



NEWSBRIEFS

SISD job fair

Socorro ISD wants highly qualified individuals to join the district as bus drivers, security guards, bus monitors, custodians, maintenance employees, police officers or Child Nutrition Service employees. A virtual job fair will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2021 via Microsoft Teams. Job seekers should visit www.sisd.net to register for the job fair before April 16, 2021. On SISD's homepage click on the job fair story for the registration link. For more information regarding the Support Personnel Job Fair, contact the SISD Human Resources Department at (915) 937-0213.

— Christy Flores-Jones

Food Pantry

The Village of Vinton has been working with El Pasoans Fighting Hunger in order to provide a weekly Drive-Thru Community Food Pantry to Vinton and the surrounding area. The Food Pantry takes place on a weekly basis, every Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Village of Vinton Public Works Yard, located at 436 E. Vinton Rd., and is only available for Texas residents. The Food Pantry is also actively looking for volunteers to help during the event. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the Village of Vinton at jluna@vintontx.us or (915) 886-5104.

— Josh Luna

Business survival

With states gradually reopening but around 100,000 businesses having closed permanently during 2020, WalletHub has released its report on the States With the Most Pandemic-Proof Small Businesses, along with accompanying videos. To identify the states where businesses have the greatest potential to recover, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 11 key metrics. Our data set ranges from the share of small businesses operating in highly affected industries to small-business credit conditions and the state's small-business friendliness. Texas was ranked 27th in the report. Pandemic-Proof Small Businesses in Texas were rated (1-Best, 25-Avg.):

- 8th – Share of Small Businesses Operating in High-Risk Industries;
- 24th – Share of Small-Business Employees Operating in High-Risk

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CHANGING THE LINES – Individuals interested in participating in El Paso County's redistricting process are encouraged to contact the office of their county precinct commissioner or the County Judge. The County Commissioners Court includes, from left, Iliana Holguin, Precinct 3; Carlos Leon, Precinct 1; Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge; David Stout, Precinct 2; and Carl Robinson, Precinct 4.

Commissioners approve redistricting committee

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso County Commissioners Court is investing about \$500,000 to establish a citizens' advisory committee that would address concerns about the upcoming re-districting efforts that are scheduled to start throughout Texas this year.

The special committee will consist of 11 members with each commissioner appointing two members from their precinct, the county judge appointing two members, and the chair of the Ethics Commission participating but only to break a tie vote.

The redistricting committee got the commissioners' unanimous approval recently. The group will be asked to come up with proposals that would rebuild balanced district maps for the commissioners and justices' precincts based on public input, according to a commissioners' summary report.

"The committee's role in creating fair maps is to reduce the likelihood of gerrymandered districts," Commissioner David Stout explained in a recent public statement. "Moving forward with it, I think that it's going to help us really take politics and influence out of map drawing and have non-gerrymandered maps going into the future," Stout asserted.

Gerrymandering refers to the practice of redrawing voting district boundaries with the intent to favor one party over the other, discriminate against minorities, or, in some cases, maintain the status quo.

The compactness of a district can serve as a useful proxy for how gerrymandered a district is, according to the Fair Maps advocacy organization. Compactness refers to a measure of how irregular its shape is as determined by the ratio of the area of the district to the area of a circle with the same perimeter, an organization member explained. Fair maps supporters contend that districts that follow a generally regular shape tend to be compact, while those that have a lot of squiggles and offshoots and tentacle-looking protuberances tend to be the most doctored.

For years, national experts have openly acknowledged that Texas' current congressional districts, determined after the 2010 Census, look more like Rorschach inkblots than representative swaths of real estate and that the state's

legislative makeup has been impacted by gerrymandering more than any other state, according to a study by the Associated Press.

El Paso county's redistricting commission is the first of its kind in the state, although an independent-style commission is currently implemented on a city-wide scale in Austin, which has 14 members on its re-districting committee.

Even though a redistricting commission on the county level is new for Texas, this type of approach is not new in the country. At least 17 states have adopted similar redistricting public input/review boards.

Getting the public involved to redraw districts brings more representation and transparency to local government, commented Judy Ackerman, a member of the local chapters the Fair Maps group and the League of Women Voters.

"Democracy works by the voters choosing their elected



David Stout, El Paso County Commissioner for Precinct 2, has taken the lead in efforts to forge balanced district maps that prevent any kind of gerrymandering attempts during this year's redistricting session underway by the state's legislative branch.

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Serrata Named to Board of Lumina Foundation

By Jim Heiney
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Lumina Foundation has announced the appointment of Dr. William Serrata, El Paso Community College (EPCC) President, to its Board of Directors.

Since joining EPCC as president in 2012, Serrata has increased student success and student retention. He also has boosted dual-credit enrollment and graduation rates at El Paso. Much of this success

was realized through a focus on Hispanic and Latino students and students who are the first in their families to attend college.

"William is a national leader and brings an experienced focus on first-generation and Hispanic students," said Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO of Lumina Foundation. "His wealth of knowledge can contribute to our goal of increasing opportunities for quality learning after high school."

Under Serrata's leadership EPCC was among

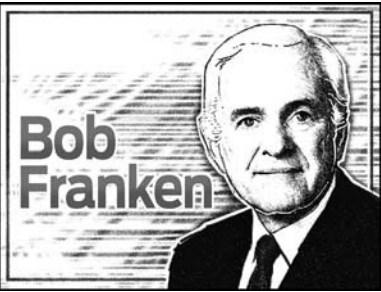


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Dr. William Serrata

It looks like we all will eventually make our living collecting taxes from one another.

