

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Seeking artists

An all inclusive creative arts symposium will be held at the Oz Glaze Center (13969 Very Webb, Horizon City) on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this initial meeting is to open the doors to all interested artist. Whether you are a writer, canvas painter, photographer, storyteller, or any other endeavor that is in the arts please come and bring your ideas. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Contacts: Curt Noland (301) 335-6885 or Mike Hillsgrove (915) 988-2458.

— Curt Noland

### Raising a family

With fresh starts being top of mind (hiring and single-family home starts are expected to grow in 2018, for instance) the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on *2018's Best & Worst States to Raise a Family*. To determine the best states in which to put down family roots, WalletHub compared the 50 states across 42 key indicators of family-friendliness. The data set ranges from median family salary to housing affordability to unemployment rate. Texas was 20th overall for raising a family, ranking:

- 2nd – Percent of families with young kids;
- 7th – Child-Care Costs (Adjusted for Median Family Income);
- 20th – Infant-Mortality Rate;
- 20th – Median Family Salary (Adjusted for Cost of Living);
- 34th – Violent-Crime Rate;
- 43rd – Percent of families in poverty;
- 27th – Housing Affordability;
- 23rd – Unemployment Rate; and
- 26th – Separation and Divorce Rate.

Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-to-raise-a-family/31065/> for the full report.

— Diana Popa

### Toothless voter

Some 27,000 voters cast their ballots in the recent elections in Portland, ME but only one of them apparently was so distracted by the ballot that he or she left a perfectly good set of dentures behind. The Association of Mature American Citizens says the City Clerk alerted the local media in an effort to locate the toothless voter.

— John Grimaldi

*It is impossible to influence others to live on a higher level than that on which you live yourself.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Aceves to speak on the Xinachtli Project

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The science of teaching used by the ancient Mesoamerican cultures has a beneficial place in today's classrooms, asserts Carlos Aceves, a retired educator and prolific writer, who will be El Paso Archaeological Society's (EPAS) guest speaker at its next monthly meeting. Aceves has been invited to give an overview of the Xinachtli Project.

Aceves's talk is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 20, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. The presentation is free and open to the public. EPAS, founded in 1922, is a non-profit group that is open to individuals and organizations interested in anthropology, archaeology and in the preservation of this region's prehistoric and historic cultural sites and resources.

EPAS officials stated that their guest will speak on a unique educational paradigm, the Xinachtli Project, which

is a method for introducing ancient pedagogy to contemporary education. The project provides a standard and practice of teaching which incorporates this knowledge.

The presentation, titled *Myths, Metaphors, and Symbols, Oh My! The Xinachtli Project: Introducing Ancient Pedagogy to Contemporary Education*, is an introduction to how ancient Mesoamerican knowledge about teaching can be applied in today's schools, according to Aceves. He stated that he thinks his lecture would be of particular interest to teachers of all grade levels.

Aceves briefly explained that this form of pedagogy was developed in 1990 when a group of Mexican Americans met in Phoenix to initiate a project to introduce Nahuatl culture and language into public education. Xinachtli (Sheen-ach-tee) has been applied in a variety of setting across the years, he said.

His interest in Mesoamerican history and culture, Aceves stated, was what inspired him to apply ancient pedagogical

models to contemporary educational settings, often with great success in his classroom. This has allowed him opportunities to present at national forums such as the National Association for Bilingual Education and university settings, he related. And, since 2016, he has been part of a team to research and create a charter school in southern New Mexico (Dona Ana County) with an indigenous-based pedagogy. The effort is under the auspices of the Native American Community Academy Inspired Schools Network, which is based in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Aceves, a Texas resident from Mexico since the age of two, earned a bachelor's degree in mass communication and a master's degree in educational psychology from the University of Texas at El Paso.

The former educator retired in 2014 after 23 years as an elementary bilingual teacher, first with the Ysleta school district then with Canutillo. Prior to entering the education field, he worked in instructional media production for fifteen years.

Aceves has received recognition for his achievements in education from the University of Iowa and New Mexico State University. He is also author of seven publications including books and scholarly articles.

For more information about the upcoming presentation contact EPAS media consultant Fernando Arias, at (915) 449-9075, or send email to [nando79935@yahoo.com](mailto:nando79935@yahoo.com). Membership information can be found on the EPAS website, at <http://epas.com/membership.htm>.



— Photo courtesy of El Paso Archaeological Society

**Carlos Aceves will give a presentation on an ancient Mesoamerican model of teaching that can be useful in today's schools.**

## Espinoza receives national education award

By Christy Flores-Jones  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Socorro Independent School District (SISD) Superintendent Dr. José Espinoza was honored with the 2017 Escalante-Gradillas Best in Education Award during a special presentation in December at the District Service Center.

The prestigious prize is named after East Los Angeles' Garfield High School teacher the late Jaime Escalante, of the 1988 film "Stand and Deliver," and his Principal Henry Gradillas, who now serves as an academic advisor for TheBestSchools.org, the independent educational website that awards the national prize. Established in 2014, the award goes to those who exemplify a commitment to learning, discipline, character-building and high expectations that Escalante embodied.

"This is a great award we have earned together as Team SISD," Espinoza said.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Dan Edelen of TheBestSchools.org, left, presented SISD Superintendent Dr. José Espinoza, center, and SISD Board Vice President Cynthia Najera with the 2017 Best in Education national award.



View from here

By Janet M. Orient M.D.

