



CITIZENSHIP – Law enforcement officers that stop vehicles for a traffic offense, like above, are allowed to ask occupants about their immigration status. The officer may arrest any of the occupants if the officer has probable cause that they are in Texas illegally. The ACLU and other rights advocates are challenging the constitutional legality of the 2023 law.

Texas SB 4 immigration law stands for now

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – Despite challenges from civil rights organizations and a series of federal injunctions and appeals, Texas Senate Bill 4 (SB 4) is, for the time being, fully in effect. Gov. Greg Abbott signed SB 4 into law in 2023. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled recently that the law could be implemented in its entirety while ongoing constitutional challenges are argued.

With the appeals court ruling, U.S. District Judge David Alan Ezra’s preliminary injunction was overturned. Ezra, just weeks prior, had essentially halted the State of Texas from issuing deportation orders by magistrates for people suspected of illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

Ezra’s ruling would have prohibited state courts from pursuing prosecutions when a person already has a pending federal immigration case. It would have prevented Texas state officials from having its own immigration enforcement system including arresting and deporting individuals without federal oversight.

Judge Ezra’s premise was that immigration enforcement is exclusively a federal responsibility, citing “striking similarities” to Arizona’s 2010 “show me your papers” law, which the Supreme Court struck down. He warned that allowing each state to create its own immigration system could lead to conflicting rules nationwide.

Challenges to SB 4 will continue as part of a present immigrants, lawful permanent residents, class-action lawsuit by civil rights groups and individuals with a lawful U visa, and those with the ACLU of Texas. They contend that the case tests the balance of State vs. Federal immigration powers. The case may ultimately go to the U.S. Supreme Court. The essential constitutional question about SB 4 – whether a state law can override what has always been a federal responsibility – has yet to be definitively resolved.

In the meantime, the SB 4 enforcement provisions have immigration advocates concerned because they pointed out that the law could lead to racial profiling risks. The new law enhances cooperation between state and federal authorities and allows local police to enforce federal immigration laws. Consequently, individuals entering Texas unlawfully can face state charges, even if the person had federal permission to re-enter or has a lawful status.

SB 4 could impact many Texas communities adversely – especially in borderland regions like El Paso County – because of the potential for systemic racial profiling. It should concern all immigrants, asserted legal advisers. “Lawfully

Racial Profiling

Racial profiling occurs when law enforcement officials or security personnel use race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin as a factor in deciding whom to stop, search, question, or detain – often without any specific evidence of wrongdoing. Common examples include stopping Black or Latino drivers for minor traffic violations, sometimes referred to as DWB, “driving while black or brown”.

If you or someone you know has been detained or arrested under Texas Senate Bill 4 (SB 4), you may need legal counsel from an experienced immigration attorney who can review your immigration case and help protect your rights.

– American Civil Liberties Union

pending immigration case are all at risk, particularly given the widespread racial profiling that can follow enforcement,” they noted.

Supporters of SB 4 contend lawful immigrants should not worry about encounters with law enforcement and should simply keep their documents on their person. They say the law mirrors existing federal law including penalties for “illegal entry” and “illegal re-entry” and allows state-level law enforcement to fill the man power gaps of federal authorities. They also say Texas, as a sovereign state, has the right to protect its border crossings and protect its citizens from illegal activities ranging from single individuals crossing illegally to drug smuggling and human trafficking.

The law is problematic in that U.S. citizens and Texas residents could confront racial profiling encounters. Officials with RAICES advise communities to prioritize “know your rights” education and safety planning procedures. The

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Mamdani’s bogus explanation for opposing Israel

It’s a shame, really. New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani is such a strong supporter of pluralism that he has to single out the state of Israel for unique opprobrium. Asked by Jonathan Karl of ABC News in an interview for “This Week” whether he supports Israel’s status as a Jewish state, Mamdani said he doesn’t – he’d only support Israel “as a state with equal rights.”

“I believe that any state that privileges one religion over another is one that I can’t tell you I support,” he continued, “whether it be Israel or Saudi Arabia or anywhere else.”

Mamdani makes it sound as though Israel is a theocracy, and so he has to withhold his support until such time as it meets his exacting standards for state neutrality in religious matters and

freedom of conscience.

The same is true, sadly, of Saudi Arabia. When was the last time, though, that you heard Mamdani or his movement, the Democratic Socialists of America, inveighing with great moral passion against Saudi Arabia?

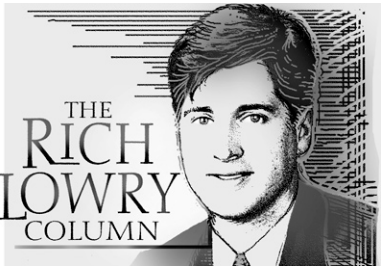
This Mamdani line of argument is built on a falsehood about Israel and is transparently an exercise in bad faith and double standards.

Israel doesn’t have an official religion – repeat, it has no state religion. Instead, it is the homeland for Jews. Its Basic Law says that Israel is “the nation-state of the Jewish people, in which it realizes its natural, cultural, religious and historical right to self-determination.” In other words, Israel is for the Jews in much the same way, say, that Poland is for

the Poles or Japan for the Japanese.

