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Public works director discusses water main repairs



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring city employee Jason Henry braves the cold and snow flurries Wednesday morning as he watches over a water main repair site on 16th Street near the intersection with Nolan. Recent cold temperatures have already caused about 40 line breaks, and Public Works Director Johnny Wommack said Wednesday that he was expecting more as the temperature gradually begins to rise over the next few days.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Yesterday's Big Spring Herald reported that City of Big Spring work crews were hard at work repairing water mains damaged by the recent cold snap. Yesterday morning, Public Works Director Johnny Wommack explained the situation.

"Any time you have this kind of change in temperature, it makes it shift a little bit, with the expansion and contraction of the pipes," Wommack said.

He added that work crews from the city's Water Distribution and Collection Department have been hard at work on repairs.

"We've had staff out day and night since Friday, working," he said. "D&C guys have been out there plugging along."

Wommack said that, since last Thursday, about 40 line breaks have been reported to the city.

"Probably about 40. That's a lot," he said. "Some of them are easy ones that take just three or four hours, then we've had a

couple that's literally taken close to 24 hours to fix. It just depends where it's at and what's tied in. We've had a couple of breaks where it will be multiple lines tied in, it'll be a juncture, I guess you'd say. We get those, you have to take everything out and put in everything new. If it's just a regular line break, generally we can get it done in three or four hours. We're averaging about eight (repairs) a day."

Fortunately the 40 breaks Wommack mentioned aren't all still outstanding, because crews have been working on them each day.

"Actually, by the end of the day, I'm hoping – and it depends on how many more breaks, but I'm hoping, and I'm going to jinx myself, but I'm hoping we're semi-caught up by the end of the day," he said. "We've been working them as we get to them."

The repair workers are prioritizing large breaks first, he said.

"I got a call yesterday, somebody said 'Y'all still have water

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Comanche Trail Lake to be stocked with trout

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

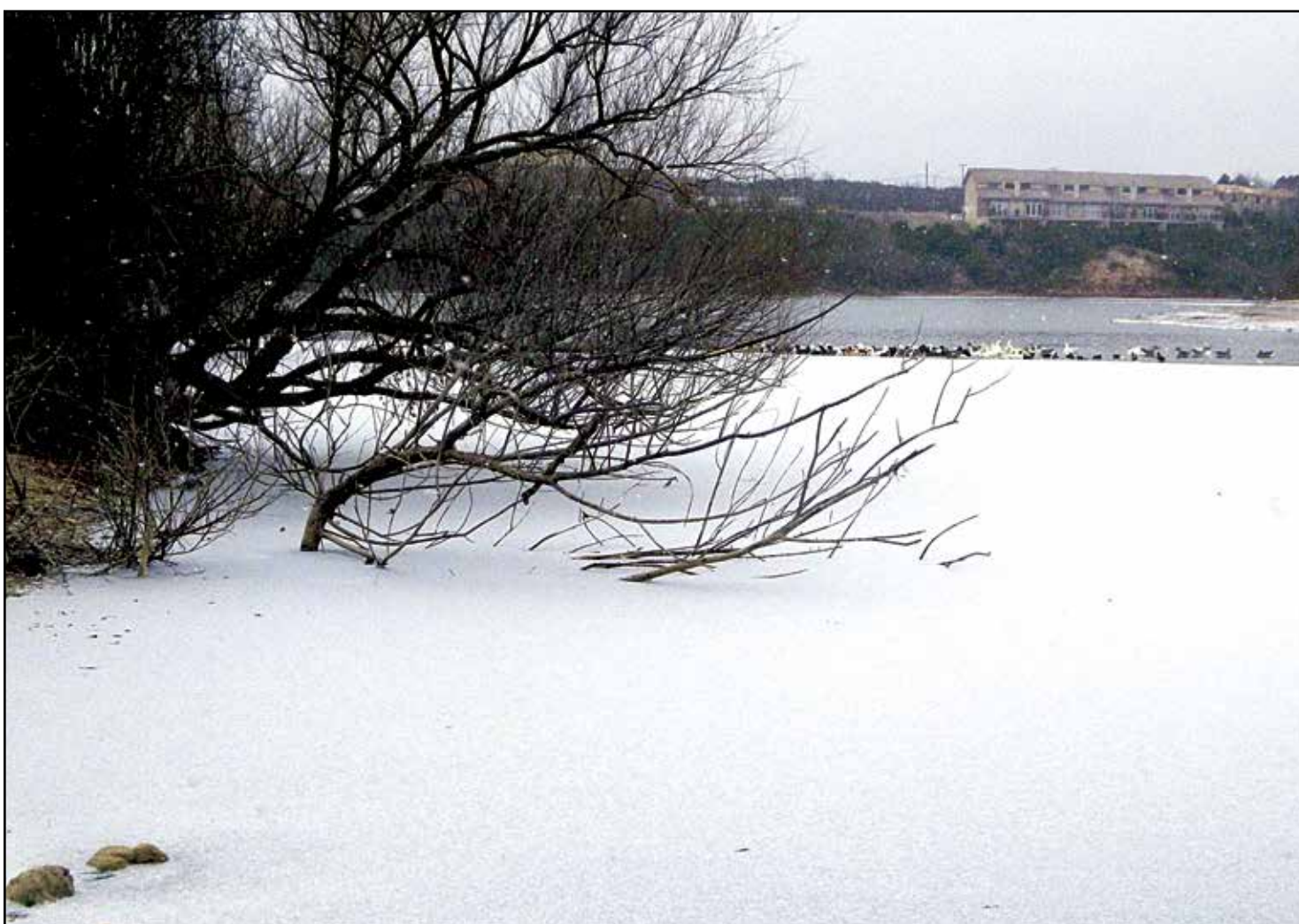
Once again the city of Big Spring will be partnering with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department in stocking Comanche Trail Lake with rainbow trout. The first stocking took place on Dec. 5, 2017, and an additional stocking will occur on Jan. 12, 2018. Over 4,000 catchable-sized trout will be released into the lake during these two stocking dates. Below is an excerpt from a letter from Mr. Carl J. Kittel, Program Director – Trout – Texas Parks & Wildlife Department:

"The goal of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's rainbow trout stocking program is to release catchable size rainbow trout in select waters in Texas to provide a unique winter fishing opportunity, to provide additional fishing opportunities in urban areas and to provide support to educational fishing programs. Since 1966 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has stocked rainbow trout into numerous locations around the state. To date the total number of trout stocked exceeds 8.2 million. Lake must have water temperatures cool enough to sustain trout from December through February in most areas of the State. The stocking site must be open to the public and approved by the TPWD Inland Fisheries Biologist in your area. The trout remain the property of the state of Texas and subject to TPWD regulations. Since 1994 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has sought to expand this very popular program by creating partnerships with municipalities, corporations, and special organizations with a common goal of providing unique winter fishing opportunities in Texas. By participating in the program, these entities ensure that this unique fishing opportunity continues to be available to the public in their area. Thanks again for your support and interest in participating in the program."

"What we do in the lake here is a sort of urban fishing program for 'neighborhood fishin' ponds,'" said Big

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Winter makes its way to Big Spring



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

As snowflakes continued to sprinkle down around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, ducks and geese clustered at the boundary of ice and water on a partially frozen Comanche Trail Lake. Over the New Year's weekend, low temperatures in the low- to mid-teens, and highs below freezing, brought a little winter to the last gasp of the season's holidays in Howard County.

Trump boasts of 'nuclear button' but doesn't really have one

By **MATTHEW PENNINGTON**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump boasted that he has a bigger and more powerful "nuclear button" than North Korean leader Kim Jong Un does — but the president doesn't actually have a physical button.

The president's Tuesday evening tweet came in response to Kim's New Year's address, in which he repeated fiery nuclear threats against the United States. Kim said he has a "nuclear button" on his office desk and warned that

"the whole territory of the U.S. is within the range of our nuclear strike."



Trump

starved regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!"

But despite ratcheting

up the tension, Trump doesn't really have a nuclear button.

The process for launching a nuclear strike is secret and complex and involves the use of a nuclear "football," which is carried by a rotating group of military officers everywhere the president goes and is equipped with communication tools and a book with prepared war plans.

If the president were to order a strike, he would identify himself to military officials at the Pentagon with codes unique to him. Those codes are recorded on a card known

as the "biscuit" that is carried by the president at all times. He would then transmit the launch order to the Pentagon and Strategic Command.

Earlier Tuesday, Trump sounded open to the possibility of an inter-Korean dialogue after Kim made a rare overture toward South Korea in a New Year's address. But

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Obituaries

Gracie Torres Rodriguez



Gracie Torres Rodriguez, 62, of Big Spring, went to be with her Savior on Dec. 23, 2017. Gracie was born in Alpine, Texas, to Leonor Torres Cano and Eleno Cano on March 1, 1955.

While her time was cut shorter than expected, Gracie left her mark on everyone she met. It was for this reason that Gracie was known for bringing a smile to every face she encountered. Among many things, Gracie will be missed for her optimism and love of life. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and found the most joy in her grandchildren. Gracie was married in 1995 to Ruben Rodriguez and they lived happily together until his departure in 2009. Gracie worked at Price Construction in Big Spring for over twenty-two years. The Price Construction family were essential to her happiness outside of her own family.

