

NEWSBRIEFS

Trail meeting

The Town of Horizon City will be hosting a community meeting to discuss the proposed recreational trail improvements to the existing ponding area at the intersection of Ryderwood Road and Benton Street. The meeting is open to the public and all Horizon City residents are invited to attend and provide feedback. The meeting will be held 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb St., in Horizon City. Community attendance and input is very important to the success of this project. For additional information about the project or meeting, contact Liz Luna at 852-1046 ext. 404.

— Michelle Padilla

San Eli tours

The San Elizario Historic Cultural District will present two free guided walking tours of the nationally recognized Historic District on the 4th Sunday of every month. The next tour date is Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014. Tour times are at noon and 3:00 p.m. Participants are asked to gather at the Main Street Mercantile, 15 minutes prior to the tour. The tour will take approximately one hour and a half. This is a walking tour, at a slow pace. Learn about the 18 historic sites of San Elizario, about the arrival of Don Juan de Onate to the area in 1598 and the 'Birthplace of the American Southwest', learn about the Presidio de San Elizario and the San Elceario Chapel. You will learn about the Apache Peace Camp, the visit by infamous William H. Bonney (Billy the Kid) and the long remembered Salt War of 1877. Visit the Veterans Memorial Museum (Eduardo MPedregon Museum) and the Veterans Walk and the Los Portales Museum. Stroll the original Camino Real and don't forget your camera. Visit www.SanElizarioHistoricDistrict.org or call 851-0093 for more information.

— Al Borrego

School boards

January 2014 is School Board Recognition Month, a time to thank the 7,300 locally elected leaders who deeply care about the success of all Texas children. These dedicated men and women serve without pay on local boards. Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) encourages education and community leaders to show appreciation to these people for their unfailing commitment to the students in their charge. "Please join me in recognizing the service of local boards as they strive for excellence in our public schools," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "The long hours and enormous responsibilities of school board service often are not visible to those who may not fully understand the challenges

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At no time is self-control more difficult than in time of success.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy of El Paso County Emergency Services District #2

WHO YOU GONNA CALL – An Emergency Services District (ESD) is a local government agency created to provide fire protection and/or emergency medical services in unincorporated areas of a county. ESDs are governed under Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. An ESD collects taxes based on appraisals of real and personal property within the district. ESD board of directors serve on a voluntary basis and are responsible for budgeting and financing interests and investment of the district. Above is one of the fire trucks housed at the West Valley Fire Station that is located in the Village of Vinton.

County Commissioners seek applicants for Emergency Services District board of directors

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Officials with El Paso County's Emergency Services Districts (ESD) said that the composition of the county's two emergency districts, which oversee fire protection and first-responder medical services, is being restructured so its board members are better qualified, have no conflicts of interest and serve staggered terms.

As part of that restructuring, the County Commissioners Court is accepting applications through February 14 to fill two seats in ESD No. 1 and one in ESD No. 2. Members of the ESD boards are volunteers responsible for budgeting, financing interests and investment of the district.

The districts are government entities that oversee the volunteer fire departments and the emergency medical services for the unincorporated areas of the county.

ESDs, governed by the Texas Health and Safety Code, collect taxes from property owners in the county to run the services. County commissioners set the ESDs' tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 property valuation – the maximum allowed under state law.

ESD No. 1 contracts with the Horizon City Fire Department to provide services to that city and the 150-square-mile area surrounding it. The department has about 40 volunteers who respond to about 1,800 calls a year. The ESD runs on a budget of about \$1 million a year.

Current ESD No. 1 board of directors includes Marvin McLellan, president; Eric Shoppach, vice president; Katherine Ames,

treasurer/ secretary; Darryl Gelasco, and Stephan Hambric.

ESD No. 2 encompasses the areas around Vinton, Canutillo, Socorro, Clint, San Elizario, Fabens and Montana Vista. It oversees 11 volunteer fire departments and more than 220 volunteers who respond to about 2,800 calls a year. About 75 percent of the calls are for medical problems, officials said. The district's annual revenues are about \$5 million, and expenses are about \$4.5 million.

Board members presently for ESD No. 2 are Bill Adler, president; Dr. Pam Padilla, vice president; Elvia Shuller, treasurer; Mario

Murillo, secretary, and Jerry Knotts.

Individuals interested in applying to serve on the board of directors must be at least 18 years of age, a resident citizen of the state, and a qualified voter within areas served by the district or owner of land subject to taxation in the district.

According to county officials, applicants must have the time to serve during the term of appointment, have the desire and commitment to become involved, have a basic knowledge of business practices and/or fiscal issues, and

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Clint ISD seeks input from parents, teachers on boundary re-alignment

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY – Clint Independent School District (CISD) is holding a series of meetings to discuss possible realignment of attendance zones for students enrolled at schools in the Horizon City area.

CISD officials stated recently that the school board is considering redrawing attendance boundaries for Carroll T. Welch Intermediate School and Frank Macias and Desert Hills elementary schools to address their growing student populations.

The meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13 at Carroll T. Welch Intermediate School (14510 McMahon Drive) and Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Frank Macias Elementary School (14400 Golden Eagle Drive). The first of the three meetings was held Jan. 7 at Desert Hills Elementary School.

This school year, Carrol T. Welch Intermediate School serves students who are enrolled in the fourth and fifth grades. Frank Macias and Desert Hills elementary schools serve students enrolled in grades pre-kinder through third.