That these countries have distinct national identities defined by the peoples who live in them doesn’t mean they aren’t free societies. The Israeli Declaration of Independence says the Jewish state “will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture.”

And, indeed, there is freedom of religion in Israel. Christian, Muslim, Druze and Baha’i communities



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View from here

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Why did Senator Lindsey Graham have to die?

We were shocked by the death of Senator Lindsey Graham. For 23 years he was a mighty force in the United States Senate representing South Carolina.

There have been a multitude of news releases. Hours of television reports have aired about the service and life of Lindsey Graham. Our President and Washington will miss Lindsey Graham regardless of which side of the aisle his colleagues sat.

Graham had just returned from a trip to the Ukraine. He had spoken with President Trump just hours before his death. His death was sudden and without apparent warning.

As I write this, a preliminary autopsy report indicates that the cause of death was an aortic dissection. By now there may be an update on

the final cause of death. Did Graham have heart issues that he was being treated for? Did he know he had cardiovascular issues? Was he taking a blood thinner? The plane ride from Ukraine is along. Did he develop a blood clot while traveling. Plane rides can be dangerous for this very reason. People are often stationary for a long period of time. It is not always easy to stretch out or move around on a plane. It’s easy to develop a blood clot. Many people do and have done so.

Was Graham poisoned? Russia is notorious for



Lindsey Graham – Internet

poisoning people many times in years past. I understand he was not in Russia but I am fully convinced many Russian spies and agents are roaming the streets of Kiev and working undercover in all kinds of places. Russia has perfected a poison that mimics a heart attack. Could something like this have been slipped in Graham’s food?

Early reports indicate Graham had a tear in his aorta and serious plaque buildup in his arteries. A tear in the aorta is almost always a death sentence.

The fact of the matter is that death can happen anytime and any day. Death is never convenient. Death never provides an announced warning years in advance. Yet, it sort of does. We know it’s coming but we don’t know the day. Death may come at an old age or a young age. Young people who have all their lives ahead of them die every day. Some old people live on and on but the time eventually comes.

Graham had a lot of good years ahead of him. If he had lived as long as Senator Mitch McConnell has, he would have had many years left.

Senator Lindsey Graham had to die because we all have to die. The high and mighty and the low and very poor. The proud and the humble. Those who have everything

and those who have nothing. We all come into this world naked and crying and leave the same way.

The Bible says in Psalm 90 “So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” We should prepare for death and then live our lives as fully as possible. Paul said, “For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21)

Read more at: GlennMolletter.com

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group is an advocacy organization that offers representation to immigrants who are facing deportation and/or are seeking humanitarian protection.

When interacting with law enforcement officers, immigrants have certain rights under the U.S. Constitution:

- The right to remain silent by saying “I wish to remain silent.” Texas law requires anyone who is arrested or detained to give their name, date of birth and address, but they don’t have to answer other questions.
- The right to refuse an officer entry to their home without a valid search or arrest warrant signed by a state or federal judge (not an immigration judge).
- The right to hire an attorney.
- The right to request an interpreter if they face removal proceedings.
- They have the right to ask an officer what agency they’re from and ask for their name and badge number and to record an encounter with police. Evidence about their vehicle and what they said would all be important in proving that someone’s rights were violated.
- It is important for the person being questioned or detained to remain calm to avoid escalating the situation.
- Have documents, such as scanned copies of proof of identity ready, and have a family plan in case of arrest, including contact information for the following:
 - 1 – Family members, friends and others who may be able to help;
 - 2 – An immigration attorney or legal aid organization; and
 - 3 – Their country’s consulate or embassy.

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34 Ocean bottoms

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Border Highway East Corridor Study Public Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2026
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Clint High School
13890 Alameda Ave, Clint, TX 79836

Questions or Comments:
Gus Sanchez
915-304-5114
BorderHighwayEast@txdot.gov

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) El Paso District is holding an in-person and virtual public meeting to review the technically preferred concept for a 20-mile-long extension of the Cesar Chavez Border Highway, from State Loop 375 (Americas Avenue) to FM 3380 (M.F. Aguilera Road).

An in-person public meeting will be held **Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Clint High School, 13890 Alameda Ave, Clint, TX 79836.** In-person attendees will be able to view hardcopies of study materials such as exhibit boards and the technically preferred concept, talk to TxDOT staff and submit comments.

The public meeting will be held in an open house format with Spanish-speaking team members available; no formal presentation will be given. For questions or accommodation requests, contact Lauren Macias-Cervantes, TxDOT Public Information Officer, at (915) 790-4341 by 4 p.m. MDT on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. TxDOT will make reasonable efforts to accommodate needs.

The virtual public meeting will consist of an accessible pre-recorded video presentation, including audio and visual components. It will be posted online by Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. MDT. To access the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov at the date and time indicated above and enter the keyword "Border Highway East Study." The virtual public meeting will remain available until Tuesday, August 18, at 11:59 p.m. MDT. If you have questions or if you need help accessing meeting materials, you may leave a voicemail at (915) 304-5114 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MDT Monday through Friday until August 18.

