

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Socorro ISD reports posted

Each year every school in the Socorro Independent School District (SISD) is evaluated by Texas and the State of Texas 2019–20 School Report Cards are now available. They can be found online at [https://tea.texas.gov/Student\\_Testing\\_and\\_Accountability/Accountability/State\\_Accountability/Performance\\_Reporting/School\\_Report\\_Cards](https://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Accountability/State_Accountability/Performance_Reporting/School_Report_Cards) and on the SISD website at [www.sisd.net/SchoolReportCards](http://www.sisd.net/SchoolReportCards). A printed copy of the report is available upon request at each school or at the SISD District Service Center. A more complete report about each school and the district, the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), is available at <https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/tapr/index.html>.

— Christy Flores-Jones

### Good driving

With U.S. traffic congestion costing U.S. drivers \$88 billion in 2019 but driving reduced in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2021's Best & Worst States to Drive In, as well as accompanying videos. To determine the most driver-friendly states in the U.S., WalletHub compared the 50 states across 31 key metrics. The data set ranges from average gas prices to rush-hour traffic congestion to road quality. Texas was named the top state in the report. Driving in Texas was rated (1-Best; 25-Avg.):

- 28th – Traffic Fatality Rate;
  - 6th – Auto-Repair Shops per Capita;
  - 3rd – Avg. Gas Prices;
  - 20th – Auto-Maintenance Costs;
  - 8th – Road Quality; and
  - 2nd – Car Dealerships per Capita.
- Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-states-to-drive-in/43012> for the full report.

— Diana Polk

### Aged whiskey

Nick Drummond and Patrick Bakker had just purchased a 105-year-old house in the town of Ames, N.Y. And when they started do-it-yourself repairs on their fixer-upper they made a cheerful discovery. As they began removing some rotted wooden

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*Many of life's failures are people that did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Border wall construction halts



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**WINDS OF CHANGE** – The border wall, above, along El Paso County's Cesar Chavez Border Freeway is a constant reminder for residents of the challenges of U.S. immigration policies. So far in fiscal 2021, Border Patrol officials reported 140,591 "encounters" at the U.S.-Mexico border, data that includes October and November apprehensions of unauthorized immigrants and "encounters" that result in the quick return of migrants to Mexico or their country of origin. That is up 60 percent from 87,782 "encounters" during the same two months in fiscal 2020.

## Biden reverses Trump on border wall, spending

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

**NATION** – A "big, beautiful border wall" was the promise that helped elect Donald Trump as president in 2016, a campaign rally chant that became reality as 450 miles of barriers have been erected or revamped along the U.S.-Mexico border since, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data.

Four years later, Joe Biden campaigned on a promise that if elected president he would not build another mile of barrier along the southern border. Subsequently, on his first day in office the newly elected President Biden officially ended the "so-called National Emergency" order that Trump declared to divert Department of Defense money to help build that "beautiful" wall.

Biden ended the emergency declaration, but it is still unclear how that will affect ongoing construction projects and the money already dedicated to them, as well as the message that it will send to other countries.

Outgoing CBP Acting Commissioner Mark Morgan recently stated that the border wall system proves its worth every day with every mile. He said that the wall keeps CBP personnel safer and keeps migrants safer. He called the construction of 450 miles of fencing "a historic accomplishment".

Most of the new steel-and-concrete fencing, though, merely replaced existing barriers. CBP and the Army Corps of

Engineers tore down long stretches of low vehicle barriers and 18-foot-tall steel bollards and replaced them with 30-foot steel bollards.

Along the more than 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border, there currently exists more than 700 miles of "primary" border barrier, according to CBP officials.

The Border Patrol's El Paso sector—which includes part of West Texas and all of New Mexico—has seen 131 miles of fencing, the most of any of the agency's six border regions.

Construction was in progress east of the Ysleta port of entry in El Paso County and in southern New Mexico west of the Santa Teresa port of entry, as the new president took office.

The Tucson sector in Arizona saw the second-highest number of new miles of border fencing. About 114 miles of barriers have been built, including in environmentally sensitive desert ecosystems and on cultural sites sacred to the Native American tribes of the Hia-Ced and Tohono O'odham.

The Rio Grande Valley of Texas, one of the Border Patrol's busiest sectors, saw the fewest miles of border barrier built, roughly 17 miles total over the past four years. That is in part because much of south Texas border real estate is in private hands and the Trump administration struggled to acquire land.

Nonetheless, the administration continued legal condemnation proceedings to acquire land from landowners for construction. CBP officials reported that a 69-mile stretch of new barrier was in the

works in Webb County, and another 52-mile project was in the "pre-construction" phase.

South Texas landowners in a lawsuit challenged Trump's 2017 executive order mandating construction of a physical barrier on the border and a series of environmental waivers aimed at fast-tracking the nearly 70 miles of barrier wall from Webb County to Zapata County.

The lawsuit alleges the administration violated the Fifth Amendment's due process clause, which provides for equal protection under the law. The executive order "creates a Second-Class United States citizen at the southern border who can have their land seized wholesale based on racist and white nationalist motives," the lawsuit stated.

The other part of Trump's central campaign promise regarding the border wall never came to pass, that is that Mexico would pay for the wall. Instead, the American taxpayers did. Morgan related that more than \$16 billion had been spent or allocated in the past four years to build a total of 800 miles of what CBP called a border wall system, which includes access roads, lighting, and technology in addition to steel fencing.