# Setting national health priorities: Trump and climate change

**(Publisher’s note: This opinion piece has underlines throughout the text. In the online version of the article the underlined portions are all clickable links to the source material Dr. Orient refers to. The online article is available at [www.wtxcc.com](http://www.wtxcc.com) in the Archive section in the 2018 folder. File: 01-11-18-OPED.docx)**

The Trump Administration has announced the removal of climate change from the list of national security threats. This Obama Administration priority was responsible for policies such as trying to make the U.S. Navy a “Great Green Fleet” running on “advanced biofuels.” The rationale was that global warming (renamed “climate change”) was a bigger threat than terrorist attacks or North Korean nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles, and that running aircraft carriers on a blend of 90% diesel and a very costly additive made from beef fat or palm oil would somehow protect against bad

weather over the next century. Climate change is also supposed to be the greatest global health threat, according to a consortium of medical organizations and Pope Francis, who oppose President Trump’s decision to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. The predicted climate disruption is evidently worse than poverty, AIDS, poor sanitation, Ebola, or other emerging infectious diseases, in their opinion. It is, indeed, supposed to worsen those factors, for example by increasing the range of insect vectors like mosquitoes. (Never mind that mosquitoes thrive in Alaska and Siberia.) Fifty years of public health gains could be reversed, warn 22 authors in the prestigious British journal The Lancet, if we don’t take urgent action to limit emissions of carbon dioxide from the fuels that now power 80 percent of the world’s economy (coal, oil, and natural gas—“fossil fuels”). The “planet still

has time to heal,” they say, but we are on a “countdown.” It’s a little hard to get the public aroused about heat waves 50 years from now, while people are shoveling “heart attack snow,” or trying to keep from freezing to death. Deaths from cold are historically far more prevalent than deaths from heat waves. Arctic cold is setting dozens of records for low temperatures in the U.S. Northeast, and a Siberian cold front has already killed dozens in Central and Eastern Europe, with 50-year record lows as far south as Bulgaria. European countries such as England and Germany that are taking the lead on turning to “renewables” – the German Energiewende – prices for fuel and electricity have soared. Many people have to choose whether to “heat or eat.” It takes an apocalyptic threat to get people to accept economic hardship. The UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and prominent U.S. academics constantly trumpet a litany of horrors that will supposedly be inevitable without drastic, immediate changes. California and other jurisdictions claim that they will take unilateral action to “protect” or “stabilize” earth’s climate despite Trump’s opposition. Dozens of Congressmen of both parties have joined the Climate Solutions Caucus to oppose Trump. President Trump’s priority is energy security—or energy

dominance for America. His initiatives include:

- Removing climate alarmism messages from official government websites;
- Cutting the funding of the multi-billion dollar infrastructure devoted to “finding” human-caused climate change and promoting an agenda of global energy rationing;
- Demanding that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) include all scientific viewpoints instead of silencing critics of the “sky is falling” narrative; and
- Rolling back Obama regulations and policies designed to kill the coal industry and suppress use of America’s petroleum and natural gas resources.

The world’s greatest killer is poverty. Prosperity depends on adequate, reliable, affordable energy. Income rises with increased use of hydrocarbons (and CO2 emissions), and life expectancy rises with income. But perhaps even more important to public health than energy is scientific integrity. Trump is basically at odds with the self-anointed scientific authorities that demand that their computer models be accepted as gospel and used to impose trillions of dollars in costs. This authoritarianism garbed in science is in itself a disaster. Moreover, the models give wrong answers, and the policy recommendations are all pain for no gain. To demonstrate this, Doctors for

Disaster Preparedness posed 10 Climate Change IQ Questions to the Climate Solutions Caucus, inviting them to seek a refutation from their go-to experts. So far, not a single argument has been presented. President Trump’s initiatives on energy and climate challenge medical and public health authorities to prove their anti-carbon case, instead of just imposing it on the world. That is both a national security and a health priority.

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## Notice of Public Hearing Tornillo Independent School District

Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District’s 2016-2017 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). The meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 in the Tornillo Central Office, 19200 Cobb St. Tornillo TX.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (915) 765-3000.

