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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Retired teachers insurance spikes

Many retired teachers who get health insurance and benefits through the Texas Retirement System of Texas have noticed a spike in premiums after more than a decade with minimal increases. The program serves about 270,000 retired Texans and their families. Recent reports indicate that at least 9,000 educators and their dependents have left the subsidized insurance plan known as Teacher Retirement System-Care. That departure rate is six times higher than recent years. The TRS-Care experienced a budget shortfall in 2017 and was set to run out of money this year but lawmakers made temporary fixes that totaled \$700 million. The shortfall was made up with adjustments to premiums and benefits to sustain the program, according to officials.

— Alfredo Vasquez

### Munchies marketing

One of the well-known effects of marijuana usage is popularly called “the munchies” — a strong desire to snack. So, was it accidental that a young Girl Scout in San Diego managed to sell 300 boxes of Girl Scout cookies in the space of just six hours standing in front of a newly opened pot shop? The young entrepreneur broke no rules, says the Girl Scouts of San Diego. And, the state of California recently legalized the sale of recreational marijuana.

— John Grimaldi

### Diverse cities

With immigration reform remaining one of the most prominent political issues, suggesting that the U.S. demographic landscape may soon change, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2018’s *Most & Least Ethnically Diverse Cities*. To identify the most ethnically diverse places in America, WalletHub compared more than 500 of the largest U.S. cities across three key metrics, including ethnoracial diversity, linguistic diversity and birthplace diversity. El Paso was the 53rd most diverse city among large cities. Other Texas cities ranked:

- 10 – Houston;
- 14 – Arlington;

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*The fact that you know what to say does not guarantee your right or obligation to say it.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Early voting starts for primary elections

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The upcoming political parties’ primary elections, to determine candidates who will run for all partisan offices in Texas, will be held Tuesday, March 6. Early voting began February 20 and will continue through Friday, March 2.

Should a primary runoff election be necessary, it will be held May 22, with early voting set for May 14-18. Voters may cast their ballot in the runoff election even if they didn’t vote in the main election. Also, individuals can vote in the general election, even if they do not vote in the primary.

The March primary election pits hundreds of candidates vying for public posts in statewide, congressional, and legislative offices, as well as some county offices. The winners in each party’s primaries get to compete in the general election, which is scheduled for November 6, with early voting slated for October 22 to November 2.

Texas has open primaries, which means that voters do not have to formally affiliate with a political party; however, an individual can only vote in one party and must sign an affidavit affirming that he or she will not vote in another party’s primary election.

This year’s elections in Texas include races for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, U.S. senator, U.S. representative,



state representative, county judge, county commissioners, a large number of judgeships, party chairs, and more.

To vote, a legal identification card is required—such as a Texas driver’s license, an ID card or license to carry handgun certificate; an election identification certificate; a military ID; an U.S. citizen certificate; or a passport.

If an individual cannot reasonably obtain any of the specified identification credentials, he or she may fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration (RID) form at the polling station and present a copy or original of the following documents: valid voter registration certificate, original birth certificate, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document with the person’s name and address.

For polling place locations and other information about this year’s elections, local voters are encouraged to visit the El Paso County Elections Department website at [epcountyvotes.com](http://epcountyvotes.com) or call (915) 546-2154.

**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
**BOLETA DE MUESTRA**

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION  
(ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO)  
(CONDADO DE) EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS  
MARCH 6, 2018 (6 DE MARZO, 2018)

I AM A REPUBLICAN AND UNDERSTAND THAT I AM INELIGIBLE TO VOTE OR PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY'S PRIMARY ELECTION OR CONVENTION DURING THIS VOTING YEAR.  
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3. Secret Ballots for Speaker Nominee  
4. Screening New Hires to Protect Jobs for Legal Workers  
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6. Privacy and Safety for Women and Children in Public Spaces  
7. Abolishment of Abortion  
8. Make Voter Fraud a Felony  
9. Demand Congress Repeal Obamacare  
10. Slow the Growth of Property Taxes  
11. Tax Dollars Not to be Used to Build Stadiums for Professional Sports Teams

**Democrat**  
**Propositions**

Synopsis only.  
See ballots for complete text.

1. The Right to a 21st Century Education
2. Student Loan Debt
3. Right to Health Care
4. Right to Economic Security
5. National Jobs Program
6. Right to Clean Air, Safe Water and a Healthy Environment
7. Right to Dignity and Respect
8. Right to Housing
9. Right to Vote
10. Right to a Fair Criminal Justice System
11. Immigrant Rights
12. Right to Fair Taxation

**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
**BOLETA DE MUESTRA**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION  
(ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRÁTICO)  
(CONDADO DE) EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS  
MARCH 6, 2018 (6 DE MARZO, 2018)

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- United States Representative, District 23
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Commissioner of the General Land Office
- Commissioner of Agriculture
- Railroad Commissioner
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6
- Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8
- States Representative, District 75
- States Representative, District 76
- States Representative, District 77
- States Representative, District 78
- States Representative, District 79
- Justice, 8th Court of Appeals District, Place 2
- Justice, 8th Court of Appeals District, Place 3
- District Judge, 120th Judicial District
- District Judge, 168th Judicial District
- District Judge, 171st Judicial District
- District Judge, 205th Judicial District
- District Judge, 210th Judicial District
- District Judge, 243rd Judicial District
- District Judge, 327th Judicial District

