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POLITIFROG

Texas GOP retirements increase as state slowly becomes more competitive for Democrats

By **BENTON MCDONALD**
POLITIFROG EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Five Republican U.S. Representative from Texas are retiring- the latest sign of the state's changing political landscape.

The announcements come in advance of the Dec. 1 deadline for candidates to officially file for re-election.

The retirements included Rep. Will Hurd, the only black Republican in the House of Representatives, and Rep. Mike Conaway, the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee.

"My sense is that Republican incumbents looking forward to 2020 see another difficult year and some of them have decided they would prefer not to fight it out," SMU political science professor Cal Jillson said.

The difficulties stem from two places according to Jillson: The changing demographics of Texas' electorate and the Trump administration.

Texas is gradually becoming less white. A 2018 survey by the United States Census Bureau reported the state as 42.9% white and 38.9% Hispanic or Latino. Those numbers were at 52% and 32% when the 2000 census was recorded, respectively.

The shift towards a more diverse electorate



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Ortiz Jones (left) focused her 2018 campaign on engaging with every community in her district.

should favor Democrats, who have historically maintained majorities with non-white racial groups.

This majority will be strengthened if the Hispanic turnout continues at the levels seen during the 2018 midterms. The group's 13% jump in voter turnout was the largest of any racial group when compared to 2014.

Texas' 23rd district, which stretches across the state's southwestern portion, is over 70% Hispanic. Democratic candidate Gina Ortiz Jones, who lost to Hurd in 2018 and is running for the now-open seat in 2020, focused on not taking Hispanic voters for granted.

"One of the reasons that we were successful in turning votes out is because we aren't making assumptions

about communities," she said. "You've gotta show up in each of these communities."

Jones' comments echoed a similar sentiment from Janet Hernandez, a civic engagement director at UnidosUS, America's largest Latino nonprofit advocacy organization.

"I think that candidates need to do more," Hernandez said. "Candidates need to do more to really go and knock on the doors of Latino households and ask people for their votes and not take the Latino community for granted."

Continuing to engage the Hispanic electorate will be at the top of the priority list again for Texas Democrats in 2020.

Hernandez said that Unidos registered nearly 10,000 new Texas voters during the last election cycle, primarily in areas

along the border.

"If the Hispanic turnout continues to increase and their population increases while the Anglo population declines as a percent of all voters, that will bring two-party competition," Jillson said.

The Trump effect While Texas' demographic changes will still take decades to fully change the states political leanings, the Trump administration is causing an accelerated change — one that is already being felt by politicians.

"The shorter-term disruption is Donald Trump and his alienation of some elements of the traditional Republican primary electorate, particularly white well-educated suburban women and some of their husbands," Jillson said.

Jillson pointed to the



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defeat of Republican Pete Sessions in 2018 as one example of the “destabilizing effect” the Trump administration is causing on the GOP.

Sessions had represented Texas’ 32nd district since 1997. He won by 26 percentage points in 2014 and had no Democratic opponent in 2016.

His former district covers the northern suburbs of Dallas and was won by Mitt Romney in 2012 before flipping to Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Its shift left continued in 2018 when Democrat and former NFL player Colin Allred defeated Sessions. It was Allred’s first time running for elected office.

He made significant gains in the University

and Highland Park neighborhoods that played a large role in his surprise victory.

The area is a representation of the wealthy, white electorate that has long been key to Republican victories, Jillson said.

“You can’t lose suburban, college-educated women in households of \$100,000 to \$150,000,” he said. “Those people have to vote Republican or you’re in trouble.”

One way for Republicans to bring back the suburban vote and attract Hispanic voters is to moderate their social positions, Jillson said.

