



NEWSBRIEFS

Military retirement

With May being Military Appreciation Month and the U.S. sending additional troops to NATO countries in the wake of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2022’s *Best & Worst States for Military Retirees*, as well as accompanying videos, along with its Memorial Day Facts infographic. To help our troops plan their years after service, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 29 key indicators of retirement-friendliness toward veterans. The data set ranges from job opportunities for veterans to housing affordability to quality of VA hospitals. Texas was rated 31st in the report, ranking (1-Best; 25-Avg.):

- 43rd – Veterans per Capita;
- 5th – Number of VA Health Facilities per Number of Veterans;
- 30th – Percent of Homeless Veterans;
- 40th – Veteran Job Opportunities;
- 21st – Housing Affordability;
- 21st – Percent of Veteran-Owned Businesses;
- 13th – Number of VA Benefits-Administration Facilities per Number of Veterans; and
- 27th – Percentage of Residents 12+ Who Are Fully Vaccinated.

Memorial Day Facts:

- 91 – Number of members of the 117th Congress who have served in the U.S. military, the lowest total since at least World War II.
 - 3 Million – Number of people expected to travel by plane over Memorial Day weekend (up 25% over 2021).
 - 818 – Number of hot dogs consumed every second from Memorial Day to Labor Day (seven billion total).
 - 20 to 70 Percent Off – Discount shoppers can expect during Memorial Day weekend sales.
- Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-military-retirees/3915> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

DEA results

On April 30, communities across the country demonstrated their support for DEA’s annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day by dropping off more than 720,000 pounds of unneeded medications at 5,144 collection sites. Since 2010, DEA,

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Some people are saving money for a rainy day – but a light mist would wipe out most Americans.

– Quips & Quotes



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

EAGLES PRIDE – Standing in the San Elizario High School Pathway of Champions Plaza are, from left, Dr. Rogelio Segovia, Assistant Superintendent; Dexter Harmon, Supervisor Support Services/Transportation; Beto Rivas, Chief Financial Officer; April Marioni, SEHS Principal; Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, Superintendent; Blanca Cruz, Human Resources Director; Christine Jaksch, Athletic Director; Jesus Martinez, Support Services Director; and Horacio Hernandez, Technology Director.

San Elizario HS marks its success

By Jeanne Meza-Chavez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – You may have heard about San Elizario High School (SEHS) through the success of many of

our student-athletes in cross country and soccer. They have won numerous team state championships. Over the years, the San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) has established itself as a true “Community of Champions”.

SEISD has taken purposeful focus on

creating a place of pride and reflection by honoring student-athletes with the “Pathway of Champions Plaza”. SEISD is placing the ninth Texas-shaped monument on the Pathway

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– Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of West El Paso

ROLLING AGAIN – Rotary Club of West El Paso members are inviting El Paso County residents to participate in its upcoming Independence Day parade. To sign up an entry for the Fourth of July event, interested individuals may go to the club’s website and fill out an application online. Individuals interested in sponsoring an entry in the parade are also welcomed. Above is a Rotary Club participant from the last parade in 2019.

West El Paso’s big Fourth of July parade returns

the Rotary Club of West El Paso, is back and parade organizers are inviting El Paso County residents to join them in one of the region’s favorite summer events for the past two decades.

After a two-year pause due to the

COVID-19 pandemic, parade organizers predict that this year’s pageant will be one of the biggest ever. With the theme for the westside spectacle being “We the

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EL PASO COUNTY – The Independence Day Parade, sponsored by

Clarence Thomas is better than his critics

Clarence Thomas is, by far, our most abused Supreme Court justice.

His confirmation hearings in 1991 were, as he memorably put it, a high-tech lynching. Once on the Court, he was allegedly incapable of thinking for himself and was Antonin Scalia’s “lawn jockey,” as *Emerge* magazine shamefully put it. He rarely participated in oral arguments, supposedly because, in the words of an attorney at the Georgetown Law Center, he “either does not care about the cases or can’t compete intellectually with his colleagues.”

Your sensitivity meter doesn’t have to be in overdrive to detect the racial condescension in these depictions of Thomas. Fair-minded legal analysts long ago abandoned this slighting view and have acknowledged the originality, consistency and influence of Thomas’s work. But here come the media and the Democrats to tell us that his intellectually courageous jurisprudence

is all about serving the narrow interests of his political activist wife, Ginni.

In the aftermath of the 2020 election, she sent hair-on-fire texts to then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows urging him to fight what she believed was a stolen election. This proves, we are told, that Clarence Thomas’ work on the Court is corrupt, and he either has to recuse himself from election or Jan. 6-related cases or be impeached.

The recusal argument is absurd. Ginni Thomas wasn’t party to any election-related litigation. She didn’t write an amicus brief in any of the litigation. She didn’t even give Meadows any legal advice, besides to keep Sidney Powell front and center (a bad idea that wasn’t acted on).

Ultimately, Ginni Thomas didn’t have any more or any less interest in election-related litigation than any other Republican who believed Trump’s claims of fraud, and there were countless millions of them.

Critics of Thomas point out that he dissented when the Court turned away a meritless challenge by the state of Texas of election practices in other states. Yes, but the dissent reflected Thomas’ well-considered view that the Court shouldn’t summarily dismiss so-called original jurisdiction cases, and he was joined by Justice Samuel Alito, who shares his view. Both Thomas and Alito also dissented when the Court turned away a suit filed by Nebraska and Oklahoma to prevent Colorado from legalizing marijuana, and in another such case, Arizona v. California.

Thomas dissented, too, from the Court’s rejection of Trump’s emergency application to block the release of



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Parade

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People”, borderland families and friends are encouraged to be part of the festivities.

9 a.m., Monday, July 4th, at the Western Hills Methodist Church grounds, which is located at 530 Thunderbird Drive. The procession will turn left onto Thunderbird Dr., another left turn at Shadow Mountain Drive, then right on Mesa Street, and

continue to the Coronado High School campus.