### LOCAL

- County Judge
- Judge County Court at Law 1
- Judge County Court at Law 2
- Judge County Court at Law 3
- Judge County Court at Law 4
- Judge County Court at Law 5
- Judge County Court at Law 6
- Judge County Court at Law 7
- Judge, County Criminal Court 1
- Judge, County Criminal Court 2
- Judge, County Probate Court 1
- Judge, County Probate Court 2
- District Clerk
- County Clerk
- County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
- County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6 Place 1
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6 Place 2
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 7
- County Chairman
- Precinct Chairman, Precinct 5
- Precinct Chairman, Precinct 67

### NOTE:

Not all of the races appear on the Democrat ballot or the Republican ballot. For a complete copy of the sample ballot (at left) for either party visit [epcountyvotes.com](http://epcountyvotes.com) and click on Current Election option. Scroll down to Sample Ballots and chose the appropriate ballot for your needs.

**Briefs**

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- 15 – Dallas;
- 19 – Ft. Worth;
- 23 – Austin;

- 33 – San Antonio; and
- 40 – Corpus Christi.

Other stats:

- Oakland, CA, has the highest racial and ethnic diversity, which is four times higher than in Hialeah, FL, the city with the lowest.

- Hialeah, FL has the highest concentration of Hispanics or Latinos, at 96.26 percent.
- Laconia, NH has the highest concentration of whites, at 95.55 percent.
- Jackson, MS has the highest

concentration of blacks, at 80.84 percent.  
Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/cities-with-the-most-and-least-ethno-racial-and-linguistic-diversity/10264/> to view the full report.

– Diana Popa

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## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### Are you missing out on these benefits?

I love it when crooks get caught. A Department of Veterans Affairs employee (former Air Force) in Maryland sent himself a pile of the cash he was in charge of, specifically \$21,000 of special payments disability money that he wired to his own account. Then he sent a former Air Force friend (who was in a financial bind)

\$46,000 in hardship-benefits cash that she hadn't applied for. She then kicked back \$13,000 to him using Walmart money transfers.

Of course they got caught. Here are some of the many legitimate benefits for veterans in need:

- Medical care at VA facilities. This can either be free or low cost.
- Education. Go to college, get a vocational or technical degree, sign up for an apprenticeship, do work-study, take the SAT tests, be reimbursed for licenses and certifications, and much more.

- Counseling. Whether it's group, individual or for the family, the Vet Centers can help you. For PTSD, sexual assault, transitioning to civilian life

There are other lesser-known benefits for veterans: Free tax preparation, GI Bill transfer of credits to a spouse or dependent, money for certification for vocational training programs and life insurance. Find the whole list at [www.va.gov/opa/persona/index.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/persona/index.asp).