— Quips & Quotes



When we constructed the interstate system, we simply bypassed much of our country’s intricate variety. Still, in spite of losing this national character, there are those who get their kicks motoring the monotonous I-ways of America. They find a comfortable routine in the coast-to-coast, border-to-border ennui of signs for toll collection, motels, chain restaurants and gas

Decoys and other fakes

stations. But some blotches of local personality remain, concealed in this national humdrum. For instance, one of the oddball pleasures of driving along I-95 tempts the motorist at Havre de Grace, Maryland. At exit 89, to be precise, is a billboard for the Decoy Capital of the World. That’s right, there’s an actual museum for hunters who want to kill ducks and other birds, blow them out of the sky. That’s not my kind of thing, but my mind has wandered, curious as I’ve coped with the interstate boredom at exit 89, whether there

is an actual decoy museum, or if when you get there it’s nothing but a sign, a decoy fake – a year-round April Fool’s joke. Such is the state of the demented mind badly in need of a rest stop. (“Don’t worry, if you can hold it just a few minutes, there’s one nearby.”) I’ve had similar tortured fantasies as I’ve meandered along the information highways in more modern times. I embrace a fundamental law of cyber-life: “Never believe anything you see on the internet.” That applies to social media postings that have no constraints on

misinformation, along with the commercial advertising that rocks to a deceptive algorithmic tempo all its own and whispers, “You’re being duped.” Emails are even more underhanded. How many thousands of them have you gotten, pretending to be from royalty and claiming that you personally have received a large inheritance – all you have to do is send a few hundred or few thousand dollars to get it? Communication has been so corrupted that you can’t even trust the calls you receive from Social Security or the IRS, warning you that you’re about to be arrested unless you send gift certificates to the authorities.

Back to emails, my personal favorites are the ones making some fictitious claim. Then you receive another email, on official looking letterhead, warning you that the original was a fraud. Except that it’s a fraud too, with a link to share personal information or some other cybermarker with a certain secret Russian or Baltic hacker or phisherman lurking out there. But the anti-social media are the absolute worst. Tucked among the cute doggy pictures and videos of daddy and mommy coming home from a dangerous military outpost are the advocacy lie mongers, the troll farmers, the

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Food for thought

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Mask wearing in America

Like most everyone else, I’m tired of wearing a mask. Every time I go to the grocery, a restaurant, church, or work I have to put on a mask. Not long ago, if we wore a mask into a bank or convenience store, the attendants would be alarmed and call 911. Today if we don’t wear one, we are in trouble and not welcomed. A lot of people have died from Covid-19 and thus I understand masks are important in this pandemic era. I don’t want a disease. I have had two Pfizer shots and I wear a mask most every place I go. Is it our American, God given right to take off our masks? While we are free to

take off our masks, others are free to ask us to put them on. The business owner has the freedom to require a mask. The airlines have the freedom to require masks. The religious assembly has the freedom to require you to wear a mask. People with whom you socialize may ask that you wear a mask. Of course, you are free to not patronize those businesses, forsake religious assembly and not hang out with certain people. You are free to go maskless if you want to. However, you aren’t free to be in someone else’s face without a mask if they don’t want you there without one. There are many places where you aren’t allowed

to smoke. There are some businesses that will not allow your pet. They have the freedom to refuse you service and you have the freedom to go somewhere else. This is America. We’ve all been to the funeral home around sick people. A dear friend of mine eulogized a funeral in late November. Two people were in attendance who had Covid-19. He caught the virus and was dead by mid-December. He spent his last two weeks of life isolated in intensive care. He meant well in trying to help out a family in their time of grief. It cost him his life. He had been very active and healthy. I’ve spoken in churches and to groups where people would come up and shake my hand and then say, “Well, I’ve been sick, but I came anyway.” They acted like they should have received a trophy for

coming and contaminating everyone. In reality, their actions were inconsiderate of everyone else’s health. State governments may remove mask mandates. However, keep in mind that business owners still have the right to require masks. Churches still have the right to require masks. You don’t have to let anyone in your home without a mask if you choose. We have freedom in America to make choices – all of us.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 13 books including Uncommon Sense. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

View from here

By John Grimaldi

Proposed legislation would help verify voters

A new Rasmussen poll shows that a majority of Americans across party lines are focused on the need to strengthen voter credentials. A massive 89% of

Republicans said that we need to require voters to show photo IDs in order to ensure “a fair and secure election process. Sixty-five percent of Democrats agreed and so did 71% of independents.

Meanwhile, in the months leading up to the November elections last year, just 19% of Americans said they were “very” confident in the process, according to the pollsters at Gallup. Another 40% of survey respondents would say only that they were “somewhat confident.” “The polling underscores the growing doubt about the integrity of our nation’s election process and to paraphrase Rep. Jim Banks, R-IN, chairman of the Republican Study Committee, we need to do something tangible about it if we are to restore the confidence and faith of voters,” according to Bob Carlstrom, president of Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) Action, the senior advocacy arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens. In a letter to Congressman Banks and Senator Rick Scott, R-FL, Carlstrom praised the legislation they have introduced in the House and the Senate – the Save Democracy Act.

“By focusing on voter registration, ballot casting and ballot counting, your bill works to prohibit or reform the current practices that weaken the security, oversight, and administration of elections for federal office,” he wrote, noting that “the AMAC membership has been very vocal in their desire to reform the election process. They are greatly concerned about the allegations

of fraud regarding last November’s general election and have made election integrity one of our top legislative priorities.” Carlstrom cites the non-partisan Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), which states that “Mass immigration has had a significant effect on American electoral politics. Despite the fact that it is a crime for aliens to vote in federal elections, non-citizens and illegal aliens are counted when apportioning congressional districts. This means that areas with large numbers of illegal alien residents gain additional representatives in Congress. This also translates into more electors under the Electoral College for such states, which means that non-citizens also exert an indirect influence on presidential elections.” The proposed legislation would reinforce the U.S. election law provision that you have to be a citizen to vote in a federal election by requiring proof of citizenship in order to cast a ballot. The proposed law would:

- Require verification of citizenship in order to register to vote;
- Necessitate would be voters to provide Social Security Numbers to register; and
- Oblige federal courts to notify state election officials when an individual is excused from jury duty because they are not a citizen.