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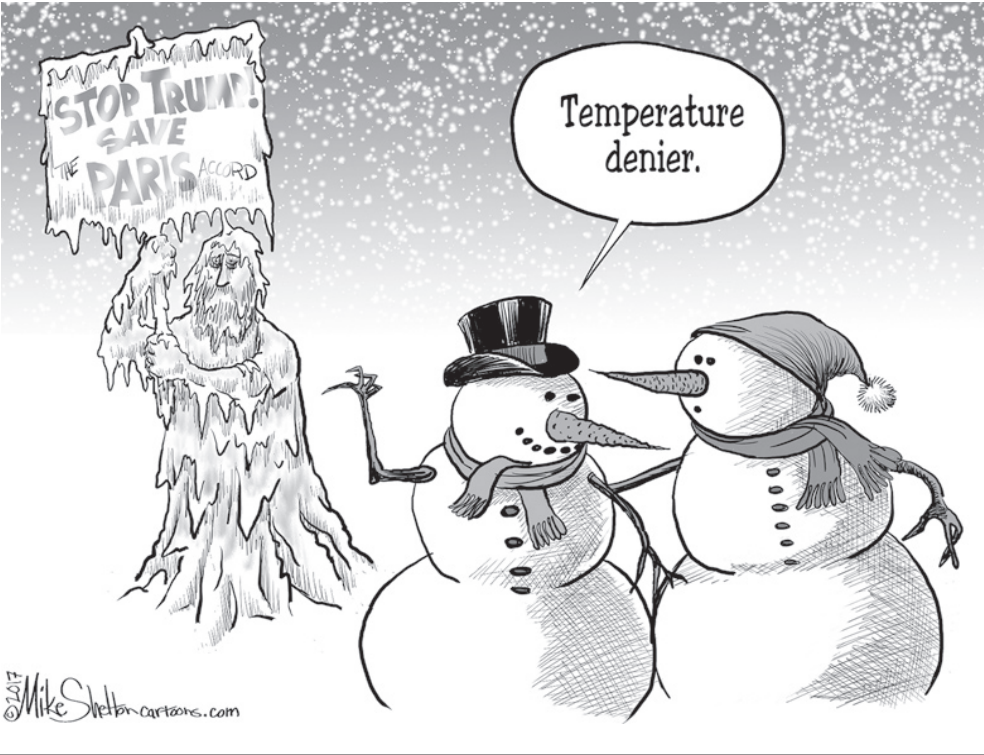
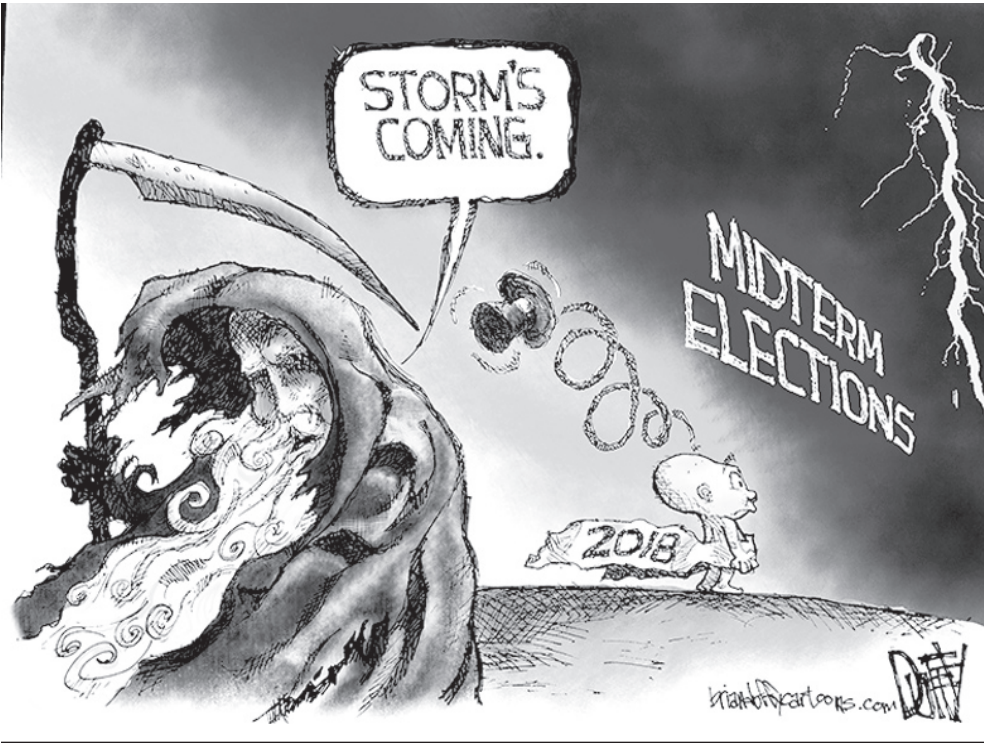
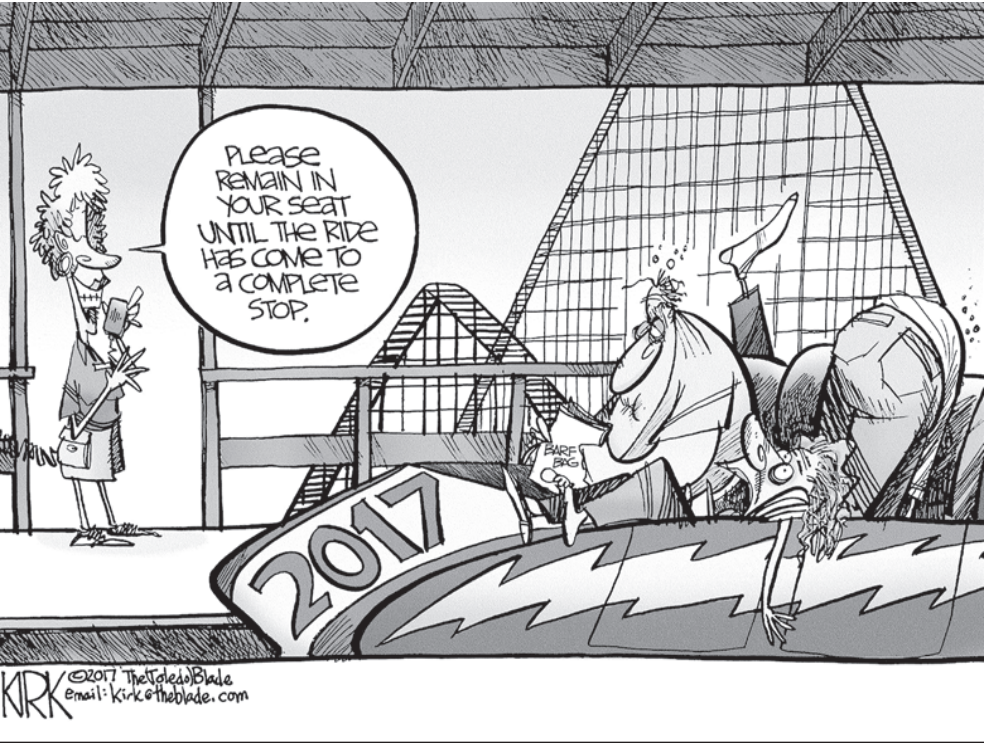
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## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Fabens Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, 2018 in the boardroom of the Fabens ISD Administration Building, 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Fabens Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

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## Classified Ads

### LEGALS

**Village of Vinton, Texas**

**Adoption of Ordinance 2017-12-5-2**

An ordinance by the Village of Vinton, Texas, adopting the Village of Vinton unified development code (UDC) which implements the 2017 comprehensive plan by establishing zoning districts and land uses, minimum development and design standards, accessory use and structure standards, land subdivision standards, flood hazard reduction standards and site development standards, describes and establish the roles and responsibilities of the Village staff, Planning and Zoning Commission and the Village Council in the implementation and administration of the UDC, consolidates and standardizes all development application procedures and processes, determines the application of the UDC to nonconforming uses, provides for enforcement procedures

and includes definitions and detailed submittal requirements; repeals and replaces flood prevention ordinance (No. 2006-08-07); zoning ordinance (No. 88-4) and subdivision ordinance (No. 88-112), supersedes any other inconsistent ordinances, resolutions or regulations and establishing an effective date, was passed on December 5th, 2017.

Any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not to exceed Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000) for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Any violation of this ordinance can be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed Two Thousand and No/100 (\$2,000) and/or enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the Village of Vinton in a court of competent

jurisdiction, and these remedies shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in state or federal law.