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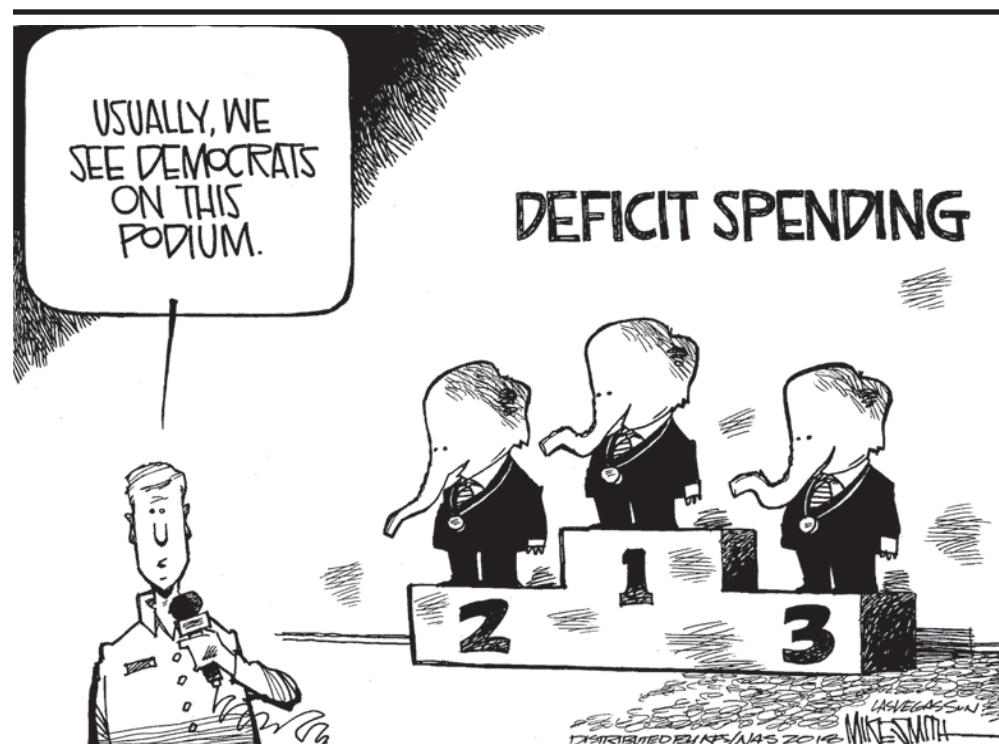
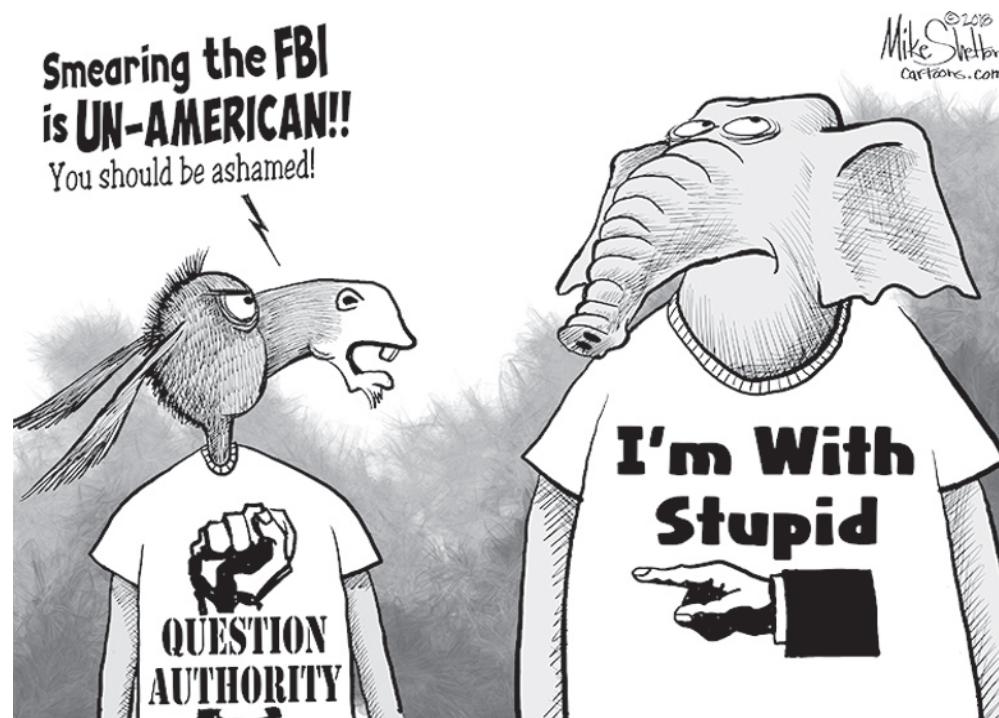
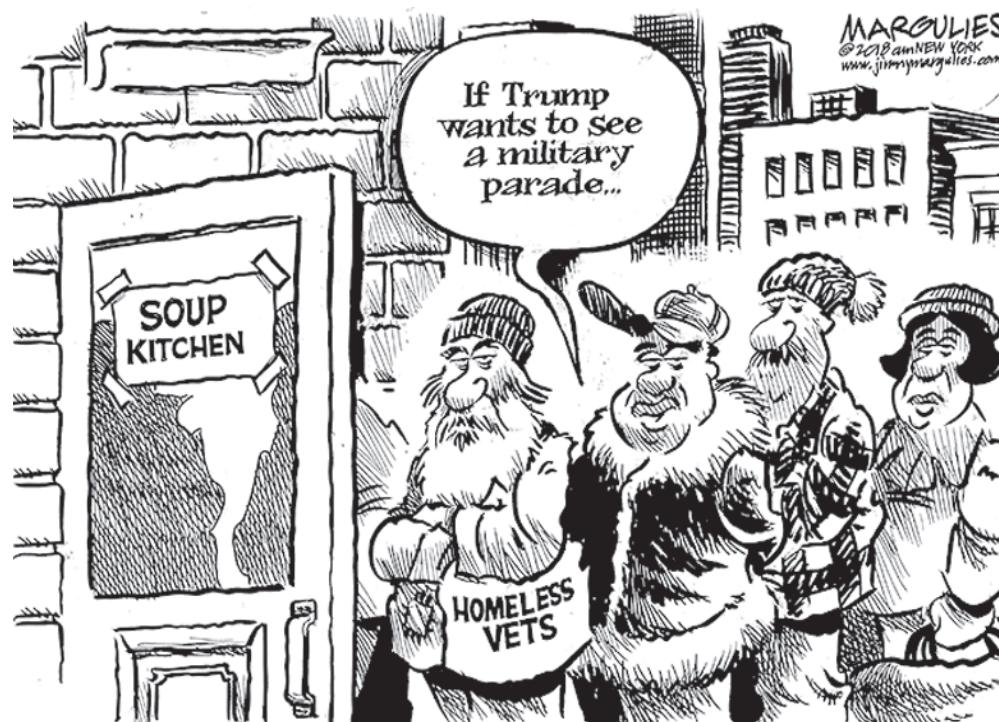


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## View from here By

### Give thought to the stress of retirement Know what you are getting into and prepare

There's more to consider than your financial wellbeing if you are planning early retirement. You need to give thought to the impact that the change in your daily routine when you retire can have on your physical and mental health, says senior advocate Dan Weber.

"There's the idealized version of retirement. The one that has you on the golf course whenever you feel like it; the one that envisions a life of leisure and more time for yourself, away from the stress and strain of work. And then there is the reality, that retirement can be hazardous to your health unless you are prepared for the lifestyle changes that await you," says Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Few people give thought to the stress of retirement. But it is something everyone needs to do, whether you work in an office, a store or in the field.