In addition to addressing the need to strengthen voter registration procedures, it would also provide failsafe provisions for casting and tabulating ballots Senator Scott said “... if the American people don’t have confidence in our elections, we don’t have a true democracy. What we saw this past election was confusion and chaos caused by inconsistent standards and last-minute changes to established election laws by state officials and activist judges. It’s now more clear than ever that there is a serious need for major reforms to our election systems. The Save Democracy Act.” The opposition to the Save Democracy Act has

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Dollar sign president

So far, the defining word of the Biden era is “trillion.”

The Joe Biden who portrayed himself as a moderate, old school, bipartisan dealmaker during the presidential campaign is now a distant memory.

He’s been replaced by the Joe Biden who is dazzling progressives with his willingness to “go big” – in other words, spend jaw-dropping amounts that would have been unimaginable prior to the pandemic and are still shocking even now.

Why has Biden embarked on a historic spending splurge with nary a whisper of bipartisan support?

Well, Democrats talked themselves into the proposition that there basically isn’t any such thing as spending too much money.

Relatedly, the party consensus is that Barack Obama went “too small,” with a stimulus package under a trillion dollars insufficient to the scale of post-financial-crisis recession.

Besides, spending is what Biden can actually do – he can pass his stimulus and relief bills under the so-called reconciliation rules in the Senate, requiring only 50 votes rather than the 60 it takes to break a filibuster.

Finally, any Democratic

president is drawn to the heroic allure of FDR and wants to measure himself against the New Deal.

Biden had a recent meeting with historians in the White House at which FDR was much discussed. One of the participants, historian Michael Beschloss, told Axios that FDR or LBJ may be the most apt analogue to how Biden is “transforming the country in important ways in a short time.”

There’s no doubt that any Democratic president would envy the sheer amount of dollars that Biden is shoveling out the door.

In fiscal year 2019, the federal government, which wasn’t exactly tightening its belt, spent \$4.4 trillion.

Biden is on pace to roughly match that with his first two major legislative initiatives – the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill, and his new \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal.

The Biden team almost gives the sense that it is working backward – starting with a big, eye-popping price tag and then figuring out what initiatives can be thrown in to reach the top-line number.

The schools have tens of millions of dollars sitting unspent from prior relief bills, and here

comes another \$100 billion to upgrade school buildings in the infrastructure bill.

The states were lavished with \$350 billion in the COVID-19 relief bill, even though many of them didn’t lose revenue during the pandemic. Why can’t those dollars be spent on infrastructure?

The new proposal is an infrastructure, drinking-water, broadband, home-retrofitting, manufacturing, long-term-care, electric-car, unionization bill – and a few other things besides.

The question is whether, when all the money is spent, anyone will point to any transformative change in the country attributable to the legislation. Or whether, like the Obama stimulus, it will be completely forgettable, money strewn over the landscape without leaving much of a trace.

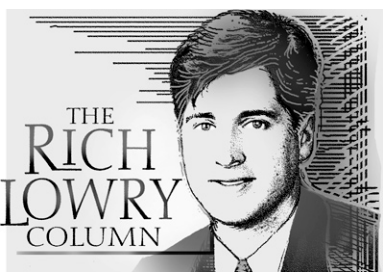
Certainly, the need for

infrastructure spending over and beyond what the federal government, states and localities already spend is oversold.

A recent paper for the National Bureau of Economic Research noted: “Over the past generation, the condition of the interstate highway network improved consistently, its extent increased modestly, and traffic about doubled. Over about the same time period, the condition of bridges remained about the same, the number of bridges increased slowly, and bridge traffic increased modestly.”

Shooting money out of a bazooka is not self-evidently what the state of America’s infrastructure calls for. But when the only tool you have is huge reconciliation spending bills, everything looks like a crisis urgently requiring more profligacy.

The bills are also a substitute



for passing significant nonspending policy changes. Unlike FDR, Biden has narrow and tenuous congressional majorities. He’s not getting HRI, gun control, a higher minimum wage or immigration reform, and perhaps couldn’t even if Senate Democrats eliminated the filibuster.

What he can do, which FDR and LBJ never could, is reach for the word “trillion” as much as possible.

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

Voters

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mounted a campaign in the Democrat controlled Congress to ensure it doesn’t pass.

“Do these naysayers wish to allow unlawful voters to continue obstructing elections? Is it that they wish to encourage an expanding band of unlawful voters to keep them in power,” Carlstrom asked?

The 2.3 million member Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) www.amac.us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation’s capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country.



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Industries Among Total Small-Business Employees; • 10th – Business Vitality; • 32nd – Average Annual Federal Small-Business Funding per GDP; • 5th – Total Amount of Small-Business Loans per Small-Business Employee Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-small-businesses-covid/72977> for the full report.

– Diana Polk

A tight fit

A 1,034 square foot townhouse was for sale in the Shepherds Bush section of London with an asking price of 950,000

pounds (\$1.3 million). But this is no sprawling five-story pied-à-terre; in fact, it’s just six-feet wide.. The real estate agency that’s listing the property says it is “quite probably the thinnest house in London.” It does have three bedrooms, including a third-floor master bedroom that is six feet, two inches wide and almost 21 feet long. Two additional bedrooms are located on the first floor; one is a not so spacious eight feet by six feet and the other is about 16 and a half feet by five feet, ten inches. The lone bathroom takes up the entire second floor.