In order to serve the growing needs of these campuses, district officials are considering not only redrawing the attendance zones for the schools but also adding extra grade levels to

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

VA links 5 more illnesses to TBI

The Department of Veterans Affairs has added five illnesses to service-connected Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). What this means is that veterans who have those illnesses as well as TBI will have an easier time getting additional disability benefits.

The VA based its decision on a report by the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine that found “sufficient evidence” to link moderate to severe TBI with the five conditions: Parkinson’s disease, certain types of dementia, depression, unprovoked seizures or certain diseases of the hypothalamus and pituitary glands. Those secondary illnesses will be considered service-connected and won’t require medical opinions to establish whether there is correlation to TBI.

There’s a time period for three of the five illnesses, however. Parkinson’s disease or unprovoked seizures don’t have a time frame.

- Dementia, if it manifests within 15 years with moderate or severe TBI.
- Depression, if it manifests within three years with moderate or severe TBI or within 12 months with mild TBI.
- Diseases of hormone deficiency from hypothalamo-pituitary changes if they manifest within 12 months of moderate or severe TBI.

Even if you don’t meet the guidelines for severity of TBI or length of time between TBI and the onset of the second illness, file your claim anyway, says the VA.

If you have questions or want to file a new claim, go online to www.eBenefits.va.gov/ebenefits or call toll free to 1-800-827-1000. If you’re still active duty but within 180 days of discharge, you can file a pre-discharge TBI claim at the same link to phone number.

To see the whole final determination (the comment section is informative), go online to www.regulations.gov and put this in the search box: VA-2012-VBA-0029-0212

For information about VA and DOD programs for brain injury, go to www.dvbic.org.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Finances

By Jason Alderman

Retirement plan limits largely unchanged in 2014

Anyone who’s bought groceries, filled their gas tank or paid insurance premiums recently would probably be surprised to learn that, according to Department of Labor’s Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U), the rate of inflation is relatively flat – only 1.2 percent from September 2012 to September 2013.

That’s bad news for people who were hoping to boost their contributions to an IRA, 401(k) plan or other tax-advantaged retirement savings accounts, since the IRS uses the CPI-U’s September year-over-year performance to determine whether or not to make cost-of-living adjustments to many of the retirement contributions you and your employer can make in the following year.

Here are highlights of what will and won’t change in 2014:

- Defined contribution plans. The maximum allowable annual contribution you can make to a workplace 401(k), 403(b), 457(b) or federal Thrift Savings plan remains unchanged at \$17,500. Keep in mind these additional factors:
 - People over 50 can also make an additional \$5,500 in catch-up contributions (unchanged from 2013).
 - The annual limit for combined employee and employer contributions increased by \$1,000 to \$52,000.
 - Because your plan may limit the percentage of pay you can contribute, your maximum contribution may actually be less. (For example, if the maximum contribution is 10 percent of pay and you earn \$60,000, you could only contribute \$6,000.)
- Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). The maximum annual contribution to IRAs remains the same at \$5,500 (plus an additional \$1,000 if 50 or older – also unchanged from 2013). Maximum contributions to traditional IRAs are not impacted by personal income, but if your modified adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain limits, the maximum amount you can contribute to a Roth IRA gradually phases out:
 - For singles/heads of households the phase-out AGI range is \$114,000 to \$129,000 (increased from 2013’s \$112,000 to \$127,000 range). Above \$129,000, you cannot contribute to a Roth.
 - For married couples filing jointly, the range is \$181,000 to \$191,000 (up from \$178,000 to \$188,000).

Keep in mind these rules for deducting traditional IRA contributions on your federal tax return:

- If you’re single, a head of household, a qualifying widow(er) or married and neither spouse is covered by an employer-provided retirement plan, you can deduct the full IRA contribution, regardless of income.
- If you are covered by an employer plan and are single/head of household, the tax deduction phases out for AGI between \$60,000 and \$70,000 (up from \$59,000 to \$69,000 in 2013); if married and filing jointly, the phase-out range is \$96,000 to \$116,000 (up from \$95,000 to \$115,000).
- If you’re married and aren’t covered by an employer plan but your spouse is, the IRA deduction is phased out if your combined AGI is between \$181,000 and \$191,000 (up from \$178,000 to \$188,000).

For more details, read IRS Publication 590 at www.irs.gov.


Retirement Saver’s Tax Credit. As an incentive to help low- and moderate-income workers save for retirement through an IRA or company-sponsored plan, many are eligible for a Retirement Savers’ Tax Credit of up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 if filing jointly). This credit lowers your tax bill, dollar for dollar, in addition to any other tax deduction you already receive for your contribution.

Qualifying income ceiling limits for the Savers’ Tax Credit increased in 2014 to \$60,000 for joint filers, \$45,000 for heads of household, and \$30,000 for singles or married persons filing separately. Consult IRS Form 8880 for more information.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