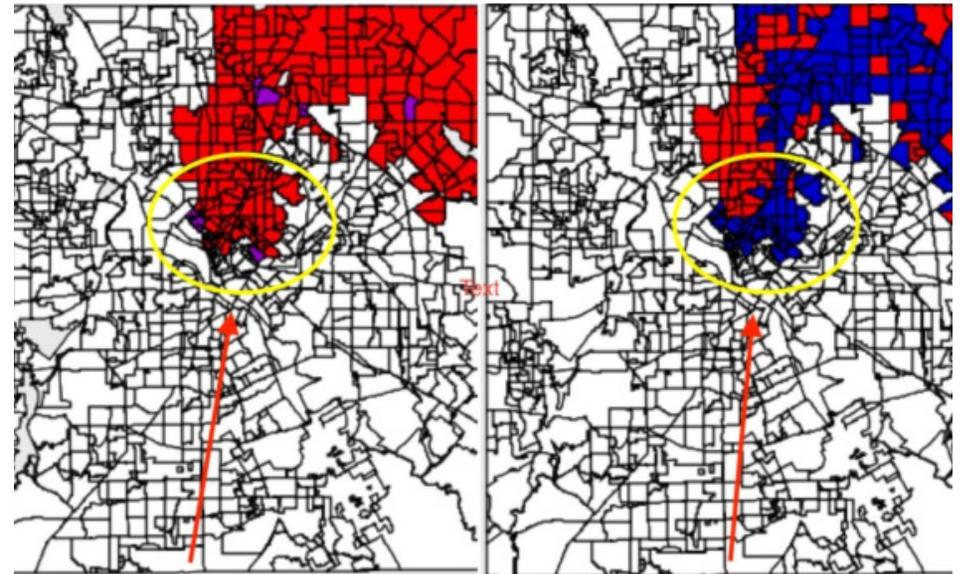
“They’ve got to win them back and the only way to really do that is to, you know, you can’t have kids in cages on

the border, you can’t be opposed to all gun control,” he said. “Those kinds of things are traditional Republican positions when the Republicans were winning 58-42.”

Some GOP candidates in districts with narrowing margins may have to change their strategy to maintain the parties firm grip on Texas in 2020, Jillson added. But some are opting to retire instead.

Four of the five retiring representatives faced the most competitive races of their tenure in 2018. Hurd defeated Ortiz Jones by less than 1% in 2016, part of the reason why she thinks he decided to retire from Congress at the age of 42.

“Good on him for accepting defeat early,”



MAPS COURTESY: DALLAS COUNTY

Allred’s gains (left) in the wealthier suburbs of his district in 2018 helped him defeat the incumbent Pete Sessions.

she said. “I think the writing was on the wall and that clearly had to factor into his decision and the others that have decided to not run again and I don’t think we’ve seen the last of it.”

The three other retiring Congressmen, Reps. Kenny Marchant, Bill Flores and Pete Olson won by less than 10 percentage points after double-digit victories in 2016.

Even if their seats are held by the GOP, all eyes will be on Texas in 2020 as the state continues to evolve amid changing demographics and social trends.

CAMPUS LIFE

TCU students received 757 alcohol violations last year, the most since 2015

By OWEN ROCHE

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Alcohol violations are given to TCU students who violate the university’s alcohol policies as well as state and federal alcohol laws.

Students who consume or possess alcohol, whether on-campus or off-campus, are required to abide by state laws and be at least 21 years old, according to the student handbook. The handbook says any student who violates the rule can be issued an alcohol violation.

JT Riley, a junior who has been a resident assistant (RA) for two years, said RAs do not have the authority to issue alcohol violations.

He said the three people who can are hall directors, the Dean of Campus Life and campus police.

“The role RAs most commonly play in the alcohol situations would be best defined as a reporter,” Riley said. “The most common distributors would most likely be hall directors.”

Cristian Padilla, a junior and first-time RA, said he only “collects information and reports it to the hall director who will then determine whether to issue an alcohol violation or not.”

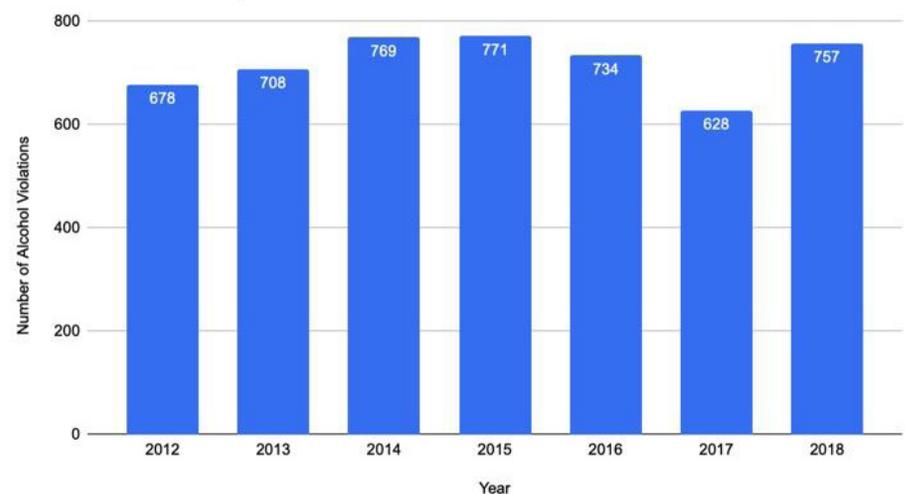
Students who receive alcohol violations must also go through an extensive process, according to Student Affairs. Students receiving their first

alcohol violation are faced with a \$75 fine, must complete an online alcohol education course and must meet with a staff member for additional alcohol education.