That allocation included about \$4.5 billion appropriated by Congress for border barriers. But the majority, about \$10.5 billion, had been diverted by the Trump administration from other accounts, mostly the Department of Defense, according to the nonpartisan Migration

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View from here By Robert Charles

# Pompeo’s declaration of China genocide has big implications

In waning hours of the Trump Administration, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo – decorated military officer, former congressman, exceptional Secretary of State – leveled what may be the strongest, most widely supported, enduring charge against Communist China: Deliberate genocide<sup>1</sup>. Beyond China’s overt and covert attacks on Western values and international security, abusing rule of law, manipulating public opinion, economic data, currency, and multilateral

trade regimes, hatching and spreading the deadly COVID-19 virus, Pompeo laid out the case for China’s unconscionable genocide<sup>2</sup> against religious minorities, most egregiously millions of minority Muslims in Western China.

Notably, Muslims are not the only religion systematically, grotesquely, officially persecuted for their faith. Christians, Buddhists, Taoists, and other minorities are mercilessly persecuted by the Communist Government, which to now has been wholly unaccountable to world opinion.

As Pompeo affirmed, a wide swath of evidence from victims, relatives, journalists, international human rights groups, and incontrovertible technical data show 11 million Uighur Muslims<sup>3</sup> have been targeted, one million forced into concentration camps for communist “deprogramming” or “reeducation.”

At the direction of China’s Communist government – the same one that bankrolled Biden family members – Chinese Muslimstoday suffer interminable physical imprisonment, physical abuse, forced abortions, forced sterilization, and unapologetic denial of rights found in our Bill of Rights, from free speech, worship, assembly, travel, and peaceful protest, to self-defense, confrontation of accusers, access to a fair trial, and freedom from cruel and unusual punishment.

With Muslims, Christians have been placed in fear, harassed, imprisoned, churches burned, theology changed, and personally martyred for unwillingness to deny their faith. Not surprisingly, when a 2015 Gallup poll asked Chinese citizens their views, 90 percent averred atheism. Fear, persecution, imprisonment, brain washing, and death are powerful incentives for denying faith.

What Pompeo had done, however, is bigger than meets the eye. By accusing China of genocide, a label that will likely be repeated by US allies, examined, and confirmed by non-partisan international human rights groups in time, he has brought China within reach of the “Genocide Convention” of 1948 (“Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide”).

This is a serious development, with downstream legal effects for China – no matter the Biden Administration’s affection, connection, or personal dependence on China.

The Genocide Convention, at Article II, makes clear that “genocide” is “any of the following acts to destroy, in whole or in part... a religious group” by “killing,” “causing serious bodily or mental harm,” “inflicting... conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction,” “imposing measures intended to prevent births,” or “forcibly transferring children of that group to another group.” China has done each of the above, most numerous to Muslims, but consistently to all faiths.

Communist China’s goal is to isolate, intimidate, and eradicate religious faith – and if they cannot do this by mind-control and “deprogramming,” then to isolate, intimidate, and eradicate all those who believe. The specter is horrific, and the “tell it like it is” Trump State Department is making clear – it is real.

Pompeo is saying what all know, and apologists for China and Communism never say. But the move will cast a long shadow over China, one they cannot outrun. Article IV states: “Persons committing genocide or any of the other acts enumerated... shall be punished, whether they are constitutionally responsible

rulers, public officials or private individuals.” The sweep of that provision raises stakes for China’s rulers.

Lest some argue China is outside the Convention, it is not<sup>4</sup>. Among the 151 treaty signatories, China ratified it in 1949. Even as China seeks to dodge accountability, as they do for COVID-19, truth is louder than communist denials. Recent reports compare China’s offenses against religious minorities with acts perpetrated by Nazi Germany.

So, here we are. Beyond declaring – finally – that Communist China is perpetuating “crimes against humanity,” evils so identifiable, systematic, egregious and unforgivable that they amount to genocide, and beyond setting up potential prosecutions, however unlikely, this move triggers three other events.

First, this move reminds the world – as President Ronald Reagan once did, to lasting effect and against advice of his own team – that there are still “evil empires” afoot. In Reagan’s day, the most powerful, inhumane, and ambitious communist regime was the Soviet Union. Today, it is China.

Second, this move forces incoming President Biden’s hand, making him own up to facts, stand up for liberty, or side with an overtly inexcusable, anti-religious, inhumane and cruel communist regime. The truth is hard to avert, once someone points it out, steps up to shine a light, making clear the untruth.

Finally, his move reinforces what the past four years have been, with respect to China. They have been an ugly coming out. They have been the bright light of a liberty-loving nation – saying enough. They have not been “business

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# Gonzales joins Problem Solvers Caucus

By Paige Lindgren  
Special to the Courier

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Tony Gonzales (R-TX-23) joined the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus on January 21st. The Problem Solvers Caucus is co-chaired by Congressmen Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-05) and Tom Reed (R-NY-23). It’s made up of equal parts Republicans and Democrats and strives to break the partisan gridlock in Washington by coming together behind bipartisan solutions.

“From day one, I’ve said that I want to be part of the solution, not the problem,” said Gonzales. “The Problem Solvers Caucus is a group from across the political spectrum but we are all resolved on

finding commonsense solutions to the challenges that face our country. I look forward to working towards more bipartisan solutions and constructive results.”