Researcher Patrick J. Skerrett suggests, in a Harvard Medical School report, that to properly prepare for retirement you need a social network, which in some cases may require you to make new friends. This is especially important if you are without a spouse and your social network consists mainly of co-workers, customers and clients.

It's critical, too, that you remain physically and emotionally active. "If you're a golfer, go ahead and keep playing. And, if not, you may want to take up the game or get involved with other hobbies and activities. It's important to have a reason to get up in the morning, albeit somewhat later than you needed to when you had a job. In addition, it's a good idea to exercise your brain by taking up creative activities such as art, writing or going to school to expand the scope of your knowledge. It will keep your mind active and provide your gray cells with the intellectual stimulation they need," says Weber.

It's noteworthy that those unprepared for retirement are more prone to physical illness. A Harvard study of 5,422 individuals showed that retirees were 40% more likely to have had a heart attack or stroke than those who keep working.

"Studies have shown that work can be good for your health and happiness and because of that more and more older Americans opt to stay on the job. It provides them with a sense of contentment. And, working makes them feel that they have purpose," says Weber.

A survey conducted by Fidelity Investments and the Stanford Center on Longevity backs up Weber's conclusion. It shows that "when asked why they are working in retirement, 61 percent of respondents indicated that they like what they do, and nearly half (48 percent) added that 'feeling valued' was an important reason to continue working in retirement."

Says Weber, "remaining at work in a permanent or part time position as you get older, even if you don't need the income, has become an acceptable alternative to the tradition of retirement. The point is that the key to growing old gracefully and successfully when you are no longer working is knowing what you will be getting yourself into and preparing yourself for a new lifestyle."

*The Association of Mature American Citizens (<http://www.amac.us>) is a senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today.*

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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was English novelist Eric Arthur Blair – better known by his pen name, George Orwell – who made the following sage observation: “During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act.”

- While his wife, Abigail, was ill, President John Adams stayed with her for seven months at their home in Boston – that’s the longest any president has been away from the capital.

- Are you a cacographer? You may not be, but if you spend any time at all online you’ve certainly run across a few. A cacographer is someone who can’t quite grasp the rules of spelling.

- This might be a good time for a reminder of an obscure New Orleans law: In that city, it is illegal to curse at a firefighter while he or she is engaged in official duties.

- It was in 1943 that Thomas Watson, who was then the chairman of International Business Machines (better known now as IBM), made the following public statement: “I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.”

- The English word “velvet” comes from a Latin term that means “shaggy hair.”

- You might already know that actor Mel Gibson grew up in Australia, but you might not know how he ended up there. He was actually born in New York, where he lived with his parents. The Vietnam War was going on, though, and his parents were afraid Mel would be drafted. After winning on “Jeopardy,” they used the money to move to Australia.

Thought for the Day: “The simplest questions are the most profound. Where were you born? Where is your home? Where are you going? What are you doing? Think about these once in a while and watch your answers change.”

– Richard Bach

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**Moments****in Time**

The History Channel

- On March 5, 1963, the Hula-Hoop, a hip-swiveling toy that became a huge fad across America, is patented by Arthur "Spud" Melin. The hoop was dubbed "Hula" after the hip-gyrating Hawaiian dance of the same name.

- On March 6, 1776, Major William Malcolm is ordered to dismantle the Sandy Hook lighthouse in New Jersey to prevent it from helping the British to reach New York City. The British were able to put the lighthouse back into service, but the Patriots brought out cannons to blow away the British equipment.

- On March 7, 1950, one week after British physicist Klaus Fuchs was sentenced to 14 years in prison for his role in passing information on the atomic bomb to the Russians, the Soviet Union issues a statement denying any knowledge of him or his activities. Fuchs' arrest and conviction uncovered a network of spies.

- On March 8, 1993, the Music Television Network airs the first episode of the animated series "Beavis and Butthead," which would become MTV's highest-rated series to that point. Creator Mike Judge later created the Emmy-winning animated series "King of the Hill."

- On March 9, 1781, the Siege of Pensacola begins as Spanish naval force of more than 40 ships and 3,500 men land at Santa Rosa Island in Florida. The flotilla survived a hurricane before beginning two months of constant artillery and cannon bombardment of British forts.

- On March 10, 1927, engineer Robert Kearns is born. Kearns patented a design for a type of windshield wiper and later won multi-million dollar judgments against Chrysler and Ford for using his concept without permission.

- On March 11, 1818, "Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus," by 21-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is published. In Shelley's tale, a scientist animates a creature constructed from dismembered corpses.

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# Senter listens to his most important customers

**By Steve Escajeda**  
Special to the Courier

Ever since the time I was an itty-bitty sports reporter I was taught that honesty was always the best policy.

That, when it's all said and done, a person's word is the most important quality they can possess.

I don't know a whole lot about new UTEP Athletic Director Jim Senter, but I know this much – he's a man of his word.

When Bob Stull's successor first arrived in El Paso one of the first things he said he was going to do was hold a series of town hall meetings around the city to get the feel of his customers, the UTEP sports fans of El Paso.

To be honest, I wasn't sure whether he was going to follow through on his announcement, but I thought it was a great idea.

I mean, when was the last time you heard of a UTEP administrator leaving the college bunker to spend time with the locals on their own turf?