Gracie is preceded in death by her husband Ruben Rodriguez and her mother Leonor Cano.

Gracie leaves her legacy with her sons, Rodolfo Sotelo and his wife Roxanne Sotelo, and Rojelio Sotelo and his wife America Sotelo. Her siblings,

Eleno Cano Jr and wife Esther, Tina Aguilar, Anita Vela and her husband Frank Vela Sr., Debbie Rodriguez and her husband Manuel Rodriguez, Lupe Valenzuela and her husband Mike Valenzuela, Lisa Cano, Edward Cano and his wife Anita Cano. Her grandchildren, Amaralee Gamboa and her husband J.D. Gamboa, Natalie Sotelo, Felipe Sotelo, Andres Sotelo, and Nikolas Sotelo. Her great grandchildren, Alex and Eviahna. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Kendrick Vela, Joe Vela, Robert Sotelo, Alex Ligon Jr., Juan Aguilar Jr., Victor Cano, Felipe Sotelo, and Tony Olvera.

Visitation was on Dec. 26 and 27. Rosary was at 6 p.m. on Dec. 27 at Harkey Funeral Home in Monahans, Texas. Funeral Mass was at St. John's Catholic Church in Monahans on Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Gardens of Memory and Funeral Home. Visit our website harkeyfunerals.com to sign the guestbook or leave a personal note for the family.

The family of Gracie wishes to extend their sincere thanks to all those who impacted her life and maintained her wellness before she joined the Lord.

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Ruben Ortiz



Ruben Ortiz, 47, of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Ruben was born July 16, 1970, in Roswell, New Mexico, to Eloisa Valenzuela Ortiz and Raul M. Ortiz, Sr.

Ruben is survived by his wife, Wendy Lou Ortiz of Big Spring; two sons, Ruben Ortiz, Jr. and Vincent Ortiz, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Felicia Ortiz and boyfriend Jeremy Freitag, of Big Spring; two brothers, Raul Ortiz, Jr. of Sand Springs and Rolando Ortiz of Coahoma and two sisters, Mary Gonzales of Coahoma and Maria Elsa Ramirez of Garden City and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ruben was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Rene V. Ortiz.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PABLO VIERA JR.**, 32, of 1907 S. Main St. was arrested on two warrants for theft of property (less than \$2,500).
- **CLETE MATTHEW STONE**, 34, of P.O. Box 836 in Coahoma was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$2,500).
- **JUAN MIGUEL LERMA**, 30, of 2601 Barksdale was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license, failure to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Fourth and Owens streets.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of East Third Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3300 block of Rickabaugh Drive.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 64, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.
- **JUAN MIGUEL LERMA**, 30, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license, failure to

appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **ALEXANDER QUINTANA**, 37, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for terroristic threat of a family household member.
- **CLETE MATTHEW STONE**, 34, was booked on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$2,500).
- **ADALBERTO LOZANO CALIXTO**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **BREANNA NICOLE CASTILLO**, 17, was booked by BSPD on charges of interfering with public duties and resisting arrest, search, or transport.
- **JULIAN MICHAEL CHAVEZ**, 24, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (less than 28 grams) in a drug-free zone, possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) in a drug-free zone, and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **KEEGAN LAIRD CLARK**, 43, was booked by BSPD on warrants for speeding and violation of promise to appear.
- **MELISSA MARIE FONDA**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **TRISTAN ROSS GALLOWAY**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for aggravated robbery.
- **DAVID C. HARRIS**,

37, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for non-payment of child support.

- **RICHARD HERMANDEZ**, 45, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of service (\$100 to \$750).
- **SHANE LEVESQUE**, 39, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAMIAN ISMAEL LUJAN**, 33, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of service (100 to \$750), criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), evading arrest or detention, public intoxication, and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **FIDEL MARTINEZ JR.**, 60, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$50 to \$500).
- **JULIAN MARTINEZ JR.**, 42, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- **TOMI JO MCPHERSON**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **JESSIE ROGELIO OLGUIN-GAMEZ**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for assault on a family or household member/impeding breathing or circulation.
- **CHAD LEE PUGA**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **ALLAN LEE SMITH**, 48, was booked

by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

- **CHRISTIAN ANDREW SPIVEY**, 23, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **JOSHUA NATHANAEL SPIVEY**, 21, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for possession of marijuana and a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **AUSTIN REED SUTTON**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a charge of discharging a firearm within city limits.
- **DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA JR.**, 30, was booked by BSPD on warrants for assault/family violence and failure to appear.
- **PAUL VIERA JR.**, 32, was booked by BSPD on two warrants for theft of property (less than \$2,500).
- **TINO OLAGUE VILLA**, 26, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, allowing a child under 8 and under 4'9" to ride unsecured by a child safety seat, failure to drive in a single lane, and bail jumping/failure to appear; and on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **ROBERT ANTHONY WOODARD**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Paul Mize

Paul Mize, 73, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tommy Clay Mills



Tommy Clay Mills, 86, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., Thursday Jan. 4, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Midway Baptist Church with Mike Seay, Pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

Tommy was born Oct. 13, 1931, in Weinert, Texas, to Vival Louise Lambright Mills and Charlie Clay Mills. He married Carolyn Grant on April 8, 1977, in Big Spring.

Tommy is survived by his wife Carolyn Mills of Big Spring; five daughters, Cindy Gillette and husband Ephram of Evanston, Wyoming, Kathy Johnson and husband Rick of Carmichael, California, Natalie Wheat and husband Horace of Poplarville, Mississippi, Christi Harrison and Brenda Terrazas and husband Trey, all of Big Spring; one sister Jeanette Holtzclaw of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Tommy was preceded in death by one daughter, Patty Albers; two sisters, Billie Bramblett and Mary Young; his father, Charlie Clay Mills; his mother, Viva Louise Lambright and his step-father: Floyd Jennings.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Fern Walton

Fern Walton, 89, of Bryan, Texas, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017. A time for family to receive friends will be at 1 p.m. on Jan. 4, 2018, at Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan with services at 2 p.m. Graveside services and interment will be held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2018, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

Ms. Walton was born on Jan. 5, 1928, to James Martin and Annie Moore Stroope in Bonnerdale, Arkansas. She married Terry Walton on Jan. 5, 1950, in Odessa, Texas. Her family felt it was only fitting that she be laid to rest on the same day of the year she was born and later married.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Terry Walton, four brothers, and four sisters.

Fern Walton leaves behind her two sons, Terry Eugene Walton (Nancy) of Bryan, Texas, and Kenneth Wayne Walton (Deb) of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Brazos Valley, 502 W. 26th Street, Bryan, TX 77803.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3800 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Vines Ave.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of South First Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 8300 Block of North Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Wilderness Trail. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Take Note

Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program

and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. Contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

TRUMP

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Trump's ambassador to the United Nations insisted talks would not be meaningful unless the North was getting rid of its nuclear weapons.

In a morning tweet, Trump said the U.S.-led campaign of sanctions and other pressure were beginning to have a "big impact" on North Korea. He referred to the recent, dramatic escape of at least two North Korean soldiers across the heavily militarized border into South Korea. He also alluded to Kim's comments Monday that he was willing to send a delegation to

the Winter Olympics, which will be hosted by South Korea next month.

"Soldiers are dangerously fleeing to South Korea. Rocket man now wants to talk to South Korea for first time. Perhaps that is good news, perhaps not - we will see!" Trump said, using his derisive moniker for the young North Korean leader.

In response to Kim's overture, South Korea on Tuesday offered high-level talks on Jan. 9 at the shared border village of Panmunjom to discuss Olympic cooperation and how to improve overall ties. The South said Wednesday that North Korea's state-run radio station announced

the North would reopen a cross-border communication channel.

If there are talks, they would be the first formal dialogue between the Koreans since December 2015. Relations have plunged as the North has accelerated its nuclear and ballistic missile development that now poses a direct threat to America, South Korea's crucial ally.

The U.S. administration, however, voiced suspicions that Kim was seeking to drive a wedge between Seoul and Washington. Pyongyang could view a closer relationship with Seoul as a way for reducing its growing international isolation and relief

from sanctions that are starting to bite the North's meager economy.

"We won't take any of the talks seriously if they don't do something to ban all nuclear weapons in North Korea," U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley told reporters at the United Nations. "We consider this to be a very reckless regime. We don't think we need a Band-Aid, and we don't think we need to smile and take a picture."

North Korea has been punished with unprecedented sanctions at the U.N. over its weapons programs, and Haley warned Tuesday of more measures if the North conducts another missile test.

South Korea's liberal President Moon Jae-in has supported Trump's pressure campaign against North Korea, but he's less confrontational than the U.S. president and favors dialogue to ease the North's nuclear threats. Moon has long said he sees the Pyeongchang Olympics as a chance to improve inter-Korean ties.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the U.S. would keep "maximum pressure" on North Korea to give up its nukes. South Korea shares that same goal, she said.

LAKE

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Spring State Park Manager Ron Alton.

Alton went on to say that when spring and summer approaches, trout can't acclimate to the kind of temperatures those seasons bring, so between people catching them and bass already living in our lake, that should take care of the population before warmer months hit. Local donors come up with half the cost of purchasing the trout from states like Colorado and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will purchase the other half from various hatcheries. In Big Spring, this has probably been going on about 10 years.