Additional alcohol violations result in larger fines, more required educational programs and meetings, and required community service. After a third violation, students are placed on academic probation and are subject to removal from university housing.

A sophomore who asked to remain anonymous to protect his privacy recently received an alcohol violation. He said there was a lot of people and alcohol in his room when his RA

Number of On-Campus Alcohol Violations



GRAPHIC BY OWEN ROCHE

According to TCU PD’s most recent crime report, on-campus alcohol violations are back on the rise.

knocked on his door.

“We had to pour out each individual can and throw them all into one trash bag,” he said. “The RA took photos of everything, including our IDs.”

A week later, his hall director sent him an email to set up a meeting and was issued an alcohol violation after two meetings.

“I felt depressed and was mad at myself for

days,” he said.

The student learned his lesson from the experience and will not drink in an on-campus dorm again because of the experience.

STUDENT LIFE

‘Out of control’ off-campus parties could prompt tickets, arrests

By **ROBBIE VAGLIO**

EXECUTIVE EDITOR, TCU 360

Some TCU students had a really good time during syllabus week - maybe too good of a time.

Fort Worth police were called out 30 times to answer noise complaints between Aug. 23 and Sept. 1. Calls came at all times of the day.

The complaints have continued through the semester and Fort Worth police are now warning they will ticket or arrest people who host parties that “cross the line.”

To date, five parties this academic year have ended with noise complaint citations from Fort Worth police and three ended in arrest.

Michael Russel, the dean of campus life, warned of the consequences in an email to off campus students that noted the semester was off to an “inauspicious start.”

“These calls are fairly routine and not a significant nuisance,” said Sgt. Chris Daniels of the Fort Worth Police Department.

Fort Worth prohibits “unreasonable” or “excessive noise,” like loud music or loud conversations late at night that could disrupt the neighborhood’s peace.

In 2012, the city set a residential decibel limit of 70 during the day - the equivalent of running a vacuum cleaner; at night the decibel level is 60 - equal to a normal conversation.

Turn it down

The earliest complaint about noise during syllabus week was at 4:32 p.m. on Aug. 30 at the corner of West Devitt Street and Sandage Avenue - police returned just over an hour later.

“The vast majority of these calls are resolved prior to the police arriving,” Daniels said. “However, those that are still on-going are usually completed with a quick warning, unless it becomes a frequent issue.”

Things were also popping late at night. A complaint was made at 1:10 a.m. on Aug. 31 about revelry in the 3200 block of Merida Avenue.

One party during syllabus week ended in disorderly conduct citations. This party, in the 3500 block of Rogers Avenue, had “approximately 200 people in the backyard” and “many of the party goers appeared to be under the age of 21,” according to police records.

One of the residents, who asked to remain anonymous to protect his privacy, said he won’t host a party again because “it’s not worth the hassle.”

“I made a pretty considerate effort to go out into the street to make sure it wasn’t too loud, yet my neighbors still called,” a TCU student said. “I guess it might’ve been.”

When police arrived at the house, the student said they told them to shut the party down.

“That’s a two-fold issue,” he said. “Maybe college students living

on my street aren’t as considerate as they should be and maybe the neighbors on my street that are not in college are not as understanding as they should be.”

Between Sept. 3-13, an additional 12 complaints including noise, public intoxication and underage consumption were issued to parties in TCU neighborhoods.

Each of the calls were listed as Priority 3, which Fort Worth Police classify as “non-emergency calls.” These calls make up 22% of reports in Fort Worth and have an average response time of 40 minutes.

“These calls are designated as one of our lowest priority; therefore, we are unable to respond until the higher priority calls are completed,” Daniels said. “Once there is some downtime, an officer can respond and finish the call fairly quickly. If the call location becomes a continual problem, our Neighborhood Police Officers are made aware and they typically intervene when our patrol officers are tied up.”