This year, parade officials will award first, second, and third place plaques for the float winners and include cash prizes of \$300 for first; \$200 for second; and \$100 for third,

according to parade committee chair LuAnn Wieland, owner of 1st Impressions Hair-Nails & Spa. She stated that the judging criteria will involve the music selection, the visual impact, and the patriotic display.

westside club has donated over \$150,000 to various projects and has been promoting quality of life and youth initiatives throughout the county for the past 50 years.

To sign up for this year’s parade,

The 4th of July parade entry deadline is July 1st.

Public Notice / Aviso al Público Anthony ISD Summer Meal Program 2022

Programa de Servicio de Alimentos para el Verano 2022

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

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Anthony MS (Curbside)	813 6th St.	May 31- July 22*
Anthony ES (Curbside)	610 6th St.	May 31- June 10*
Enrique Miramontes (Triangle) Park	1015 Franklin St.	May 31- July 22*
Torres Altos Park	3009 Bariloche Dr.	May 31- July 22*
*Breakfast/Desayuno: 7:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.; Lunch/Comida: 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.		
Ascarate Park	6900 Delta Dr.	June 6 - July 22**
**Lunch only/Comida solamente: Noon - 1 p.m.		
Municipal Park	112 Richard White	June 6 - July 22***
Gallegos Park	7361 Bosque Rd.	June 6 - July 22***
***Dinner Program/Programa de Cena: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.		

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Food for thought

By John Grimaldi

The Biden inflation hits homeless elders hard

They’re called the “invisibles” – the homeless elders in hiding. These seniors may have a fear of homeless shelters or are just too proud to ask for help and so they hide and take refuge on the streets. It’s a problem that has been with us for decades but has been underreported for the most part. The invisibles are a part of a much larger problem that is clearly exacerbated by the Biden inflationary spiral – currently at 8.5% – that makes it difficult, if not impossible, for older folk on fixed incomes to afford adequate housing.

So, who are the invisibles? You can see their faces and hear their stories at a website appropriately named, Invisible People. It reveals the fact that when you’re homeless, whether you are, young or old, it doesn’t matter, “People avoid eye contact. They step away from you. They don’t answer you if you address them – even if you wish them a good day! It’s painful. It’s debilitating. Over time, it gets worse, not better. There are a lot of bad things about being homeless but being invisible is the worst!”

As regards their stories, they are heart wrenching. Take Monica, for instance, who tells of how she lost her legs as the result of having to live in a tent in Los Angeles. Temperatures were below freezing and she didn’t have enough blankets. Her legs turned purple and she waited too long to go to an emergency room. They amputated both her legs and in time turned her back into the streets “without any support.” And then there is Timothy who tells us that he’s been living in homeless encampments in Los Angeles for some 20 years. Every once in a while the police would sweep the camps and he would have to go find a new shelter. He noted the sweeps are conducted for any number of reasons, including getting them out of sight during an

election campaign.

To live like that is particularly hard on homeless seniors. Their numbers are growing rapidly as Kendra Hendry, a caseworker at Arizona’s largest shelter, recently told the Associated Press (AP): “We’re seeing a huge boom in senior homelessness. These are not necessarily people who have mental illness or substance abuse problems. They are people being pushed into the streets by rising rents.” She reports that homeless elders make up almost a third of the residents in her shelter.

It appears that the conclusion reached in a study conducted by the University of Pennsylvania in 2019 is coming true. It projected that homeless men and women over 55 years of age will grow to 225,000 by 2026 mainly due to the fact that the numbers of Americans over the age of 65 are growing at the rate of 10,000 a day. And, says the AP, “Academics project their numbers will nearly triple over the next decade, challenging policy makers from Los Angeles to New York to imagine new ideas for sheltering the last of the baby boomers as they get older, sicker and less able to pay spiraling rents. Advocates say much more housing is needed, especially for extremely low-income people.”

And certainly, Bidenflation is making it worse for those homeless because of rising rents and living costs across the board.

The Association of Mature American Citizens (<http://www.amac.us>) is a senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today.

