an array of discount purchasing opportunities ranging from pharmaceuticals to travel services and insurance services.

There are sites that offer social engagement for seniors, allowing us to chat with each other and to attend virtual forums on a variety of topics. Seniors Only Club, for example, allows you to access specialty forums on a wide variety of topics. Signing up is free.

Meanwhile, you don’t have to be a patient to visit the Mayo Clinic Website where you can have “access to the knowledge and experience of Mayo Clinic.” The Suddenly Senior site also offers health and wellness information as well as senior trivia and senior jokes pages, just for a laugh.

At recipe Websites, such as the allrecipes site, you can look up ways of freely creating your own culinary masterpieces. And the Duolingo offers free language learning sessions, claiming

that you’ll “learn a new language in five minutes a day.

The world became a lonely place for many seniors during the self-isolation days of the COVID pandemic and specialty Websites, such as that of the Institute on Aging, offered a modicum of relief. And if you are a senior citizen who is looking for activities you might enjoy, there is the Vive Health site, which boasts that it offers “110 Activities for Elderly & Seniors.”

If you’re in the mood for a road trip, long or short, perhaps you can get some help at Websites such as Roadtrippers or Outdoors.org.

Here some additional sites you might want to explore:

- [www.elder-one-stop.com](http://www.elder-one-stop.com) focuses on health and well being;

- [www.seniorchatz.com](http://www.seniorchatz.com) is a free chat room that lets you schmooze with new pals and old; and
- [www.ageinplacetech.com](http://www.ageinplacetech.com) offers news and information for seniors.

And, of course, if you feel your computer skills are lacking in some way, you might want to visit the [seniorsguidetocomputers.com](http://seniorsguidetocomputers.com), which boasts it offers “the ins and outs of personal computers using simplified terms, examples, pictures and videos actually described in easy-to-understand English.” In other words, you won’t have to deal with “Geek Speak.”

*The Association of Mature American Citizens (<http://www.amac.us>) is a senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members.*

## Super Crossword

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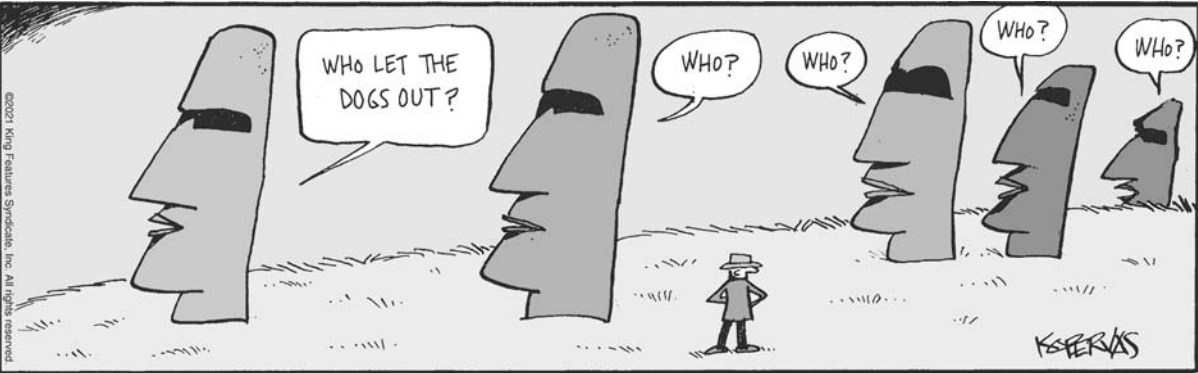
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Comix

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



Sports

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That’s going to leave a mark, again

Atlanta Braves star outfielder Ronald Acuna Jr. had to be restrained from charging the mound last week after being hit by a Miami Marlins pitcher.

Though Miami reliever Anthony Bender did hit Acuna with a pitch, it was a slider and appeared that it was obviously not intentional.

So why was Acuna so upset. He’s only been in the league for three years and this is the seventh time Miami pitchers have hit him.

Let’s just say Acuna knows that one or two is a fluke, seven is a pattern.

Tampa and in 32-ounce collectable cans starting this week.

Now I like an ice-cold beer as much as the next guy, but the idea of drinking beer with traces of professional hockey player sweat in it doesn’t exactly sound sanitary... or tasty.

Franken

From Page 3

made a career of using the system as a weapon – can easily defend themselves when the weapon is turned on them.

Yes, we celebrate the framers of the Declaration of Independence with the annual fireworks orgy, but it’s the Constitution that is the nation’s user

manual, even though it was authored by and limited to white guys. Even with that huge shortcoming, it’s a blueprint for democracy, not just a compilation of “legal glitches.” Unfortunately, its protections are only available to those with money, which is not democracy at all.

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‘C. diff’ tricky to treat, but rarely terminal

*DEAR DR. ROACH: In December, I developed an abscess in my jaw from food getting caught in my tooth. I went to see a local dentist who prescribed clindamycin and metronidazole. I came down with a case of C. difficile. I have since found evidence that multiple antibiotics and clindamycin are causes of C. diff. I am getting mixed messages about my prognosis. Some medical people are telling me it’s not a big deal and to just wash my hands a lot. My primary physician, however, gave me the impression that this is basically a terminal diagnosis. She told me how sorry she was and that I had been a very healthy person but am not any longer. She told me that it will most likely recur, and every time it does it will be more difficult to treat until I become antibiotic resistant, and that people die from it. She also told me that she would set me up for the standard yearly appointment, but that I should come see her whenever I need to. I am paranoid about what my future holds and what, if anything, I can do. I would like your opinion of this situation. Any guidance you can give me would be greatly appreciated. – Anon.*



Clostridium difficile (“C. diff”) infections are common but can be serious. As you correctly note, many antibiotics are associated with the acquisition of symptomatic C. diff infections, and although clindamycin is the best known, other antibiotics (quinolones, amoxicillin and related penicillins) are actually more common. The antibiotics kill off large numbers of healthy bacteria, allowing the unhealthy C. diff to take over.