Saturday, Sept. 7 was a busy night for police patrolling TCU neighborhoods.

TCU police responded to a noise complaint in the 3600 block of Rogers Avenue at 3:04 p.m. But “as soon as they left they turned the music up even louder,” a Fort Worth police officer wrote in police records.

According to police reports when a neighbor walked over to the party and asked the music to



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

A house party in the 3100 block of Merida Avenue starts spilling into the streets.

be turned down a second time she was bombarded with curse words and called derogatory names.

A party in the 3500 block of Plymouth Avenue was shut down around 11 p.m. by Fort Worth police after a neighbor complained he “could hear how loud the music was and it was keeping his baby awake.”

Fort Worth police also shut down a party in neighboring backyards in the 3500 block of Kell Street. The fence in between the homes was taken down and the police reported they heard the music before they arrived.

On Sept. 11, a resident in the 4000 block of Acacia Street complained to police that the bass from the party next-door was “coming through his living room walls making it impossible for him to sleep.”

A loud start

Russel said complaints are noise, underage drinking and public intoxication are generally high at the beginning of the school year but

simmer down over time. He said the email was sent because the complaints this year were ongoing.

The police are trying to work with students, he said. However, failure to obey officers could result in an arrest.

“It is my understanding that every police officer wants to be able to work with people and give them warning, if appropriate,” he said. “When the conditions are such that warnings are not working, they move to a stricter enforcement approach.”

Russel said some students have been “rude and vile” to their neighbors.

“The house you rent for a year could be next door to a family with young children or retired neighbors who want to live peacefully,” Russel wrote in the email. “Anything you can do to demonstrate the strong character of TCU students goes a long way.”

Neighbor to Neighbor
TCU’s enrollment

grew by about 1,400 students between 2011 and 2018. Despite the construction of several new dorms about half of all undergraduates live off campus.

The off-campus growth has caused tensions between TCU students and their neighbors. As students began to move off campus, students violated noise ordinances, parked illegally and disposed of trash illegally, said Ann Zadeh, Fort Worth city councilwoman for District 9.

In addition to the noise ordinance, Fort Worth created an overlay district for the neighborhoods around TCU that placed restrictions on the numbers of students who can rent a single family home.

Fort Worth also created the Neighbor to Neighbor program in 2015 an effort to ease tensions.

Zadeh said the best way to resolve these issues was through a program that students,

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student government, university officials and residents in nearby neighborhoods participated in.

The program encourages students to meet with their neighbors to build a rapport with them.

“For the most part, in the neighborhoods that use it actively and engage in it actively, overall complaints and concerns have gone down,” Zadeh said.

Dana St. Germain, a member of the Bluebonnet Hills Neighborhood Association, said the program has done a good job building a relationship between neighbors and students.

“We knew when we moved into a house this

close to campus that it came with its set of issues,” St. Germain said. “Most of the time the kids have been respectful and not combative when there have been parties.”

Cathy Ryan, vice president of the Bluebonnet Hills Neighborhood Association, said parties have been more of a concern in years past than this year.

Ryan said neighborhood officers of Bluebonnet Hills meet with students who host parties to discuss behavior expectations.

“Within our neighborhood association, we encourage home owners to introduce themselves to new TCU students who select to live within our neighborhood,” Ryan said. “Our hope is that by

establishing a relation-

ship this will result in less issues of concert.”

However, for those whose parties get out of line frequently, Zadeh said the threat of arresting students is the right way to handle the situation.

“I think we do a whole lot of outreach ahead of time and our neighborhood patrol officers attend meetings and the meetings with the university and the student government all ahead of time to get information about proper behavior so there is full notice about what’s acceptable and what’s not acceptable,” Zadeh said.

The issue is not just a city issue - it’s also an issue student government (SGA) is focusing on.

Zadeh meets quarterly with members of the community, student



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

A group of students walking to a house party in the 3100 block of Merida Avenue.

government representatives, neighborhood patrol officers and representatives from some of the multi-family housing around TCU meet to discuss successes and issues that have arisen since the last meeting and how to resolve them.

For example, Hudson

Trent, the former SGA vice president of external affairs, proposed in a Neighbor to Neighbor meeting in 2017 to provide extra bins for students to place their trash on campus instead of disposing of it illegally in their neighborhoods.