Canutillo NWECHS graduates 95

By Liza Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

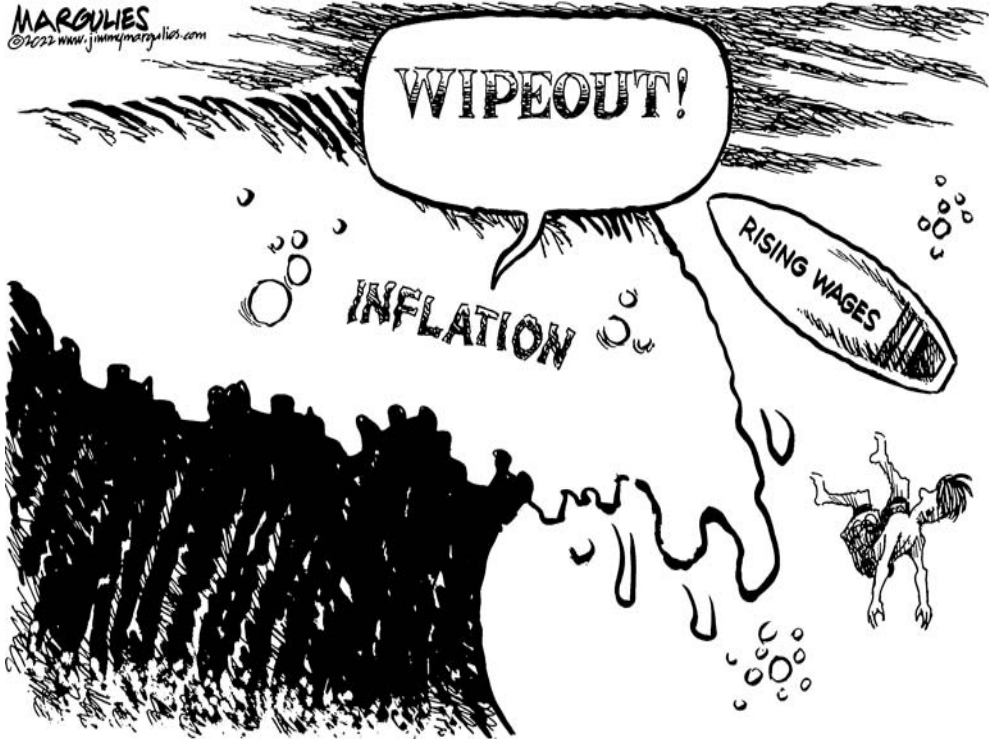
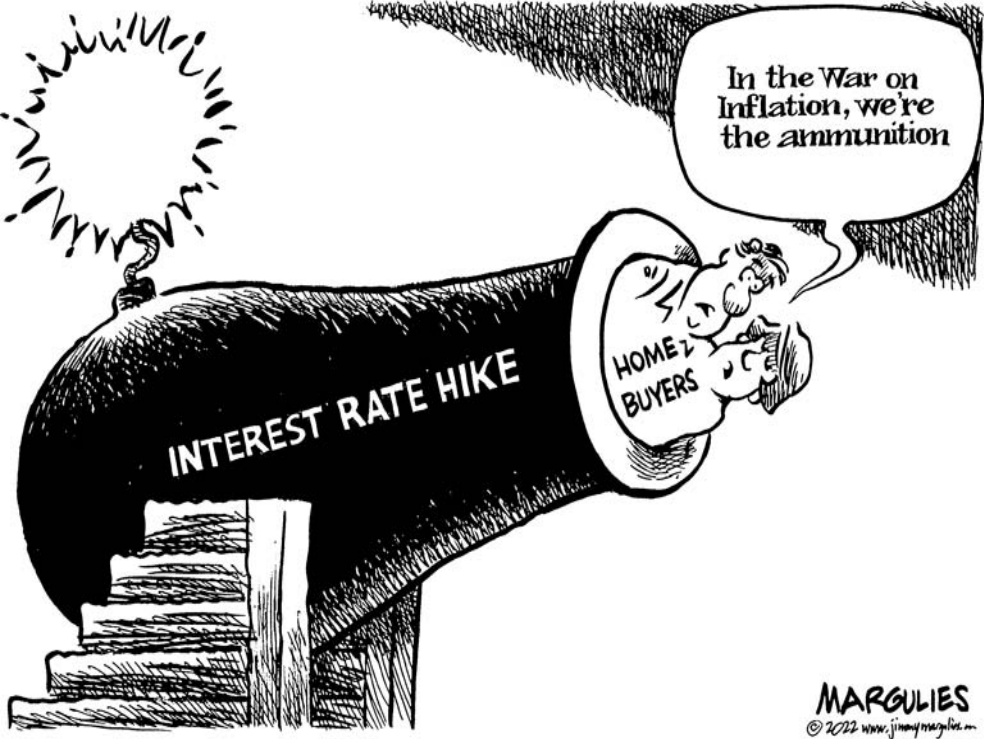
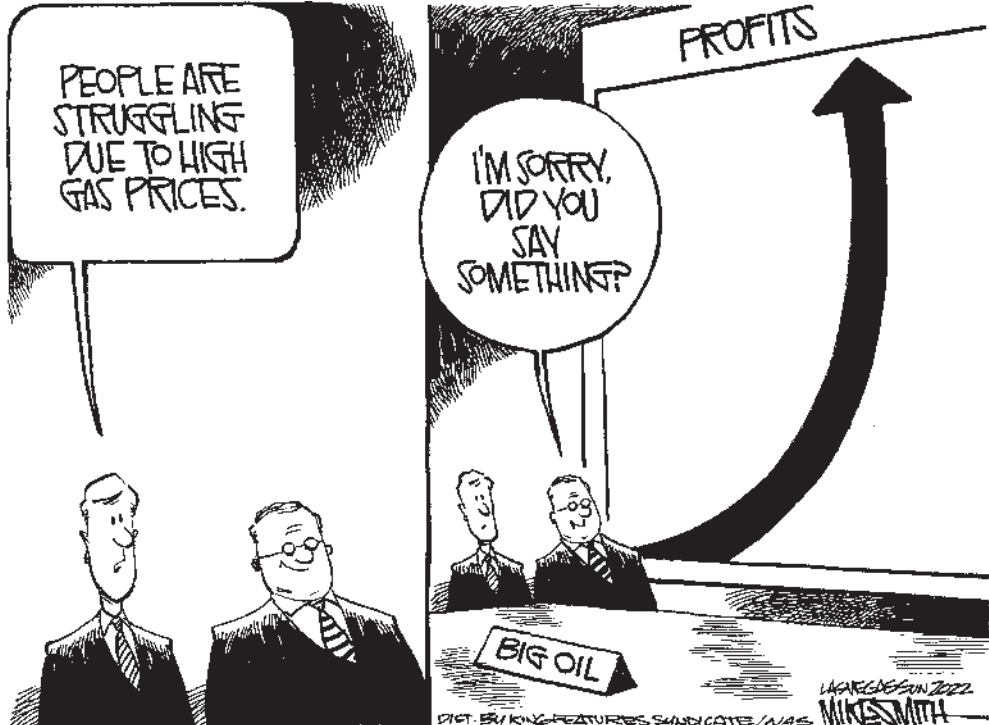
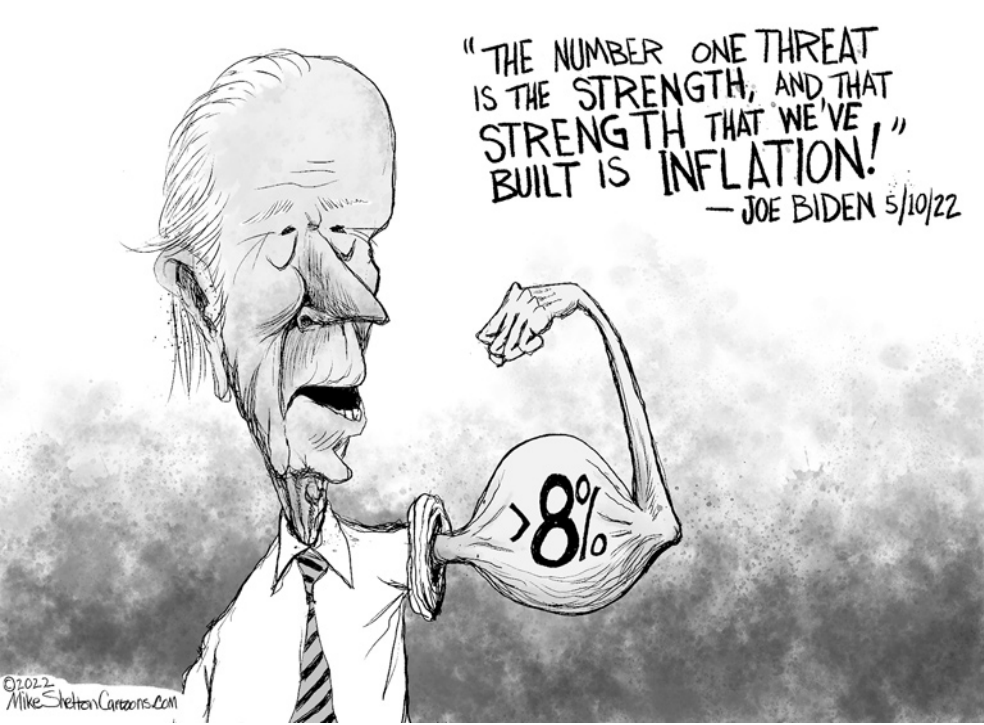
CANUTILLO – Canutillo Independent School District’s Northwest Early College High School (NWECHS) Class of 2022 is a dynamic group of 95 students who collectively raised over \$15 million in scholarships, grants, and tuition waivers, and completed 8,354 hours of community service.