– John Grimaldi

Long lost twins

The state of Indiana unsealed

adoption records a few years ago, allowing 51-year-old Karen Warner to identify her birth mother. She also made the surprising discovery that she had a twin brother. With little information at her disposal, she hunting for him. It was hard, but Karen finally found her twin by checking voting records for birthdays. Not only did they share a birthday, but it turned out that she and her twin, Mike Jackman, knew each other way back when they were high school classmates. Since they found each other Karen and Mike get together several times a week. As Mike put it: “It’s filled a void in my life I didn’t know was there.”

– John Grimaldi



By Lucie Winborne

• One dung beetle can drag 1,141 times its own weight.

• Italian banker Gilberto Baschiera was a modern-day Robin Hood. Over a period of seven years, he secretly diverted 1 million euros from wealthy clients to poorer ones so they could qualify for loans. He made no profit from these dealings and avoided jail in 2018 with a plea bargain.

• In 2006, a Coca-Cola employee offered to sell Coca-Cola secrets to Pepsi. Pepsi took the high road and responded by notifying Coca-Cola.

• Ever wonder why there’s no period in “Dr Pepper”? It was removed because the old logo font made it look like “Di: Pepper.”

• For years your dentist has no doubt advised you to be sure to floss. But the benefits extend beyond your teeth. Researchers have discovered that flossing can also help your memory. It prevents gum disease, which prevents stiff blood vessels, which in turn cause memory issues.

• The future Queen Elizabeth II’s wedding dress was entirely paid for with ration coupons.

• Red Solo cups have not only been honored in a song by country singer Toby Keith, they’re a common souvenir to bring back from the U.S. The novelty comes from their appearance in numerous movie party scenes.

• American children are given an average of \$3.70 per lost tooth.

• To properly write adjectives in order, list them by amount, value, size, temperature, age, shape, color, origin and material.

Thought for the Day: “No matter what path you’re on in this life, if that path isn’t about love, you’re on the wrong path.”

– Lawrence Overmire

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Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On April 12, 1861, the bloodiest four years in American history begin when Confederate shore batteries under Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina’s Charleston Bay. Four years later, the Confederacy was defeated at a cost of 620,000 Union and Confederate soldiers dead.

• On April 13, 1997, Tiger Woods wins the prestigious Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia, by a record 12 strokes. It was Woods’ first victory in one of golf’s four major championships. He was 21 years old.

• On April 14, 1975, the U.S. airlift of Vietnamese orphans ends after 2,600 children are transported to America for adoption. Operation Baby Lift lasted 10 days and was carried out during the final, desperate phase of the war, only 16 days before the fall of Saigon.

• On April 15, 1912, the British ocean liner Titanic sinks into the North Atlantic Ocean about 400 miles south of Newfoundland, Canada, two hours after hitting an iceberg. With 16 watertight compartments, the Titanic was considered unsinkable.

• On April 16, 1947, multimillionaire Bernard Baruch coins the term “Cold War” to describe relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, a war without fighting or bloodshed, but a battle nonetheless. The phrase became a mainstay in the language of American diplomacy.

• On April 17, 1964, the Ford Mustang is officially unveiled at the World’s Fair in New York. Named for a World War II fighter plane, the Mustang was the first “pony car,” an affordable, compact sporty vehicle.

• On April 18, 1989, thousands of Chinese students continue to take to the streets in Beijing to protest government policies and issue a call for greater democracy, resulting in the Tiananmen Square Massacre and thousands of protestors dead. Fear that a severe U.S. reaction to the massacre might result in a diplomatic rupture limited the official U.S. response.

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Serrata

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10 finalists for the 2015 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the 2016 American Association of Community Colleges’ (AACC) Student Success Award winner and is consistently the recognized as the national leader in granting associate degrees to Hispanic students by Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine.

The Lumina Foundation is working at local, state, and national levels to design an affordable, new learning landscape that’s easier to navigate, especially for people who are Black, Hispanic, and Native American and often encounter barriers to success in existing education systems.

Redistricting

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officials. When it’s turned on its head, we have gerrymandering,” Ackerman noted.

Individuals interested in participating in the county’s redistricting process are encouraged to contact the office of their county precinct commissioner or the county judge, Ricardo Samaniego. The county commissioners court includes Carlos Leon, Precinct 1; David Stout, Precinct 2; Iliana Holguin, Precinct 3; and Carl Robinson, Precinct 4.

To be eligible to be part of the re-districting committee, persons interested in applying must meet certain requirements. These include

being a county resident; having registered to vote in the county within the past 3 years; not being a public official or campaign staffer within the past 3 years; not being an officer, employee, consultant of a political party or lobbyist within the past 6 months; not being a county employee, contractor, or board member within the past 6 months; and not having made a financial contribution over \$1,000 to any candidate for a county office for the past 3 years.

“Counties cannot delegate final map approval, so our commission will submit the final maps it develops to Commissioners Court for a final vote,” Stout stated on his webpage. “With strict eligibility criteria and strong guidelines, I’m confident this commission will deliver the public fair maps recommendations for El Paso County, and I look forward to Commissioners Court final approval of this policy,” he affirmed.



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Notice of Election – Town of Anthony, TX

Aviso de Elección – Ciudad de Anthony, TX

TO THE REGISTERED
VOTERS OF ANTHONY

A LOS VOTANTES DE LA
CIUDAD DE ANTHONY, TEXAS

A general election will be held in the Town of Anthony, Texas on May 1, 2021 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Councilmen.