“We are communi-

cating with Fort Worth PD and TCU administration to increase understanding for all invested group,” Josh Witkop, the current SGA president, said. “We hope to move forward collaboratively addressing both cultural and concrete aspects of the topic.”

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Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019:

This year, you open up and become far more vulnerable, creative and dynamic in your personal life. Others are clearly drawn to you. You plug similar assets into your professional life. If single, you could meet someone special through a friendship. Stay open to this interaction. If you're attached, you and your partner might be involved in a project or hobby that brings you much closer. You both love this pastime! For some, it could be a massage class; for others, a new circle of friends with a key interest. PISCES understands.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You hear a lot of news from a partner. You might wonder where he or she is coming from. You might want to approach this person and seriously ask some questions. You'll come to understand him or her better. Tonight: Not to be found (use your imagination).

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Zero in on the basics. Be aware of the people involved when you're making a key decision or choice. You might not expect others to necessarily decide with you. Your openness proves refreshing. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You cannot help but put your two cents in. A partner might not agree with your perspective and could become distant as a result. Confusion could surround an unusually good idea. You need to tighten up the details. Tonight: A must appearance

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Read between the lines when you're dealing with someone you respect and consider an expert in his or her

chosen field. A partner does his or her best to support you, but in many ways, this person is a stick in the mud! Tonight: Help make a dream a reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ One-on-one relating proves important in creating a stronger bond and having accord between you and others. Make it OK to express your opinion, even if it somewhat differs from others'. A partner receives your thoughts well. Tonight: Where you can escape the here and now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others seem to be full of ideas -- some good, others resilient and many quite amusing. Give up being serious and detail oriented. Let others run with the ball. You could be surprised by what lands on your plate. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Be willing to defer to others as they come to their decisions. You might need to follow their logic closely, as their thinking is quite different from yours. Your openness makes you a reliable, caring associate and friend. Tonight: Wind down slowly.

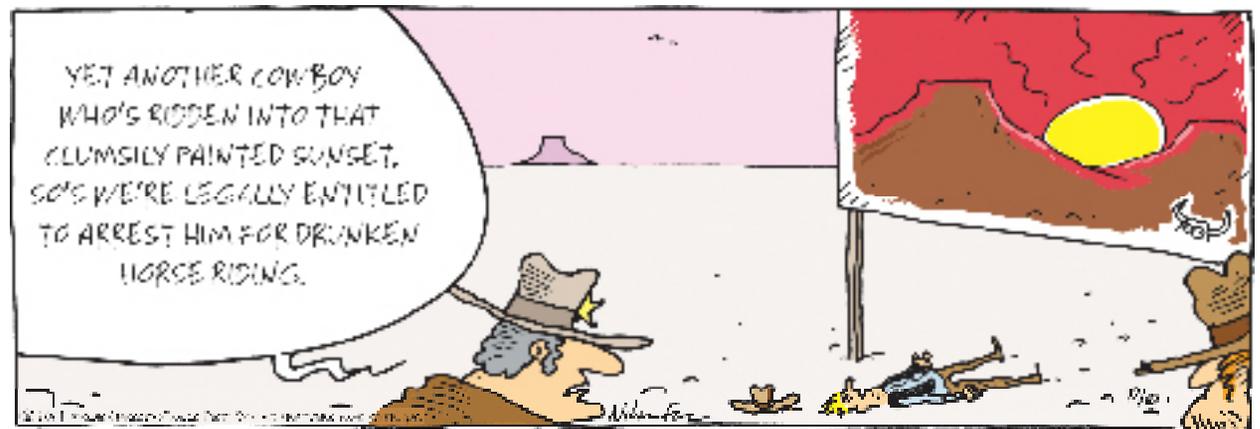
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Even you cannot sit on your creativity. You could be wondering what's happening behind the scenes. Understand what someone wants from you; make a conscious decision about whether to go along with this person's wishes. Tonight: Go for intensity and romance.