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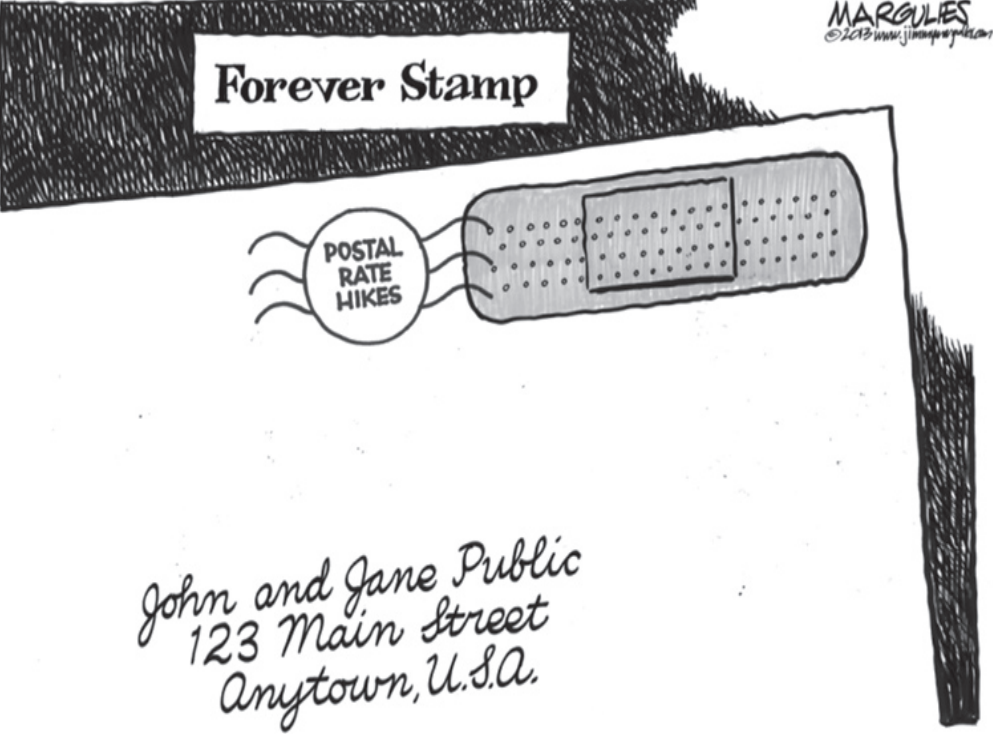
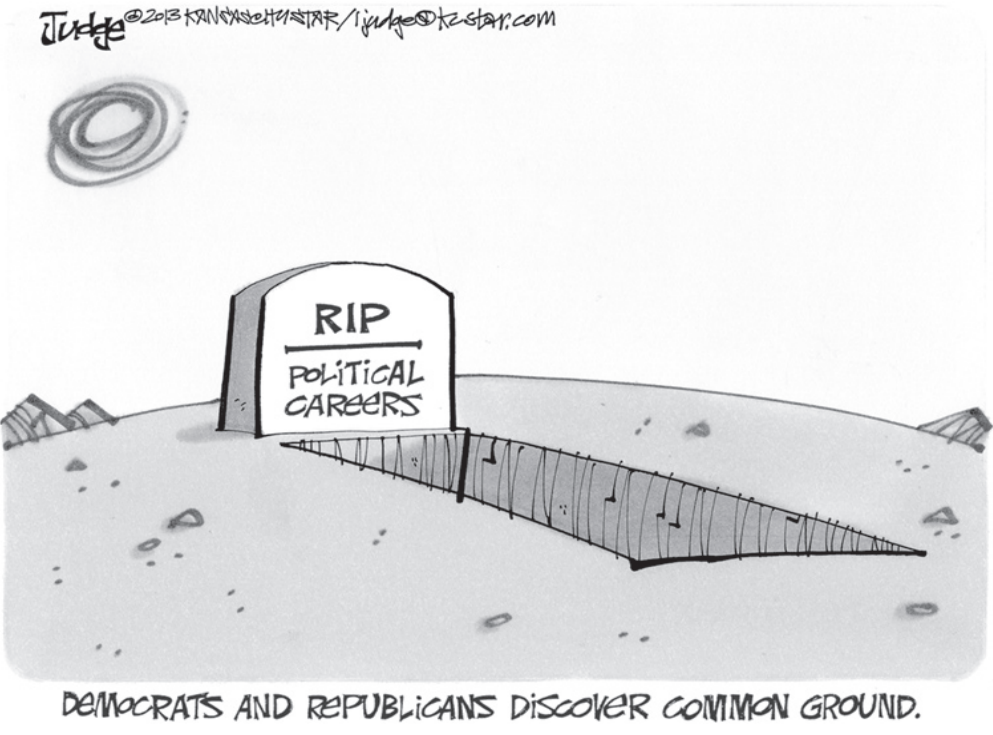


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El Paso County falls under eFileTexas program

TEXAS (GistCloud) – On January 1 the State of Texas became the nation’s largest state to implement a mandatory electronic court filing (e-filing) system aimed at digitizing court filings. Beginning today, civil cases filed in the state’s 10 most populous counties (Bexar, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Fort Bend, Harris, Hidalgo, Tarrant and Travis) and all case types in the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and 14 appellate courts, must be filed electronically. Every six months, more counties will make the change from paper to digital until all courts throughout the state are e-filing for civil cases by 2016.

In 2014, Texas’ e-filing system known as eFileTexas and available at www.efiletexas.gov is expected to handle more than 3.5 million electronic court filings – more than any other state system in the country.

The system works by accepting electronic documents from attorneys and other filers via Web portals and securely distributes these documents to the appropriate county or appellate court where they can be accepted into the case management system of that court.

“E-filing promotes the efficient and uniform administration of justice,” said Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice, Nathan Hecht. “In the 21st century, we no longer can rely on an 18th or 19th century vision for our systems. I think historians will look back on this time period and see that e-filing revolutionized our courts for the better.”

“A new year, brings a new vision for our courts,” said David Slayton, Administrative Director of the Texas Office of Court Administration. “E-filing is a technology solution that will save taxpayer dollars by eliminating paper and storage costs, simplifying access to public record information and allowing attorneys and courts to work more efficiently. With e-filing, one no longer has to wait in line at the clerk’s office, you can file from anywhere in the world 24/7 as long as you have an internet connection.”