The cardinal symptom of C. diff is watery diarrhea, at least three loose stools in 24 hours. Abdominal pain and cramping, nausea and poor appetite are common. Fever is less common. Symptoms can start during antibiotic treatment or up to a month after completing antibiotics.

Treatment is stopping the antibiotic if possible and if still being given. Antibiotic treatment against C. diff is with the newer drug fidaxomicin or with oral vancomycin; unfortunately, fidaxomicin is ridiculously expensive – a course of fidaxomicin is \$3,000 via goodrx.com in the U.S. at the time of writing. A course of oral vancomycin costs much less, often less than \$200 through the same website. If neither of these is available, metronidazole is a less-expensive alternative.

Fidaxomicin has the lowest risk of recurrence of the infection, and many experts will reserve it for a person who has recurred after oral vancomycin. For the unusual person who continues to recur after antibiotic treatment, fecal microbiota transplants (processed from stool of healthy donors) have been safe and effective.

I am disturbed that you got the impression that C. diff is a terminal diagnosis. Although in rare cases, hospitalized patients can get so sick that they can die from C. diff, this would be very unusual in less severe disease, as in someone who is able to go home from the hospital.

Handwashing is necessary to reduce infection to others. Avoiding drugs like Prilosec that suppress acid can help prevent recurrences. Finally, probiotics (live healthy bacteria) may be of use in reducing infection and recurrence.

*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) 2021 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

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Gen. David Stanley told a Congressional Reconstruction Committee that “Texas is worse than the other states because she’s never been whipped.” We take that as a compliment.

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: G equals D

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JVOL V DLMGLMFN DI CLD  
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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

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Fake dog trainer nailed for scamming veterans



by Freddy Groves

I'll admit, after reading about so many Department of Veterans Affairs-related crimes over the years, this is a new one. A judge has sentenced a Texas resident to 10 years in prison for scamming the VA out of a lot of money... for fake dog-and handler-training courses.

The scammer defrauded the VA by submitting 185 claims for courses that were supposed to train dogs and their handlers. Each course cost between \$6,500 and \$12,000.

On his application to create a training program that veterans could attend and use their education benefits, he lied. He listed the names and certifications of four real dog trainers as the instructors. Those people hadn't given their permission, and one of them was deceased. Because

of that fraud, he was ineligible to collect VA dollars.

Over time, he actually placed dogs with police departments, dogs he'd supposedly rescued from shelters and trained. Of the veterans who'd actually tried to take the course, however, 81% were dissatisfied.

The scammer was nailed for two counts of money laundering, two instances of submitting a false tax return, eight counts of wire fraud and four counts of aggravated identity theft.

Not only is he going to the slammer, he forfeited a big pile of cash and property, including multiple vehicles, a luxury motor home, jet skis, a trailer and more.

He allegedly sought a presidential pardon. He didn't get it. What he did get on multiple websites were comments from people who didn't hold back in their disgust for what he'd done.

What we'd like to know, however, is whether there was ever a question of animal abuse. It was reported that 31 dogs were found in the raid of

the property, but only 26 were taken to local shelters. It was also reported that some of the dogs died due to bad health. Surely that's good for another 10 years, right?

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• Add a cinnamon stick or softener sheet to your vacuum bag when you change it. As you clean, you will distribute the good smell throughout your home.

• There's been a lot of talk at my house about kitchen gadgets that do double duty, especially since I have made whipped cream for the first time – in my coffeemaker! I have a French press that I rarely use, until now. Add heavy whipping cream and a bit of sugar to the pot, and use the screen to whip the cream by rapidly pumping it up and down. Magic! – JoAnn

• “To save money on electricity costs, hang jeans and other heavy clothing to dry first. White or light towels and garments especially love the sun. When they're mostly dry, pop in the dryer to fluff.

• “I love to eat pancakes, but I don't have time to make them every morning. I make a very large batch on Sundays and reheat them through the week. In order to recreate that fresh-from-the-pan crisp (which you don't get if you microwave them), I put them in my toaster.” – P.E. in Ohio

• “I use an extra coffeepot to brew a pot of hot water. I use the water for both tea and instant oatmeal packets in the morning.” – M.S. in Nevada

• “Before I go to the beach, I freeze an ice-cube tray full of lemonade. Then, we use the cubes in our travel cups. It keeps the lemonade cool, and as it melts (which tends to be quickly), it doesn't water down the drink.” – K.H. in South Carolina

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

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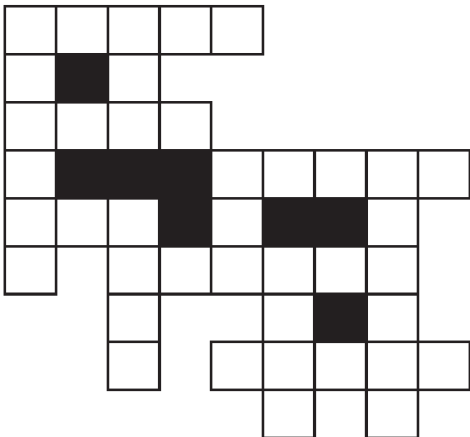
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SLO  
♥DEWL  
HUMCL  
♥TCA  
ROLHEW  
♥EPSAT  
♥EMLA



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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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