Last Friday, Senter appeared at Tortuga

Sports Lounge during the ESPN 600 Sportstalk radio show, hosted by Steve Kaplowitz, for a three-hour hearing of grievances.

Approximately 100 people showed up, most of them extremely passionate UTEP sports fans, and voiced their concerns about the department – which has seen better days.

Some of the concerns ranged from easing football game-day tailgating restrictions to getting the troops at Fort Bliss more involved to forming more business partnerships around the city.

One attendee said he had been in other big college-towns where everything, especially businesses, within a three-mile radius of the campus is drenched in school colors on game days.

Aesthetic improvements to the Don Haskins Center and the Sun Bowl were also a concern. Of course, as it always is, many ways of enhancing the athletic budget were thrown around.

Senter made it clear throughout the proceeding that he wasn't there to provide any answers or solutions – he was there to gather as much information as he could and then tackle the subjects one-by-one.

Over and over, people who were given a microphone to voice their concern opened with a comment about how grateful they were for the rare opportunity to be heard.

Many of them felt that UTEP Athletics had turned away from them and so – slowly but surely – fans have turned away from athletics.

I have to say, I have been covering UTEP sports for 25 years and I don't remember anything like this.

Really? A UTEP bigwig going out amongst the masses to actually take their opinion into consideration? It's unheard of – and long overdue.

Without this gathering, how else would Jim Senter or any UTEP official know about the problems with handicap parking near The Don, or the lack of food options at sporting events, or area business ideas to raise money for the department.

And one person even asked why there wasn't a statue of the legendary Don Haskins in front of the Don Haskins Center?

While Senter collected many ideas were on Friday, it is not the last town hall meeting fans can attend. There are several more scheduled around the city.

The next one is scheduled for this Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the Starbucks inside Albertson's at 3100 N. Mesa. Yet another is scheduled for March 20 in the KFOX studio and will be aired live on channel 14 (as well as the KFOX website and Facebook page) from 6-7 p.m.

Senter said the theme for the upcoming sports season is EPMAD, "Every Person Makes A Difference."

He said every financial contribution (no matter the size), every volunteer, every ticket bought will help the program get back to respectability.

And then after that, get it to the point that it is challenging for championships again.

Of course it remains to be seen whether Mr. Senter's decisions will result in any victories on the field, but it has undoubtedly already boosted interest in a program.

People are actually excited about next year's UTEP football season – a team that went 0-12!

Senter's enthusiasm and optimism are extremely contagious, but it's his willingness to listen that may prove to be the beginning of big things to come.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

# Presidential jocks

Contrary to what the White House press corps may have you believe, the favorite pastime of the president is not dodgeball.

Politics, by nature, is a competition, and as follows, many politicians like to take their game to the sporting fields as well. George Washington, the father of our country, was an expert shot and considered to be one of the toughest wrestlers of his era. He was known to eschew

church for fox and hound hunts, a nod to his English upbringing.

Abraham Lincoln, the other president we recognize on President's Day, was a state champion wrestler and a handball fanatic. This probably was due to the fact that he had very large hands – and at 6-foot-4 he towered over the men of his day. Lincoln kept in shape, and once was said to have chopped wood for Union soldiers during the

Civil War. After several minutes of vigorous chopping, he held the axe straight out and didn't quiver a bit. No soldier, it was said, could duplicate the feat.

The most avid presidential sportsman was Teddy Roosevelt. Roosevelt installed the White House tennis courts and even set up a boxing ring so he could spar with anyone who would take up the challenge. He also studied jujitsu and once tossed the Swiss minister to the floor during a luncheon – no doubt enraged by his neutrality. Now that's a statesman.

His cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, ravaged by polio,

could not participate in sports that he had once loved – particularly golf. But Roosevelt was able to swim and he was an avid yachtsman.

His successor, Harry Truman, was a sportsman of a different kind. Accustomed to dealing with gangsters in downtown Kansas City, Truman was known to be a very good poker player – the type who would drink bourbon with you all night (or morning) long and always keep it together. Truman also was known as being an avid speed walker. In fact, he would often conduct interviews with the press during his morning walks. The press gave up – they couldn't match his stamina.

Dwight Eisenhower's love of golf was legendary. Not only did

Eisenhower create a sort of pitch and putt area on White House grounds, he scored a hole in one at a California country club just before his death.

John F. Kennedy played football as a youth (so did Gerald Ford, who played center for Michigan in college), and his family was known for their ultra-competitive touch-football games. Still, rumors of Kennedy's nightlife and his penchant for hanging out with the Rat Pack led many in the press to wonder just what, exactly, he meant when he said he only played "touch."

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## Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

# What you should know as you reach retirement age

Every birthday deserves celebration, but some seem a little more special than others. Think of a baby's first birthday. Sweet 16. The "Big 4-0." Then, before you know it, along comes 65. This last milestone is especially important to retirees.

For nearly half a century, American workers looked to 65 as the age at which they could stop working and finally reap their full retirement benefits under the Social Security Act of 1935.

Today, however, the full retirement age is now 66 or 67, depending on when you were born. In 1983, Congress changed the law to increase the retirement age gradually over a 22-year period, citing improvements in the health of older people and increases in average life expectancy. To find out your full retirement age, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html).