Se llevara acabo una eleccion general el dia 1 de mayo 2021 de las siete de la mañana hasta las siete de la noche con el proposito de elegir un Alcalde y dos (2) concejals para dicha ciudad.

May 1, 2021
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
On Election Day any El Paso County registered voter is eligible to vote at any El Paso County Vote Center in Attachment 1. Visit <https://epcountyvotes.com/> for all locations or changes.
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DIA de ELECCION
1 de Mayo el 2021
7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.
El día de las elecciones, cualquier votante registrado en el condado de El Paso es elegible para votar en cualquier Centro de Votación del Condado de El Paso en Attachment 1. Visite <https://epcountyvotes.com/> para todas las ubicaciones o cambios.
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EARLY VOTING
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations including mobile voting locations within El Paso County at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department (Attachment 2) beginning on Monday, April 19, 2021 and ending on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

VOTACION ANTICIPADA
Para votar anticipadamente puede acudir en persona de lunes 19 de abril 2021 al martes, 27 de abril 2021, a cualquier centro de votaciones inclusive las casillas moviles del Condado de El Paso donde el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado (Attachment 2) realice votaciones anticipadas.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

Lisa Wise
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Elections Department
500 E. San Antonio, #314
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2021.

Las solicitudes para votar por correo deberán recibirse antes del término de horas hábiles el día 20 de abril de 2021.

Benjamin Romero
Mayor / Alcalde
Town of Anthony, TX

ATTACHMENT 1

Zip Code: 79821
Anthony City Hall
401 Wildcat Dr.

Zip Code: 79901
El Paso County Courthouse
500 E. San Antonio Ave.

South El Paso Senior Citizen Center
600 S. Ochoa St.

San Jacinto Adult Learning Center
1216 Olive Ave.

Zip Code: 79902
El Paso Community College Rio Grande Campus
906 El Paso St.

Fire Station #3
721 E. Rio Grande Ave.

Lamar Elementary School
1440 E. Cliff Dr.

Mesita Elementary School
3307 N. Stanton St.

El Paso Tennis Club
2510 N. St. Vrain St.

UTEP - Union Building East Wing
351 W. University Ave.

Zip Code: 79903

Fire Station #7
3200 Pershing Dr.

Cross of Grace Church
4700 Leeds Ave.

Magoffin Middle School
4931 Hercules Ave.

Zip Code: 79904
Nations Tobin Sports Center
8831 Railroad Dr.

Logan Elementary School
3200 Ellerthorpe Ave.

Park Elementary School
3601 Edgar Park Ave.

Fire Station #16
3828 Hercules Ave.

Zip Code: 79905
Bowie High School
801 S. San Marcial St.

Zip Code: 79907
Pavo Real Recreation Center
9301 Alameda Ave.

Zip Code: 79912
Sunland Park Mall
750 Sunland Park Dr.

Dr. Green Elementary School
5430 Buckley Dr.

Zip Code: 79924
Bowling Family YMCA
5509 Will Ruth Ave.

Fire Station #23
5315 Threadgill Ave.

Crosby Elementary School
5411 Wren Ave.

Stanton Elementary School
5414 Hondo Pass Dr.

Dr. Joseph E. Torres Elementary School (Formerly Bradley Elementary)
10700 Rushing Rd.

H.E. Charles Middle School
4909 Trojan Dr.

Arlington Park Shelter
10350 Pasadena Cir.

Collins Elementary School
4860 Tropicana Ave.

Newman Elementary School
10275 Alcan St.

El Paso Community College Transmountain
9570 Gateway N Blvd.

Whitaker Elementary School
4700 Rutherford Dr.

Dowell Elementary School
5249 Bastille Ave.

Zip Code: 79925
Ross Middle School
6101 Hughey Cir.

Zip Code: 79927
El Paso Community College Mission Del Paso
10700 Gateway Blvd E.

H.D. Hilley Elementary School
693 N. Rio. Vista Rd.

Chayo Apodaca Community Center
341 N. Moon Rd.

Robert R. Rojas Elementary School
500 Bauman Rd.

Escontrias Elementary School
205 Buford Rd.

Campestre Elementary School
11399 Socorro Rd.

Zip Code: 79928
El Paso County Sheriff's Office CSS
12899 Sparks Dr.

Dr. Sue A. Shook Elementary School
13777 Paseo Del Este Blvd.

Eastlake High School
13000 Emerald Pass Ave.

Desert Hills Elementary School
300 N. Kenazo Dr.

Desert Wind K-8 School
1100 Colina De Paz Dr.

Horizon Heights Elementary School
13601 Ryderwood Ave.

Carroll T. Welch Elementary School
14510 Mc Mahon Ave.

KEYS Academy
12380 Pine Springs Dr.

Zip Code: 79930
Center for Career and Technology Education
1170 N. Walnut St.

Travis Elementary School
5000 N. Stevens St.

Grandview Park Senior Citizen Center
3134 Jefferson Ave.

Paul C. Moreno Elementary School
2300 San Diego Ave.

Memorial Park Senor Citizen Center
1800 Byron St.

Austin High School
3500 Memphis Ave.

Zip Code: 79934
Dr. Nixon Elementary School
11141 Loma Roja Dr.

Zip Code: 79936
El Paso County Eastside Annex
2350 George Dieter Dr.

Jane Hambric K-8 School
3535 Nolan Richardson Dr.

Bill Sybert K-8 School
11530 Edgemere Blvd.

Benito Martinez Elementary School
2640 Robert Wynn St.

Helen Ball Elementary School
1950 Firehouse Dr.