*Andrea Carrillo  
City Secretary*

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**Village of Vinton, Texas**

**Adoption of Ordinance 2017-11-21-5**

An ordinance regulating the number and manner of keeping of domestic animals and livestock within the Village of Vinton, was passed on November 21st, 2017.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, or fail to comply therewith or with any of the provisions hereof, shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$2,000.00 per violation, per day, and each violation shall be a separate offence, and each day the violation exists shall constitute a

separate offense.

*Andrea Carrillo  
City Secretary*

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**Village of Vinton, Texas**

**Adoption of Ordinance 2017-06-6-1**

An ordinance adopting the October 24, 2016 El Paso County animal regulations order of the El Paso County Commissioner’s Court, and any lawfully adopted successor orders and animal regulations, and authorizing the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office to enforce the same and any additional municipal animal regulations adopted by the Village of Vinton which are consistent therewith and designating the local rabies control authority, was passed on June 6, 2017.

Any person who violates a provision of the ordinance shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

*Andrea Carrillo  
City Secretary*

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## Gonzalez to head EPCC student services

By Jim Heiney  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – Dr. Kenneth P. Gonzalez is the new Vice President of Student and Enrollment Services for El Paso Community College (EPCC). Gonzalez will oversee the areas of Admissions and Registrar, Student Leadership and Campus Life, Student Financial Aid, the Center for Students with Disabilities, the Police Department, Career Services, Athletics, Outreach and Transition Services, College Readiness and Recruitment Services.

“I am happy to be part of this great team,” Gonzalez said. “Dr. Serrata has a great vision for EPCC and I am here to contribute anyway I can.”

Gonzalez started his career as an instructor at San Diego State University where he also directed the Graduate Program in College Student Development, trained graduate students for careers in Student Services and conducted and published



Dr. Kenneth P. Gonzalez

research on underrepresented students in higher education. He formally served as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Our Lady of the Lake University. He is an Achieving the Dream, Inc. Data/Institutional Effectiveness Coach where he provided guidance and leadership for institutional transformation initiatives to increase student success in community colleges.

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## Fabens Independent School District Public Notice of Meeting

Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District’s 2016-2017 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). The meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 in the Fabens Independent School District’s Board Room at 821 N.E. “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (915) 765-2600, x2102.

### Junta Pública

*Distrito escolar independiente de Fabens celebrará una audiencia pública para discutir el informe de rendimiento académico 2016-2017 Texas del distrito (TAPR). La reunión se celebrará a las 6:30 p.m. el miércoles, 31 de enero de 2018 en la sala de juntas de Fabens ISD, 821 N.E. “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.*

*El público está invitado a asistir. Para obtener más información, llame al (915) 765-2600, x2102.*

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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both houses of the U.S. Congress, who made the following sage observation: “Those of us who shout the loudest about Americanism in making character assassinations are all too frequently those who, by our own words and acts, ignore some of the basic principles of Americanism: The right to criticize; The right to hold unpopular beliefs; The right to protest; The right of independent thought.”
- According to historians, British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill slept on silk sheets and wore silk underwear. It seems he had very sensitive skin, and rough fabric made him break out in a rash.
- It probably won’t surprise you to learn that members of the Sompit tribe in Borneo eat bananas. What is surprising, though, is that they don’t remove the peels first.
- In the 1979 gubernatorial election in Louisiana, a man named Luther Knox was fed up with the candidates on the ballot. In order to give like-minded Louisianans an option, he ran for the office himself – after legally changing his name to “None of the Above.”
- Everyone knows that a sophomore is someone in their second year of high school or college. Most people don’t realize, though, that the word is derived from the Greek words “sophos,” which means “wise,” and “moros,” which means “stupid.”
- Resources are very scarce in space, so it’s important to conserve wherever possible. The astronauts on the International Space Station might be going a bit far, however; it’s been reported that they change their underwear only every three or four days in order to cut down on laundry.

Thought for the Day: “All human beings should try to learn before they die what they are running from, and to, and why.”

– James Thurber

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Moments  
in Time  
The History Channel

• On Jan. 22, 1998, Theodore Kaczynski pleads guilty to 17 years of package bombings attributed to the “Unabomber.” He was identified when his brother recognized his anti-technology manifesto published in a newspaper.

• On Jan. 23, 1957, the Wham-O toy company roll out the first batch of aerodynamic plastic discs now known as Frisbees. The Frisbee began in Connecticut in 1871 when university students would toss empty Frisbie Pie Company tins to each other.

• On Jan. 24, 1935, canned beer makes its debut as the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company delivers 2,000 cans of its beer. In 1933, after two years of research, American Can had developed a pressurized can that had a special coating to prevent the fizzy beer from chemically reacting with the tin.

• On Jan. 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine in South Africa, the largest diamond ever found is discovered. The 3,106-carat “Cullinan” weighed 1.33 pounds. Stonecutter Joseph Asscher studied the stone for six months before attempting the cut. Afterward, he fainted from nervous exhaustion.

• On Jan. 26, 1788, the first 736 convicts banished from England to Australia land in Botany Bay. With the American victory in the Revolutionary War, transgressors could no longer be shipped across the Atlantic. Over the next 60 years, some 50,000 criminals were sent to Australia.

• On Jan. 27, 1967, a launch pad fire during tests at Cape Canaveral, Florida, kills astronauts Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee inside the Apollo 1 command module. They were the first Americans to die in a spacecraft.

• On Jan. 28, 1985, forty-five music stars begin laying down the chorus and solos for “We Are the World,” a record that would raise over \$60 million for African famine relief. Producer Quincy Jones told the pop stars to “Check your egos at the door.”

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Espinoza

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“As Helen Keller said, ‘Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.’ We have accomplished so much together. That’s why I dedicate this award to our students, teachers, staff and all of Team SISD.”

Dan Edelen, director of marketing services for The BestSchools.org who bestowed the award to Espinoza, said he knew early on the SISD superintendent was the man to beat.