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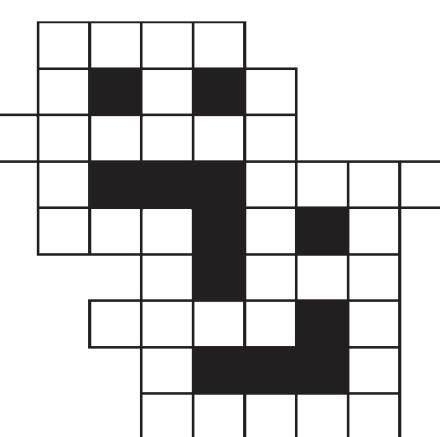
For help deciding which age is right for you to start receiving Social Security retirement benefits, read, "When to Start Receiving Retirement Benefits" at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10147.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10147.pdf).

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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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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** The senior center in my community is kept at a temperature that I and many other seniors find too cool for our comfort. After two hours of playing Scrabble or watching a film, we feel chilled to the bone. We have complained many times to the management, with no change. Recently, I overheard an employee explain to a complainer that the center maintains the cool temperature to keep the germ count in the air down in order to promote a healthy environment. I know very warm temperatures can promote germ growth (anyone in Bacteriology 101 has seen it proven), but would raising the temperature from 72 F to 75 F have any bad effect on the air quality? – H.L.

In bacteriology, most of what we did was in incubators at 37 degrees Celsius (about 99 degrees F), an optimal growth temperature for most pathogenic bacteria in or on a growth medium. However, I was surprised to find that hotter temperatures, in general, tend to reduce both viruses and bacteria in the air. So there's no validity to the employee's claim.

The people controlling the temperature (the staff) probably are more comfortable at a cooler temperature than the seniors taking advantage of the senior center (there are many reasons for this). Your suggestion of 75 F seems a perfectly reasonable temperature to me, but maybe it's worth finding out what most of the community wants.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My doctor

will not issue maintenance medication prescriptions for longer than three months. My insurance company has sent me many emails asking me to have him write them for the year, and when I mention it to him, he just refuses. I have been seeing him for five years, and everything is just fine. All bloodwork numbers are excellent. He has just posted a sign in his office that no prescriptions will be refilled without an office visit, so I am not the only one subject to this policy. We like this doctor, but we think this practice is somewhat overbearing, if not unethical. I'd like my prescription to be for a year because we are retired and travel. In the past, more than once I have had to call my pharmacy and have refills sent to another address. This doctor will not respond to calls from a pharmacy for refills; only a visit will do. Is there anything that can be done other than changing doctors? – A.

I wouldn't say that this practice is unethical. Physicians need to decide for themselves how comfortable they are in treating chronic conditions without seeing their patients for a prolonged period. His method ensures very regular follow-up, and he is likely to find changes to your condition more quickly than if he wrote yearly prescriptions.

On the other hand, many people don't need such close follow-up, and it is significantly less convenient for many.

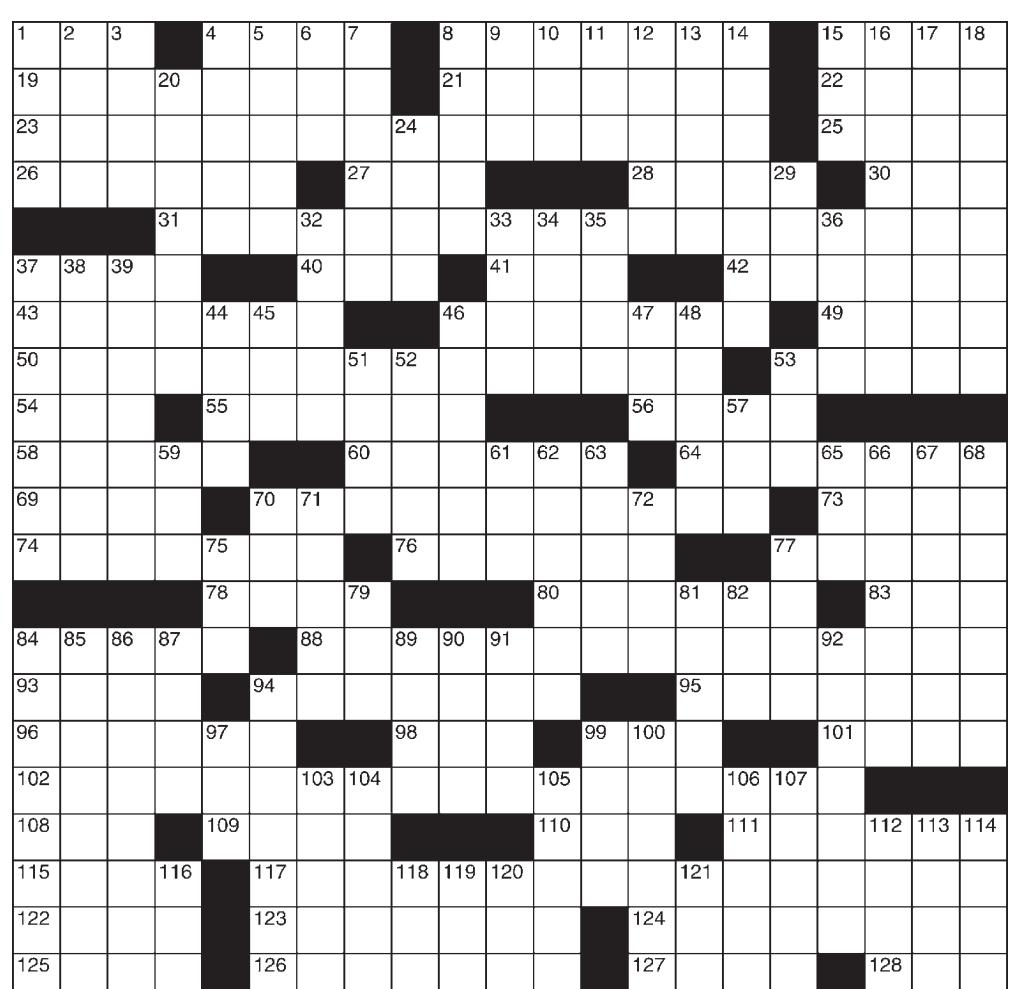
The bottom line is, no matter what his motivation for such a policy, those who find this