Around this time of year, employees with TPWD will fill a 500 or 1000 gallon plastic tank full of smaller sized-trout and haul them in trailers from the hatchery to their final location.

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

Trump warns Palestinian Authority it may lose US aid money

By ZEKE MILLER and JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acknowledging his push to broker peace in the Middle East has stalled, President Donald Trump appeared to threaten to cut off U.S. aid money to the Palestinian Authority, asking why the U.S. should make "any of these massive future payments" when the Palestinians are "no longer willing to talk peace."

Trump, in a pair of tweets, said "we pay the Palestinians HUNDRED OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS a year and get no appreciation or respect."

"They don't even want to negotiate a long overdue ... peace treaty with Israel," he wrote.

Trump infuriated Palestinians and Muslims across the Middle East when he announced late last year that the U.S. would consider Jerusalem the capital of Israel and move its embassy there, upending decades of U.S. policy and igniting protests.

While the Palestinians haven't closed the door to a potential deal with Israel, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said the announcement had destroyed Trump's credibility as a Mideast peace broker, calling the decision "a declaration of withdrawal from the role it has played in the peace process."

Senior Palestinian leader Hanan Ashrawi said in a statement Wednesday that Trump had "singlehandedly de-

stroyed the very foundations of peace" with his Jerusalem declaration.

Tuesday's tweets are a tacit admission by Trump that his decision to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem has thrown a wrench into his administration's plans to restart the peace process between Israelis and Palestinians, which he had dubbed "the ultimate deal."

Trump tasked son-in-law Jared Kushner with restarting the effort, and brought his former attorney, Jason Greenblatt, into the White House to lead the negotiations. Trump's Mideast peace team had held meetings with Israeli, Palestinian and Arab leaders for nearly a year ahead of an expected peace proposal.

But by recognizing Israel's claim to Jerusalem, Trump was seen by the Palestinians as siding with Israel on the most sensitive issue in the conflict. The Palestinians seek east Jerusalem — which Israel captured in 1967 — for their capital.

Trump said his decision merely recognized the reality that Jerusalem already serves as Israel's capital and wasn't meant to prejudice the final borders of the city.

In his tweets, Trump argued his decision had taken "Jerusalem, the toughest part of the negotiation, off the table, but Israel, for that, would have had to pay more."

When Trump declared Jerusalem to be Israel's

capital, he insisted, counterintuitively, that the move would improve, not hurt, prospects for clinching a peace deal.

In the days after the decision, Trump administration officials said the strategy was based on the notion that Israel had lost faith in the U.S. as a committed partner during the Obama administration.

With trust in Washington restored, Benjamin Netanyahu's government would be more inclined going forward to make tough concessions that would ultimately be needed for a peace deal, the U.S. officials argued at the time, and Israeli officials quietly indicated that they could potentially do so.

No one spelled out, however, what the Palestinians would receive in return.

Trump on Tuesday also issued a threat to cut off foreign aid dollars to an unspecified list of countries that don't reciprocate.

"It's not only Pakistan that we pay billions of dollars to for nothing, but also many other countries, and others," Trump wrote, appearing to reference a Jan. 1 tweet lambasting Pakistan for failing to do enough to combat terror groups while taking U.S. aid. "No more!" Trump had tweeted Monday.

Trump's language marks a striking departure from decades of bipartisan American practice and reflects Trump's transactional view of

global affairs. U.S. leaders of both parties have long utilized foreign assistance dollars — a minor percentage of the overall budget — to promote American interests abroad, alleviate humanitarian crises and support oppressed peoples.

Trump's envoy to the United Nations, U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley, foreshadowed Trump's warning earlier Tuesday at the U.N. Security Council. Haley said the president doesn't want to give more funds "until the Palestinians are willing to come back to the negotiation table."

"We still very much want to have a peace process. Nothing changes with that. The Palestinians now have to show they want to come to the table," Haley said. "As of now, they're not coming to the table, but they ask for aid. We're not giving the aid. We're going to make sure that they come to the table."

Since a Dec. 21 U.N. vote condemning Trump's Jerusalem decision, U.S. officials have been weighing various options for retaliating against the Palestinians for pushing the resolution, which passed by a 128-9 margin.

Those options, which were to be discussed by Trump's top national security aides at a meeting next week, included several involving cutting off some or all aid to the Palestinian Authority. Another option would cut funding to the U.N. agency that provides ser-

vices to the Palestinians in places like Gaza, Jordan and Lebanon.

The talks are in their very early stages, with no determination yet of a fixed amount or percentage of assistance to be cut, according to officials familiar with the discussions.

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REPAIRS

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leaking over here.' But it's not a priority, because it's a small leak, and the guys are over fixing a big leak. We're trying to fix the big ones that affect a lot of people first, and fast, and foremost."

Luckily, none of the breaks af-

fect any major services such as schools, hospitals, or large shopping outlets like Wal-Mart, H-E-B, or Porters.

"None so far, knock on wood," said Wommack.

On the down side, Wommack said the city is likely facing a whole new batch of breaks as the temperatures begin to climb once more.

"As soon as it starts warming up, you get a major expansion and contraction of the pipes, and that's when it generally gets the older lines," he said. "We'll get after them."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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Thankful the holiday season is behind us, and anxious to see where this new year will take us!!! I'll continue with the mystery books. "Prayers the Devil Answers" by Sharyn McCrumb (M MCC S) finds newly widowed Ellie Robbins taking on her late husband's job of sheriff. Ellie has long proven that she can handle herself, and her role as sheriff is largely symbolic. Soon, as dark secrets come to light, Ellie is forced to grapple with tenuous ties she shares with a convicted killer and the small-town superstitions that have plagued her for years. She must use the force of sheer will to carve out a place for herself in an uncertain future and to take control of her new position. When a condemned killer is sentenced to death for his crime, her opportunity to do



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so presents itself in a way she never expected. There's one task that only a sheriff can carry out: the execution of a convicted prisoner.

In "Behind Closed Doors" by B. A. Paris (M PAR B), Jack has looks and wealth, and Grace has charm and elegance. He's a dedicated attorney who has never lost a case; she's a flawless homemaker, masterful gardener and cook, and she dotes on her disabled younger sister. You'd like to get to know Grace better, but it's difficult because Jack and Grace are inseparable. Some might call this true love, but others wonder why Grace never answers the phone, meets others for coffee, or works. She can cook elaborate meals but remains so slim. Grace never seems to take anything with her when she leaves the house. Some wonder what's really going on once the dinner parties are over and the front door is closed. Also by B. A. Paris is "The Break Down" (M PAR B). Cass is having a hard time since the night she passed a car with a woman sitting inside during a down-

pour on a winding rural road. Now the woman has been found dead, and Cass is trying to get the crime out of her mind. Since then, she's been forgetting every little thing: where she left the car, if she took her pills, even the alarm code. The only thing she can't forget is that woman, the terrible nagging guilt, the silent calls she's receiving, or the feeling that someone is watching her.

"One Perfect Lie" by Lisa Scottoline (M SCO L) has Chris Brennan applying for a job as a high school government teacher. He is ready to step in as an assistant baseball coach, and his references are impeccable. On paper, Chris looks perfect, but everything about him is a lie. Susan Sematov is proud of her son Raz, a high school pitcher being recruited for a full-ride scholarship. Raz's father died only a few months ago, leaving her son in a vulnerable place where any father figure might influence him for good or evil. Heather Larkin is a struggling single mother who lives for her son Jordan's baseball games.

Jordan is shy, and Heather feels he is being lured down a dark path by one of his teammates. Mindy Kostis succumbs to the pressure of being a surgeon's wife by filling her days with social events and too many gin and tonics. She doesn't know that her husband and her son, Evan, are keeping secrets from her that might destroy all of them. Chris Brennan is at the center of all of them. Why is he there? What does he want? And what is he willing to do to get it?

I'm out of time so until next week I leave you with a quote from C.S. Lewis:

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

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Man breaks into Texas home in effort to save burning victim

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man who accidentally set himself on fire at his San Antonio home has died from his injuries but not before a neighbor forced his way into the home in an effort to save the man.

Fire Chief Charles Hood says the victim, a man in his 50s, was in his kitchen Tuesday when his clothing caught on fire.

The neighbor saw black smoke coming from the home and rushed over to help. He was able to break loose burglar bars on the home to get inside and reach the victim.

Hood says the neighbor found the victim "smoldering" and used flour to extinguish the flames. The good Samaritan suffered burns to his hand.

Texas judge tracks workload in county's courts

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An Austin-area judge has recently launched a new method to track how busy judges are in the nearly 20 county-funded civil and criminal courts.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that taxpayers spend about \$1.5 billion per year on Travis County's justice system, including costs of jail operations, law enforcement and the courts.

The data tracking comes as some in the county's criminal justice community question judges' caseload and workday schedules, suggesting some don't earn their keep.

Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt says the tracking is about transparency and fiscal responsibility.

Inmates at North Texas prison refusing to accept meals

IOWA PARK, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a variety of complaints has prompted inmates at a North Texas prison to refuse accepting meals.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice initially said 45 prisoners in administrative segregation had begun a hunger strike but TDCJ spokesman Robert Hurst said Tuesday the number stood at 37.