The Border Highway East Corridor Study evaluates the benefits and challenges of improving mobility in the study area. TxDOT El Paso District staff have met with key stakeholders, including elected officials and agency leaders. Study goals include reducing traffic congestion and improving mobility and safety.

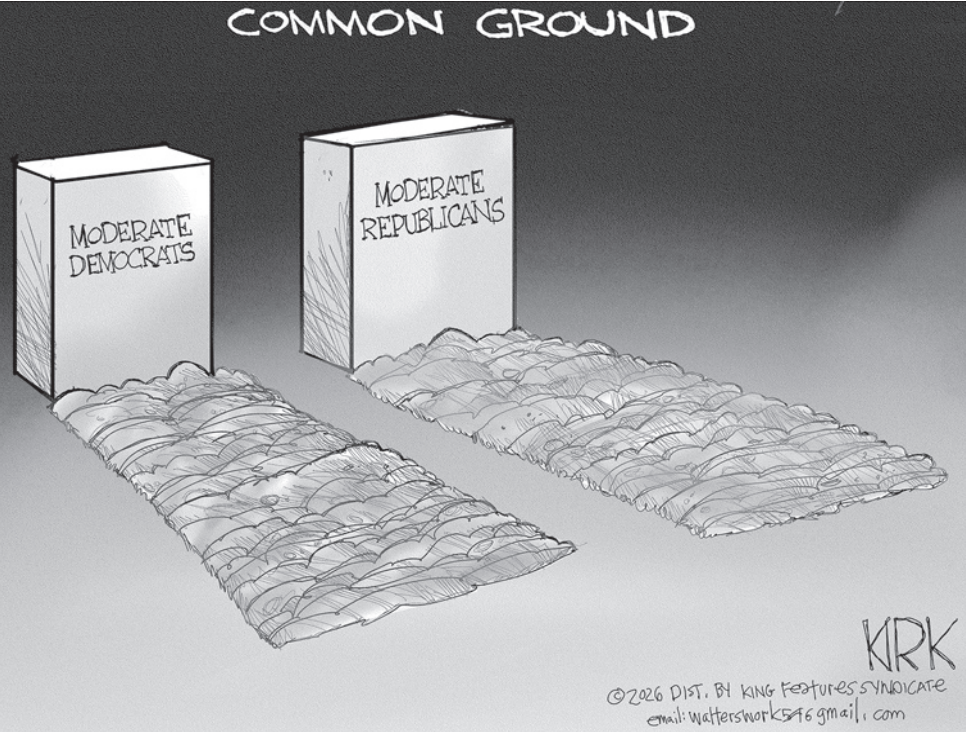
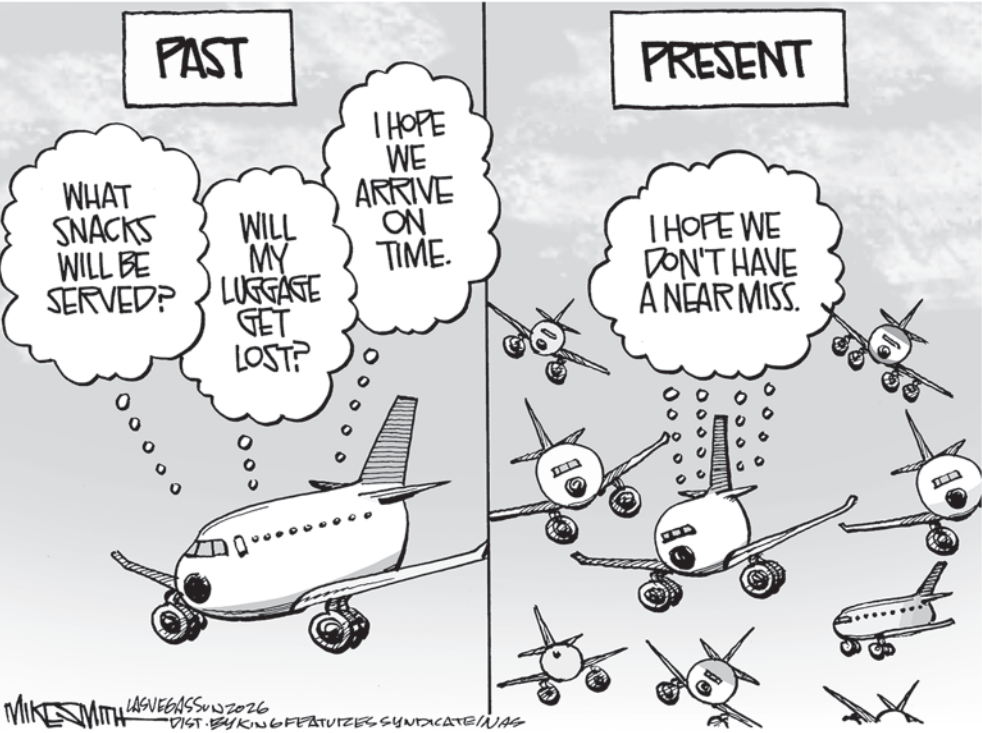
Written comments may be mailed to TxDOT El Paso District Office, Attn. Gus Sanchez, 13301 Gateway Blvd. West, El Paso, Texas 79928; emailed to BorderHighwayEast@txdot.gov; or submitted by calling (915) 304-5114. Comments must be received by Tuesday, August 18, 2026. Responses will be posted at www.TxDOT.gov (search "Border Highway East Study").