“I have to be frank,” Edelen said. “When Jose Espinoza’s nomination crossed my desk, I said to my team, ‘I think we can stop looking.’ But, of course, we didn’t. ... Dr. Espinoza has done it all: teacher, school counselor, assistant principal, principal, school improvement officer, assistant superintendent

and now, superintendent. What is at the heart of all this unbelievable work? Well, it’s the one quality we look for that I have yet to mention. ... *Ganas*. Jose Espinoza has it. That’s why The Best Schools chose Dr. Espinoza. When you are accomplishing the unbelievable, it’s worth celebrating.”

The superintendent, who was named the winner in October, earned the award for doing more with less, overcoming obstacles, boosting achievement levels and raising the standard of excellence for SISD schools and the district overall.

Under his leadership, TeamSISD has opened four early college high schools, more than any other district in the region, and the nationally-recognized Win Academy, which provides additional learning time and resources for students who struggle in a typical classroom

setting. The program is offered at 19 schools in the district. Besides the trophy and accolades, Dr. Espinoza was awarded \$10,000 for SISD and \$10,000 for himself. He plans to donate his part in the form of scholarships and the district winnings will go toward academic programs.

The ceremony included many special guests, including WIN Academy principals, teachers, students and parents; SISD Board Vice President Cynthia Ann Najera and Trustee Hector F. Gonzalez; community members, and district administrators.

WIN Academy student Damian Villalpando, 12, and his mother, Irma Villalpando were happy to attend to the ceremony. The Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle sixth-grader said Dr. Espinoza is an amazing superintendent.

Being in the WIN Academy for two years has changed Damian’s academic life. Diagnosed with

dyslexia in the third grade while attending another school district, the youngster always struggled in class. The family decided to move to East El Paso so Damian could attend SISD.

“I had heard so many good things about SISD,” Villalpando said. “Now I am so glad we made the change. He has improved so much. His reading has drastically gone up. Academically, he is doing extremely well. Before, he didn’t want to go to school. It was a constant battle. Now he likes going. He is making As and Bs. You can really see the difference.”

For Damian, school is now a fun place to be. He likes math, science and hopes to be either a Major League Baseball player or an engineer someday.

“I like to learn now,” he said. “Plus, we get a lot of stuff in our school to help us learn that other districts don’t. This is where I want to be.”

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For the Year Ended August 31, 2017

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Codes		Fund	Fund	Projects	Funds	Funds
REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 12,708,843	\$ 4,085,584	\$ 570,165	\$ 356,202	\$ 17,720,794
5800	State Program Revenues	83,299,914	11,157,100		1,048,433	95,505,447
5900	Federal Program Revenues	10,539,785	—	—	6,990,231	17,530,016
5020	Total Revenues	106,548,542	15,242,684	570,165	8,394,866	130,756,257
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	49,751,481	—	362,098	5,339,057	55,452,636
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,151,150	—	—	—	1,151,150
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,608,657	—	—	1,234,144	2,842,801
0021	Instructional Leadership	2,246,226	—	—	452,362	2,698,588
0023	School Leadership	6,661,767	—	—	34,436	6,696,203
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	2,504,298	—	—	1,030,150	3,534,448
0032	Social Work Services	163,509	—	—	—	163,509
0033	Health Services	1,122,844	—	—	—	1,122,844
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	3,646,683	—	—	28	3,646,711
0035	Food Services	9,237,572	—	—	104,477	9,342,049
0036	Extracurricular Activities	2,786,352	—	—	—	2,786,352
0041	General Administration	2,924,377	—	—	—	2,924,377
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	10,898,994	—	412,452	—	11,311,446
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	2,031,659	—	285,100	—	2,316,759
0053	Data Processing Services	2,191,323	—	—	—	2,191,323
0061	Community Services	119,741	—	—	158,011	277,752
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0071	Principal on Long Term Debt	293,455	5,711,143	—	—	6,004,598
0072	Interest on Long Term Debt	6,809	8,807,700	—	—	8,814,509
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	7,994	—	—	7,994
Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	737,802	—	33,679,362	—	34,417,164
Intergovernmental						
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	298,930	—	—	—	298,930
6030	Total Expenditures	100,383,629	14,526,837	34,739,012	8,352,665	158,002,143
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	6,164,913	715,847	(34,168,847)	42,201	(27,245,886)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7913	Capital Leases	299,280	—	—	—	299,280
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	6,464,193	715,847	(34,168,847)	42,201	(26,946,606)
0100	Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	40,985,176	6,263,105	72,872,506	190,910	120,311,697
3000	Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 47,449,369	\$ 6,978,952	\$ 38,703,659	\$ 233,111	\$ 93,365,091



# 2018 comes at the right time for UTEP sports

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

It's a new year and nobody looks at a new year with any negativity. They think about all the positives things a new year can bring.

It's like magic. Although all the calendar has done is just turn to a new day, we trick ourselves into the idea that this is actually a new era.

It's a chance to start new, and this time – really do all the things you vowed to do the same time last year.

Well, the UTEP athletic department is probably happier than most that 2017 has made its departure and 2018 has pulled into the station.

I think everyone in the Sun City would agree that 2017 was one of the worst in UTEP sports history.

Though the Miners compete in many sports, we all know that football and men's basketball, and to a lesser extent women's basketball, are the ones that bring in the extra revenue needed.

The more fans that pay to sit in the

stands and the further the teams go in the postseason, the more moola in the athletics budget.

Of course there's always relying on boosters to dig a little deeper in their pockets and the Miners can also schedule more games at Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas to trade a 52-7 drubbing for a big paycheck.

But what UTEP would rather do is be more competitive on the football field and the basketball court.

And that all starts in 2018 – meaning after the summer of 2018.

New UTEP athletic director Jim Senter may have the toughest job in the country, if you don't count new UTEP football coach Dana Dimel, who may actually have the toughest job in the country.

Okay, let's just all agree that they both have incredibly tough assignments ahead of them.

The good news is Dimel can go nowhere but up, taking over the nation's only 0-12 team.

Let's not forget that Dimel's old school, Kansas State, went from a perennial loser to one of the best programs in the country.

UTEP's only athletic claim to fame (if you don't count track and field) is men's basketball.

But the team is no longer considered one of the best in the country. Heck, it's no longer considered one of the best in its conference.