“After serving the country for twenty years in the U.S. Navy, Rep. Gonzales is now serving the people of Texas in a new capacity as a public servant committed to working across the aisle to solve the complex problems facing the nation,” said Problem Solvers Caucus Co-Chair Tom Reed. “We are honored to have Tony join our team and look forward to the expertise, work ethic, and perspective he’ll bring to the Caucus.”

Texas District 23 covers the southwest portion of the state including portions of El Paso County.

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The Town of Anthony, TX will conduct an **Election** on May 1, 2021 for the purpose of electing the positions of Mayor; and two (2) Alderman for Place One and Place Two for full two (2) year terms.

Qualified persons may apply for this position on the Town of Anthony, TX ballot through February 12, 2021 in person at Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, TX 79821, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; or by email to Town Clerk Norma Castillo at [ncastillo@townofanthony.org](mailto:ncastillo@townofanthony.org); or by mail at Town of Anthony, PO Box 1269, Anthony, TX 79821.

*El Pueblo de Anthony Texas llevara acabo una eleccion general el dia 1 de Mayo, 2021 con el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios. Alcalde; y Miembros del concilio por posiciones uno y dos por dos (2) años de plazo por cada posicion.*

*Candidatos interesados en aplicar en El Pueblo de Anthony, TX tienen asta el Febrero 12, 2021 para someter su aplicacion en persona en el Town Hall ubicado en 401 Wildcat Dr. Anthony, Tx 79821 de Lunes a Viernes de 8 a.m. a 4 p.m.; o por correo electrónico a la Secretaria Municipal en Norma Castillo at [ncastillo@townofanthony.org](mailto:ncastillo@townofanthony.org); o mandar por correo al Town of Anthony PO Box 1269 Anthony, Tx 79821.*

Norma Castillo  
Town Clerk

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# The Flight 93 post-plection

President Donald Trump finally did what the foremost metaphor associated with his political rise would have suggested – he plowed his plane into the ground.

That metaphor is Flight 93, courtesy of Michael Anton, author of a famous essay before the 2016 election about how Republicans had no option but to get on board with Trump. “Charge the cockpit or you die,” Anton wrote.

“The Flight 93 Election” became a signature statement of Trumpism and remains incredibly relevant today. Its mood perfectly captures the post-election period and especially what happened at the U.S. Capitol – fevered, dark and apocalyptic.

Anton wrote as if the end of the republic were upon us, and there’s nothing like a rabble storming a citadel of American democracy to buttress this view.

Of course, it was the man Anton believed could be our savior who whipped up this crowd. The mob didn’t charge the cockpit metaphorically, but charged the Capitol literally, in the grip of a more extreme, rough-hewn version of Anton’s logic and narrative.

Anton is obsessed with a coming Democratic tyranny or coup. So, too, are Trump and his

most fanatical supporters, who weren’t content simply to write highfalutin essays about how to resist the coup, or “Stop the Steal.”

If the pen is mighty, only baseball bats and projectiles can really make Mike Pence and Nancy Pelosi afraid.

Make no mistake: A Flight 93 mentality led to the Jan. 6 presidency, now defined not by any of the good it accomplished but by a hideous act of extremism in its desperate, spittle-flecked final days.

In Anton’s defense, he never said he believed that Trump knew how to fly a plane. In the future, when hiring someone to pilot the most advanced jetliner on the planet, he might want to add that to the job description, and check a couple of references.

Anton wrote that “only in a corrupt republic, in corrupt time, could a Trump rise.” Rather than concluding that this spoke poorly of Trump, he made it into a kind of virtue. “Yes, Trump is worse than imperfect,” he wrote. “So what?”

So what, indeed.

Trump was supposed to be a winner when other Republicans, Anton argued, were hopeless losers.

In reality, Trump won a fluky

victory in 2016, with just 46.1% of the vote. Predictably, he lost the House in 2018. He then lost his re-election bid and contributed to the loss of the GOP Senate majority with his outlandish claims of election fraud.

In office, Trump didn’t win saving-America-from-the-apocalypse-type victories, as one would have expected from Anton’s hysterical advocacy. Instead, they were the achievements of a standard Republican with a populist bent – tax cuts with tariffs on top.

Trump threw away his presidency in the end, though, largely because of the character flaws that Anton dismissed or valorized.

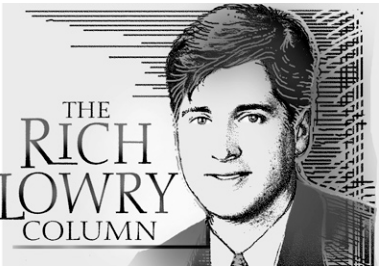
In his essay, Anton attacked his conservative enemies as caring only about their careers and money, while throwing in with a rank egoist who fetishizes his wealth and status, who didn’t care enough about his supporters or his own political cause to work harder in office or moderate his behavior, who led his most committed supporters into a box canyon of lies and conspiracy theories after the election because he couldn’t admit that he lost.

What made Anton’s essay so bracing was its undercurrent of nihilism, a sense that character

and norms no longer matter, not when we are engaged in an existential struggle for power.

Trump has acted in keeping with an exaggerated version of this ethic, throwing aside truth and the law in pursuit of a second term to which he is not entitled.

We have seen that this path isn’t suited to saving the republic, but to tearing it apart and embarrassing it before the world. It can’t and shouldn’t work, and produced an immediate backlash and second impeachment.