The benefits of e-filing are touted as:

- Quicker access to e-filed documents;
- Increased efficiency for attorneys and litigants;
- Reduced printing and mailing costs;
- Reduced storage costs for clerks;
- Greater security of court documents in the event of disaster;
- More efficient use of court staff; and
- Increased transparency and access to courts.

Plano, Texas based Tyler Technologies is the technology infrastructure provider for eFileTexas.gov. The Web portal utilizes Tyler’s e-filing platform, Odyssey® File and Serve which is deployed in more than 10 other states including, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico and Oregon.

“The Texas judiciary saw the state’s massive size and scale not as an obstacle, but rather an opportunity to create convenience and cost savings for residents, courts and attorneys in each of the state’s 254 counties,” said Bruce Graham, president of Tyler’s Courts and Justice Division. “By replacing slow, paper-based processes with e-filing, eFileTexas.gov reflects the consumerization of technology by government. Progressive public-sector agencies like the Texas judiciary apply reliable, easy-to-use technology to bring the kinds of convenience and efficiency to government that we, as consumers, expect from technology in our daily lives.”

ESD

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Nunda Dr. ESD No. 2 meetings are held at 7 p.m., on the third Wednesday of each month, at 100 S. San Elizario, Suite N.

Individuals interested in volunteering to serve on the ESD board should submit an application form and resume to the El Paso County Human Resources Department by 5 p.m., February 14.

Application forms may be obtained at the El Paso County Human Resources Dept., 800 E. Overland Room 223 or online at <http://www.epcounty.com/hr/documents/BoardApplication.pdf>

For questions related to each ESD, contact Ron Larson, district administrator, at (915) 852-3204 or (915) 820-8640, for ESD No.1; or Annette Gonzalez, district administrator, at (915) 851-0304, for ESD No. 2.

Moore Texas by Roger Moore **Charles and Jon Farrell of Chicago agree to build the new Capitol and accept as payment 3 million acres in West Texas... in January 1882.**





– Photo courtesy Cotton Valley Early College High School



CVECHS graduates first full class

FABENS – Cotton Valley Early College High School (CVECHS), located in Fabens, graduated its first full class of 12 students on December 13, 2013. The commencement ceremonies were held at the Don Haskins Center. One other graduate, Isaac Valles, finished his degree in May 2013 but joined the class for a celebration in Fabens a week later. Each high school senior now has an Associate’s Degree and will finish up their high school courses for this academic year. These CVECHS Titans are halfway to earning a Bachelor’s Degree and each has saved over \$12,000 in college tuition. The students are, from left:

- Noe Iglesias (Fabens ISD), Pre-Psychology;
- Marisol Hernandez (Fabens ISD), Pre-Dentistry;
- Mayra Nieto (Fort Hancock ISD), Criminal Justice;
- Jennifer Murillo (Fabens ISD), Pre-Business;
- Camila Ruelas (Fabens ISD), Pre-Med;
- Victoria Wallace-Eads (Fabens ISD), Art;
- Isaac Valles (Fabens ISD), Pre-Pharmacy;
- Lorraine Garcia (Fabens ISD), Pre-Med;
- Fabiola Dozal (Tornillo ISD), Psychology;
- Jose Alonso (Tornillo ISD), Pre-Pharmacy;
- Alexis Candelaria (Fabens ISD), Pre-Physical Therapy;
- Yazbel Arriaga (Tornillo ISD), Pre-Pharmacy; and
- Abraham Ceballos (Tornillo ISD), Pre-Med.

CVECHS is a collaboration of the Fabens, Fort Hancock and Tornillo Independent School Districts in partnership with El Paso Community College. The school is already recruiting for the 2014-2015 school year. All interested 8th grade students must submit their application packets by January 15, 2014.

– Nancy Torres



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Briefs

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facing public education. Yet, these local trustees embrace hard work as they demonstrate compassion and concern for the success and well being of every Texas student. They work closely with parents and educators to develop sound education policies in their districts and set high standards for student success. In communities across the state, school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious issues, deal with financial uncertainties, and still provide excellent education experiences for all of our children. We urge every community to thank local board members and support them as they tackle this important job. Join us in applauding them for making the time to care about the future of Texas schoolchildren, their local communities, and this state,” he said.

– Barbara Williams

Help sought

A woman was found murdered in the backyard of her Northeast El Paso Home and the case remains unsolved. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the public’s assistance in finding the person responsible for the brutal death of a 53-year-old woman through Crime Stoppers. At 12:30 on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 6, 2013, Officers from the El Paso Police Department’s Northeast Regional Command

Center responded to a home at the 10600 block of Onyxstone, regarding a Subject down. At the scene officers found 53-year-old, Nora Kim Lorts, lying on the ground in the backyard of her home dead. Detectives from the Crimes Against Persons Unit (C.A.P.) responded to the scene and found that Lorts’ death was suspicious in nature. After an autopsy was performed, the



Nora Kim Lorts

death of Lorts was determined to be a murder. The murder is believed to have occurred sometime between seven in the morning and noon on March 6. Investigators are certain that someone has information about this violent death that took place in a Northeast El Paso neighborhood in the victim’s own backyard. If you have any information at all about a suspect in this case, contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word “CRIME1” (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward

– Javier Sambrano

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City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

On January 2, 2014 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

1) Ordinance 325, an Ordinance changing the zoning of TRACTS 1A, 1B, 1C, 1C1, 1D, 2A, 2C, AND 2E, BLOCK 10, and TRACTS 5A, 5B, 6A, AND 7B1, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT, from A-1 (Agricultural) to a combination of R-2 (Medium Density Residential) and C-2 (General Commercial).