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**Super Crossword**

SECRET SCOUTING MISSIONS ACROSS		Browning		110 Existential declaration		20 Text or email		75 Hip-hop music		15		16		17		18	
1	_Mart (retail giant)	55	"_doin'!" ("Forget it!")	56	Melt	57	Dweeby sort	58	Buddhism school	59	"_ Day Will Come"	60	Stupid	61	22	62	23
4	Hushed "Hey!"	58	Dunne of movies	59	Mixed breed	60	Film director	61	Eastwood	62	Jack Sprat's	63	Hurry up!"	64	25	65	26
8	Part of PETA	60	Slow, tempo-wise	61	Calamitous effects	62	Repeal	63	Half of a zygote	64	dietary rule	65	Genetic cell stuff	66	27	67	28
15	Some snakes	64	Not less than	65	Love god	66	Desiccated	67	Cairo's river	68	Family	69	Appellations	70	29	71	30
19	Extra refrigerator convenience	69	To be, at the Louvre	70	Longtime tech ad slogan (and a hint to this puzzle's theme)	71	Deep green	72	When morning ends	73	Value highly	74	Slimming". I think you're asking a lot.	75	31	76	32
21	Pre-euro Greek coin	73	Essence	74	Actress Dawson	75	Draws on	76	More exalted	77	Rabble-rouser	78	Reader	79	33	80	34
22	Scrutinize, with "over"	76	Hip-hop record label	77	"_ suggest that...?"	78	Repeal	79	In advance of	80	Diner list	81	Tilting	82	35	83	36
23	Extremely bad weather, e.g.	77	"_ suggest that...?"	78	About	79	Draws on	80	Bridge parts	81	Beef cut	82	One walking	83	41	84	42
25	Deep purple	78	African land	79	Some vinyl records	80	Here-there linkup	81	Skin ailment	82	Sunbathes	83	Felon's deed	84	43	85	44
26	Skating great Yamauchi	84	Philately item	85	Recurring themes	86	Draws on	87	Dairy sound	88	Gabor and Mendes	89	Competed in a regatta	90	45	91	46
27	Canton-born architect I.M.	88	Clash between social groups	89	Murphy of "48 Hrs."	90	Here, in Arles	91	Conclusion	92	Jean-Philippe _	93	Fruit coats	94	51	95	52
28	Big cracker brand	93	Beseech	94	Husky-toned glyceride	95	Here, in Arles	96	Blowup stuff	97	Felon's deed	98	Competed in a regatta	99	53	100	54
30	Drink name suffix	94	Husky-toned glyceride	95	Ominous	96	Carl	97	"_ to Be You"	98	Jared	99	Fruit coats	100	55	101	56
31	Offering at a memorial service	95	"All of Me" director	96	"All of Me" director	97	Here, in Arles	98	"Imagine _!"	99	River of Flanders	100	Hope so!"	101	57	102	58
37	Org. for Michelle Wie	96	Carl	97	Notable time stretch	98	C minor, say	99	Helped	100	Mao _tung	101	Butter substitutes	102	59	103	60
40	'60s psychedelic	98	Little hotel	99	Notable time stretch	100	Prenatal test, briefly	101	Saddlery tool	102	Low coral reef	103	Thom _	104	61	105	62
41	Nero's 1,006	99	Notable time stretch	100	One writing briefs: Abbr.	101	Track racer's windup	102	Supped	103	Butter substitutes	104	"Mr. Nobody" star	105	63	106	64
42	Apply an oily liquid to	101	One writing briefs: Abbr.	102	Efforts to protect ecosystems, say	103	Send in via helicopter, maybe	104	Helped	105	Gabor and Mendes	106	Jared	107	65	108	66
43	Folding art	102	Efforts to protect ecosystems, say	103	Simile middle	104	Windup	105	Saddlery tool	106	Jean-Philippe _	107	"Mr. Nobody" star	108	67	109	68
46	It glances off the bat and counts as a strike	103	Simile middle	104	College term	105	College term	106	Supped	107	Felon's deed	108	Jared	109	69	110	70
49	A while ago	105	College term	106	College term	107	College term	108	Windup	109	Jared	110	"Mr. Nobody" star	111	71	112	72
50	Prevention of a blaze from spreading	106	College term	107	College term	108	College term	109	Windup	110	Jared	111	"Mr. Nobody" star	112	73	113	74
53	Madden	108	College term	109	College term	110	College term	111	Windup	112	Jared	113	"Mr. Nobody" star	114	75	115	76
54	"Dracula" director	109	College term	110	College term	111	College term	112	Windup	113	Jared	114	"Mr. Nobody" star	115	77	116	78

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**Retirement**

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do it online! To apply for benefits, please go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits).