“We are excited to have the largest number of graduates this year,” said NWECHS Principal Jesica Arellano. “This class has demonstrated a strong commitment to not only their future by going after scholarships, grants, and other means to pay for college but also to their community by always being willing to volunteer and serve. We are proud of each of our graduates and wish them the very best. Their futures are very bright.”

One graduation candidate from the Class of 2022, Ambar Galaviz has a lot to celebrate as she crosses this important milestone off her list. The NWECHS senior approaches graduation day with multiple offers of acceptance from various colleges and universities across the country and has received scholarships and tuition grants totaling over \$1.4 million. She will be attending Carleton College in St. Paul, Minnesota, one of the nation’s top liberal arts colleges to study journalism/international relations.

Reaching the pinnacle of academic success is this year’s NWECHS valedictorian Sophia Montenegro who will be attending New Mexico State University having earned the highest honors scholarship. The Class of 2022 salutatorian is Lindsey Calvillo who will be attending Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.

Recently, U.S. News released the 2022 best high school rankings with NWECHS receiving an overall score of 97.48 out of 100. The campus ranked number one in graduation rate rank with a 100% graduation rate





— Photos courtesy Canutillo ISD

MOTIVATED – From left are Ambar Galaviz, Sophia Montenegro and Lindsey Calvillo. Galaviz garnered \$1.4 million in scholarships and grants. Montenegro is class valedictorian and Calvillo the salutatorian.

Grads

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and is ranked as one of the top three regional high schools and top two local early college high schools. The advanced placement (AP) participation rate at NWECHS is 100%.

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Aldrete Middle School	801 Talbot Rd.	June 6 - June 16
Bill Childress Elementary School	7700Cap Carter Rd.	June 6 - June 16
Canutillo Elementary School	651 Canutillo Ave.	June 6 - June 16
Canutillo High School	6675 South Desert Blvd.	June 1 - July 1
Canutillo Middle School	7311 Bosque Rd.	June 6 - June 16
Jose Damian Elementary School	6300 Strahan Rd.	June 6 - June 16
Reyes Elementary School	7440 Northern Pass	June 6 - June 16

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- “White noise” is named such because, just as the color white is a mixture of many different shades at different ratios, it’s a combination of all sound frequencies at once.
 - Some of the first soccer balls were made of clothing filled with rubble.
 - A young Bangladeshi woman with two uterus gave birth to twins less than a month after having a son.
 - “Jazz on bones” or “Ribs” were bootleg vinyl recordings made from old X-rays with holes burned in the middle from cigarettes, used in the ‘50s and ‘60s to smuggle banned music into the Soviet Union.
 - A vending machine offering live crabs debuted in 2010 in Nanjing, China, with sales of around 200 per day and a promised refund of three live crabs for any dead one dispensed.
 - While enough was known about Halley’s Comet in 1910 to predict its arrival, rumors about its dangers were so extensive that some people bought comet umbrellas and anti-comet pills in an attempt to protect themselves from it.
 - Between 2006 and 2007, Poland’s prime minister and president were identical twin brothers, making them the first siblings in history to hold those titles simultaneously.
 - Ever wonder why sneezes frequently occur in threes? The first loosens the irritant. The second propels it to the front of your nose, and the third expels it. Problem solved!
 - Cats, dogs and even insects can all experience insomnia.
- Thought for the Day:
“Sometimes the steepest, most challenging and most rewarding paths in life are not meant to be walked, but crawled.”
– Toni Sorenson