Inmates in administrative segregation are isolated from the general prison population because they're deemed a security risk or danger to others.

The inmates participating in the hunger strike are housed at the Allred Unit in Iowa Park, outside Wichita Falls.

Hurst says they began refusing meals on Christmas, but that some have food items in their cells that they purchased from the commissary.

He says the inmates have complained about recreational time, food portions and the temperature.

Texas lighthouse at Port Isabel reopens after renovations

PORT ISABEL, Texas (AP) — A 165-year-old lighthouse in South Texas has reopened after months of renovations.

An official with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department says the Port Isabel Lighthouse reopened Tuesday. Spokesman Steve Lightfoot says the lighthouse had been closed since October 2016 for \$630,000 in updates.

The Port Isabel structure, according to the agency's website, is one of 16 lighthouses originally constructed along the Texas coast but is the only one open to the public.

Port Isabel is at one end of the highway bridge connecting to South Padre Island. The lighthouse was built in 1853 and features 75 winding stairs leading to an expansive view of beaches.

Record number of women express interest in seeking office



AP photo

In this Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 photo, Lianna Stroster posts a sign directing to a women's candidate training workshop at El Centro College in Dallas. EMILY'S List, an organization dedicated to electing candidates at all levels of government who support abortion rights, is conducting a national recruitment effort looking to train candidates and potential candidates in over 20 states.

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Inside a classroom on the campus of a community college in downtown Dallas, a group of two dozen women took turns sharing their names, hometowns and what they hoped would be their future titles.

Congresswoman. Dallas County judge. State representative.

It was part of a training held by EMILY's List, an organization dedicated to electing women at all levels of government who sup-

port abortion rights. During the presentation, one of the PowerPoint slides flashed a mock advertisement on the projector screen: "Help Wanted: Progressive Women Candidates."

A record number of women appear to be answering that call, fueled largely by frustration on the Democratic side over the election of President Donald Trump and energized by Democratic women winning races in Virginia in November. Experts say 2018 is on track to be a historic

year, with more women saying they are running at this point than ever before.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's List. "Every day, dozens more women come to our website, come to our Facebook page and say, 'I am mad as hell. I want to do something about it. What should I do now?'"

In the four weeks after the 2016 election, 1,000 women came to the group's website to learn about running for office. That num-

ber has now surpassed 23,000. By comparison, the group was in contact with 960 women for the previous election cycle.

Whether all that enthusiasm will result in full-fledged campaigns and translate to gains in the number of women elected to office remains to be seen.

Although women are more than half the American population, they account for just a fifth of all U.S. representatives and senators, and one in four

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Deadly cold disrupts US; warming centers open in Deep South



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Water squirts from a frozen fountain near downtown in Charlotte, N.C., Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018. Temperatures plummeted overnight to 2 degrees in the north Georgia mountains, 14 in Atlanta and 26 as far south as New Orleans as the Gulf Coast felt more like Green Bay.

By TAMMY WEBBER

Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dangerously cold temperatures blamed for at least nine deaths have wreaked havoc across a wide swath of the U.S., freezing a water tower in Iowa, halting ferry service in New York and leading officials to open warming centers even in the Deep South.

The National Weather Service issued wind chill advisories and freeze warnings Tues-

day covering a vast area from South Texas to Canada and from Montana through New England.

Indianapolis early Tuesday tied a record low of minus 12 degrees Fahrenheit (-24 Celsius) for Jan. 2 set in 1887, leading Indianapolis Public Schools to cancel classes. And the northwest Indiana city of Lafayette got down to minus 19 (-28 Celsius), shattering the previous record of minus 5 (-21 Celsius) for the date, set in 1979, the National

Weather Service said. After residents there began complaining of a hum, Duke Energy said it was caused by extra power surging through utility lines to meet electricity demands.

"The temperatures are certainly extreme, but we've seen colder," said Joseph Nield, a meteorologist in Indianapolis, noting that the all-time low temperature in Indiana was minus 36 (-38 Celsius) in 1994.

Nevertheless, the cold is nothing to trifle with, forecasters warned.

With Chicago-area wind chills expected between -35 and -20 degrees (-37 and -29 Celsius), forecasters warned of frost bite and hypothermia risks and urged residents to take precautions, including dressing in layers, wearing a hat and gloves, covering exposed skin and bringing pets indoors.

Atlanta hospitals were seeing a surge in emergency room visits for hypothermia and other ailments as temperatures plunge well below freezing. The temperature in Atlanta fell to 13 degrees (-11 Celsius) before dawn in Tuesday.

"We have a group of patients who are coming in off the street who are looking to escape the cold — we have dozens and dozens of those every day," said Dr. Brooks Moore, associate medical director in the emergency department of Grady Health System, which operates Georgia's largest hospital in Atlanta.

The cold is blamed in at least nine deaths in the past week.

Police in St. Louis said a homeless man found dead inside a trash bin Monday evening apparently froze to death as the temperature dropped to negative 6 de-

grees (-21 Celsius). Sheriff's officials in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, said a 27-year-old woman whose body was found Monday evening on the shore of Lake Winnebago likely died of exposure.

The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office said two men whose bodies were found Sunday showed signs of hypothermia. Police believe the cold weather also may have been a factor in the death of a man in Bismarck, North Dakota, whose body was found near a river. Warming shelters were opened across the South as freeze watches and warnings blanketed the region, including hard freeze warnings for much of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Temperatures fell to 8 degrees (-13 Celsius) near Cullman, Alabama, and 20 degrees (-7 Celsius) in Mobile, Alabama. Georgia saw one of its coldest temperatures of the winter: 2 degrees (-17 Celsius) shortly before dawn at a U.S. Forest Service weather station at Toccoa, Georgia.

Plunging overnight temperatures in Texas brought rare snow flurries as far south as Austin, and accidents racked up on icy

roads across the state. In the central Texas city of Abilene, the local police chief said more than three dozen vehicle crashes were reported in 24 hours. And in Savannah, Georgia — where the January's average high is 60 degrees (16 Celsius) — the temperature hovered at 30 (-1 Celsius) at noon Tuesday, cold enough for icicles to dangle from the ornate wrought-iron fountain in Forsyth Park at the edge of the city's downtown historic district. The city could see up to 2 inches (5 centimeters) of snow and sleet on Wednesday, the first measurable snow since February 2010.

"I've never seen icicles in Savannah, period," said Sean Dempsey, a local restaurant manager who wore a hat, gloves and a thick coat to walk his dogs Tuesday. "I'm pretty sure last year at New Year's lots of families were in the park playing catch, Frisbee football and stuff like that."

Dempsey said he expects his restaurant will still open on Tuesday, though he predicted many Savannah businesses will close. "Basically, this town will kind of shut down," Dempsey said.

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state lawmakers. They serve as governors of only six states and mayors in roughly 20 percent of the nation's most populous cities.

For Sarah Riggs Amico, the executive chairwoman of a major auto hauling company, last year's Women's March in Atlanta ignited her interest in running for office.

"It was something that really lifted me up and made me want to demand better from my government," said Amico, who recently announced plans to run for lieutenant governor in Georgia.

Sol Flores has been walking in marches with her mother in Chicago since she was a little girl, but never thought she would run for office. Now 44, Flores said she was enraged by policies put forward by the Trump administration and decided to jump into a crowded Democratic primary for Illinois' 4th Congressional District.

Flores said her network of friends has been crucial to helping her navigate the realities of being a first-time candidate and the challenges of gathering signatures for qualifying and fundraising.

"Women are really good at this, saying, 'Let's sit down and figure this out. You raised your hand, and let's win. Let's go to Washington, D.C.,'" said Flores, the executive director of a nonprofit helping homeless families and at-risk youth.

The last time the U.S. saw a surge in women running for office was 1992, in the wake of Anita Hill's testimony before an all-male U.S. Senate committee weighing the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court. It was called the "Year of the Woman" because women were elected to the U.S. House and Senate in record numbers.

The number of women in office has held steady

in recent years, but experts say conditions are ripe for an increase in 2018 — especially if more politicians are forced to step down or retire amid the growing #MeToo movement that began with accusations of sexual misconduct against Hollywood mega-producer Harvey Weinstein.

One U.S. senator and four congressmen have so far announced plans to retire or not seek re-election following allegations against them, presenting a prime opportunity for women to compete for their open seats. For example, seven women have expressed interest in an April special election for an Arizona congressional seat.

The increase in women candidates is largely being seen in U.S. House and governor's races next year and driven primarily by Democrats, said Debbie Walsh, who leads the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. In addition to the 50 Democratic and 10 Republican congresswomen expected to run for re-election, there are 183 Democratic women and 14 Republican women running in primaries to challenge their current U.S. representative.

These can be uphill races, but many of the women running say they were encouraged by what happened in Virginia in November, when 30 percent of the women who challenged their state representative won.

Katie Hill is among those seeking to oust her local congressman, Republican Rep. Steve Knight in California's 25th Congressional District, a key Democratic target this year.

As an advocate for the homeless, Hill recalled the joy she felt on the night of the 2016 election when voters

in Los Angeles passed a \$1.2 billion bond measure for housing and services for homeless people and those at risk of becoming homeless. But that was quickly tempered by the outcome of the presidential election.