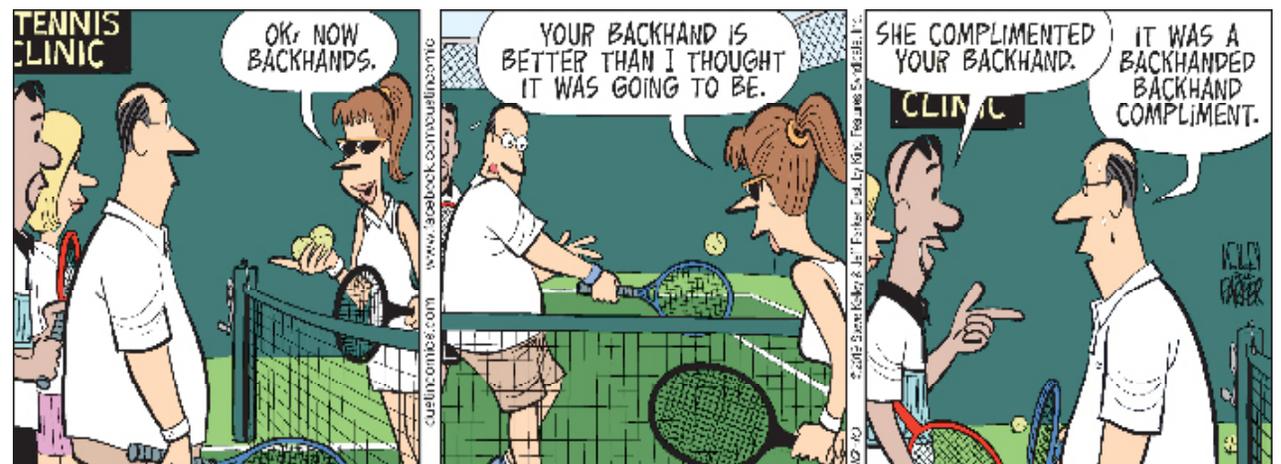
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might be most content hanging close to home. Be ready to move a key project off the back burner. You hear many different opinions, but only

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



you can make the final decision. Tonight: Head home early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Speak your mind; say what you think. You'll hear much more information if you open up and share what you know. Allow your imagination to fill in some gaps -- for now. Tonight: Go with

a hunch.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceedings as you have been. How realistic do you feel you are? Do you want or need to make some changes? Share some of your decisions with a financially savvy confidant. Tonight:

Weighing the pros and cons of a decision.

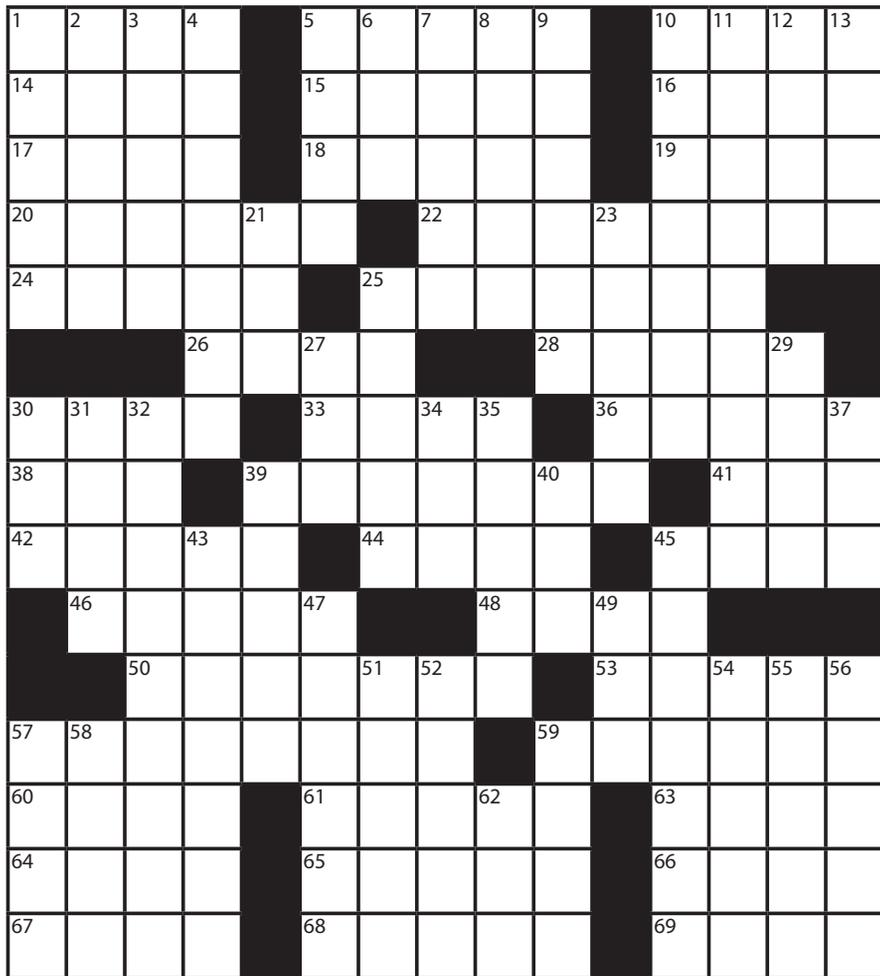
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You bloom and others respond. Your empathy peaks, and others reveal information that they might not normally. Know that you're on top of your game. Take a positive step toward a long-term goal.