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

This is not really fighting. It is giving up.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2021 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Food for thought By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Welcome hard-working legal immigrants

Americans can expect more immigrants to enter our country in the months and years ahead. Most Americans aren’t opposed to more citizens. Many of us are not favorable to undocumented foreigners roaming about our country.

I’ve been to Mexico and a few other countries. I’ve always had to show my passport and answer questions when entering another country or coming back to America. It only takes a few minutes.

Many years ago, my sons and I stood in a line of about a hundred people coming back to San Diego from Tijuana, Mexico. We showed our Driver’s license back then and came on back into the country. No one even asked for identification when we crossed into Mexico.

I’m happy to see documented immigrants come to America. They will come and they will work. In our area of the country we have a growing population of Hispanic farmers working our farmland. There are Hispanic restaurants popping up in every town. Asian restaurants, nail salons and more are on the increase. The best little food joint in our community is owned by a Hispanic immigrant and his family. They are the hardest working restaurant people I’ve ever seen.

Immigrants who document and come the legal way to America

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# Immigrants

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are coming here for a better life. They are not coming to sit on their backsides and collect our food stamps, welfare and whatever minimal amount of income they can obtain. Most of them come to help their families, send money back home and to achieve the American dream. They don't come to be poor Americans. Many of these immigrants who are business owners often struggle and pay the price with many hours of hard work to stay open. For most of them, paying their workers \$15 an hour will mean less hired labor and more hours of labor for the owners to try to keep their businesses open.

Steve Geis, from our town. had this to say recently about his documented grandfather coming to America. "Over 100 years ago my grandfather immigrated to the U.S. from Germany. He came here via Ellis Island where it was documented where he came from as well as the destination he was going to. He said, "We know the name of the ship he was on, and names of all of its passengers. He and the many others did what was required of them to become legal citizens. Locally, we found copies of his naturalization process. He and most other immigrants did it correctly! He added, "I would say welcome to anybody who would follow the procedure and become a fellow citizen of our great country." America is not opposed to legal

immigrants. Most of us are opposed to undocumented people crossing our border illegally. We are opposed to anyone from any nation who might come with any intent to harm our country. Let's continue to keep America a beautiful country for legal immigrants and a safe, free place for all.

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**By Lucie Winborne**

- Snakes can help predict earthquakes. They can sense a coming earthquake from 75 miles away, up to five days before it happens.

- Pure cocoa can help prevent tooth decay.

- The original game of Clue, patented in 1947 by a British man who invented it to pass time during World War II air-raid blackouts, included a lead pipe token made of real lead (it was eventually replaced by steel, then pewter). The original version also included slightly more exotic weapons like a hypodermic syringe and an Irish walking stick.

- There are no muscles in your fingers. Their function is controlled by the muscles in your palms and arms.

- No one ever called "The Lion King" a documentary, but one hyena researcher was so incensed by the film's inaccuracies that he sued Disney for defamation on behalf of hyenas everywhere.

- There's a town called "Big Ugly" in West Virginia.

- The Eiffel Tower was originally supposed to be erected in Barcelona, but the project was rejected because citizens considered it an eyesore.

- It's illegal in New Zealand to name your child Sex Fruit, Fat Boy, 4Real, Cinderella Beauty Blossom, or Fish and Chips.

- Your tonsils can grow back if there was tissue left behind during the removal process.

- If you could use your nose in space, you'd discover it smells like a mixture of hot metal, diesel fumes and barbecue, thanks to compounds called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons that emanate from dying stars.

Thought for the Day: "Not only must we be good, but we must also be good for something."  
— Henry David Thoreau

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## Clint Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2020

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Education Stabilization Fund - ESSER	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 17,246,648	\$ —	\$ 3,927,491	\$ 21,174,139
5800 State Program Revenues	94,498,752	—	9,724,496	104,223,248
5900 Federal Program Revenues	11,864,576	3,750,580	7,334,531	22,949,687
5020 Total Revenues	123,609,976	3,750,580	20,986,518	148,347,074
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	60,907,565	3,750,580	6,228,199	70,886,344
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,237,826	—	—	1,237,826
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,905,221	—	1,069,319	3,974,540
0021 Instructional Leadership	2,839,069	—	343,083	3,182,152
0023 School Leadership	7,216,951	—	4,755	7,221,706
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	3,237,378	—	1,112,183	4,349,561
0032 Social Work Services	208,768	—	—	208,768
0033 Health Services	1,339,949	—	—	1,339,949
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	3,819,560	—	1,270,770	5,090,330
0035 Food Services	9,341,515	—	—	9,341,515
0036 Extracurricular Activities	2,973,013	—	269,778	3,242,791
0041 General Administration	3,309,681	—	—	3,309,681
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	15,885,659	—	2,401,090	18,286,749
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	2,658,828	—	287,273	2,946,101
0053 Data Processing Services	2,415,846	—	—	2,415,846
0061 Community Services	121,135	—	108,742	229,877
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	—	—	5,305,823	5,305,823
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	—	—	8,657,227	8,657,227
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	—	6,736	6,736
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,882,769	—	627,498	2,510,267
Intergovernmental				
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	308,943	—	—	308,943
6030 Total Expenditures	122,609,676	3,750,580	27,692,476	154,052,732
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,000,300	—	(6,705,958)	(5,705,658)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7949 Other Resources	353,061	—	—	353,061
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,353,361	—	(6,705,958)	(5,352,597)
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	60,076,446	—	14,215,711	74,292,157
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 61,429,807	\$ —	\$ 7,509,753	\$ 68,939,560

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## CryptoQuip Answer

Lately, the farmer is worrying a lot more often. He has many growing concerns.