For general questions about the study or meeting options email BorderHighwayEast@txdot.gov or call (915) 304-5114.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs at Clint Independent School District for 2026-2027 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, Rodrigo Hernandez, Assistant Director Special Education, 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 2026-2027

- 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.*
- 3) *El Distrito Escolar de Clint no discrimina por razones de raza, religión, color, origen nacional, sexo, género, edad, discapacidad, o cualquier otra base en sus prácticas de empleo, de acuerdo con el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, y enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; la Acta de discriminacion por edad de 1975, enmienda; y la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, enmienda.*
- 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 Titulo IX, Rene Chavez, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Rodrigo Hernandez, Subdirector/a de Educación Especial, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.*

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On July 13, 2013, Patrisse Cullors, a Los Angeles community organizer, read a friend's Facebook post expressing distress over the acquittal of George Zimmerman, who'd killed Trayvon Martin the year before, and replied to the post with the first instance of the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag.
- On July 14, 1918, Quentin Roosevelt, a 20-year-old pilot in the United States Air Service and the fourth son of former President Theodore Roosevelt, was shot down and killed by a German Fokker plane over the Marne River in France.
- On July 15, 1953, John Christie, one of England's most notorious killers, was executed. Four months earlier, police and a tenant in West London had discovered the remains of four women, one of whom was Christie's wife, at a house where he'd lived, and he was apprehended and confessed a week later. Detectives soon found additional bodies buried in the yard behind the house as well.
- On July 16, 1862, Ida B. Wells, a future educator, investigative journalist and

civil rights activist, was born into slavery in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Motivated in part by racism within the women's suffrage movement, she would eventually found and co-found the NAACP, the National Association of Colored Women, and the Alpha Suffrage Club.

- On July 17, 1996, a TWA Boeing 747 jetliner headed for Paris exploded over the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew aboard and creating a fireball seen along most of the Long Island coastline. A highly criticized investigation ended two years later with the conclusion that the tragedy had been caused by mechanical failure rather than a suspected bomb or missile.
- On July 18 1995, "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," a memoir by a law professor by the name of Barack Obama, was published prior to its author's entry into the political realm. Thirteen years later, that largely unknown professor would be elected America's 44th president.
- On July 19, 1952, air traffic controllers in Washington, D.C., sighted UFOs flying over the White House and U.S. Capitol. More would appear a week later, but all were dismissed as simply a weather phenomenon.

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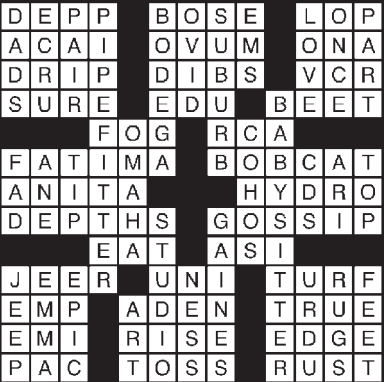
Public Notice Clint Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the Clint District's Section 504 Coordinator, Rodrigo Hernandez, Assistant Director Special Education, at 926-4031, or mail at 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

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 Clint, Rodrigo Hernandez, Subdirector/a de Educación Especial, al numero 926-4031, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

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CryptoQuip Answer

I guess any avian variety that appeals to God in heaven could be classified as a bird of pray.



By Lucie Winborne

- Time slows down so dramatically near a black hole that if you stood close enough to it, years could pass for the universe while just minutes passed for you.
- After trading \$3 billion worth of Pepsi-Cola to the U.S.S.R. in exchange for vodka, submarines and other military hardware, the Pepsi company briefly had the sixth largest military in the world.
- Iceland's parliament, the Icelandic Althingi, first formed in 930 A.D., is the oldest in the world.
- The tradition of carrying the bride across the threshold started in medieval Europe when many people believed that a bride was especially vulnerable to evil spirits through the soles of her feet. To guard her from such attacks, the chivalric groom would carry her into their new home.
- Los Angeles has the world's largest Korean population outside of Korea.

Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," dragon blood is revealed to be an effective oven cleaner.

- The Pyramids of Giza are the only Great Wonder of the ancient world still standing.
- During WWII, the Polish army adopted a brown bear named Wojtek into their ranks. The animal was fond of cigarettes and beer, and even received a promotion from private to corporal.
- A sloth can take up to two weeks to digest a single meal.
- Actress Roseanne Barr once attempted to run for president and got as far as filing with the Federal Election Commission, under the "Green Tea Party Ticket."
- Lightning isn't limited to thunderstorms, but can also occur in volcanic eruptions, wildfires and snowstorms.
- During certain periods in feudal Japan, executions of condemned criminals were used by some samurais to test their new swords.

Thought for the Day: "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."
— Tom Brokaw

In J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," dragon blood is revealed to be an effective oven cleaner.