"November made us all realize that our country is not where we need to be," Hill said. "And that's the point when people start to stand up and say, 'If no one else is going to fix, I'm going to.'"

It's not just Democrats. First-time Republican and Libertarian women candidates are also jumping into the mix.

Republicans launched an effort in 2012 that is focused on electing women. Under the "Right Women, Right Now" program, 390 new GOP women have been elected since then.

"Twenty-five percent of state legislators are women, and that's clearly insufficient," said Matt Walter, head of the Republican State Leadership Conference. "That's a Democratic and Republican number, and something we really felt strongly was something we needed to change."

Tiffany Shedd, a lawyer for small businesses who lives on a farm in Eloy, Arizona, said she was talking with her husband one evening earlier this year about the importance of having someone representing them in Congress who will fight for rural communities. She said he challenged her to run.

"I said, 'I can't run. What's a person from a little town in Arizona doing running for Congress?'" Shedd said. "And then I thought, 'Wow — that is exactly what we need.'"

She will be running in the Republican primary in the hopes of challenging Democratic Rep. Tom O'Halleran in November.

On the state level, 36 governor's races will be contested in 2018. The Center for American Women and Politics says 49 Democratic women, including two incumbents, and 28 Republican women have indicated they will run for those seats. There has never been more than nine women serving as governor at the same time.

Even if all the women who have reached out to groups such as EMILY's List do not end up running next year, they are expected to play key roles in supporting those who do.

"This is the next decade of candidates," Schriock said.

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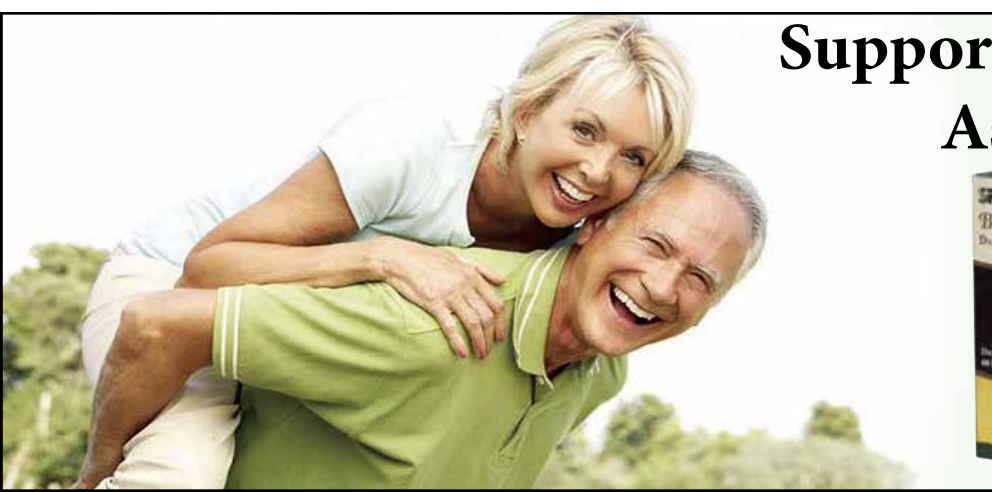
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No. 18 Texas Tech never trails in 85-73 win over No. 10 KU



By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Texas Tech coach Chris Beard didn't expect his team to walk out of Allen Fieldhouse with a victory Tuesday night, especially considering the Red Raiders had never done so in school history.

"What I did expect," Beard said, "was to play hard and play well."

Turns out that was a winning formula after all.

Keenan Evans scored 15 points, Norens Odiase and Justin Gray had 12 apiece, and the No. 18 Red Raiders never trailed in beating the No. 10 Jayhawks 85-73 for their first win at the Phog in 18 tries.

"It's special because of how much respect we have for this program," Beard said. "This is sacred ground in college basketball, so to come in and win means a lot to our program."

The Red Raiders (13-1, 2-0 Big 12) built a 16-point lead midway through the first half, then found an answer every time the 3-point-dependent Jayhawks (11-3, 1-1) tried to mount a sec-

ond-half charge.

Zach Smith had 11 points and Jarrett Culver contributed 10 for Texas Tech, which has won its first two Big 12 games for the first time in a decade. The Red Raiders also snapped a four-game skid in league road openers by winning their seventh straight game in the toughest of venues.

"We worked too hard to not walk in here expecting this," Allen said.

Devonte Graham led the Jayhawks with 27 points, but a lot of that came at the foul line, where he was 13 of 13. The senior guard struggled from the field, just like the rest of his team — they were 6 of 26 from beyond the arc and missed all 12 of their 3-point attempts in the second half.

Svi Mykhailiuk had 11 points for Kansas before fouling out. Udoka Azubuike also scored 11.

"We just came out flat," Graham said. "They did a good job of coming out and hitting shots, getting stops early. Offensively they were just knocking everything down."

The loss snapped the Jayhawks' 16-game win streak

against Texas Tech, and gave coach Bill Self's team two losses in the Phog in the same season for the first time since 2006-07.

Everything went Texas Tech's way in the first half — every loose ball, rebound and extra possession — and Beard's team began to win in the second half with each passing minute.

Two possessions in particular summed up the first 20 minutes.

The first came when the Red Raiders scored a bucket inside, stole Mykhailiuk's inbounds pass and buried a 3-pointer for a five-point jolt that silenced the sellout crowd in a matter of seconds. The second came when Zhaire Smith scored with 13 seconds left before the break, and the Jayhawks flubbed the inbounds, forcing them to rush a shot at the other end before the buzzer sounded.

The Red Raiders kept entering Kansas throughout the second half, even when Self reluctantly turned to a zone. They merely dumped it inside to Odiase and Tommy Hamilton IV for easy baskets.

The Jayhawks trimmed the

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Koulechov helps Florida cruise past No. 11 Texas A&M 83-66



By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — After No. 11 Texas A&M lost its second straight game on Tuesday night to Florida while playing without three starters coach Billy Kennedy had a message for upcoming opponents.

"People better beat us now while we've got guys injured and making mistakes," he said. "Because I really believe we're going to get this team right because we've got a good group and we've got a talented group and we're going to learn from it."

Egor Koulechov scored 19 points and Keith Stone added 18 as Florida built a big lead early and cruised to the 83-66 victory.

The short-handed Aggies started the season 11-1 and had risen to No. 5 in the poll before their recent skid. This was A&M's second straight lopsided loss after a 79-57 defeat at Alabama on Saturday.

The Aggies (10-4, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) made 17 3-pointers, led by five from Koulechov and four from Stone to win their fourth straight game.

Texas A&M (11-3, 0-2) was led by Jay Jay Chandler's 17 points on a night he was missing Admon Gilder, who missed his fourth straight game with a knee injury, and Duane Wilson, who also sat out with a knee injury. Leading scorer D.J. Hogg, who is averaging 14.6 points a game, served the last game of a three-game suspension for an undis-

closed team rules violation.

"It's a factor. It's no question," Kennedy said. "You can't not have your best foot forward in the SEC and give yourself a chance to win night in and night out."

Florida coach Mike White is well aware of how dangerous the Aggies can be and was proud to see his team take advantage of them on a night when they were missing key players.

"A&M's really good when they're at full strength they're probably as good as anyone in the country," he said.

The Aggies led by 16 at halftime thanks to a hot shooting first half where they had 10 of 16 3-pointers and had extended the lead to 55-37 with about 15 minutes left.

Koulechov said their early success from 3-point range was a boost to their confidence.

"It's big especially on the road when you come to a hostile environment," he said. "It happened today. I hope we can get off to a start like that every game."

The Aggies scored the next eight points with 3-pointers from Chris Collins and Tonny Trocha-Morelos to get within 10. But Florida used a 10-0 spurt, with the first eight points from Koulechov, to make it 65-45 with about 11 minutes left and the Aggies didn't threaten again.

The Aggies led by one early before Florida used a 22-6 run, powered by four 3-pointers, to take a 30-15 lead with about 8 1/2 minutes left in the first half.

Texas A&M got going after that and outscored the Aggies 12-6 over the next 4 minutes to get within 36-27.

Florida scored the next eight points, with 3s from Chris Chiozza and Koulechov, to push the lead to 44-27 and the Aggies led 46-30 at halftime.

BIG PICTURE

Florida: The Aggies, who entered the game averaging 9.2 3-pointers a game, took over this game with long-range shooting and could be difficult to deal with if they continue to shoot this well.

Texas A&M: The Aggies' recent slide is a bit

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No. 16 TCU bounces back with 81-78 overtime win at Baylor

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Basketball Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) — Kenrich Williams finally got a hometown victory with No. 16 TCU, which needed overtime after again blowing a double-digit lead in the second half.

Williams, the TCU senior guard from Waco, had 12 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals for the Horned Frogs in an 81-78 victory at Baylor on Tuesday night. That included the inbounds pass to Kouat Noi for the punctuating breakaway slam in the closing seconds.

"I can't even explain the feeling. I'm just thanking the guys in the locker room," Williams said. "Every time I come back home previous three years we've been beat by like 20. ... I'm just excited. Feel like I won a championship."

Personal feelings aside, this was a big victory for the Horned Frogs (13-1, 1-1 Big 12), who bounced back from their first loss.