The Ordinance(s) effective date is immediately upon adoption and publication.

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Copies of the ordinance are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sandra Hernandez
City Clerk

WTCC: 01-09-14
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PUBLIC NOTICE

El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2

Notice of Location

The El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 Administration Office is located at 100 S. San Elizario

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Annette Gonzalez
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THINK LIKE A THIEF.

TOP 5 TIPS TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF AUTO CRIME

1.

Always lock your vehicle and **take your keys**. Never leave your vehicle running and unattended. Half the cars stolen in Texas have the keys inside.

2.

Always park in a **well-lighted** area.

3.

Use auto theft **deterrents**, such as car alarms, steering wheel and ignition column devices and kill switches.

4.

Keep all valuables and packages **out of sight**.

5.

Participate in the statewide H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) Program, a vehicle registration program aimed at **reducing auto theft**. Call 1-888-447-5933 or visit https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/Heat/ for details.

TEXAS AUTO BURGLARY & THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

The Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) was formed to help reduce auto burglary and theft in Texas. The funds are provided by an annual \$1 fee on every insured vehicle in Texas. The fee is charged to insurance companies that provide vehicle coverage in Texas and is collected by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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UCLA behaved, played great while visiting El Paso

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

A long time ago a gentleman much smarter than I am wrote down the following lines, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

As time as gone on there have been thousands of idiotic episodes that have proven that thought accurate.

But there are examples of people who have taken those words to heart and made sure the unpleasant past was not repeated by recalling the circumstances that led to it.

One such group of people who made sure to remember the past was the UCLA football program.

Everyone remembers last year’s debacle created by the USC Trojans.

Some of the players and many of the fans from Los Angeles made their feelings known about having to travel to El Paso for the Sun Bowl.

They weren’t only unhappy, they trashed El Paso as a place where nothing goes on.

Hey, I thought that it was our job to trash

our own city about the lack of things to do.

Anyway, everyone knows that there are more exciting things to do in Orlando and Phoenix and San Antonio and Miami and Anaheim and New Orleans and... stop me when I run out of cities.

But it still shows a total lack of class to disrespect a place that is about to have you over as its guest.

That certainly didn’t stop USC from having a multitude of players tweet their dissatisfaction with El Paso and it didn’t stop their coaches from having the team arrive more than an hour late at a Sun Bowl function.

With their hearts and minds completely removed from the entire experience, a totally uninterested USC team was throttled by Georgia Tech 21-7 in the 2012 game.

Now UCLA may not consider USC to be anywhere near them as a university, but both schools are from Los Angeles and they’re just over 10 miles apart.

So you know that even though they are two entirely two separate entities, they always know what they other is doing.

And the embarrassing news of USC’s immature behavior in El Paso a year ago

certainly gave those around the UCLA campus a reason to smile.

So happy or not, when UCLA found out it was going to play in this year’s edition of the Hyundai Sun Bowl, they were going to go all out and not repeat the same mistakes their west-coast neighbors did.

Last year the first words to come out of USC coach Lane Kiffin’s mouth when he was introduced to the El Paso media was an apology for the actions of some of his players.

In a complete contrast, UCLA coach Jim Mora Jr. talked only about his team’s opportunity for a 10th victory and his utter appreciation of the fact that the Sun Bowl would have his team as a participant.

True, False? Who cares? Everyone who rolls out the red carpet for visitors just wants to be appreciated for the effort.

The UCLA players, coaches and staff conducted themselves with respect, class and managed to stay away from controversy of any kind.

The icing on the cake was the full-page, full-color ad in the sports pages of the El Paso Times on the morning of the Sun Bowl game

that simply read, “Thank you El Paso, -UCLA Bruins.”

And unlike last year’s humiliating upset, UCLA went out and did what it was supposed to do, crush Virginia Tech 42-12.

Maybe there really is something behind the whole concept of karma.

UCLA can probably thank USC for providing a ton of examples on how not to act when you are somebody’s guest.

The Bruins put their best paws forward and behaved like true gentlemen for their entire visit.

And who knows, maybe with all the new construction going on around the city (don’t forget the new multi-purpose arena after the baseball stadium is built) the talk about nothing to do here will begin to subside.

Then hopefully all anyone will have to remember about El Paso will be the many things to do while hanging around here.

Let’s face it, rude or not, the negative things people have always said about this city can be blamed on this city.

But then again, so can all the positive things to come.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Stick a fork in 2013

2013 was such a awful year, if it was in the form of a human I would gladly punch it in the trachea.

From Lance Armstrong, to the concussion-era drama in the NFL, to the steroid-era drama in baseball, imaginary girlfriends, baby-mama drama, murders, bombings and drugs... I wondered if it would ever end. Every day it was something, and rarely did it seem to relate to actual sports.

Why am I keeping up with the

Kardashians? Can somebody help me with this? Aside from sporting events and kids’ shows, I don’t watch a lot of television. So why do I know so much about this girl Kim? I’m not even saying anything bad about her like most seem to do whenever she comes up in conversation. She seems like a very healthy-looking and charismatic young woman. I just don’t care about her marriage to Lamar Odom or Kanye West or Bruce Jenner, but the fact that I can

tie all of their names to that troupe’s troubles concerns me a great deal. Keep that stuff off of SportsCenter and on TMZ or Bravo where it belongs.