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Moments in time

- On May 23, 1960, a tsunami caused by an earthquake off the coast of Chile travels across the Pacific Ocean and kills 61 people in Hilo, Hawaii. The massive 9.5 magnitude quake had killed thousands in Chile the previous day. The Pacific Tsunami Warning System, established in 1948, worked properly and warnings were issued to Hawaiians six hours in advance, but some people ignored the warnings and others actually headed to the coast to view the wave.
- On May 24, 1883, after 14 years and 27 deaths during construction, the Brooklyn Bridge in New York is opened, the largest suspension bridge ever built to that date.
- On May 25, 1977, the communist government of China lifts its decade-old ban on the writings of William Shakespeare. Mao Tse-Tung’s 1966 revolution had banned any cultural work that did not have the required ideological content.
- On May 26, 1940, President Franklin Roosevelt makes a radio appeal for the support of the Red Cross. Belgian and French civilians were “running from their homes to escape bombs and shells and machine gunning, without shelter, and almost wholly without food,” FDR told Americans.
- On May 27, 1894, Dashiell Hammett, author of “The Maltese Falcon,” is born in Maryland. He worked as a Pinkerton detective for eight years and turned his experiences into fiction. The novel was filmed three times, the last in 1941, starring Humphrey Bogart.
- On May 28, 1902, Owen Wister’s “The Virginian” is published. It was the first serious Western and one of the most influential in the genre. The book became a sensation and inspired four movies and a Broadway play.
- On May 29, 1932, the so-called Bonus Expeditionary Force, a group of 1,000 World War I veterans seeking cash payments for their veterans’ bonus certificates, arrives in Washington, D.C. One month later, that number had swelled to nearly 20,000 strong.

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CryptoQuip Answer

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– Photos courtesy San Elizario ISD

LET IT GLOW – The Paseo de Campeones lights up at night. There are eight Boys Cross Country team State Champions markers – four on each side of the Pathway of Champions Plaza.

SEHS

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of Champions, better known to the community as the “Paseo de Campeones”, in honor of the SEHS Boys Cross Country team. They brought another state title home in November 2021. The Pathway is located in the front of SEHS along Socorro Rd., where all can see it as they drive by. SEHS is located at 13981 Socorro Rd, San Elizario, TX.

SEISD is composed of six schools located off Socorro Rd. in San Elizario, near the Mexico border. As a school located along the international border, the consistent success proves the strong resiliency of the student-athletes representing the district of San Elizario and the community.

SEISD has been winning state championships since 1977 when Ray Johnson won the state UIL Track & Field at 1600M and defended that state title again in 1978. SEHS has 34 state wins between individual and team efforts to date. Since 2007, SEISD has welcomed consecutive state championships in Skills USA and Athletics, even garnering a 2013 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year state win. Each win proves that the district’s small size and the zip code location are not barriers to success.

The state wins, and the Texas-size monuments inspire future students to see their potential as true champions. Discipline is the strength of the programs that consistently cultivate championship after championship. Cross Country Head Coach Cesar Morales said, “A question everyone asks is, what is the formula?” He continues, “Well, there is not one. The key is consistency and motivation with a grounded belief to trust the process.”

SEISD believes in every student, and the entire team commits to bringing out the best in all students. It truly is the place where eagles soar. The construction of the Pathway of Champions to honor the 9 UIL State Athletic Titles earned by athletics now consists of six monuments representing the multiple state championships in cross country and three monuments representing the boys’ state soccer titles. The Pathway of Champions also has a Wall of Champions honoring individual state championships that go back to 1977 in Track and Field.

The success of our teams demonstrates the strong resiliency of the student-athletes. The Pathway of Champions will serve the district of San Elizario and the Community of San Elizario to continue providing future generations a place of reflection and pride. San Elizario students continue to have a clear Pathway of Champions that they will forge for themselves and future generations.



WRITTEN IN STONE – This is the SEHS Boys Cross Country team 9th State Champions marker.

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A look at UTEP, from the other side of the transfer portal

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

For years the UTEP basketball team has had to go through the process changing the look of its roster due to the relatively new “transfer portal” rules.

So the comings and goings of players is no surprise, but this year’s totals have been the most dramatic yet.

A total of 11 players who were eligible to come back to play for the Miners this season have decided to leave the program.

Eleven sounds a lot worse when you consider there are only 13 scholarships available on a college team.

One player left the program because he graduated, leaving only three guys returning from 2021, forwards Jabari Sibley, Ze’rik Onyema and Kevin Kalu.

By the way, if any of you aren’t aware of what the transfer portal is, it gives college players the opportunity to transfer to another university without having to sit out a year, which means they can play immediately with no questions asked. The rule will change a bit starting this year, players can only transfer once with no penalty. If they transfer again they have to sit out a season.

The only good news about the transfer portal is that a university can also gain players... better players. And that’s exactly what head coach Joe Golding and his staff have set out to do since the season ended.

Of course, we won’t know how good of a job they’ve done until next season comes around, but Golding has already signed nine new players, leaving the Miners only one short of the 10 scholarships they had to hand out.

The start of the season may be six months away but let’s take a look at what the Miners will look like in 2022.

POINT GUARDS

Shamar Givance is a 5-10 transfer from Evansville with one year of eligibility left. He averaged 13.7 points, 3.4 assists and 1.5 steals per contest to lead the team in all three categories.

Malik Zachery is a 6-2 transfer from South Plains College with two years of eligibility left. He averaged 7.9 points, 3.7 rebounds and 5.2 assists while starting 16 of 24 games 2021-22.

Jamal Sumlin is a 6-3 freshman from Cleveland who averaged 23.5 points with 7.5 rebounds and 5.4 assists last year. His play earned him All-Ohio honors in both basketball and football.