They had been 0-11 against Baylor since joining the league five years ago. They were

also coming off a one-point loss at home in their Big 12 opener to No. 7 Oklahoma after blowing a 13-point lead, ending their 17-game winning streak that was the longest in the nation and a school record.

Vladimir Brodziansky had 18 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer in overtime for TCU.

After the Frogs blew a 12-point lead in the second half, they finally went ahead to stay on Brodziansky's 3 from the top of the key with 1:29 left in overtime that made it 75-74. They stretched the lead on an inside shot by Noi before his late slam.

"That put the stamp on it," Williams said.

"We won it, and we got it done" TCU coach Jamie Dixon said. "We've got to address the fact that we're having 12-point leads, 13-point leads and these teams seem to get more aggressive down with that lead we have, and we have to respond to it in a better way, and finish it out."

Jo Lual-Acuil had 28 points and 11 rebounds for Baylor (10-4, 0-2), which had a 14-0 run in the second half after giving up an 11-0 spurt

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Playoffs or bust? Looking that way for Cowboys in 2018



By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott couldn't duplicate his remarkable rookie year even when fellow first-year star Ezekiel Elliott wasn't suspended.

Now the quarterback-running back combo for the Dallas Cowboys will have to figure out how to get back to the playoffs in what could be a critical season for the future of coach Jason Garrett.

The Cowboys (9-7) missed the post-season a year after being the top seed in the NFC when Prescott had one of the best rookie seasons for a quarterback in NFL history and Elliott led the league in rushing.

Dallas can blame a slow start while Elliott used the courts to fight his six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations, and the three straight losses after he finally ran out of legal options.

All along, Prescott often struggled, throwing more than three times as

many interceptions with a passer rating nearly 20 points lower for an offense that dropped to 14th in the NFL from fifth.

"If you want to call it that," Prescott said, still refusing as he had before the season to acknowledge the term "sophomore slump" after a season-ending 6-0 win over Philadelphia with the Cowboys already eliminated from the playoffs.

"I think I played some of my best ball of my career this year and obviously I played some of my worst ball of my career this year. So you can call it what you want. But like I said, I learned from it and call it a growing year."

Garrett has missed the playoffs in five of his seven full seasons, but owner and general manager Jerry Jones reiterated on his radio show Tuesday that Garrett will return.

Jones also said he planned to bring back offensive coordinator Scott

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AP photo Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott, left, is tackled by Philadelphia Eagles' Najee Goode during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, in Philadelphia.

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Date/Time: Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION for Brine Mining Injection Well Permit

Re: Application by Tall City Brine LLC For A Permit to Create, Operate, and Maintain a Brine Mining Facility Known as the Knott Brine Station; Sprberry (Trend Area) Field; Howard County, Texas

Tall City Brine LLC submitted an application (Form H-2 with attachments) to the Railroad Commission of Texas dated November 27, 2017, for a Permit to Create, Operate, and Maintain a Brine Mining Facility known as the Knott Brine Station, Sprberry (Trend Area) Field, Howard County, Texas. The applicant has requested authority to produce brine by injection of freshwater to dissolve salt from the Salado Salt formation within the approximate subsurface interval from 2,100 feet to 2,400 feet. The applicant proposes to complete and case the well such that the injected fluid is confined to the injection interval. Surface injection pressure will be limited to a maximum of 1000 pounds per square inch gauge. The maximum allowable injection pressure at the casing seat will be limited to 0.8 times the overburden pressure at that depth. Should a permit be issued, the Commission would include other conditions and requirements as necessary, such as monitoring and reporting of the extracted brine, mechanical integrity testing of the well, groundwater monitoring, and plugging and abandonment.

Oil and Gas Division technical staff has reviewed the application and determined that, based on the information contained in the application, the proposal will not endanger underground sources of drinking water as it meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for casing and cement to isolate the brine mining injection interval and the operating facilities are designed to prevent the uncontrolled discharge of brine at the surface. A draft permit is available for review upon request.

Should you wish to file comments on the application, or request a hearing on the application, you should submit your comments or request for hearing, including the nature of the issues to be raised in the hearing, no later than fifteen days after publication, to:

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♠ 8 7 6
♥ A Q 10
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ A 8 7

WEST
♥ J 8 6 4
♦ A K 6 5
♣ K J 10 9 5

EAST
♥ K 5 4 3 2
♦ 7 3 2
♣ 4 3
♠ 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ K 9 5
♦ Q J 2
♣ Q 4

The bidding:
South 1 ♠
Pass
2 ♠
4 ♠

West Dble
2 ♣
Pass

North Redble
Pass
3 ♠

East Pass
Pass
Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Unusual circumstances sometimes call for unusual plays. For example, consider this deal where West leads the K-A and another diamond. East ruffs and returns a club, covered by the queen, king and ace.

Declarer now leads a spade to the queen, and, when West shows out, South has a difficult problem to solve.

Somehow he must arrange to take two more trump finesses and also get rid of his club loser on dummy's ten of diamonds.

South therefore leads a low heart and, after West follows low, finesses the ten! This is, of course, an unusual play, since South has three heart tricks without a finesse. Yet the finesse is justified not only because West is likely to have the jack on the bidding, but also because South needs three entries to dummy — not just two — to accomplish his mission.

As expected, the ten of hearts wins, putting declarer well on the way to his goal. He takes a second trump finesse, leads the nine of hearts to the queen and takes a third trump finesse. The ace of trumps then picks up East's king, after which the king-of-hearts lead to dummy's ace allows South to discard his club loser on the ten of diamonds.

It is true that South would have failed to make the contract if East had held the jack of hearts. In fact, he would have gone down two instead of one by finessing the ten. But this would not in any way change the inherent correctness of the finesse, which under the circumstances offered the only real chance of finishing with 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Trump management.
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SUDOKU

				7		3	
9					2	1	
	7	4		9			
				1	5	2	
	8						
4			7	3			8
	2		4				
		5			7		
5	1	3					

Level: Advanced

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5	7	1	9	3	6	8	4	2
4	8	9	5	1	2	7	6	3
6	3	2	7	4	8	1	9	5
1	4	5	2	7	3	9	8	6
9	2	8	6	5	4	3	7	1
7	6	3	8	9	1	5	2	4
3	1	7	4	2	9	6	5	8
8	9	4	3	6	5	2	1	7
2	5	6	1	8	7	4	3	9

ANSWER:

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Gregarious Leo Moon

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Some situations are more conducive to building positive, life-enhancing relationships than others. And yet, when it all shakes out, it's about a person's ability to be and make good friends out of the people around them, not about always being in the "perfect" social situation. So says the gregarious Leo moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's wise to look for the upside of a situation, especially if it's a bad situation. You recognize the downside, of course, but it would be pointless to dwell there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In today's case, ignorance will not be bliss. Ignorance will be something more akin to apathy. Bliss isn't on the menu today anyway, but you will be happier seeking knowledge than not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If your eyes were sun lamps, you'd be giving a certain someone a face tan. The exchange of extra attention will be good for both of you. On a side note, your nutritional needs are changing. Consider changing your eating style.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sleep is underrated. It's a healer and a spiritual tool. It's a teleportation system, an entertainment system, a protection system and an energetic restoration system. Bottom line: Get more sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). At the juncture of an important decision, you may be worried that you'll do something you'll regret. Don't. People usually don't regret their mistakes. What they regret is their missed opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone is hiding his or her true feelings from you, probably afraid of being an inconvenience. But convenience isn't everything. Make your caring heart known. Be a soft place to land.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you could fix what another person is going through, you would. It's painful to watch without being able to do something about it. Getting involved would mean crossing a line -- not always a bad thing, but certainly worthy of careful deliberation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who won't be able

to keep up with you, and you'll have to find a workaround for this. Everyone doesn't have to get there at the same time, but stay hopeful that all will get there eventually.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People are good at different things. You may look at the next guy and wonder how he does it, but you can bet that in a different category, others think the same thing about you. Give yourself more credit today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You feel it's time to prove your worth to your boss or loved one. The trouble is, you have to believe it, or it's not going to work. Furthermore, once you believe it, proving it to others will be a moot point.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Before you embark on a project, ask yourself: Who would be the most fun person to do this with? Then ask: Who has the expertise I most need? The right person will bring both levity and serious skills to the table.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Complaining is a favorite pastime for the modern human ... or maybe it's more of a disease. While it's important to note the problem, to stop there would be folly and weakness. It's why you take action today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 3). You're decisive, tenacious and very aware of opportunities, especially the ones others overlook. This will land you in a prime position over the next six weeks. Your ideas catch on. This translates into money in your pocket. Travels with loved ones are tinged with all kinds of luck. New people come into your life in May. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 6, 44, 49 and 12.

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3. Do you often derive pleasure from very specific details that could be called "oddy satisfying"?

4. Do you seem to be more sensitive to temperature than others?

5. Do you ever get the sense that something is just off, but you can't put your finger on it?

6. Do you notice things about people that others tend to miss?

7. Can you sense the energy of rooms?

8. When you see someone get hurt, even on TV, does it make you flinch?

9. Do the colors and lighting in your environment affect your mood more than others seem to be affected by such things?

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11. Would you say that you have a rich inner world?