Tim Floyd resigned unexpectedly early in the season and Phil Johnson has taken over as interim coach for the rest of the season. And to complicate things further, leading scorer Keith Frazier, who is no stranger to quitting on teams, took a leave of absence from UTEP.

The basketball team is struggling with a losing record and shows no signs of breaking into the Top-25 anytime soon.

So will Johnson be retained or will the Miners turn to some new blood to turn the program around?

Like I said, Senter has one of the toughest jobs in the country.

New women's basketball coach Kevin Baker seems to have the team on the right track. They're winning again so far, like they were under Keitha Adams.

But it's the men's teams that have to turn things around.

The Don Haskins Center is barely half full for its games and the Sun Bowl numbers don't even reach that.

The one true measure of a program is in whether a community cares for it.

El Pasoans love the Chihuahuas. And even the little kids out there all know who Chico (the mascot) is.

That's marketing.

As bad as the Miners have been on the field, the marketing is even worse.

And that's one of the main things Senter has said he's going to tackle. He wants to go out into the communities and talk about UTEP.

He's said he wants to get young kids excited about UTEP games.

Let's face it, when you go (for those of you who actually go) to a UTEP game what do you see – a bunch of young kids going crazy or a bunch of older people sitting on their hands?

It all starts after the summer, when the 2018 school year begins.

It's either going to be a new year of possibilities or more of the same.

We're all rooting for you Jim, in your quest to make UTEP sports great again.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### The year in sports

American sports put on a good show in 2017, and here are some of the stories to remember:

**Clemson beats Alabama**

Trailing 31-28 with 1 second left on the clock, Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson hit Hunter Renfrow for the winning touchdown to beat the vaunted Crimson Tide of Alabama. The win avenged the Tigers' loss from the year prior in what was the NCAA's first rematch ever in a championship game. MVP Watson was remarkable, passing for 420 yards and three touchdowns, 43 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown.

**Brady is the greatest**

Super Bowl LI may have

been the greatest of all-time by more than 30 measures – the number of records set during the game. Down 28-6 to the Atlanta Falcons in the third quarter, New England Patriot quarterback Tom Brady, the game's MVP who threw for 466 yards and two touchdowns, engineered a stunning comeback that really shouldn't have surprised anyone, winning the game in overtime. I used to say that if my life depended on a football game, I would pick Joe Montana as my quarterback ... but no more. Five-time Super Bowl champion Brady takes the all-time greatest quarterback crown, without question.

#### Baseball is back

In 2017, a peculiar thing happened: The Chicago Cubs went to the White House in order to be congratulated for winning it all a year prior. Then the season emerged as one of the greatest in recent memory. The year belonged to Jose Altuve, Giancarlo Stanton, Clayton Kershaw and Aaron Judge – the greatest rookie of all-time. The playoffs were packed with classic, marquee teams like the Yankees, Red Sox, Indians and Dodgers, but in the end, it was the Houston Astros beating both the Yankees and Dodgers in dramatic game sevens that made the most sense. With Hurricane Harvey still fresh in everyone's mind and stagnating in their front yards, the 'Stros gave the fans at home a thoroughly talented team to cheer for.

#### Undefeated

My neighbor had tickets to see the pay-per-view fight between the undefeated Floyd Mayweather and the UFC champion Conor McGregor. "Who should I bet on?" he would ask. I'd reply: "Mayweather is going destroy McGregor." (Even though I used this column space to say that McGregor would win in an early knockout.)

"Yeah? Mayweather?"

"Yes, although... what if McGregor just runs out there and catches him with a left to the chin and knocks him out cold? Could totally happen."

While the fight certainly wasn't one of the all-time great

matches, the spectacle of the event was overshadowed only by Clay vs. Liston, The Rumble in the Jungle or the Thrilla in Manilla. The pre-fight publicity tour was the main event, but the fight turned out to be amazingly fun to watch, with McGregor winning the first three rounds, only to drop after spending too much time in the deep waters where Mayweather took him. It'll be a long time before boxing sees another spectacle like this one.

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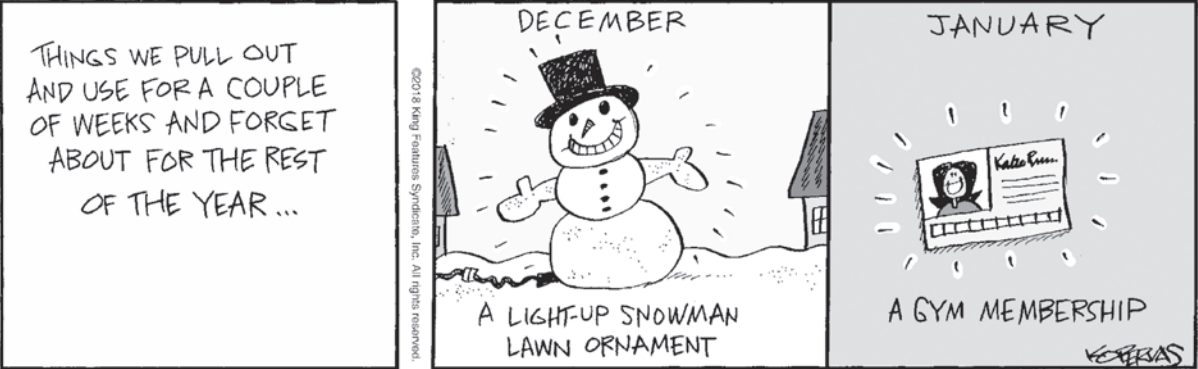
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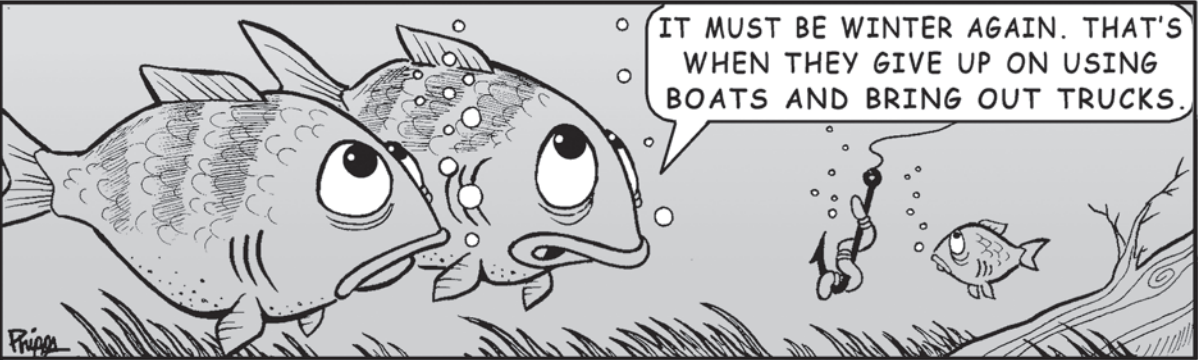