SHOOTING GUARDS

Tae Hardy, a 6-2 transfer from Conference USA member Southern

Mississippi, has two years of eligibility remaining. He averaged 13.7 points and 2.0 rebounds in seven games in 2021-22 before missing the rest of the season with an injury.

Mario McKinney Jr. is a 6-1 transfer from NMSU who averaged 3.8 points per game on 44.2 percent shooting while also grabbing 2.1 rebounds per contest.

SMALL FORWARDS

Otis Frazier III is a 6-6 transfer from George Mason who appeared in 34 games and averaged 2.6 points and 1.8 rebounds per game. He has three years of eligibility remaining.

Calvin Solomon is a 6-6 junior and a two-year starter for Stephen F. Austin who appeared in 82 games, including 56 starts and averaged 9.3 points, 5.8 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 1.7 steals and 1.0 blocks while starting all 32 games played in 2021-22.

POWER FORWARD

Jonathan Dos Anjos is a 6-7 transfer from Florida Southwestern State JC, who averaged 12.1 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. He started 27 of 30 games and has two years of eligibility left.

CENTER

Derick Hamilton is a 6-10 transfer from Bossier Parish Community College. Originally from Baton Rouge, La., Hamilton averaged 11 points and 5.6 rebounds per game on almost 70 percent shooting in 30 games (23 starts) in 2021-22. He has three years of eligibility left.

As you can see, UTEP fans will be greeting an almost entirely new team in 2022, but there are definitely some new players arriving who can play at the D-1 level.

The only sure fire starter returning for the Miners is Jabari Sibley, who can battle inside and has shown signs that he can shoot from distance.

What the Miners need the most is a very good big man. They have a lot of backup types, but no star like a Bryson Williams.

If Joe Golding can fill his final scholarship with one of those... 2022 can be a very special year.

Briefs

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along with its law enforcement partners, has collected nearly 16 million pounds of unneeded prescription medications. The El Paso Division collected 5,423.1 pounds total: 2,032.8 in El Paso, and 3,149.3 in New Mexico. “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is an important part of DEA’s efforts to fight the overdose epidemic and save lives,” said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. “I encourage everyone across the country to dispose of unneeded medications throughout the year to help keep our communities safe and healthy.” “I had the pleasure of visiting the majority of El Paso sites that Saturday,” said Greg Millard, Special Agent in Charge of the DEA’s El Paso Division. “It was wonderful to see the community participating and our community partners volunteering their time. I thank everyone who answered DEA’s call to action.”

– Carlos A. Briano

The case of the driverless car

Imagine the looks on the faces of cops who pulled over a car one night recently that was traveling in downtown San Francisco in the dark without its headlights on and, more important, without a driver. Nor were there any passengers in the autonomous taxi. The driverless cab belonged to Cruise,

a licensed taxi service, that used social media to explain that, “Our AV yielded to the police vehicle, then pulled over to the nearest safe location for the traffic stop, as intended. An officer contacted Cruise personnel and no citation was issued.”

– John Grimaldi

The art of the yard sale

You never know what you are going to find at a yard sale; after all, as the saying goes, “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.” The maxim proved true for art collector Clifford Schorer. He was in a bookstore in Massachusetts. The store’s owner asked him if he could find out the worth of a sketch that was purchased by a friend of his for \$30 at a yard sale in 2019. As it turned out, it was a genuine work of art by German Renaissance artist Albrecht Durer and is likely to fetch its anonymous owner more than \$10 million at auction.

– John Grimaldi

Senior activities

The Oz Glaze Senior Center is open for organized in person gatherings again. They offer Zumba Mon. to Fri. from 9-10 a.m. There is a \$30 monthly fee for the class. Free Arts and Crafts sessions are held Mon., Tues. and Fri. from 11 a.m. until the group breaks up. There is a \$7 fee for membership to the center. Members must provide proof of Covid vaccination. Call Margie at (915) 731-4574 for more information.

– Rick Shrum

Super Crossword

CITY NAMESAKES ACROSS

- June hrs.
- Cobbling tool
- Birthstone after opal
- Run-down 73-Down
- Deep musing
- Calm down
- Filled pasta squares
- Shady public walk
- 1909 Literature Nobelist [Alabama]
- Runner-up of tennis' 2017 U.S. Open [Wisconsin]
- Enkindled
- Authorize to
- "Ye olde" place
- Quarterback Brady
- Counterparts of egos
- Cutely shy
- Cosmetics company founder [Montana]
- Paris-based cultural gp.
- Mysterious letters
- Washington subway system, familiarly
- Alfred Lunt's comedy partner [Massachusetts]
- Poker champ Ungar
- Spicy cuisine
- Last line on an

- invoice
- Abu _ (emirate)
- Navy off.
- Plaintiff
- "Today" co-anchor [Georgia]
- Take in
- Higher
- Take in
- "Jane Eyre" novelist [North Carolina]
- Goad
- Go bad
- _ski bar
- Sedentary
- LAX stats
- Comic Carrey
- Star of the reality show subtitled "Life's a Tripp" [Connecticut]
- Birthstone after ruby
- "The Liberty Bell" march composer
- Passionate
- "Weeds" actress [New Jersey]
- _ Plaines
- Mag heads
- That lad's
- Motorola competitor
- Saturate
- Iceberg part
- "National Velvet" novelist [Oklahoma]
- 1970 #1 hit for The Guess Who that's apt for this puzzle?
- "Woe Is I" author

- Patricia T. _
- Price ceiling
- Part of FDA: Abbr.
- Toto's owner
- Having been banished
- Decade units
- Golf course units: Abbr.
- Grafton's "_ for Outlaw"

DOWN

- Druggist's weight unit
- Acting Ward
- Tube spot
- Retort to "Am not!"
- State of a surviving wife
- Romance novelist Banks
- Stun with a charge
- Stay in line
- Good friends
- \$\$\$ holder
- Passionate
- Greek society
- Delay
- Abel's mom
- Broadcast
- _ weevil
- Healing plant
- Donation
- Send out
- See 31-Down
- Kenan's sitcom buddy
- With 25-Down, perch for a nest
- Night demon