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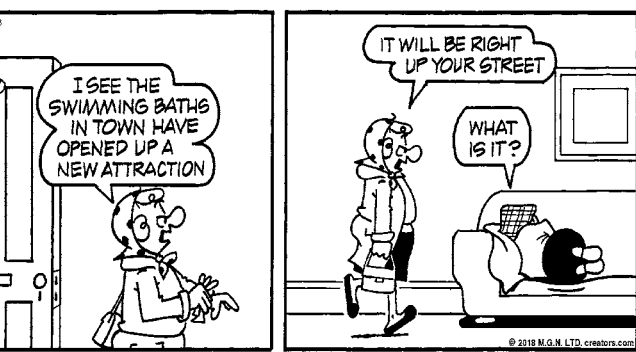
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CELEBRITY PROFILES: You may know that New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning has a Super Bowl ring and a MVP award, but did you know that he authored a book? Eli, brother Peyton and father Archie co-authored "Family Huddle," a children's book about a family of quarterbacks. Natal sun and Mercury in traditional Capricorn suggests big ambition and family values while Mars in Aquarius indicates sportsmanship.

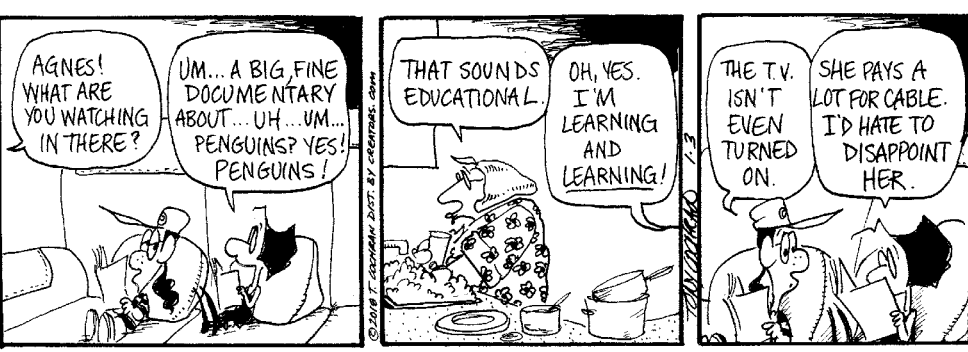
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2018. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1868, Japan's Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of the emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as shoguns; the upheaval paved the way for Japan's drive toward becoming a modern power.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1870, groundbreaking took place for the Brooklyn Bridge.

In 1911, the first postal savings banks were opened by the U.S. Post Office. (The banks were abolished in 1966.)

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease.

In 1946, William Joyce, the pro-Nazi radio propagandist known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was hanged at Wandsworth Prison in London for high treason.

In 1958, the first six members of the newly formed U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held their first meeting at the White House.

In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1977, Apple Computer was incorporated in Cupertino, California, by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Mike Markkula Jr.

In 1980, conservationist Joy Adamson, author of "Born Free," was killed in northern Kenya by a former employee.

In 1993, President George H.W. Bush and

Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed the START II missile-reduction treaty in Moscow. (However, the agreement ultimately fell apart.)

Ten years ago: Illinois Sen. Barack Obama won Democratic caucuses in Iowa, while Mike Huckabee won the Republican caucuses. After nearly 27 years in prison, Texas inmate Charles Chatman, 47, was set free by a judge because of new DNA evidence showing he'd been wrongly convicted of rape. Pop star Britney Spears was hospitalized after a child custody dispute with ex-husband Kevin Federline resulted in an hours-long standoff with police. The No. 8 Kansas Jayhawks won the Orange Bowl by defeating No. 5 Virginia Tech 24-21.

Five years ago: Students from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, reconvened at a different building in the town of Monroe about three weeks after the massacre that had claimed the lives of 20 first-graders and six educators. The new 113th Congress opened for business, with House Speaker John Boehner re-elected to his post despite a mini-revolt in Republican ranks. No. 5 Oregon beat No. 7 Kansas State, 35-17, in the Fiesta Bowl.

One year ago: Ford Motor Co. canceled plans to build a new \$1.6 billion factory in Mexico, and said it would invest at least some of the savings in new electric and autonomous vehicles. The national president of the NAACP and five others were arrested after staging a sit-in at the Alabama office of Sen. Jeff Sessions, President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for U.S. attorney general. It was announced that Fox News star Megyn Kelly would be leaving the network to work at NBC News.

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Today's Birthdays:

Actor Dabney Coleman is 86.

Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 82.

Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Hull is 79.

Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 75.

Musician Stephen Stills is 73.

Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 72.

Actress Victoria

Principal is 68.

Actor-director Mel Gibson is 62.

Actress Shannon Sturges is 50.

Actor John Ales is 49.

Jazz musician James Carter is 49.

Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 46.

Musician Thomas Bangalter (Daft Punk) is 43.

Actor Jason Marsden is 43.

Actress Danica McKellar is 43.

Actor

Nicholas Gonzalez is 42.

Singer Kimberley Locke (TV: "American Idol") is 40.

Actress Kate Levering is 39.

NFL quarterback Eli Manning is 37.

Actress Nicole Beharie is 33.

Pop musician Mark Pontius (Foster the People) is 33.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Lloyd is 32.

Pop-rock musician Nash Overstreet (Hot Chelle

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Actor Alex D. Linz is 29.

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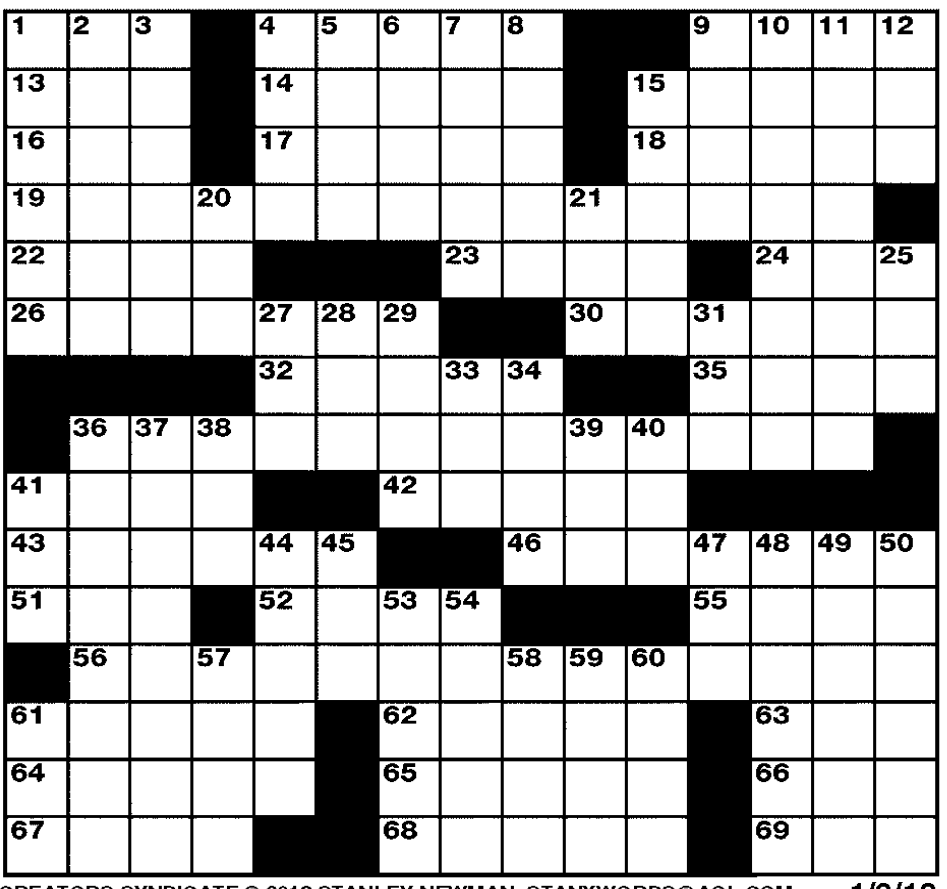
"No one asked you to be happy. Get to work."
Colette,
French author
(1873-1954).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Edge of a cup
 - 4 ___ halt to (end)
 - 9 Ecuador neighbor
 - 13 Slice of history
 - 14 Hunter constellation
 - 15 Helpful hints
 - 16 Work wk. start
 - 17 Toy tooter
 - 18 Entices
 - 19 Jump ___ (follow a popular cause)
 - 22 Eight, on a sundial
 - 23 Large bodies of water
 - 24 Faux ___ (minor mistake)
 - 26 Extreme happiness
 - 30 Orator's delivery
 - 32 With a roof, as stadiums
 - 35 Fence entryway
 - 36 Jump ___ (decide hastily)
 - 41 Mystical glow
 - 42 Run ___ of (clash with)
 - 43 Uses a coffee mill
 - 46 Stain on an artist's smock
 - 51 Word on a penny
 - 52 Very funny person
 - 55 Prefix for dynamic
 - 56 Jump ___ (begin enthusiastically)
 - 61 Loosen, as laces
 - 62 Google competitor
 - 63 Bar bill
 - 64 Parts of a stairway

OFF THE GROUND by Charles Slack Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- 11 Stages, as a historical battle
- 12 Battleship letters
- 15 Envelope fastener
- 20 Box office success
- 21 Used to be
- 25 That woman
- 27 Commotion
- 28 Dad's boy
- 29 Community pool site
- 31 Swelled head
- 33 Santa's assistant
- 34 Pairs of singers
- 36 Become
- 37 Pointed properly
- 38 Tuna container
- 39 Have an evening meal
- 40 Under the weather
- 41 Long, long ___
- 44 Helps with the dishes
- 45 Take a chair
- 47 Clumsy person
- 48 Move unsteadily
- 49 Pants pleat, for example
- 50 Place of rapid growth
- 53 Emphatic agreement
- 54 Batting game for tots
- 57 Help with the dishes
- 58 It's east of Indiana
- 59 Perfectly
- 60 Cowpoke's ride
- 61 L.A. campus



Answer to previous puzzle

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lead to 67-61 with about 5 minutes left, but Malik Newman missed an ill-advised 3-pointer and Azubuike turned the ball over to squander a chance to get closer.