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Clint Independent School District Public Notice

2026-2027 School Meal Policy

Clint Independent School District (CISD) announced its policy today that this school year, healthy meals will be offered every school day to all students at no cost. Typically, a student's household must meet income eligibility requirements to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued guidance that allows schools to offer meals to all students at no cost for the 2026-2027 school year. Each school/site or central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed upon request.

While no application or eligibility determination process is required for your student to receive free meals this school year, the income eligibility requirement will likely resume in the 2026-2027 school year.

For additional information please contact:
Carlos Villalobos, CISD Child Nutrition Program Director
Email: Carlos.Villalobos@clint.net
CNP Telephone: 915-926-4980

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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It’s hot, it’s muggy, it’s July and it’s time for the NFL

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Major League Baseball has enjoyed its time in the spotlight this summer, especially since the end of the NBA Finals.

And thanks to the World Cup, sports fans who don’t like baseball have had something else to sink their teeth into. Aside from bringing the entire world together, the World Cup has made new soccer fans of Americans (like myself) who never really paid much attention to the sport.

But let’s be honest, that is basketball, baseball and soccer. Don’t get me wrong, they’re all good sports in their own right, but the United States is a football nation, and the NFL is opening up its spring training camps for the 2026 beginning this Friday, July 17.

I know, I know, it’s feels a little too hot for guys to be putting on pads and helmets, but it’s true. Football is coming very quickly, whether it’s high school, college or the pros.

The defending champion Seattle Seahawks will be the first team to hold camp, followed by the San Francisco 49ers a day later, on Saturday.

Five teams, the Dolphins, Patriots, Bills, Panthers and Texans open three days later, on July 21. Everybody else starts camp later in the week; the Dallas Cowboys, along with the Saints and Eagles, will be the last to open camp, on July 28.

But those of us who have been waiting five long months to see

footballs flying through the air, can almost see the light at the end of the stadium tunnel.

But as always, this year’s NFL will look considerably different than last year’s.

I’m talking about players you’ve been used to seeing wearing in a certain uniform – wearing new colors in 2026.

The biggest change actually comes on defense as the new single season record holder for sacks and 2-time Defensive Player of the year, Myles Garrett, is no longer with the Browns and is now a Los Angeles Ram, which will make an already Super Bowl contending team even stronger.

The next best defensive move involves Dexter Lawrence, the former 3-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle for the New York Giants will now wear a Cincinnati Bengals uniform.

Another shocker is that the recent Super Bowl MVP for Seattle, Kenneth Walker, will now carry the ball for the Kansas City Chiefs.

How about receivers A.J. Brown and Jaylen Waddle? Brown has left the Eagles and is now a New England Patriot, while Waddle is no longer with the Dolphins and is now with the Denver Broncos.

As far as quarterbacks go, the biggest name to change teams in Kyler Murray, the former Cardinal is now leading the Minnesota Vikings.

Tus Tagovailoa is no longer a Dolphin and is now a member of the Atlanta Falcons. The talented Malik Willis is no longer the backup with the Packers and is getting his chance to start with the Dolphins. The much-traveled Kirk Cousins is with the Las Vegas Raiders, and Geno Smith is leaving the Raiders, returning to the New York Jets.

Four running backs who are hoping to make an impact with their new teams include former Jaguar Travis Etienne, who is now with the Saints. David Montgomery has left the Lions for the Texans, Rico Dowdle is no longer with the Panthers and is now a

Pittsburgh Steeler and Isaiah Pacheco has left the Chiefs for the Lions.

Some other wide receivers who have new addresses include former Bucs star Mike Evans, now with the 49ers, D.J. Moore, who has left the Bears for the Buffalo Bills and Romeo Daubs, who is no longer with the Packers and is now with the Patriots.

Of course, there are dozens of other players who will be wearing new colors in 2026, but those are the biggest names.

We also can’t forget one player who is trading his University of Indiana jersey for the black and silver of Las Vegas. Heisman Trophy winner Fernando Mendoza will battle with Cousins for the Raiders’ starting job. That should be fun to watch.

The Dallas Cowboys and their new defense will be intriguing, and we’ll see if Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs can return to glory.

Either way, the National Football League is back baby – and it all starts this week.

Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Stay on top of recalls

Sometimes the list of recalls mentioned on the evening news makes us wonder what else we’re not hearing about. Read on for a few recalls you may not have come across.

There is a recall on 25-milligram blood pressure medication chlorthalidone tablets due to what the FDA says is “failed dissolution specifications.” Over 11,000 bottles across the country are affected.

And we have the 125,000 vehicles that are being recalled again because the repairs weren’t completed correctly the first time the vehicles were recalled. While there are a few issues in those recalls, the problem with the clutch might be the most important – it can leak fluid and cause a fire.

In some cases we really have to wonder how mistakes were allowed to get out the door. We have dark chocolate raisins that have undeclared peanuts in them. We have saline nasal spray with mold in it, ricotta cheese with listeria and vitamins with salmonella.