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# Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Jan. 25, 1776, the Continental Congress authorizes the first national Revolutionary War memorial in honor of Gen. Richard Montgomery, who had been killed during an assault on Quebec on Dec. 31, 1775, one of the first generals of the American Revolution to lose his life on the battlefield.

• On Jan. 26, 1970, U.S. Navy Lt. Everett Alvarez Jr. spends his 2,000th day in captivity in Southeast Asia. First taken prisoner when his plane was shot down Aug. 5, 1964, during one of the first bombing raids over North Vietnam, he became the longest-held POW in U.S. history.

• On Jan. 27, 1965, the Shelby GT 350, a version of a Ford Mustang developed by American auto racer Carroll Shelby, is launched. The sports car featured a 306 horsepower V-8 engine and remained in production through the end of the 1960s.

• On Jan. 28, 1855, the Panama Railway, which carried thousands of unruly gold miners to California via the dense jungles of Central America, dispatches its first train across the Isthmus of Panama. The Panama Canal would parallel the railway 50 years later.

• On Jan. 29, 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's famous poem "The Raven," beginning "Once upon a midnight dreary," is published in the New York Evening Mirror.

• On Jan. 30, 1835, Andrew Jackson becomes the first American president to experience an assassination attempt. Richard Lawrence, an unemployed house painter, shot at Jackson, but his gun misfired. A furious 67-year-old Jackson confronted his attacker, clubbing Lawrence several times with his walking cane.

• On Jan. 31, 1944, D-Day is postponed until June when several key leaders agreed that there would not be enough ships available by May. D-Day would later be postponed once more, by a single day due to high winds. Finally, on the morning of June 6, the long-awaited invasion of France began.

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# Texas GOP warns of nationalized elections

TEXAS – The Republican Party of Texas asserts that the Biden Administration will attack this State’s and other states’ right to set their own Congressional Districts by putting it under federal oversight. They cite H.R. 1 that is making its way through Congress.

The bill reads:

“H.R. 1 — A bill to expand Americans’ access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, Oversight and Reform, Science, Space, and Technology, Education and Labor, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Ethics, Homeland Security, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.”

By Mr. [John] SARBANES (for himself, Ms. Pelosi, and Ms. Lofgren)

The bill was distributed to all of the listed committees that might have some future say or oversight responsibilities on January 4, 2021. While the bill says nothing specifically about redistricting Texas GOP members believe that is the goal. On January 25, 2021 the Texas GOP issued a release stating:

“The Texas GOP is completely opposed to the Biden Administration’s plan to rip away election authority from state and local governments, by imposing draconian federal oversight via HR 1. This plot would allow the progressive socialist left to dominate redistricting nationwide and rob states of their constitutionally mandated responsibilities. This desecration of constitutional rules, is simply a blatant power grab by Democrats. Below is Chairman West’s statement on this issue:

‘As Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, let me affirm we do not support this attempt by the progressive socialist left to undermine the authority of sovereign states in conducting elections and determining their political landscape. This is a clear design of the left to force one party control of our constitutional Republic. We also condemn any attempt by the Democrats to redefine representation in America to not be based upon citizenship.’

Securing our elections so fraud, irregularities, illegal and unconstitutional actions can’t occur is one our main goals this legislative session. By allowing the federal government to dominate redistricting and other aspects of our election process, we are placing that in jeopardy.”

– Rick Shrum

(**Publisher’s note:** I have watched and listened for years as Democratic Party leaders, members and the news media have relentlessly referred to the United States of America as a democracy. The same language

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## Wall

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Policy Institute. The recent COVID-19 relief bill, signed by Trump in late December, also allocated \$1.4 billion for border barriers. But all that has changed with the new president.

Morgan publicly warned the in-coming administration that any rollback of heightened border restrictions could result in an increase in illegal immigration at the Southwest border. He pointed to the Migrant Protection Protocols, which makes asylum seekers wait in Mexico for court dates in the U.S.; the use of a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) order allowing CBP to turn back nearly all unauthorized migrants; and the border wall system as tools that, if removed, will result in “a full-blown immigration crisis”.

Many El Paso County residents, however, characterize those policies as unlawful and overly harsh. “We have plenty of border wall already. Any decision considered by Washington D.C. to address immigration issues should include border communities’ input,” stated Ralph Briones, a local Army veteran and a retired regional administrator of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

“If there is a problem, government officials should study it, involve border community leaders, and come up with practical, cost-effective, and humanitarian approaches to mitigate the situation,” Briones added.

## Classified Ads

### LEGALS

**Village of Vinton, Texas**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS all Village of Vinton Public Meetings will be conducted virtually through the zoom.us platform until further notice. This is in accordance with the Texas Attorney General's guidance temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act that allows for telephonic or videoconference meetings. The procedure for joining the meeting by telephone or computer using Zoom will be posted on the Village of Vinton website (vinton.tx.gov/office2.com). Scroll down the Village of Vinton

home page and select the meeting for a PDF containing instructions, links, and access numbers. Each meeting has a distinct link and access numbers.