- Mil. award
- "Keep it in"
- Niche sects
- "The joke's _!"
- "Fiddler on the Roof" matchmaker
- Age
- Ursuline, e.g.
- Actress Miller
- Fido's jingler
- Antiquated anesthetic
- From Tehran
- Clamor
- Spider web, at times
- Toronto-based gridiron org.
- Sorority letters
- Caddy drink
- "Zip it up!"
- "Aw, rats!"
- Suffix with social
- Old Saturn SUVs
- LAPD alert
- "Weekend Edition" network
- Natal lead-in
- Set of seven
- Similar to
- Superbly done tasks
- Delicate pancake
- The Ritz, e.g.
- Pong creator
- Overused
- Pro _
- _ for tat
- Rock's Brian
- Irritated
- Sheeplike

- Auto dings
- Northwestern Pacific fish
- ER skill
- Large or medium
- Enjoys some 1940s jazz
- Regret
- Syr. neighbor
- Hefty Cinch _
- "Old man"
- Slope on which a vessel is built
- Wispy
- Pol. wild card
- Unimportant person
- Stravinsky and Sikorsky
- 108 Part of A.D.
- Indian dress
- Arab nation
- Singer Seeger
- Racket grip enhancer
- "The Circle" actress Watson
- Brand of hair remover
- 115 Stay-the-night sites
- Informed of
- Utah city near Provo
- Abstainers from alcohol
- Writer Stout
- French for "here"
- Shortstop Ripken
- Poem type

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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



Lowry

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White House records regarding Jan. 6. In this, Thomas was alone. We can't know his reasoning because he didn't explain himself. Thomas has a robust view of presidential power, though, and it's not unusual for him to go his own way.

In the 2020-21 term, Thomas authored more concurrences and

dissents than any other justice, including more solo concurrences and solo dissents.

As Nina Totenberg of NPR put it not too long ago, in a passage dripping with disapproval, "He is the only justice willing to allow states to establish an official religion; the only justice who believes teenagers have no free speech rights at all; the only justice who believes that it's unconstitutional to require campaign funders to disclose

their identity; he's the only justice who voted to strike down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act; and the only justice to say that the court should invalidate a wide range of laws regulating business conduct and working conditions."

But we are supposed to believe that his unexplained sole dissent in the Trump records case must be corrupt.

A while ago, the respected Supreme Court watcher Tom Goldstein wrote that if "the

Cause of chronic cough

has doctors stumped

DEAR DR. ROACH: I picked up a cough while traveling in Europe more than two years ago. No other symptoms have ever presented. Since that time, I have received everytestimaginable,including spirometry, multiple breathing tests, CT scans, X-rays and most recently a bronchoscopy. Nothing was discovered through any of these tests. Other than the cough, I am very healthy. The cough is driving me crazy, however. I have been prescribed every type of medication, and nothing helps.



My doctors are at a standstill and have nothing further to offer. I don't know where to go from here, but I know I can't live my life with this cough. I avoid a lot of personal interaction because it is so disruptive to constantly be coughing. I would greatly appreciate your help with this, and any advice regarding what steps need to be taken next. – P.M.

Chronic cough (lasting more than several months) is most frequently a result of acid reflux, asthma or postnasal drip, although there are many more causes, including infection, which would be a concern given that you have a clear idea of when it started.

Despite an extensive evaluation for cough, it is not that uncommon that people are left with no explanation but with a persistent cough. There are other, less-common treatments at this point, some of which your doctors might not have tried.

The first is the medication gabapentin (Neurontin). This is used for a condition called laryngeal neuropathy, and I have had a few spectacular cases where the cough disappears entirely. People have written saying that their doctor prescribed the medication for them after reading it in the column and they also had relief, even after decades of persistent coughing, so I think this condition may be more common than I have ever thought.

A second has been a cough suppressant. I am very cautious about using opiate drugs, and it is certainly not appropriate for some people, but cautious use of tramadol in selected patients has been successful in reducing, but not eliminating, cough.

Just yesterday in the clinic, one of the residents I supervise had a patient with chronic cough who had dramatic improvement through the use of speech therapy. Looking it up today, I find trials showing significant improvement, if modest, with this approach, as well as several ongoing trials. Given the potential side effects of gabapentin and tramadol, I think I will be making more referrals to my speech and language pathology colleagues, and suggest you speak with your doctors about some of these options.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a postmenopausal woman with osteoporosis. My physician has just prescribed Calcitonin Salmon nasal spray. Is this treatment very effective rebuilding bone mass, and how long does a patient use the drug? Also, are there any serious dangers using this drug? – M.L.