Marty Robbins Recreation Center
11620 Vista Del Sol Dr.

Myrtle Cooper Elementary School
1515 Rebecca Ann Dr.

Sierra Vista Elementary School
1501 Bob Hope Dr.

Zip Code: 79938
Hurshel Antwine Elementary School
3830 Rich Beem Blvd.

Spc. Rafael Hernando III Middle School
3451 Rich Beem Blvd.

Lujan-Chavez Elementary School
2200 Sun Country Dr.

Pebble Hills High School
14400 Pebble Hills Blvd.

ATTACHMENT 2

April 19 to 23, 2017 (Mon. - Fri.)
Hours Listed

April 24 and April 25, 2021 (Sat. and Sun.)
12 (noon) - 5 p.m.

April 26 and April 27, 2021 (Mon. and Tues.)
Hours Listed

El Paso County Court House
500 E. San Antonio Ave. 79901
Third Floor, Back Lobby
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Open 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. April 26 and April 27, 2021 (Mon. and Tues.)

Anthony City Hall
401 Wildcat Dr. 79821
Council Room
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Arlington Park Shelter
10350 Pasadena Cir. 79924
Main Hall
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Bowling Family YMCA
5509 Will Ruth Ave. 79924
Vita Room
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Chayo Apodaca Community Center
341 N. Moon Rd. 79927
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Eastlake High School
13000 Emerald Pass Ave. 79928
Theatre Lobby
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

El Paso County Eastside Annex
2350 George Dieter Dr. 79936
Community Room
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

El Paso County Self-Help Center
15371 Kentwood Ave. 79928
Computer Room
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Gonzalez Place
4101 Rich Beem Blvd. 79938
Community Room
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Grandview Park Senior Citizen Center
3134 Jefferson Ave. 79930
Main Hall
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Marty Robbins Recreation Center
11600 Vista Del Sol Drive 79936
Multipurpose Room
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mountain View-Rae Gilmore Recreation Center
8501 Diana Dr. 79904
Multipurpose Room
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Nations Tobin Sports Center
8831 Railroad Dr. 79904
Small Rink
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Veny Webb Drive 79928
Main Dining Area
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pavo Real Recreation Center
9301 Alameda Ave. 79907
Auxiliary Gym
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Pebble Hills High School
14400 Pebble Hills Blvd. 79938
Auditorium Foyer
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

South El Paso Senior Citizens Center
600 S. Ochoa St. 79901
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunland Park Mall
750 Sunland Park Dr. 79912
Lower Level, Across from Starr Western Wear
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

UTEP – Union Building East Wing
351 W. University Ave. 79902
Andesite Room 102B
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wellington Chew Senior Center
4430 Maxwell Ave. 79904
Main Hall
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

UTEP basketball is at a crossroad... once again

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

A lot of UTEP basketball fans saw the writing on the wall, and frankly, many are happy it happened.

As soon as the Texas Longhorns hired former Texas Tech coach, Chris Beard, to take over the program, the rumors started about UTEP coach Rodney Terry joining him in Austin.

You see, Terry and Beard are very close friends and both have close ties to the state of Texas.

For Terry, leaving El Paso was a no-brainer.

There were no signs that his program was getting any better, and Texas will pay him more money as an assistant than UTEP can pay him as a head coach.

And don't forget that this won't be Terry's first stint at Texas. He was an assistant coach there from 2002-2011.

The funny thing about all this is that coaches usually succeed at UTEP and then move on to a higher paying job at a bigger program.

In this case, Terry posted a disappointing 37-48 record in his three years with the Miners. Yet he still moved on to a higher paying program.

Like they say, "... it's who you know."

So now the pressure is clearly on UTEP Athletics Director Jim Senter, who has swung and missed twice on his high-revenue sport coaching hires.

Terry's teams struggled and football coach Dana Dimel is a miserable 5-27 in his three seasons in El Paso.

So to say that Senter has to come up big with this basketball hire is a monumental

understatement.

And from the start the new head coach will probably receive some bad news about the possible return of a star player for next season.

I believe the question as to whether Bryson Williams is returning to UTEP has just been answered.

Since Terry is the one who brought him to El Paso and now has left for Austin, either Williams will turn pro, or don't be surprised if he ends up joining Terry at Texas for one season.

But the chances of Williams coming back for another season are none to none.

Of course the way players hop in and out of the NCAA transfer portal these days, Terry's departure could lead to even more players leaving the program.

The Miners have already seen four players jump ship since the season

ended. And usually when coaches leave a program, some of the players whom they recruited there, take off as well.

By the same token though, talented players from other programs can make the leap to join UTEP. They might the Miners' new head coach can bring out the best in them and turn the program into a winner.

That's why this decision is so important.

UTEP used to be one of the best basketball programs in the country. The Miners would consistently be ranked in the Top-25, win their conference title and make the NCAA Tournament.

But things have changed since Don Haskins retired in 1999.

Over the last 20 years the Miners have seven different coaches lead the team. Only three of them have posted winning records at UTEP.

When you consider the teams that are in Conference USA, there was a time that the Miners would have easily dominated the league. Now it's a challenge for them just to qualify for their conference tournament every year.

As far as Senter's decision-making, he has a tendency to go for veteran head coaches or long-time assistants at big-time programs.

I believe there are many young coaches out there at smaller schools that are hungry to make their name at a mid-major level school like UTEP. I think a lot of today's athletes like the energy of a younger leader.

And let's face it – UTEP can't afford to pay the really big bucks. But to a coach at a smaller university, UTEP would be paying bigger bucks.

Look at programs like Gonzaga and Baylor and Loyola (Chicago) and Texas Tech. These programs went from nothing to national powers due to great coaching.