And the pancake mix we use for Sunday morning

breakfasts? Undeclared soy and milk. How about the cheese bread and garlic croutons? Salmonella. How about the fruit ice pops we give to the grandkids? Milk, pecans, pistachios and both yellow and red dye.

Our pets aren’t left out of the mistakes. One freeze-dried brand of cat and dog food has levels of vitamin B-1 that are too low.

Sometimes recalls don’t immediately make it to the evening news, and it’s up to us to stay on top of these things. Start a weekly habit of checking the various government recall websites. Go to www.foodsafety.gov and click on “Recalls.” Or see the food safety website (www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls). Go online to www.recalls.gov and you have a choice of consumer products, vehicles, boats, food, medicine, cosmetics and environmental product recalls to review. You can click on recent recalls or do a search through the recalls.

Stay aware – and stay safe.

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RAISING A RACKET ACROSS

- 1 Streisand of "Nuts"
- 7 President after Bush
- 12 Japanese soup
- 16 Beaker locale
- 19 Fanatic
- 20 Boo-boo
- 21 State of mind
- 23 "Can this be?!"
- 25 Color close to aqua
- 26 Leave shore
- 27 "I'm to blame for everything"
- 29 Mil. address
- 32 Nada
- 34 "_ see!" ("Evidently!")
- 35 Events that break ground
- 36 Like K-Cup coffee pods
- 42 Two-word conjunction
- 44 Sol's Greek counterpart
- 45 Bangor locale
- 47 Built
- 52 2011 Steve Carell film
- 56 Puppeteer Lewis
- 57 Opera song
- 58 Gallery work
- 59 Fox hangouts
- 61 Nest eggs for srs.
- 62 Flanders on "The Simpsons"
- 63 Quick, sharp punches
- 65 Cocktail of
- bourbon, lemon and mint
- 68 Purse
- 69 Ross who ran against Clinton
- 70 _ in the bud
- 71 It might consist of a dictionary, thesaurus and atlas
- 76 Pouches
- 78 Tic-_toe
- 81 "You wish!"
- 82 They may get slammed
- 83 Dad on "Rugrats"
- 84 For takeout
- 85 Fail to remain calm
- 87 Annual mailing to the IRS
- 92 Baskers' goals, often
- 94 Birth-related
- 95 Home for French presidents
- 96 Lerner's musical collaborator
- 99 Kind of salute performed at military funerals
- 101 Cherubs, e.g.
- 105 Smartphone buy
- 107 Emulate Picabo Street
- 108 Mag bigwigs
- 109 Heroic fighter pilot of the 1940s
- 114 Sinister
- 117 Studios with easels
- 118 Question you might feel like asking after seeing nine key

words in this puzzle?

- 123 Yellow turnip
- 124 Roast beef fast-food chain
- 125 Big brand of cosmetics
- 126 Water quality org.
- 127 Pack neatly
- 128 L.A.'s region
- 129 Pitfalls

DOWN

- 1 German auto
- 2 Spa sigh
- 3 Material in viral genes
- 4 Tiny pieces
- 5 Pro _ (in proportion)
- 6 Post-workout feeling
- 7 Multivolume Brit. lexicon
- 8 Matzo _ (Passover breakfast option)
- 9 In _ (stuck)
- 10 Soft shoes, for short
- 11 Locations
- 12 Actress Marlee
- 13 Agenda unit
- 14 Stick around to see
- 15 Rig accidents
- 16 Doozies
- 17 Fully grown
- 18 Borscht base
- 22 Kind of lift for downhillers
- 24 Yalies
- 28 Mauna _
- 29 Waste barrel
- 30 Capital of South Dakota
- 31 Mounted to a backing for decoration
- 33 Big-eyed primates
- 37 Egyptian city with pyramids
- 38 Myrna of old movies
- 39 Spellbound
- 40 Roman 7
- 41 Finale
- 43 Plow pioneer John
- 46 "Mama" Cass
- 48 Orang cousin
- 49 Figure skater
- Lipinski
- 50 Epochs
- 51 Plate
- 53 Key near Q
- 54 Brewery kiln
- 55 Actor Sahay who played Lester Patel on "Chuck"
- 60 Lip-_ (mouth the words)
- 63 Pantry container
- 64 Got older
- 65 Alternative to Mazola or Crisco
- 66 Charlemagne ruled it: Abbr.
- 67 Bro's sibling
- 68 Suit well
- 69 Orch. section with timpani, cymbals, etc.
- 71 Performs like Drake
- 72 Jacob's twin
- 73 Twain's Huck
- 74 Clamor
- 75 Hoodwink

- 76 Gets trite
- 77 "La Cage _ Folles"
- 78 Muss, as hair
- 79 "I concur"
- 80 Chili dogs
- 83 Headliner
- 84 "Ciao 4 now"
- 86 Beat others in claiming something
- 88 Dojo surface
- 89 Old verb suffix
- 90 Remade musicals, e.g.
- 91 "Showdown" rock gp.
- 93 "Easy-peasy"
- 97 Polish capital
- 98 Start for Pen or dermis
- 100 Barely earns, with "out"
- 101 Informed (of)
- 102 Still in bed
- 103 Garbo of old movies
- 104 Singer Fitzgerald
- 106 Gyro wraps
- 110 Ship of myth
- 111 Sleek, in brief
- 112 "Fast Money" network
- 113 "Watermark" singer
- 115 A party to
- 116 Constellation next to Hercules
- 119 Oahu, e.g.: Abbr.
- 120 Atop, in odes
- 121 Scot's dissent
- 122 Raised trains