We lost Mariano Rivera to retirement last year, superagent Scott Boras lost a client to Jay-Z, and Robinson Cano lost his mind. I can’t blame Rivera for wanting to spend more time with family, and I understand that the league was only too happy to roll out the retirement tour for PR sakes, but unless he does the Rolling Stones or KISS retirement thing where they keep coming back (or is it more aptly referred to as a “long goodbye?”), I would like to see him come back

only after be is inducted into the Hall of Fame in five years.

Daniel Tosh, ironically one of those guys who has an entertainment tonight-type show, has the best take on retirement. He talks about Brett Favre and how fans wanted him to retire. Yeah, well maybe I will just retire when teams stop throwing obscene amounts of money at me to start football games. How much does a backup make – \$2 million? Yeah, I will take that job. Six-figures to play on the practice squad? Sign me up, coach.

As of this writing, five NFL coaches have lost their job. Certainly more will follow. The reason? Chip Kelly, head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, who did something that is rarely seen at the pro-levels these days: He revolutionized the game.

You have to go back to Billy Beane and Moneyball to find a similar phenomenon. You can bet owners and GMs want to get in on the new wave.

And we certainly can look forward to the circus that will be Johnny Manziel’s exodus from Texas. Why, just today I heard an ESPN correspondent say he can’t wait to see little Johnny as a legitimate rock star with NFL-type money. Oh, imagine his off-field antics!

Personally, I think Manziel will be a bust... but I do know without a doubt that I want to see it on the field and not off. Save those busts for TMZ in 2014, please.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Boundaries

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each campus, so that each school could serve students in grades pre-k through fifth.

A big reason the re-alignment discussions are necessary now is because Frank Macias Elementary School, is currently serving 1,230 students - with more incoming students expected next year. The elementary campus has the largest student population in the district and is at capacity, according to CISD

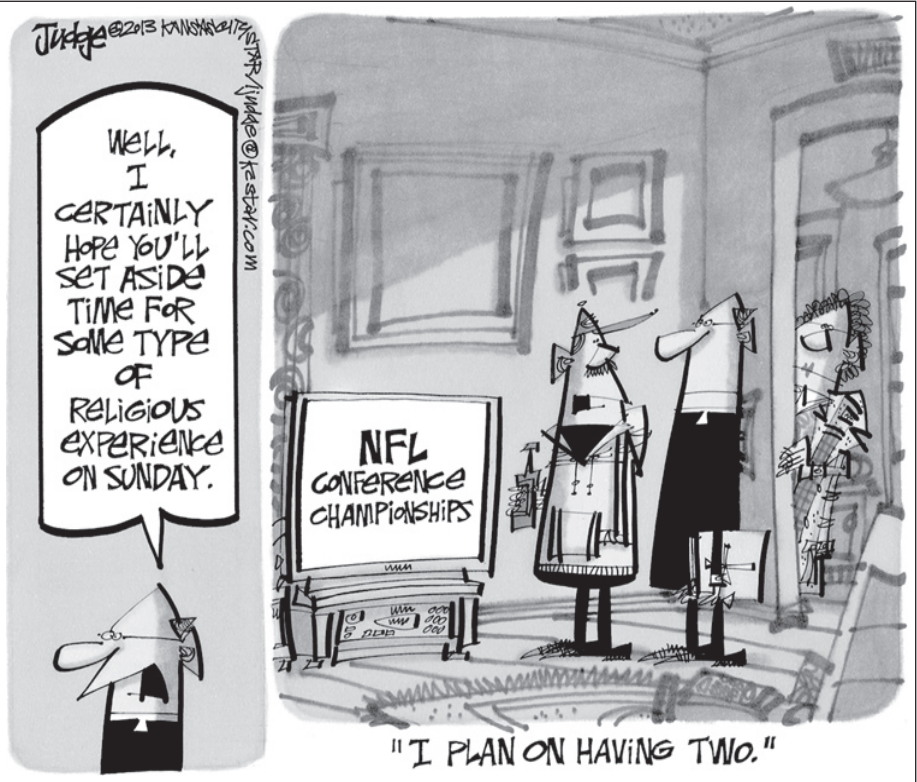
spokesperson Laura Cade.

The proposed reconfiguration of the school attendance zones would help alleviate the growing student population at Frank Macias and would allow for future growth at each of the other campuses, Cade stated. She added that the redrawing of attendance boundaries for these three schools would allow for the appropriate space each campus will need for a pre-k through fifth grade configuration.

The upcoming meetings are designed to give community, faculty, and staff members at these schools an opportunity to express their suggestions and concerns before district officials present their recommendation to school board members, Cade stated. “Once we receive input from teachers and parents, the school board will be better able to determine the best plan to move forward,” she stated.

If new attendance boundaries are approved by the board of trustees, they would take effect for the 2014-15 school year.

For more information about the scheduled CISD teachers and parents informational meetings call 926-4000.



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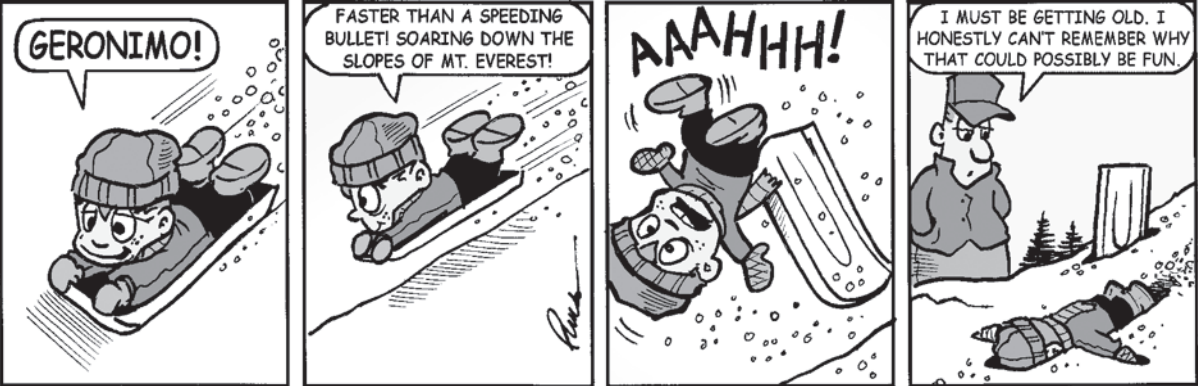
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Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you please do a column on shingles? I have gone through 12 weeks of the nastiest, worst illness possible. I never hear anything on TV about it. – J.C.