The teams began trading free throws down the stretch as the Red Raiders held on to win.

"I don't want to take anything away

from Arizona State and Kentucky," Self said, "but that could be the best team we've played this season."

STATS AND STREAKS

The Red Raiders had a 44-29 advantage on the boards, including 18 offensive rebounds. ... Texas Tech outscored the Jayhawks 26-8 in turnovers and 15-4 in second-chance points. ... The Red Raiders came in averaging 39 points off the bench. They had 42 against Kansas. ... Kansas G Lagerald Vick was 1 for 9 from the field and 0

for 6 from beyond the arc. He finished with two points.

QUOTABLE

"I don't know if we have an edge on Kansas in anything. We have Whataburger in Texas. I don't think y'all do. That's an advantage." — Beard, referring to the popular fast-food restaurant chain.

BIG PICTURE

Texas Tech has staked a claim through two games for Big 12 superiority. The Red Raiders beat then-No.

18 Baylor 77-53 in their league opener last Friday, giving them a pair of wins over top teams.

Kansas fell in love with the 3-point er again with ugly results. The Jayhawks' lack of interior depth gives them little to fall back on when the jumpers start bouncing off the iron.

UP NEXT

Texas Tech faces Kansas State on Saturday.

Kansas visits No. 16 TCU on Saturday night.

COWBOYS

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Linehan and defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli while suggesting there will be changes to the coaching staff.

But Jones has said he believes the Cowboys have the pieces to end a nearly 25-year run without a trip to the Super Bowl, or even an NFC championship game. A second straight season without the playoffs could be the end for Garrett.

"He certainly has the mentality of doing things differently," Jones said. "Again, not just to be doing them differently, but basically recognizing that we have got some things we need to do differently."

Offseason story lines for the Cowboys, who have alternated between making and missing the playoffs the past four seasons:

ALL IN WITH DAK: Jones and Garrett still speak about Prescott in terms of a franchise quarterback. He's an extreme bargain as a fourth-round pick, and next offseason will be the first time they have to think about his second contract. If the Cowboys flop again, it will be an interesting dilemma. "We think he's an awfully good quarterback to have leading your franchise," Garrett said.

ELLIOTT OFF THE FIELD: With the NFL investigation that led to a suspension still looming last offseason, Elliott had trouble keeping his name out of the headlines. He was caught on video pulling down a woman's shirt during a St. Patrick's Day parade — an incident that was referenced in the league's letter detailing his punishment, although it wasn't a factor in the ruling.

A quiet offseason will be an important step in putting the suspension behind him. "I think he's aware how difficult it was this year in terms of things off the field," executive vice president Stephen Jones

said on his radio show Tuesday. "I'm more convinced than ever that he wants to be a great player in this league."

DECLINING DEZ: There's no question that receiver Dez Bryant is trending downward since his All-Pro season in 2014, which earned him a \$70 million, five-year deal. He hasn't come close to a 1,000 yard season and probably has one year left to prove he's worth the big contract. Bryant said he battled knee tendinitis and frustration over his role in the offense.

CLASS OF 2014: The top three topics on contracts during the offseason are the Cowboys' top three picks in 2014: right guard Zack Martin; defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence, who tied for second in the NFL with 14½ sacks; and linebacker Anthony Hitchens. The Cowboys want to get an extension done with Martin even though the two-time All-Pro has the fifth year on his rookie deal remaining. Lawrence could get the franchise tag.

TCU

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before the break. Terry Maston had 20 points and nine rebounds.

All five TCU starters scored in double figures. Jaylen Fisher had 15 points, JD Miller had 13, Williams 12 and Desmond Bane 10.

Baylor's Jake Lindsey drove for a layup with 17 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 64. TCU had plenty of time, but Bane's open 3-pointer from the right wing ricocheted off the rim as time ran out.

"Wide-open shot by our best shooter. We did what we needed to do. That was good, good execution," Dixon said. "Sometimes they don't go."

BIG PICTURE

TCU: It was the 182nd meeting in the series between the instate rivals, but TCU had lost the first 11 Big 12 meetings by an average margin of 18 points.

Baylor: The Bears were much more themselves with the 7-foot Lual-Acuil back after he missed the Big 12 opener because of a sprained left foot. After their worst rebounding margin in 10 years, with Texas Tech outrebounding them by 18, Baylor had a 45-34 margin over TCU.

"I'm fine," Lual-Acuil said. "I was excited to be able to help my team. Disappointed we lost."

MASTON'S HAND

Maston played only his second game since breaking his shooting (right) hand

against Xavier on Nov. 28. He was scoreless against Texas Tech.

"First game, I was a little shaky. I was kind of wanted to be hesitant of it and guard it," Maston said. "But thanks to Coach Drew just talking me up I know I'm not going to hurt it any more and it's stronger now than it was before"

UP NEXT

TCU is home to play No. 10 Kansas, their first meeting since the Horned Frogs upset the then-No. 1 Jayhawks in the Big 12 Tournament last March.

Baylor is home Saturday to play Texas, then plays five of its next seven games after that on the road through the end of January.

A&M

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concerning, but they should get back on track when Hogg returns for the next game and will get another boost when Wilson and Gilder get healthy.

THEY SAID IT

White was concerned about his smaller team dealing with the size of Texas A&M's Tyler Davis and Robert Williams, who are both 6-foot-10. But he was relieved that his team limited their impact on Tuesday night saying: "Those two guys demand max effort in terms of defending them and rebounding with them and that's obviously not been our strength ... our guys showed a

lot of fight just to hold them to 12 (points) apiece."

HOGG'S LESSON

Kennedy is looking forward to Hogg's return on Saturday and believes he's learned his lesson while sitting out.

"D.J. Hogg has been practicing with us and he's fine, I think he'll be ready to play," Kennedy said. "He accepts responsibility for the mistakes he made and he's put it behind him and we're moving on with that."

UP NEXT

Florida: Visits Missouri on Saturday.

Texas A&M: Will try to end its skid when the team hosts LSU on Saturday before playing the next two games on the road.

As men go quad crazy, women's figure skating bumps ceiling

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

When the sprightly youngster with the blond hair and brilliant smile stepped onto the ice at the White Ring in Nagano, she knew it would take a flawless program to win Olympic gold.

Tara Lipinski delivered.

She laid down seven triple jumps in a jaw-dropping performance, each accompanied by an audible gasp from the crowd. And her trademark triple loop-triple loop combination, along with a closing combination featuring two more triples, was enough to push her past fellow American Michelle Kwan and to the top of the podium at the 1998 Winter Games.

It was a free skate that would hold up remarkably well today — unlike the gold medal-winning men's performance.

While the women's event has stagnated over the past two decades, the heights at which they fly having seemingly reached a ceiling, the men have continued to push skyward. Ilya Kulik won gold at the Nagano Games largely on the strength of his quadruple toe loop, but some experts think it will take a program packed with five or six quads to win gold at the coming Pyeongchang Olympics.

"The women have definitely not been on the same track as the men with the quad revolution," said Lipinski, now an NBC Sports analyst. "But I do see a turn since the last Olympics with all the Russian ladies and their easy triple-triples, back-loaded programs and tricks to beat the judging."

Lipinski understands the nuances of the sport, though. She sees the inherent difficulty in step sequences and spins, the kind of stuff that looks easy — almost blase — to the casual viewers.

The soaring jumps are what stand out to them.

And four spins are much more dramatic than three.

So far, Japan's Miki Ando is the only woman to land a quadruple jump in a competition, hitting a quad

salchow at the Junior Grand Prix final in 2002. Sasha Cohen of the U.S. landed one in practice a year earlier for Skate America but abandoned the risky jump once her long program began, and the idea of uncorking one in a major competition has remained dormant for much of the last decade.

The biggest reason for the stagnation: simple biology.

Female skaters often reach their pinnacle by the time they are 20 years old. Their power-to-weight ratio peaks before puberty, and the rapid changes to their bodies during their teenage years often throw off the in-

tricate timing that they've worked years to achieve.

The men, meanwhile, get stronger when puberty hits. Their ability to fly higher and spin faster only grows in their early 20s, allowing many to go quad crazy when they step on the ice.

"The people succeeding are the guys," said Audrey Weisiger, the longtime coach of two-time Olympian Michael Weiss. "If you want to track the ascension of skills attained, it is all men. (The women) are not doing anything different than what Kristi Yamaguchi was doing."

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