# Comix

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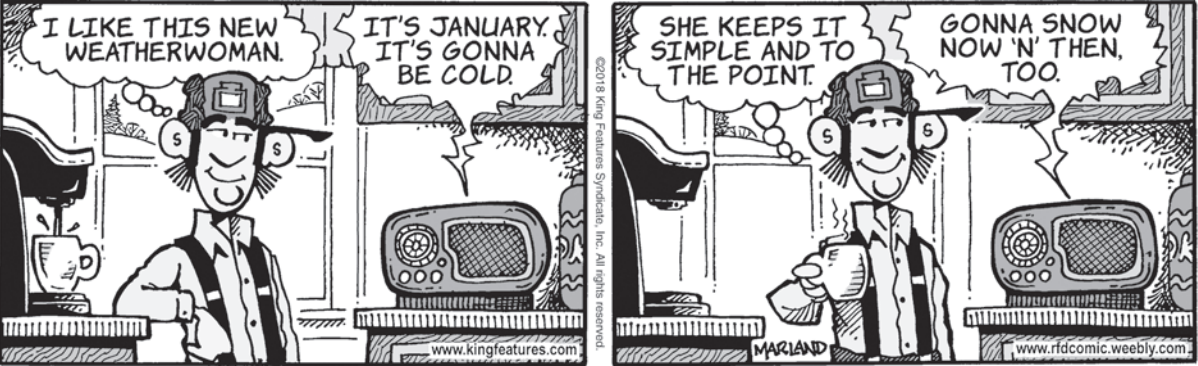
## AMBER WAVESBy Dave T. Phipps



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# Your good healthBy Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I hear music playing in my head at all times. I can't stop it, even if I'm reading, having a conversation or being active. It's there when I wake up in the night or in the morning. Even if I consciously stop it and try to hear only the ambient sounds around me, the music always comes back. Is this indicative of any major problems? I am a very healthy 64-year-old male, and this is annoying. It has been going on for most of my life. I wonder if a psychiatrist could help. The only prescription I take is zolpidem for sleep, but I would consider any meds that would help stop this. – S.H.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was diagnosed with pancreatic cysts. A recent MRI scan showed that they are less than 2 cm and have been stable for a year. My doctor tells me these are benign and don't need any more follow-up. Could these cysts become cancerous later on? – K.

The medical term “cyst” means any fluid-filled, walled structure. They can occur in practically any anatomic location you can think of. In the pancreas, there are several types of cysts, as well as pseudocysts (fluid collections, usually as a result of pancreatitis, that develop a wall after some weeks), and cystic neoplasms, which have the potential to become cancerous.

There are several medical reasons to have music in your head. One is called “musical ear syndrome,” which is a type of hallucination most commonly associated with hearing loss. Another is associated with psychiatric disease, especially obsessive-compulsive disorder, but also with schizophrenia or mood disorders.

However, my experience is that there are many, many normal people with no psychiatric illness who have music playing in their head almost all the time or all the time. Many people have had a song stuck in their head (often called an “earworm”), but a few people have this continuously. I had one patient in whom this was a major source of distress, and in that case, it appeared to be related to the use of an antidepressant.

Solving anagrams and reading are supposed to help, but in your case I am almost sure that would be temporary. Sometimes playing the music that is in your

head can stop it. There are a few case reports of treatment with medication (such as carbamazepine) being effective, but sometimes reassurance that this is almost normal makes it easier to deal with.

You didn't tell me how you were diagnosed. Very often, these are found incidentally when a CT scan is obtained for some other reason. In this case, when there are no symptoms present, the only concern is whether they can grow and cause symptoms later on, or worse yet, could become cancerous. Since pancreatic cancer is justifiably feared, I understand your reasons for asking the question.

Fortunately, I agree with your doctor completely. The likelihood of a small cyst (your largest cyst is 1.4 cm) being cancer is less than 5 percent. Since it hasn't changed in a

See HEALTH, Page 8

# Super Crossword

- FRATERNITY CHARACTERS ACROSS

1 Tuna salad ingredient

5 Remove by vaporizing, as impurities

12 Tough guy's display

20 Holiday preludes

21 One heralding a new era, say

22 Refusing to face reality

23 Game with sticks and wheeled skates [#17]

25 Differs in opinion

26 Choke up

27 Settled up

28 Suffix with minimal

29 Flatten

30 See 16-Down

31 Public sale of seized property, maybe [#19]

37 Bother

38 Le dernier \_

39 Rock music genre

40 Communist Mao \_-tung

41 Keyword that helps people find an online video [#2]

46 Economic divides [#24]

52 Bar, legally

53 Parcels

55 Foe of Frodo

56 Tahiti, e.g.

57 Free TV ad, for short

59 Bills or Jets

62 Started the poker pot

63 Largest city in Yemen

66 La \_ Jackson

68 What G-rated films are suitable for

71 Old cloth

72 What awards may be laid out on [#6]

75 Last stage [#1]

77 Despite this

78 Sommeliers' bottles

80 Partakes of

81 Ogles

82 Self-help book

84 Shrewish

86 Pitcher's stat

88 Potpourri

89 Old flier over the Atl.

91 K.P. veggie

93 Efface

97 Antiterrorism legislation of 2001 [#9]

101 Combat vehicles in a hobby shop [#4]

103 Felony hated by MADD

104 Road service gp.

106 Neither here \_ there

107 In-favor vote

108 Bell Labs, for one [#22]

116 Gen. Pershing's conflict

117 Trebek of TV

118 Wahl of TV

119 Fuentes of baseball

120 Arthur of tennis

122 Atomic group

125 Things hidden in nine answers in this puzzle

129 Did surgery

130 Gruel base

131 Cookie often taken apart

132 Cuddled-up couples

133 Flourish

134 Couples up

DOWN

1 French sea

2 Fatty fruits

3 Shouts

4 Nobel city

5 Rough husk

6 \_ Kosh B'Gosh

7 "God willing!"