Tonight: If you can dream it, it can happen.

The New York Times

Edited by Will Shortz



PUZZLE BY ALEX EATON-SALNER

ACROSS

- 1 More than a bird, but less than a facial expression
- 5 More than a symptom, but less than a jerk
- 10 More than a card, but less than a track bet
- 14 Lawn measure
- 15 ___ Gebrselassie, two-time Olympic running gold medalist
- 16 "Don't worry about me"
- 17 Bud, e.g.
- 18 Laura of "ER"
- 19 Number of worlds connected by Yggdrasil in Norse myth
- 20 **More than a snake, but less than a bodily organ**
- 22 What filler necks connect to
- 24 Classic auto with a so-called "floating speedometer"
- 25 Last words before starting
- 26 Winter coat
- 28 Tee off
- 30 The new girl of Fox's "New Girl"
- 33 Annoyance for an oyster eater

- 36 More than a British islander, but less than a team symbol
- 38 Breakfast bit
- 39 **More than a court filing, but less than a status change**
- 41 Hoppy brew
- 42 **More than a bagel, but less than a walk**
- 44 It's verboten
- 45 Calif. school that's home to the Aztecs
- 46 Tartan pattern
- 48 Smart
- 50 Shoulder piece
- 53 Doing dishes, e.g.
- 57 Grass with prickly burs
- 59 **More than a color, but less than a trade occupation**
- 60 Henry who founded Life
- 61 Waiting in the wings
- 63 Gain
- 64 Tax-advantaged investment tools, for short
- 65 Kind of chip
- 66 One of a Latin trio
- 67 **More than a boat, but less than an idea**

- 68 More than a weather forecast, but less than a muscle injury
 - 69 More than an insect, but less than a U.S. president
- DOWN**
- 1 Monthly charge
 - 2 Mountain nymph
 - 3 Complexities, metaphorically
 - 4 Pantries
 - 5 What rotors do
 - 6 Actor McKellen
 - 7 Slightly influence
 - 8 Pre-defibrillation cry
 - 9 Some bygone service stations
 - 10 Measures of newspaper ad space
 - 11 Peptide part
 - 12 Crown
 - 13 Squeezes (out)
 - 21 The "E" of Ransom E. Olds
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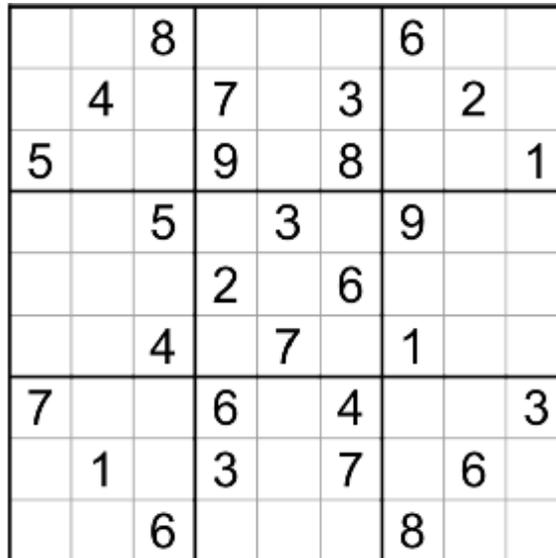
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TCU Trivia

History: TCU's school colors, purple and white, originally stood for royalty and clean play. **True or False?**

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

- 31 1946 role for Fonda or 1994 role for Costner
- 32 Joyrider's ride
- 34 Midori on the ice
- 35 Lightly dye
- 37 ___ particle
- 39 ___ Sports Bureau (stats record keeper)
- 40 "Isn't this fancy?!"
- 43 Portable writing surface
- 45 Bagel topper
- 47 Big employer in Delaware
- 49 Post-op locale
- 51 Kind of calendar
- 52 Flowering plant that's also a woman's name
- 54 2009 Nobel laureate
- 55 Printed again
- 56 Big name in accounting
- 57 Prelude to a fall
- 58 Spiritual energy
- 59 Revolutionary Trotsky
- 62 Spiritual energy

SPORTS

How Trevon Moehrig has become a top Big 12 safety

COLIN POST

SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

Carter Stanley, the quarterback for the Kansas Jayhawks, showed the country why you should not test safety Trevon Moehrig.