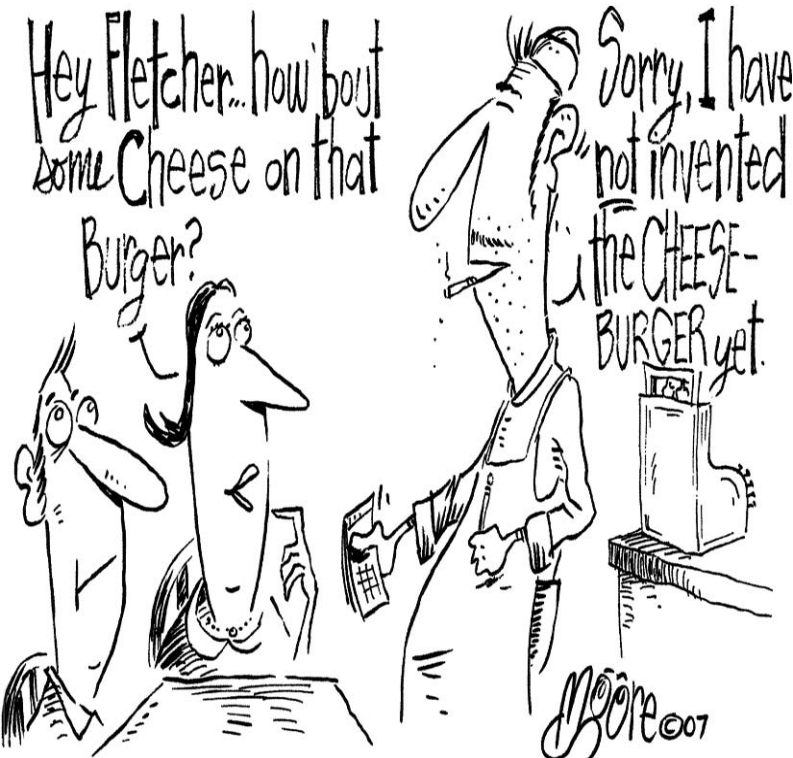
Calcitonin, usually derived from salmon, is not typically used long term for osteoporosis. Other drugs, such as those in the alendronate (Fosamax) class, are more effective. The Food and Drug Administration advisory panel has recommended its use be limited to less than six months due to concerns about possible increased cancer risks. It also can cause allergic-type reactions, including swelling of the lips and tongue. I seldom see it prescribed anymore outside of short-term use for pain relief in vertebral fractures due to osteoporosis.

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) 2022 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

measure of a Justice's greatness is his contribution of new and thoughtfulperspectivesthatenlarge the debate, then Justice Thomas is now our greatest Justice."

At the end of the day, this latest controversy won't dent Thomas' formidable reputation as a jurist, but it's another mark against his perfervid critics who have no decency or scruple.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2022 by King Features Synd., Inc.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
Fletcher Davis of Anthens invented the HAMBURGER and showcased it at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904.

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: F equals G

B FYNGGAR KBFSKCJ KT KSA
GNQW TL KSNK FDJ'U LTTK
YACAVKCAUUCJ, DVKBC NK CNUK
SA QYBAR, "NVWCA!"

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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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Honor Flights resume



by Freddy Groves

Honor Flights are back. After sitting out the trips for the last two years due to the pandemic, Honor Flights are up and running again.

The Honor Flight Network consists of independent groups (hubs) that take veterans on all-expenses-paid trips to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials and monuments. This involves free airfare and visits to the memorials with guardians and volunteers every step of the way while in the company of other veterans.

You only have to see the trip photos and videos to understand how much these trips are appreciated. In 2019 alone (the last year they had the trips before COVID shut things down), they flew over 23,000 veterans and 18,000 guardians. Since its beginning in 2005, Honor Flights has taken over 245,000 veterans on these trips.

At this point their focus is

signing up veterans who served in World War II, as well as veterans who are severely ill or injured.

Would you like to go, either as a veteran, a guardian or a volunteer? Go online to Honor Flights at www.honorflight.org. Click the regional hubs for a map of states; click your state for contact info and the hub's website and schedule, as well as the applications for veterans, guardians and volunteers. My state, for example, has one flight planned every month through October. Scroll down the page for state-related info and videos. Call them at 937-521-2400 with your questions.

Honor Flights is non-profit and can use our dollars. (They rate 4 stars from Charity Navigator.) You can donate on their website (www.honorflight.org/donate-online.html), either to one of the regional hubs that covers your state or to the network as a whole. Or, if you'd rather send a check than make a donation online, you can send it to:

HonorFlight, Inc.
1405 South Fern St., No. 702
Arlington, VA 22202

We haven't opened our wallets in quite a while. I think we should do so for this.

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• Earth Day got me thinking about how many plastic bottled beverages my family goes through. I have found six glass reusable bottles that can be run through the dishwasher, and I store them in the refrigerator in a cardboard six-pack holder. I still want the convenience of grabbing a bottle of water from the fridge, but I feel better knowing that I'm not contributing to a plastic problem." – JoAnn

• Using ice-cold sour cream instead of ice-cold water in your pie crust recipe will give you a flakier crust.

• "If you love to burn candles as much as I do, consider storing them in the refrigerator for a day or so before burning them. I swear, it makes them burn evenly. Someone told me this once, and I tried it and have been doing it ever since. No more crooked candles." – J.L. in Tennessee

• When traveling for more than a few days, stick your plants into the bathtub with a little bit of water. They'll soak it up, and you won't have to have someone come over and water your plants. This will only work for a week at most, though." – J.M. in Louisiana

• Planning on putting in some new plants or sprucing up your garden this spring? Check with your town's yard-waste recycling center about free mulch or compost. Many facilities offer these to their residents.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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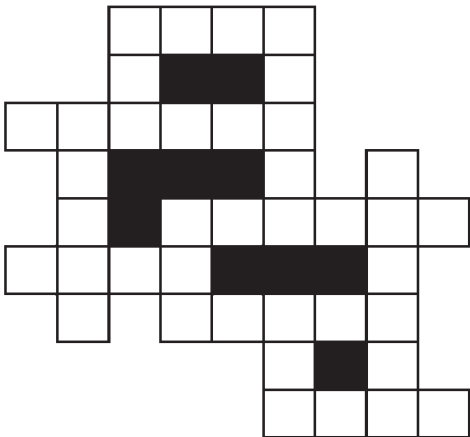
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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TOWNE	TOM	IDS	
COY	HELENARUBIN	STEIN	
UNESCO	RUNES	DCMETRO	
LYNN	FONTANNE	STU	THAI
TOTALDUE	DHABI	ENS	
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CHARLOTTE	BRONTE	PROD	
ROT	APRES	INACTIVE	
ETAS	JIM	BRISTOL	PALIN
PERIDOT	SOUSA	ARDENT	
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