I'll have another go at shingles. Others probably think I overdo it. But it's such a common problem of older people that it deserves repetition. Shingles is the work of the reawakened chickenpox virus that has been asleep in nerve cells ever since a person was infected, usually in childhood. It's a safe bet to say you were infected even if you don't recall it; more than 95 percent of adults were.

The rash of shingles usually disappears in two to four weeks. Pain, however, can stay with you. The pain is now called postherpetic neuralgia. In making the trip to the skin, the virus damaged the nerve roots that it crawled down to reach the skin. Pain is a consequence of the nerve injury.

A large number of treatments exist for this aftermath of shingles. One is amitriptyline, whose primary use is relief of depression. It also has pain-relieving properties in doses lower than what's given for depression. Neurontin (gabapentin) is a seizure-control medicine that often is successful in suppressing pain. The extended-release form of this drug, called Gralise, is given only once a day. Lyrica (pregabalin) has had a good record in quieting postherpetic neuralgia.

Lidocaine skin patches, placed on the skin where pain is felt, are another way to ease pain without taking an oral medicine. Lidocaine is a numbing agent. The latest innovation for shingles treatment is Qutenza, another skin-patch medicine. The doctor has to apply this patch, and lets it stay on the skin for an hour. Then the doctor removes the patch, and the effect of the

medicine lasts for three months. It is expensive. In cases where no treatment brings relief, opioids – pain relievers of the morphine family – have a place in treatment, so long as they are supervised carefully by the doctor.

The booklet on shingles explains this problem in depth. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 1201W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I suffered from an enlarged prostate, so I was sent to a urologist. He checked for cancer, but I don't have it. He put me on Flomax and Avodart. After three years, the doctor said the medicines were no longer working and that I had to have surgery or my bladder would be damaged and I would have to carry a bag for the rest of my life. I am 57. I had a transurethral resection of the prostate, TURP. It's been two months, and I still am passing blood clots. Is this normal. – J.G.

It's normal to bleed after a TURP, but it's not normal to be bleeding two months after the procedure. Give the urologist a call. Let him examine you again and determine why the bleeding is lasting this long.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

TEACHING THE TABBY METHOD

ACROSS

1 Composer Bartok

5 Does' mates

10 Cellar, in ads for apts.

14 Clean vigorously

19 Neeson of film

20 _ a time (item by item)

21 San _ (Riviera resort)

22 Stop for a bit

23 Brutish beast

24 Aunt's husband, in France

25 Coerced

27 Start of a riddle

30 "_ be great if..."

31 Filly's feed

32 Pitching star

33 Perceived to be

37 Riddle, part 2

43 Imitate a supermodel

44 Toe the mark

45 Dickens villain Uriah

46 That girl's

47 "Horton Hears _!"

50 Mr. Capote, to his friends

51 "La Cage _ Folles"

52 Cogito - sum connector

53 Riddle, part 3

61 Part of a PA system

62 Maims

63 Ely or Paul

64 Ida. neighbor

65 Point a pistol

66 Port city in Florida

67 Eatery bill

68 Quarterback Tebow

71 "What's the _?" ("Same thing, right?")

72 Gillis of an old sitcom

73 El Capitan's national park

75 Riddle, part 4

80 Time of Christmas

81 Poetic time after dusk

82 Tonic go-with

83 Cash spitter-outers

84 River in Switzerland

85 Big name in PCs

101 Be sore

102 Metal source

103 Riddle's answer

109 Cities plus their suburbs

112 Oldsmobile of 1999-2004

113 Like most cupcakes

114 From Tehran or Tabriz

115 Post-Q run

116 More critical

117 Suit option

118 Was gutsy enough

119 Apt name for a herding dog

120 Simplified

121 Pablo's "this"

DOWN

1 Totally fail

2 Fraction equal to .125

3 Texas border city

4 "Right on!"

5 Big to-dos

6 Funicello of "Zorro"

7 Form anew, as a sentence

8 Perfumed powder

9 Editor's "put this back in"

10 Overgrown with limbs

11 Film maker Eisenstein

12 Nero's 3,100

13 Dorothy's dog

14 Add zest to check

16 Make public

17 Profit from

18 With 48-Down, Burgundy or Chianti

26 Fritter away

28 Not "for here," in a restaurant

29 "_ it up and spit it out" ("My Way" lyric)

34 India's Jawaharlal

35 Lay _ (fail miserably)

36 Old Detroit beer brewer

38 Winning by a single point

39 Honked thing

40 United Arab Emirates' capital

41 Closes

42 Voluptuous

47 Tennis situation

48 See 18-Down

49 Many a flat-screen

50 Eliot's Rum _ Tugger

51 "_ boy!"