A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, during the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

A second public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2021, during the City Council.

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

1) Consider and take action on request for Special Use Permit to allow the installation of a mobile home at 201 Jessie Trigg,

Vinton, Texas, 79821.

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

arrangements can be made.

Andrea N. Carrillo  
Village Administrator

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## San Elizario Independent School District Public Notice of Meeting

San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS, the San Elizario Independent School District will hold a Zoom virtual public hearing at 9:00 A.M., MST, on Friday, February 12, 2021.

**Zoom address for attendees:**

<https://esc19.zoom.us/j/82967634236?pwd=L2ZNazZTSjl4YmFBNjdWMTk1QUE0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 829 6763 4236

Password: 223995

**Audio conference:**

Tel. (Toll): 1-346-248-7799 or 1-253-215-8782

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Access code: 223995

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (915) 872-3900.

## Junta Pública

*Distrito escolar independiente de San Elizario celebrará una audiencia pública para discutir el informe de rendimiento académico 2019-2020 Texas del distrito (TAPR). DEBIDO A PREOCUPACIONES DE SALUD Y SEGURIDAD RELACIONADAS CON EL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario llevará a cabo una audiencia pública virtual de Zoom a las 9:00 A.M., MST, el viernes 12 de febrero de 2021.*

**Dirección del Zoom para asistentes:**

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# I remember the night Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth’s record

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

As a kid, I would listen to my dad’s stories of when he pitched for the Bowie Bears and legendary coach Nemo Herrera back in the 1950s.

I was captivated by his tales of the state championship team that had just taken the title a couple years before he joined the program.

My father was a pitcher. He bought me a glove at a very early age and we spent endless hours in the backyard playing catch.

Of course any man today will tell you that, aside from your first beer together, there’s no better way for a father and son to bond than to toss a baseball back and

forth.

It is this reason that I became a huge baseball fan.

Don’t get me wrong, I played every sport that I could get involved in, but baseball has always been my original passion.

Not only did I play the game every chance I had, but I watched and read everything I could about the Major Leagues.

When I was nine years old I saw Mickey Mantle play during his final season. I remember the very end of the careers of players like Bob Gibson, Willie Stargell, Lou Brock, Frank Robinson, Roberto Clemente, Willie Mays and a few others.

But when I was 13 and 14 years old, something happened that would stick with me to this day.

At 13, I witnessed one of my heroes chase a long-time record set by one of my other heroes.

Hank Aaron spent the 1973 season getting closer and closer to Babe Ruth’s record of 714 home runs – a total which many thought would never be broken.

Aaron didn’t quite get there, finishing the season with 713 blasts.

The summer ended. I turned 14 after that baseball season and like everybody else, had to wait for next year to see if Hamerin’ Hank could really do it.

But there was one big problem. You see, Aaron was a black man and Ruth was a white man, and much of the country back in 1973-74 still saw the United States as divided into two colors, and there were many who believed they should never mix.

I have to be honest, I spent the next six months hoping no racist lunatic would kill Aaron to keep him from breaking the record. A lot of people were thinking that at the time.

But thankfully nothing happened, and the 1974 season started in April with no interruptions.

Wasting no time, at the age of 40, Hank Aaron hit a home run in the first day of the season to tie “The Babe” at 714.

So the next few nights after that, the nation would wait to hear whether he had hit the record-breaker. You have to remember something, back then baseball games weren’t shown every night the way they are today.

But there was Monday Night Baseball. And on April 8, Aaron and Braves were on TV against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

I was playing baseball back then so I had to go to practice after school. But all I could think of, all any of us could think of was getting home to watch Aaron on TV that night.

Waiting anxiously, the coach finally let us out. I remember running home because the game had already started. All I was hoping was that he didn’t break the home run record before I got home.

I remember running in my house and rushing to turn on the TV and there he was, running slowly around the bases.

In fact, it was an instant replay of what had just occurred two minutes earlier. I didn’t catch it live but that was okay.

I just sat there watching him run around the bases over and over and over. It was amazing.

He did it – and I was there to witness it.

Of course, sadly, Hank Aaron died last week and all those memories rushed back into my head, and into my heart.

The man was one of my heroes because of his dignity, his quiet confidence, his grace, his integrity, his intelligence and his maturity... oh, and he could hit pretty good too.

The world lost a great man last week, but I gained some great memories.

## Briefs

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skirting from the home’s mudroom out fell a bottle of booze. It was not just an ordinary bottle of whiskey; it was a hundred-year-old bottle of prohibition-era hooch. It prompted them

to do a more thorough search that turned up a total of about 100 bottles, their labels declaring that it was the real thing: blended scotch whiskey distilled in Scotland. It seems the original owner of the house was a “rum-runner.” Their plan is to put them up for auction, hopefully after they’ve had a sip or two.

— John Grimaldi

## Elections

From Page 5

is used in H.R. 1, submitted by John Sarbanes (D-MD) and signed on to by Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) – the third in line to the presidency of the USA. This country was founded as and remains a republic. At least the GOP release gets that part right.

Have people forgotten the “Pledge of Allegiance” or do they think if they call America a democracy long enough and loud enough it will somehow magically change something?

Democracy is a descriptor

of the style of government for a country. A democratic republic has rules allowing its citizens to vote for candidates to become elected officials.