Senter can return the Miners to the top of the NCAA basketball food chain by choosing the right coach. And that would give him a chance to prove that he was the right hire as well.



Super Crossword

OPENING CUTS

ACROSS

1 Past artifact

6 Steal the scene from

13 "Chicago P.D." or "Law & Order"

20 Kagan of justice

21 Indigenes

22 Euphoric

23 Change in the side of a military formation

25 Gates of philanthropy

26 Karate instructor

27 Female bleater

28 Not docked

30 Perfect site

31 Court throw

33 Really funny

36 Talk up

40 Get tangled

42 Paid to get a hand

43 Body that voted for the trial resulting in Charles I's execution

46 "Baloney!"

50 Creative flashes

51 Rain forest, for one

52 Sunset's direction, in French

55 Tokyo sash

56 TV's "Warrior Princess"

57 With 77-Across, has a connection with

58 "Ad _ per aspera"

59 Resting atop

60 Twilight

64 Liaison

68 Excited, with "up"

69 Wipes away

70 Single bullet, say

77 See 57-Across

78 Dress up

79 Sign gas

80 Last letters

84 Big bother

85 "Help!" co-star

86 Encountered

88 Gnat's kin

89 Oahu porch

91 Vision test

94 Bow of film

97 Wine vat sediment

98 Most snooping

99 "Walker, Texas Ranger" star

103 Ernie's buddy

104 Dialogue bit

105 _ facto

106 Toothpaste tube inits.

108 Louise's film partner

113 Fatty

115 Old ad question that's apt for this puzzle's theme

119 Colonist, e.g.

120 Russia and Turkey's place

121 Good odor

122 Own

123 Distributing

124 Benefactor

DOWN

1 NFL officials

2 Fanning of

3 "Maleficent"

3 Have a slant

4 Quaint hotels

5 Dessert items on sticks

6 Colorful card game

7 Covers with

8 Hearty dish

9 Noon, e.g.

10 "Hail, Cato!"

11 High mil. rank

12 Founded, on city signs

13 "Enter"

14 Like many short plays

15 Buddy

16 Safeguards

17 Language of India

18 Limerick writer

19 Strike heavily and loudly

24 Mazda roadster

29 Ordinance

32 Belgrade's land

33 Vatican City

34 Suffix with Wyoming

35 Retained

36 Grand _ (race event)

37 Uncouth

38 Premonition

39 Film-rating gp.

40 Mall stall

41 Home to Hanoi, briefly

44 Mortgage claim

45 Quick bite

47 Kachina doll

48 Dry as _

49 Birds flap them

53 Prior to, to bards

54 Get for less

57 ENT part

58 Abbr. at the top of a 111-Down

59 Actress O'Connor or Merkel

60 Comic Caesar

61 "Jeepers!"

62 Pot-au- _ (French dish)

63 Suffix with 93-Down

64 Popular typeface

65 Actress Jane

66 Portable bed

67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro

71 _ diavolo (pasta sauce)

72 Unpaid debts

73 Steenburgen of "Ink"

74 Peruvians of old

75 Crawl (with)

76 Chemical "I"

80 Tubular pasta

81 Actress Falco

82 "I" problems

83 Email status

85 Lustrous fabric

86 Service costs

87 Wood splitter

88 Editorial page feature

90 Consents to

92 Film director Roth

93 Missouri-to-Iowa direction

95 Licorice-like seeds

96 People using lassos

99 Bracelet part

100 Baseball's _ Nomo

101 Army squads

102 Used oars

103 Sink part

106 _ Sea (shrinking Asian lake)

107 Arnaz of 1950s TV

109 Long Spanish river

110 Spinks of boxing

111 Office note

112 Not nearby

114 Bullfight cry

116 _ and cry

117 Noted period

118 Present label

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



TIGER

By Bud Blake



Franken

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purveyors of “alternative facts.” If it’s too scandalous to be true, it is. Actually, it’s the contemporary version of something that’s been around for much of history. It’s the smear campaign, the political lie, all gussied up in the latest

version of the technological pandemic. Unlike the coronavirus, where there seems to be a cure in reach, the main impediments are only the humans with distorted political thinking and no common sense whatsoever; they don’t even wear a simple mask until the deadly threat subsides. But there is no end in sight for

the cyber scourge, no light at the end of the tunnel, just more tunnels... hiding whatever dark money for mischief it can buy from political hucksters. Wherever our infrastructure can take us, the principles of leadership are hidden in the folds of a worldwide web that is impenetrable, particularly the sections that the politicians have

Why such frequent bathroom visits?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I’m a 91-year-old male who makes frequent visits to the bathroom to urinate. I am in good health and I wonder what causes this. Where does all that liquid come from? – A.R.N.

What goes in must come out. All the liquid you urinate came from fluid you consumed when drinking and eating food.

But it may be more about perception than volume. Frequent urination is extremely common in both men and women, and although some causes are the same, such as an overactive bladder, men have an additional anatomical structure that can lead to urinary problems as they get older: the prostate, a normally walnut-sized gland that may increase in size as men age. It is through the prostate that the urethra, and thus all the urine, has to flow. If the prostate is enlarged, the urinary flow slows down.

As the prostate obstruction becomes worse, men may have trouble emptying the bladder completely. This has the effect of making men go to bathroom more frequently, since the bladder has less functional size. In this case, you aren’t urinating any more volume than before, just more often in smaller amounts.

Treatment needs to be directed at the underlying cause. Overactive bladder and enlarged prostate have similar symptoms and different treatments.