52 Vast span

54 Hiker's path

55 ET tales, say

56 _-pah band

57 Herb in curry powder

58 Broken chord

59 Rub off

60 Prize won by Obama

66 Tattered

67 Singer Waits

68 Color lightly

69 Tabloid tidbit

70 Disarray

71 Viña _ Mar

72 John of farm equipment

73 "Round _ virgin..."

74 Port city in Florida

75 Stupefied

76 _ Ark

77 Rid of some rodents

78 Fork (off)

79 Virgo, e.g.

85 Mass near a tonsil

86 Around, in a date

87 Instigates

88 Extensive

89 "Mother _" (old Irish song)

90 Olympic track star Evelyn

91 1940s film critic James

93 Actress Courtney _-Smith

94 Perot running mate Pat

95 Puts H2O on

96 Utters

97 Writer Hemingway

98 Really must

104 Is incorrect

105 Netting

106 Walk across a stream

107 Kulik of figure skating

108 In the flesh

109 _cap stock

110 Eventful time

111 Roofer's goo

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: What is Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

A: The SSI program provides monthly payments to people with limited income and financial resources who are age 65 or older, blind or disabled. In 2013, the maximum federal SSI payment is \$710 a month for an individual and \$1,066 a month for an eligible couple. Keep in mind this amount may be reduced if you have other income. Many states supplement SSI payments. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs to view electronic leaflets about these state supplements. To get SSI, your financial resources (savings and assets you own) cannot exceed \$2,000 (\$3,000 if married). If you are married and only one person is eligible, a portion of your spouse’s income may be counted. You can be eligible for SSI even if you have never worked in employment covered under Social Security. There

are other requirements as well. Learn more by reading or listening to the publication *SSI or You May Be Able To Get SSI*. Both are available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Q: I’m trying to figure out the best time to retire based on my future earnings. How can I calculate my own retirement benefit estimate?

A: We suggest you use our *Retirement Estimator* at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. Our *Retirement Estimator* produces estimates based on your actual Social Security earnings record, so it’s a personalized, instant picture of your future estimated benefit. Also, you can use it to test different retirement scenarios based on what age you decide to start benefits. For example, you can find out your estimated monthly payments if you retire at age 62, 70, or any age in between. Try it out now at [\[socialsecurity.gov/estimator\]\(http://socialsecurity.gov/estimator\).

Q: How many Social Security numbers have been issued since the program started?

A: Since numbers were first issued in November 1936, we have assigned about 460 million numbers. There are about one billion possible combinations of the 9-digit Social Security number. Visit \[www.socialsecurity.gov/history/ssn/ssncards.html\]\(http://www.socialsecurity.gov/history/ssn/ssncards.html\) for a complete history of the Social Security number.

Q: My grandmother recently died and left me about \\$5,000 in cash. Will this affect my SSI?

A: Yes, it most likely will. We count the money as income in the month you receive it, which means you will not be eligible for an SSI payment the month that you receive the \\$5,000. Because there is a resource limit of \\$2,000 for an individual \(or \\$3,000 for a couple\), the amount you keep after the month you received it will count as a resource and may make you ineligible for a payment. As long as you have more than the resource limit, you will not be eligible for an SSI payment. It is important that you report to us the amount you receive and then let us know when your resources fall below the limit. Learn more about SSI by reading or listening to our](http://www.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

online publication, *Supplemental Security Income (SSI)*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Q: I pay my monthly premium directly to my Medicare prescription drug plan provider. Why can’t I also pay my income-related monthly adjustment amount directly to my Medicare prescription drug plan provider?

A: By law, we must deduct your income-related monthly adjustment amount from your Social Security payments. If the amount you owe is more than the amount of your payment, or you don’t get monthly payments, you will get a separate bill from another federal agency, such as the *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services* or the *Railroad Retirement Board*. Read our publication, *Medicare Premiums: Rules for Higher-Income Beneficiaries*, for an idea of what you can expect to pay. You’ll find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Polish chess grandmaster Savielly Tartakower who made the following sage observation: “Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake.”
- In the late 19th century, a single female Bengal tiger, known as the Champawat Tiger, was solely responsible for an estimated 430 deaths in India and Nepal. After evading hunters and the Nepalese Army for years, she was finally killed in 1907 by a hunter named Jim Corbett.
- A leech can consume 10 times its weight in its victims’ blood.

- In 2011, during a tough financial time for the nation of Romania, the government instituted a 16 percent tax on the incomes of self-proclaimed witches, fortunetellers and astrologers. Those so employed were incensed and vowed retribution, some casting spells against the president and those members of the government who had supported the legislation. In an unrelated incident, the legislature also drafted a measure that would punish those who incorrectly predicted the future.
- Famed magician Harry Houdini was born with the less-than-inspiring name Erich Weiss.

- There is a planet named Gliese 436b orbiting a red dwarf star. It’s about the size of Neptune, and it’s very, very hot – roughly 820 degrees Fahrenheit. None of this is terribly unusual; what’s truly surprising is the fact that the planet’s surface is made up largely of ice (with an outer layer of hydrogen and helium) despite the heat. It seems that the gravity and atmospheric pressure are so great that water is forced into a solid form, creating so-called hot ice.
- A Louisiana man once caught a grape in his mouth that was tossed from 252 feet away.

Thought for the Day: “He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.”
– Sir Winston Churchill

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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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: X equals W

XMRQ Z XDB VSTZQJ YE V D

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DGGFZDQOR, TYE CZJMV BDT Z

XDB D VYDBVRS VRB VRS.

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By: rj johnson

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KWATE
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WUFREC
TBI
♥URTO
♥TWASR
WCO
EATARK
♥RABEC
ERET

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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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