8 Old Renault

9 Terminix rival

10 "I need grub!"

11 Cook in fat

12 Center

13 Cartoonist

14 PC inserts

15 " \_ So Fine"

16 With 30-Across,

neon or xenon

17 Exodus peak

18 Seder staple

19 NFL Hall of Famer

24 Holders used during breakfast

28 Privy to

30 Soul's Marvin

32 Bard's eye

33 Jostled (for)

34 British music co.

35 Pyle's org.

36 So-so grade

42 November gem

43 "Taxi" cabbie played by Danza

44 Forage crop

45 Styling goop

47 Oversaw jointly

48 Gimlet liquor

49 Errant

50 Make glad

51 Fen plants

54 RR stop

58 " \_ boy!"

60 Goblin, e.g.

61 Unknown by

62 Nile reptile

63 Whale's half-rise out of the water

64 Iris ring

65 Bonehead

67 Sculling item

69 Gang gun

70 Different

73 Lead-in to friendly

74 Brain test, for short

76 "... \_ pin drop"

79 NCO in the 35-Down

83 Rocky top

85 " \_ so sorry"

87 Sanctuary

89 Acerbic

90 Unyieldingly insistent type

92 Big name in lens care

94 In whatever location

95 Like kebabs

96 Morales in movies

98 Ore-\_

99 Son of Adam

100 Ecru or fawn

102 Slew

105 Stellar

108 Novarro of "Ben-Hur"

109 Split to hitch

110 Monica of tennis

111 Apply

112 Listens to

113 Link up with

114 Agenda bits

115 Puffs

121 Tuck away

123 Ripken of baseball

124 Pickup's kin

125 Soft lump

126 Northern Thai

127 Stately tree

128 Distress call

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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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

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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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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

VA accomplishments in 2017

For all the grousing so many of us do about the Department of Veterans Affairs, when you add it all up, there's a lot it did last year. VA Secretary David Shulkin wrapped up the year in a message that highlights all they got accomplished.

To name just a few:

- With HUD, got 61,000 homeless veterans into housing.
- Authorized 6.1 million community-care appointments, 42 percent higher than previous year.
- Raised the level of Service Disabled Veteran Owned businesses to 19 percent, double the goal.
- Launched Big Data Super Computer to expand research into veterans health.
- Reduced dropped calls on the Crisis Line from 35 percent to less than 1 percent.
- Lowered veteran unemployment to 2.6 percent, the lowest in years, and much lower than the U.S. average of 4.4 percent for the year.
- Helped 1 million veterans use the GI Bill for education.

• Helped 620,000 veterans with opioid addiction, resulting in a 36 percent drop in use.

The list summed up with a claim that the veteran "trust" score went from 46 percent a few years ago to 70 percent now.

And we can't forget President Donald Trump. No matter what side of the political aisle you sit on, Trump signed nine bills for veterans, plus an Executive Order and three Proclamations. He pushed until he got the 24/7 Hotline for Veterans, and actually showed up in person at no less than six veteran events. Vice President Pence was there too, at Honor Flight ceremonies and Wounded Warrior rides.

It's easier to take the measure of a man when you can see him in person, or at least on a video. If you want to view Shulkin's end of year message to all of us, go on YouTube at [youtu.be/1I8d\\_nMFUI4](https://youtu.be/1I8d_nMFUI4) to see him talk about the progress the VA made in 2017.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals N

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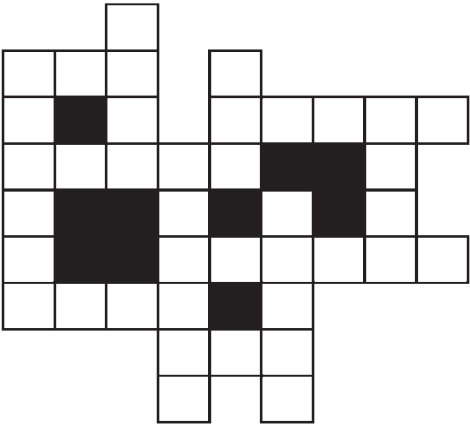
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FEAR KNOT By: rj johnson

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♥ADEL



Answer Page 4

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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Here's a Tip By JoAnn Derson

- "Use squeeze bottles to do cookie decorating or cake piping. They also can be used to color pancake batter and make designs. It's so much fun for the kiddos (and the parents too!)"  
— L.I. in Montana
- Fog proof that bathroom mirror by simply cleaning as usual, then coating the mirror with car wax. Use a lint-free cloth to buff it off, revealing a layer of steam-proof protection that lasts about a month. So good when you need a mirror to get ready in the morning.
- When transporting any type of bottle or jar that could leak, simply place a small piece of plastic wrap over the open end, then close the bottle tightly. This will work for most screw-top containers to make them leak-proof. Snap-down lids should be secured with strong tape or placed into a larger sealable bag, like a zipper-seal plastic baggie.
- "I toss my daughter's hoodie sweatshirt into the dryer about 20 minutes before she needs to leave for the bus stop in the morning. Just as she's leaving, I grab it and she puts it on. It keeps her toasty all the way to the stop, and it make her feel special."  
— M.R. in South Carolina
- Before you go out shopping, take a minute on your phone while on the WIFI at home to search your email and websites for sales and coupons. Screenshot coupons so that the barcodes are clearly visible. This will save you downloading time while you are out and about, as well as serving as a reminder of the sale items you want to look at.

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year of follow-up, your risk for cancer is very, very low.

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