And in the case of the President the vote then filters through the Electoral College – in most cases non-elected officials, rather appointees. So the system now only guarantees that just the majority of votes in 48 states count. Maine and Nebraska can split their electoal votes to match the popular vote, but rarely do. And even then not all electorates are required to vote as their state voted, though most do. 33 states and

the District of Columbia do have faithless elector laws but only half have an enforcement mechanism.

This country is a nation, a republic divided and both sides would like to carve it up to the advantage of their national party. Worse yet both parties have splits and divisions within themselves. That makes the government a very fractured, volatile body vying for power. And we see that spilling out into the streets with unrest and rioting.

But what kind of leaders or country do you expect to have if people don't even know or care about the difference

between democracy and a republic; or worse, if the leaders are intentionally misleading their people.

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## Super Crossword

EMCEE RIVALRY		69	PC combo key	131	Top of a car	43	Mouselike animal	90	Magazine or book
ACROSS		70	Water, in Vichy			44	1970s Chevy		divs.
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tail		72	"Zip_-_Doo-Dah"	1	It follows "I/" in a	46	Shed skin or		district employee)
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9	Not too swift	81	Author Rand	2	"Feels so nice!"	47	Doctors' gps.		particle
16	Slack-jawed	82	Fall Classic mo.	3	Loses one's hair	48	Curse	94	Lacks entity
feeling		83	12, on a sundial	4	Not guaranteed	52	Resident of Riyadh	95	"_ boy!"
19	Question to an	84	Small kid	only to float		53	Page of "Juno"	97	Vie for the love of
unknown caller		85	Clorox, e.g.	5	Merman of song	54	Album's first half	98	Lurches from side
21	Portable grill	87	Having no	6	British prime	56	Make _ in (begin		to side
22	See 38-Down	131-Across		minister May			working on)	99	For a spell
23	Start of a riddle	91	Sarajevo locale	7	Small peevies	58	"Grand" hotel	100	Generous type
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yell)		103 Gen. Lee's side:		10	Dwells	62	Wading bird	107	Of the past
28	Magazine agent's	Abbr.		11	Shikoku sash	63	Sickly	108	Ski cottage
success		104 Half-pint		12	Is no longer	64	Label	109	Like pop flies
30	Total failure	105 End of the riddle		13	Here, in Le Havre	65	Color shade	110	Co.'s top dog
32	Riddle, part 2	111 _ Stone		14	Sandbar	66	"Say again?"	112	Hall's pop partner
36	Run _ (buy drinks	(hieroglyphic		15	Indian language	67	Rock's Brian	113	Slightly built
on credit)		discovery)		16	Public scandal	68	Boat mover	116	Admiral Graf _
37	Title for Lancelot	114 Gretel's brother		17	Like Afghans	74	With 130-Across,		(German warship)
39	Sleep study	115 Metal source		18	Act of exiting		home of a Scottish	119	Mao _-tung
acronym		116 Painter's		20	Clic _ (Bic brand)		"monster"	120	Sugar-name suffix
40	Big vases	undercoat		24	Drain-clearing stuff	75	Say again	121	Big rabbit feature
41	Riddle, part 3	117 A Gershwin		29	Shocks	76	Old lovers	122	Peak: Abbr.
49	Cab Calloway	brother		30	Quick race	77	"Say it _ so!"	123	Siouan tribe
catchphrase		118 Riddle's answer		31	Sewing case	78	_ Field (Mets'		member
50	Lovingly, to a	125 Sci-fi author		32	Baby buggy, to		home)	124	Abbr. on a
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51	Common folks	126 Email, e.g.		33	Tolkien meanies	80	English prep		
55	Similar to	127 Some		34	Fish in a Pixar title		school		
57	Actor Kilmer	overcrowded houses		35	Doctors' gp.	86	Aides: Abbr.		
58	Peppery	128 Historic span		38	With 22-Across,	87	"Hmm, I guess so"		
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OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



China

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as usual,” or anything like the Obama-Biden years. Mike Pence did not fly to Beijing with his son to surreptitiously craft private contracts, with a nod, wink, and lasting stink.

Bottom line: The world is different because of moves like this, bold and real, credible and paradigm-shifting, powerful and patriotic, but wedded to truth, serving all humanity, showcasing

fidelity to universal principles, including human rights, freedom of worship, and humanity’s rejection of genocide.

Thank you, Secretary Pompeo, and wider Trump Team, for speaking truth to Communist power. May we all take heart from your example. May we follow that example, wherever it leads.

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congressional counsel for five years, and wrote “Narcotics and Terrorism” (2003) and “Eagles and Evergreens” (2018), the latter on WWII vets in a Maine town.

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Learn right way to use a cane

*DEAR DR. ROACH: I have Parkinson’s disease, and balance is an issue. I have been using a cane on the right side, my weak leg side. I have seen videos that say a cane should be used on a person’s uninjured side. I tilt to the right and catch my balance without cane support in most cases. Which side do you suggest I use for better and faster movement? – J.C.A.*



A cane is normally used on the “good” side, the side opposite of the one that needs support. However, I refer every patient with a cane to a physical or occupational therapist, since the cane should be the proper type, the proper height and used in the correct hand. Also, people need to be instructed on how to use it properly. Up to 70% of people with canes don’t use them properly, and as such won’t get the help they could be getting. Almost half of people will abandon them. A skilled therapist can help you get the most benefit from the cane.

I have read that canes with built-in laser lights can be particularly helpful for people with Parkinson’s. This might be something to look into as well. These are valuable for people with “freezing” of gait.