That said, age 65 should still factor in prominently as you prepare for retirement and a stable financial future, because that's when most American workers first become eligible for Medicare health insurance coverage.

To see if you've earned enough credits through work to qualify for Medicare at age 65, view your *Social Security Statement* online using your personal *my Social Security* account. Create or log on to your account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

If you're already receiving Social Security benefits before age 65, we'll automatically enroll you in Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) and Medicare Part B (supplemental medical insurance)

effective the first day of the month you turn 65. Watch your mailbox a few months before your birthday for your Medicare card.

Otherwise, three months before your 65th birthday, you can apply for Medicare Parts A and B online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits).

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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: Y equals N

QEJY TFA'WJ YJRW JYFAUE  
CF WAY RWFAYH PY CEJ WRQ,  
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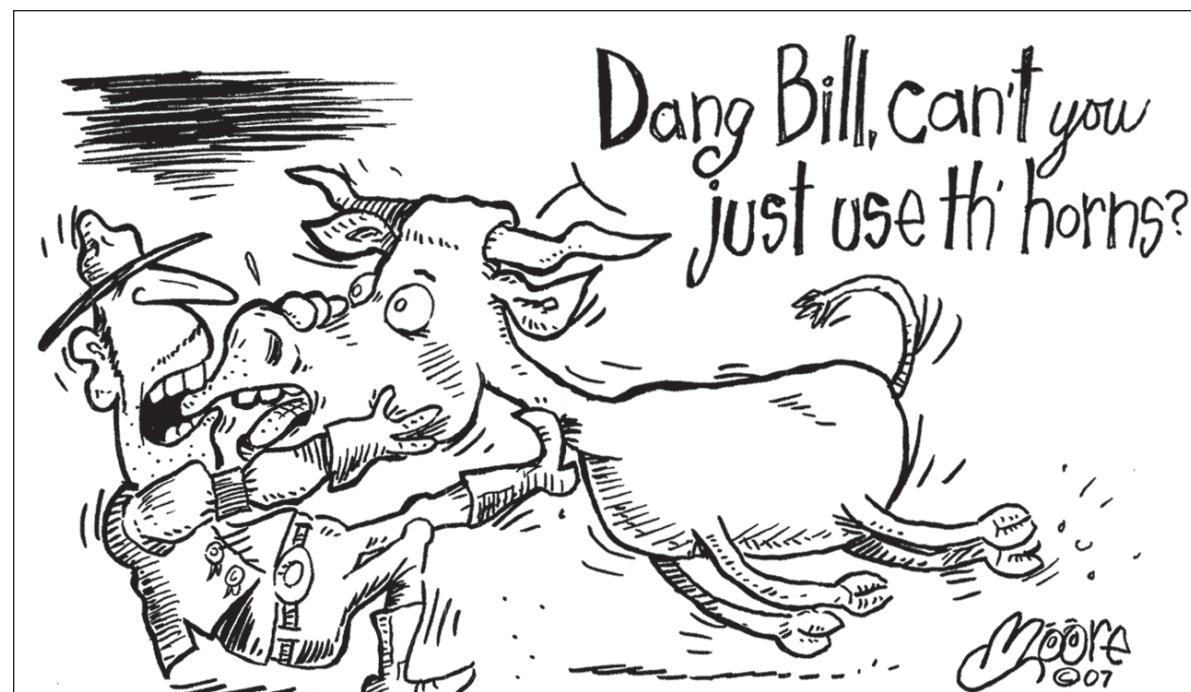
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**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore

Famous black cowboy Bill Pickett from Taylor Texas invented "Bulldogging" ... with a twist... he bit the animal's upper lip to help subdue and upend his victim in record time.

**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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**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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**Here's****a Tip**

By JoAnn Derson

- "Frozen peas make the best quickie ice pack ever. They stay cold without being bulky and conform to just about any shape. You also can make a holder by doubling over a kitchen towel and stitching it up on the ends, leaving one end open. Stick your ice pack inside and apply directly to the skin. We have a bag of frozen peas that we drew a big "X" on, so we know that's the 'ice pack' peas!"

— R.M. in Oregon

- You may have heard that wax paper can make your kitchen and bathroom faucets shine, but did you know it can help your shower curtain slide back and forth smoothly too? Just wipe a sheet across the bar. This also can work in the closet for your rods there. Wax paper to the rescue!

- Include reminders in your planner or calendar for mundane chores like changing the air filter or treating pets for pests. As a reward, pair it with something fun, like a family game night or girls' night out!

- Rub a magnet along the shaft of your screwdriver to magnetize it and keep screws from dropping, which can be a real pain if you're working in a tight spot or up high on a ladder.

- "Here's a nifty trick for spots where you need a nail but there's no room for a hammer. If you can wedge a C-clamp in, hold it steady on the nail head and tighten to drive the nail into the board."

— L.W. in Oregon

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**Health**

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too much of an inconvenience probably would do better with a different provider.

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