It is possible that you really are having excess volume, however. Diabetes is the biggest concern here, and you should be tested if you have truly large volumes of urine.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read an article about a study the Mayo Clinic did using 20 mg tablets of sildenafil for pulmonary arterial hypertension and that it improved walking distance by 75%. Is there an upper age limit for a person using this medication for pulmonary hypertension? – D.L.

Pulmonary hypertension is different from regular or systemic high blood pressure. It’s not the kind that is measured with a blood pressure cuff.

In pulmonary hypertension, the elevated pressures are inside the lungs. There are five general classes of pulmonary hypertension, and people must undergo extensive diagnostic testing to determine which subclass they have. The goal is to find a cause that has a specific treatment. For example, subclass 2 is pulmonary hypertension due to heart disease of the left side of the heart, such as heart failure or valvular heart disease. Treating those can make the pulmonary hypertension better.

However, many people do not have a treatable underlying cause that can be identified, so doctors rely on general treatments to improve symptoms. One such is sildenafil, which is called Revatio when used for pulmonary hypertension, but it is the same drug as Viagra. It prolongs the effect of nitric oxide, a chemical in the blood that relaxes blood vessels in the lungs and reduces pressure. Sildenafil, like other drugs in the same class, significantly improved the distance a person could walk in six minutes. The 75% increase you noted is higher than most studies showed, however.

The study included subjects up to 81 years old. I do not think age alone would be a reason not to use these kinds of medications. These medicines should not be used in people taking nitrates (such as nitroglycerine) or those with very low systemic blood pressure.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2021 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

reserved for themselves. Unlike but effective decoys and fooling any repairs involving concrete everybody.

they may have contrived, the technological bells and whistles rust out. That’s because they are fake and deep, con artists making increasingly complex





Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
Roy Orbison sold over 6 million copies of “Pretty Woman” in the sixties.

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: **W** equals **L**

S ICFSRXK T MEXXZKCL
ZPZZD XTFSIL RTIFTWCPZX,
MC S RTWWXK ESG GD
GXWCI RCWWSX UTUD.

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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
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Yet another VA Secretary



by Freddy Groves

We have a new Department of Veterans Affairs secretary, the 10th acting or permanent VA secretary in the past 10 years.

Dennis McDonough has a degree in Foreign Service. He was an aide on the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Later he was a national security adviser and chief of the National Security Council. He’s a public policy professor at Notre Dame’s school on global affairs and was a fellow at Carnegie’s International Affairs program under the International Peace endowment. He used to be President Barak Obama’s White House chief of staff.

Those who inspired him in early life included a football coach who’d served in World War II, troops and wounded warriors he’d met, as well as his grandfather who’d been a Marine.

His wife co-founded Vets’ Community Connections, a group that assists veterans and their families.

OK, I’m concerned.

I see a lot of security and international affairs in that bio. In multiple online versions of his bio, the word “veterans” doesn’t come up once. Except for his wife’s work, I’m not seeing any connections with veterans. There were visits to Iraq and Afghanistan, yes, plus visits to Walter Reed hospital. In Afghanistan and Iraq, he was there to talk to coalition partners and military leaders about security issues and draw down. Maybe he sat down to a meal with the troops.

But where’s the real veteran experience? Where’s the commitment to our country with a job that can take you into harm’s way? Or an assignment where your family can’t go? The bad pay? The person above you who can make or break your career? The bad decisions you remain silent about. The terrible duty stations?

Those are the hard, very real

things I’m just not seeing in McDonough’s history.

I wish him well... for all our sakes. But excuse me if I withhold the kudos. At least for now.

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- If an egg spills on the floor, sprinkle it with salt. Egg can be very slippery, and the salt will help keep it in place so that it is easier to clean up.
- Give your garbage disposal some love and clean her out! Add a handful of baking soda and some crushed ice, then a cup of vinegar or lemon juice and follow up with hot water.
- “Label storage bins on all sides so that no matter how you stack them, or which direction you shove them in, you can always see at a glance which are which. Recently, I went searching through my attic for a particular box, and several boxes were moved out of the way. I had to spend much more time turning them to face the right way so that the labels would be visible.” – R.F. in Ohio
- If a glass breaks, here’s a tip to get up those tiny glass shards that are impossible to pick up or sweep up: Use the inside of a slice of white bread, wadded up. No bread? You also can use a blob of play dough.
- If you have a table that’s wobbly because of an uneven leg, and you are a wine drinker, you’re in luck. Take a wine cork, cut it in small slices and glue the slices to the uneven leg until the table no longer wobbles. Easy!

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

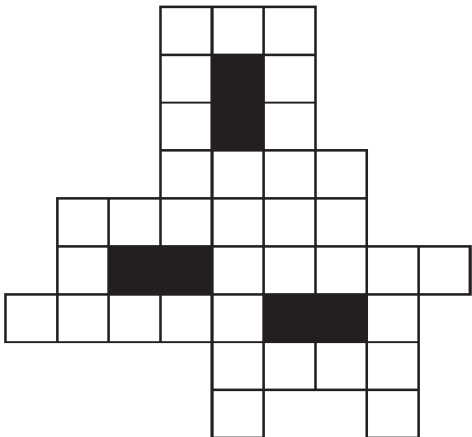
DIFFICULTY: ★★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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- ♥CERTA
- ♥INEM



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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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PASS	RIBTICKLING	EDEN
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RUMP	PARLIAMENT	PSHAW
IDEAS	BIOME	QUEST
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STARR	FACED	MIDGE
LANAI	EYEEXAMINATION	
CLARA	LEES	NOSIEST
CHUCK	NORRIS	BERT
LINE	IPSO	ADA
THELMA	ADIPOSE	WHERE
STHEBEEF	SETTLER	EURASIA
AROMA	POSSESS	DEALING
DONOR		