*DEAR DR. ROACH: You put my life into disarray as I read your column on the risk of recurrence with respect to breast cancer! I promptly grabbed my retired pathologist husband, and he was floored also. He accessed respected medical sites online, and we cannot find any stating that “women with estrogen receptor positive, progesterone receptor positive and HER2 negative tumors are more likely to experience recurrence.” What research are you looking at? I was told by my breast surgeon, oncologist and radiologist that I am in the best possible position with breast cancer. If this is an actual error, you’ll have a whole nation of readers and breast cancer survivors in an anxious state and the phones of providers ringing off the hook! Please tell me that this was a misprint. – T.W.*

It is not a misprint.

The issue is that risk factors for late recurrences are different from overall prognostic findings. Because fortunately late recurrences are relatively rare, they don’t have a major effect on overall prognosis, which is where I think you and your husband may be looking. Specifically, triple-negative tumors (ER negative, PR negative, HER-2 negative) have a worse overall prognosis, but survivors have a low risk of recurrence if they get through the first five years.

I am putting some of the original research onto my page at [facebook.com/keithroachmd1](https://facebook.com/keithroachmd1).

I must note that there are more sophisticated genetic markers that can help predict recurrence. My column lacks space to go into those, but your oncologist can speak to you about them.

I am sorry your life is in disarray. I don’t mean to increase your anxiety. Perhaps it would help if I noted that according to one of the studies I am posting, recurrence rate in the 20 years after diagnosis is only 1.4% per year for ER+ women with no lymph nodes positive for cancer.

*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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). (c) 2021 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*





**Moore Texas** by Roger MOORE  
Gene Autry’s hometown of Tioga, Texas was almost renamed Autry Springs, but the effort failed.

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: N equals H

WDKFWP, KNF LDTCFT  
ZV RJTTPZMX D WJK  
CJTF JLKFM. NF NDV  
CDMP XTJRZMX AJMAFTMV.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

Answer Page 4 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!  
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VA is rolling out the COVID vaccine



by Freddy Groves

As of this writing, the Department of Veterans Affairs has given more COVID vaccine shots than multiple U.S. states added together. The VA started with 37 vaccination sites, quickly expanded to an additional 128 sites, and at this point has grown to 195 sites. It followed a COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan first conceived in September and firmed up in early December. In other words, they were ready the minute the vaccine was. But the states are struggling with their logistics. How and why this is, no one seems to be explaining. The VA plan followed three basic steps: Lower the risk of infection and spread, make staff and veterans the highest priority, and ensure distribution is fair, transparent and aimed at maximizing the benefits

of the vaccine. The detailed plan included lists of what needs to be done and who’s doing it. What’s so hard about that? You have to do your part, though. Yes, the initial doses are being given to medical staff and patients in VA hospitals. But I’ve already heard of vaccines being offered to veterans in general who are not hospitalized. To do that the VA will need to contact you. Call your health care team and be sure they have your current contact information. Also, if you have not yet taken the flu shot, ask if there is a required time delay between a flu shot and the COVID vaccine. What we don’t want to hear about the COVID vaccine is this: Even after getting the vaccine (and the second dose), you’ll still need to beware. Wear your mask, scrub your hands (for one full minute, please) and stay out of risky situations. This will likely go on until a large percentage of the population has received the vaccine. For updates, check this

website: [www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine).  
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- Candles will burn more evenly if you refrigerate them for a few hours before lighting.
- “I have drafty windows. I took a plastic shower curtain and cut it to fit the windows. Then I secured it with tape. It’s worked well to keep out the drafts, and I just remove it once a week and clean the windows with vinegar to discourage any mold from growing. It will work until next spring, anyway.” – P.S. in Michigan

- There is a reason that most refrigerators have more than one crisper drawer. Some items need to be stored separately. For example, keep apples and carrots in different compartments. The apples give off a gas that can give the carrots a bitter taste.
- Turn on the hot water for three or four minutes to loosen debris on shower walls. It’s much easier to clean when the tile is warm and steamy.

- Agreat tip from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. They can be injured or even killed by the starting of the motor. Before you start your car in the morning (or any time of day, really) give your hood a nice loud rap to give the cat a chance to escape.

- “To keep melting snow, mud and leaves out of your house and off of your floors, line a wide, shallow box bottom with plastic wrap or a kitchen-size garbage bag. Place the lined box near the front door to hold dirty shoes.” – R.I. in Ohio
- Mix some salt with a little bit of water and rub the mixture over your hands for a few minutes to get rid of the smell of garlic or onions from cooking. Rinse under cold water.” – J.J. in Nevada

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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.

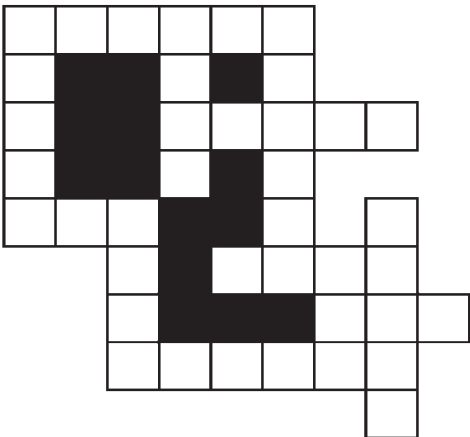
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE ). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH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

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