With Kansas down 38-0 early in the fourth quarter of the Sep. 28 game, Stanley decided to make a play by himself. After gaining four yards, he tried to hurdle the safety preparing to bring him down in the middle of the field.

Moehrig grabbed Stanley out of the air and slammed him to the ground, emphasizing the Frogs' dominant 51-14 win.

The emphatic tackle would be one of three tackles for Moehrig on the day. He had played a pivotal role in how TCU was able to hold Kansas to just 84 passing yards on the day.

Moehrig is used to being a quarterback threat. He recorded 38 tackles and seven interceptions, including two returned for touchdowns, during his sophomore year at Smithson Valley High School in Spring Branch, Texas.

The following year, Moehrig would show off his talents in the return game, returning four punts and two kickoffs for touchdowns, leading him to first-team team all-district honors.

In December 2017, Moehrig, the No. 4 quarterback in Texas, signed his letter of intent to become a Horned Frog. He chose TCU over Baylor, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Stanford and Georgia.

Once he got to TCU, Moehrig moved to safety but had to wait his turn to play in the secondary, as seniors Niko Small and Ridwan Issahaku were the starters.

In the meantime, Moehrig was voted TCU's special teams Most Valuable Player after he recorded six tackles on special teams during his first year.

As Small battled injuries, Moehrig would see two starts at safety, totaling 10 tackles and one interception while playing in the secondary.

"One of the things that happened to him [Moehrig] is he got thrown in the spotlight of having to play as a true freshman. We had to play without Niko [Small] eight or nine ball games last year," head coach Gary Patterson said.

After his promising first year, recruiting guru Jeremy Clark said Moehrig could "go down as one of the top safeties to play under Gary Patterson."

In July, Patterson praised Moehrig, saying he had gotten leaner, quicker and stronger during the offseason.

"In the spring he was about 217 [pounds] and was too heavy," Patterson said. "Now he's back to 199 and can run like he was when he played corner when we recruited him out of high school. But, now he's bigger and stronger."

Moehrig produced one of TCU's top plays of the young season in TCU's 34-13 win over Purdue while guarding Rondale Moore, one of the nation's top receivers. After Moore caught a

pass off of a slant for a big gain, Moehrig ripped it from his hands as he wrestled the receiver to the ground.

"We've been hearing a lot of things, like you said Big 12 don't play defense, but I think we came out here tonight and put on a show," Moehrig said after the win over Purdue.

The pick was Moehrig's second in as many games, as he had one against Arkansas-Pine Bluff that he returned 58 yards. Only Texas Tech's Douglas Coleman has more interceptions (3) in the Big 12 than Moehrig through five weeks.

The spark and aggression that Moehrig has provided for TCU in the secondary will be needed once conference play advances, as the Big 12 holds some of the nation's top quarterbacks in the likes of Jalen Hurts and Sam Ehlinger, as well as wide receivers like Tylan Wallace and CeeDee Lamb.

Hurts leads the nation's second-best scoring offense at Oklahoma. His top target, Lamb is the ninth-best receiver in the nation, averaging 103 receiving yards per game.

Hurts has thrown 12 touchdowns and one interception while rushing for five.

Wallace, the nation's fifth-best receiver, averages 23 more receiving yards per game. Both Lamb and Wallace have six receiving touchdowns on the year.

Ehlinger, the nation's 10th-best quarterback, holds an average passing efficiency of 181 with 15 touchdowns and one



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Safety Trevon Moehrig makes a difficult tackle against SMU.

interception.

In just four games, Moehrig has quickly established himself as a leader in Patterson's third-ranked scoring

defense in the conference.

"I've been saying that he's a good player. He's the fastest, most physical guy – and he's just a

sophomore," Patterson said. "But every week, he gets better."

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