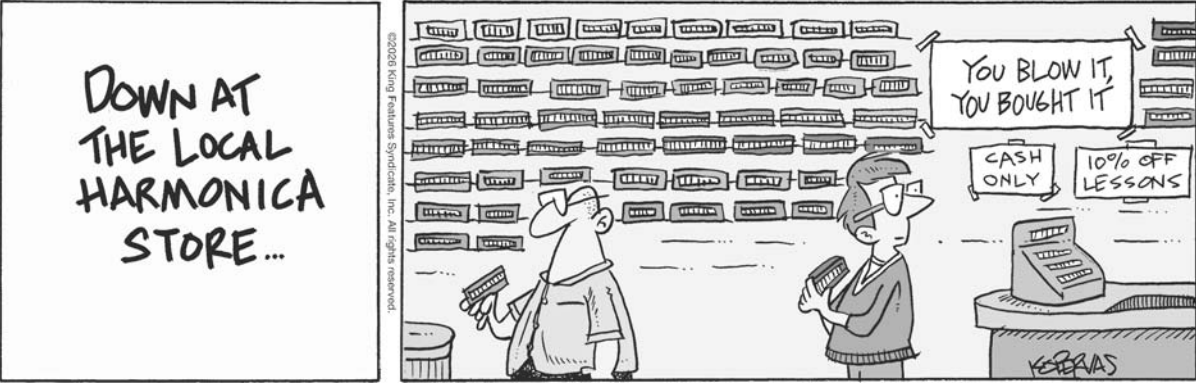
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Super Crossword

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

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maintain their own religious institutions and are free to worship as they please. The wrinkle is that – in an inheritance from the Ottoman Empire – Israel recognizes various religions and gives their courts authority over matters such as marriage and divorce.

To liken any of this to Saudi Arabia is perverse. The desert kingdom is an absolute monarchy with no political rights and a state-enforced official religion; the Quran is its constitution.

If Mamdani were sincere in saying he cannot support any state that privileges one religion over another, he'd have to set himself against most Muslim countries in the world, which make Islam their official religion and often discriminate against religious minorities. He'd have to look askance at Nordic countries, where there are established churches. He'd hate England for the official status of the Anglican Church, and utterly disdain Greece for its special recognition of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Mamdani, by the way, recently skipped New York City's Israel Day parade but

attended the Pakistan Day parade, despite the fact that Islam is Pakistan's state religion and religious minorities face legal and informal discrimination in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

More consequentially, if the mayor took his pluralism seriously, he would oppose a Palestinian state on grounds that Palestinian society needs to further evolve to embrace Western norms – lest we risk creating a new Islamic state that represses its people and rests on a foundation of Islamic law.

Of course, Mamdani will never do this. His purported universalism is a pretext, a way to dress up his irrational animus toward Israel.

Mamdani told Jonathan Karl that his view on Israel “comes back to a fundamental belief that we should all be considered equal.” Such is the mayor's commitment to equality that he singles out one people and one state for particular obloquy and asks us to believe that pluralism demands that the Jews cannot have a homeland.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. ©2026 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Long-term opiate use for pain has limits

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have horrible neck, shoulder, back and hip pain, which are all from different traumas. I've been seeing a pain doctor for the past 14 years. I started out by taking 5 mg of Vicodin and 4 mg of trazodone. Over the years, my prescriptions have been raised to 7.5 mg of oxycodone four times a day and 800 mg of ibuprofen three times a day. I see my doctor every two weeks, and during these visits, I normally get shots (different ones in different places). My problem is that my pain medicine isn't working anymore. Will I have to keep raising the dosage? I can't take it easy, as I'm my husband's sole caregiver. He's had multiple strokes, and his leg was just amputated. Is there any other medication I can add to my current list that might help? Or is there a better pain medicine than oxycodone? – A.S.



I'm very sorry to hear about your predicament. Being a full-time caregiver while trying to deal with your own medical problems is a very difficult situation that many of my patients (and their caregivers) have been in. The most important advice I have is that opiates like hydrocodone (Vicodin is a brand name for hydrocodone and acetaminophen) and oxycodone aren't good long-term options for most people. As you've found, the dose often needs to be increased just to maintain the same pain relief.

The body gets used to the dose of opiates – a response that is called “tachyphylaxis,” which is caused by decreasing the sensitivity of the receptors that opiates bind to in the brain. I've seen people get on exceedingly high doses of strong opiates without receiving adequate pain relief. Unfortunately, side effects of high-dose opiates can include severe constipation, to which the colon doesn't become accustomed.

While I don't know the details of the traumas that led to your chronic pain, a pain medicine specialist will usually use a combination of different medications to help. This might include injections; low-dose or microdose opiates; antidepressant medicines that help with chronic pain, such as duloxetine or amitriptyline; antiseizure medicines that help with pain, such as gabapentin; and physical therapy.

Anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen sometimes provide significant pain relief when used in combination with other medicines. However, very high doses (you are on the highest recommended dose) can cause toxicities.

I do want to make it clear that tachyphylaxis is the usual response to opiates, especially at a high dose, but it isn't universal. I have patients who do very well with moderate amounts of opiates and remain on a stable dose with adequate control of their pain. Physicians should always consider the risks of opiates before prescribing them for long-term use.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm an 82-year-old woman with sluggish gut issues. I recently heard a doctor say, “Don't take fiber supplements because they mess up your gut,” and “Don't take laxatives. Take stool softeners, and it's OK to take them every day.” I'm skeptical of both statements. What do you say? Thank you. – E.G.

The only statement I wholeheartedly agree with is that it's OK to take stool softeners (such as docusate) daily. I disagree with the recommendation against fiber supplementation. Fiber is very helpful for both diarrhea and constipation, and it also has other benefits, including modestly lowering cholesterol.

However, when fiber supplementation isn't enough, then laxatives such as polyethylene glycol 3350 (MiraLAX) are a very reasonable choice. People who need laxatives every day should still discuss this with their physicians to be sure that there's not some other medical reason for the constipation.

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. ©2026 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore
July, 5 1873: Margaret Borland dies after leading a trail drive from Texas... the first woman to do so.

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: U equals V

V ITJWW QRK QUVQR
UQAVJXK XMQX QZZJQEW
XD IDY VR MJQUJR
HDTEY OJ HEQWWVNVJY
QW Q OVAY DN ZAQK.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Avoid foreclosure on a VA home loan



by Freddy Groves

The VA Partial Claim Program begins now. The purpose? To help veterans avoid foreclosure on their homes.

The program was started last summer when the VA Home Loan Reform Act was signed into law. In this partial claim program, the VA can pay up to 25% of the unpaid principal.

Veterans in danger of losing their home to foreclosure should call the mortgage service provider to find out about eligibility to participate in the partial claim program.

To be eligible, you must have a VA loan, not FHA or conventional. The home has to be your primary residence; no vacations homes or investment properties can qualify. You have to be at risk of default on the loan. And, the biggie here, you have to prove you can make your payments.

It's not a handout, but it can be a hand up. One of the first steps is that the VA will advance funds to bring the mortgage current and then the veteran needs to prove he or she can stay current by making payments on a trial basis for three months.

If a trial repayment doesn't work, it's possible that a loan modification might (although those can be risky if the interest rate goes up on the new loan). There are a number of ways for veterans to keep their homes (it helped 173,000 veterans last year alone). Some of those include making modifications to traditional loans, disaster modifications, and 30- and 40-year loan modifications.

If you're having trouble dealing with your mortgage servicer, call the VA at (877) 827-3702 and press 6 to get help.

Mortgage servicers have until November this year to get the program into their system.

For information on avoiding foreclosure, see www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/

trouble-making-payments. Scroll down to see the seven ways to avoid foreclosure.

As always, beware the possibility of scams. If you suddenly receive calls about foreclosure help, don't give any information. Instead, call the VA or mortgage servicer yourself to be sure who you're talking to.

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by Jo Ann Derson

• “Many people keep some pet food outdoors. If you have problems with ants in your pet's food if feeding outside, you will like this trick: Place the bowl of food into a larger pan filled with water. The ants can't cross it, and it has the added bonus of being another source of water for the animals. Be sure to change it frequently, and put out plenty of fresh water sources for outdoor pets”. – P.Y. in Alabama

• “We unexpectedly had our friends visit with their granddaughter. Since it was unplanned, and we aren't used to little kids, we were unprepared. My quick-thinking husband split open a garbage bag to use as a protective liner on the bed in case of an accident.” – D.D. in Oregon

• Witch hazel is an old remedy for bruises and bumps. You can find it in the first aid aisle by the peroxide and rubbing alcohol. Simply moisten a folded paper towel, and park it right on the bump (never near the eyes or mouth). It prevents bruising and can lessen swelling in some cases.

• Need to cross out a note so nobody can read it? Take this tip to the scratch pad: Instead of scribbling over something to be crossed out, write random letters over your words until the whole thing is illegible.

• “File this under you CAN teach an old dog new tricks: While watching videos on a cellphone with my daughter, I found out that a pair of folded sunglasses really works as a fantastic stand.” – C.E. in Maine

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GO FIGURE!

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

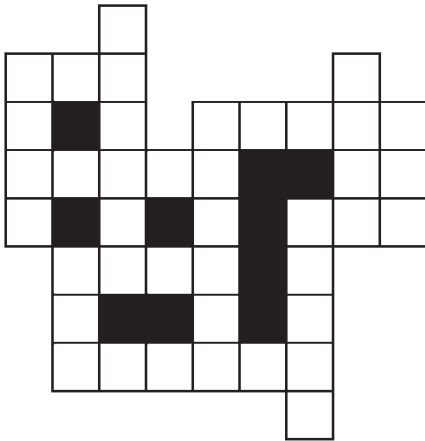
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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