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Petroleum Museum announces HOF inductees

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Shale pioneer George P. Mitchell is among the Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame inductees for 2019. The other inductees are Robert C. Bledsoe, Arlen L. Edgar and L.D. "Buddy" Sipes Jr.

■ Mitchell, a Galveston native, graduated first in the Class of 1940 at Texas A&M University. He received a petroleum engineering degree with an emphasis in geology. He



Mitchell

began his career with Amoco, before being commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

After his military service, Mitchell joined Oil Drilling Inc. as a consulting geologist and engineer and later became a partner. He was named president in 1959, and under his leadership the company evolved into one of the nation's largest independent oil and gas producers.

Over his career, Mitchell was involved



Bledsoe

in more than 10,000 wells, including 1,000 wildcats and made more than 200 oil and 350 gas discoveries.

He pioneered drilling and completion technologies that helped create the shale gas revolution. He enabled the first viable production of gas in the Barnett Shale employing the first successful application of hydraulic fracturing.

Mitchell served as a member of the National Petroleum Council and three terms as president of the Texas Independent

Producers and Royalty Owners Association. He was a director of the Gas Research Institute and a member of the World Resources Institute Council.

He died in 2013 at the age of 94.

■ Bledsoe was born in El Paso, grew up in Marfa and graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1949. He served in the U.S. Air Force, graduated from the



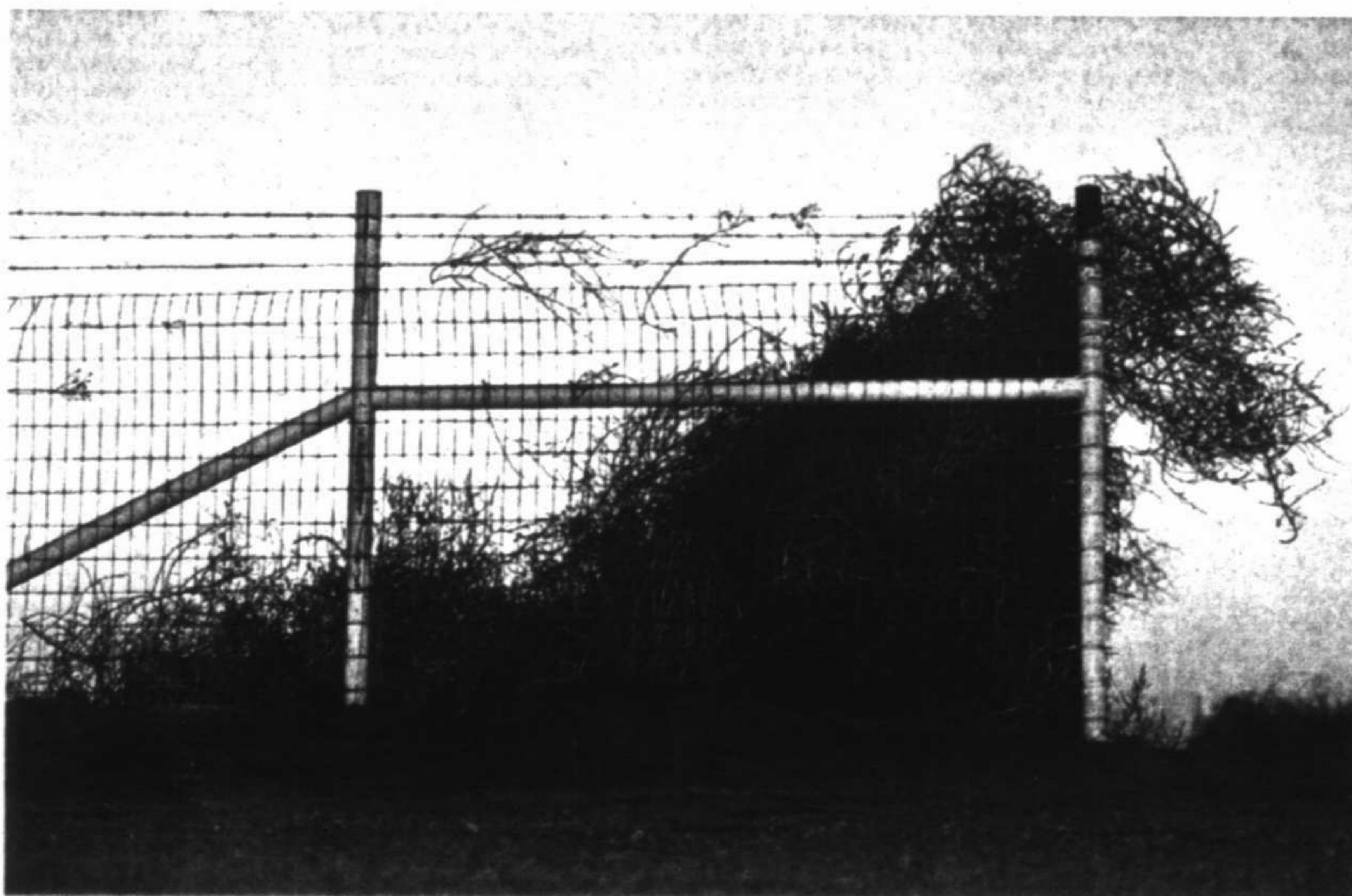
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Tumbleweeds pile up against a fence near TX-158 after high winds affected Midland and surrounding areas the week of Dec. 14.

Governor's office: Property tax caps should slow pace of recapture

By Stewart Doreen
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Communities, like Midland, hoping to avoid sending tens of millions of dollars to Austin in school finance payments are getting a dose of reality.

Even as state officials talked about reforming the school finance system that requires "property-rich" districts such as Midland to send money to be redistributed to "property-poor" districts, the reality is that the best the governor's office will be able to do is slow the increase of payments.

In practical terms, the Midland community will still be have to pay. Since 2013-14, Midland ISD has sent \$178.449 million in recapture to Austin. The district projects a payment of \$62.845 million this year alone. And in 2019-20 and 2020-21, the district is showing "soft estimates" of payments around \$90.7 million and \$114.5 million, respectively.

If all those numbers hold true, that would be \$446 million in eight years.

Recapture payments are preventing the district from doing the things "we need to do," Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick told the Reporter-Telegram Thursday after a meeting regarding school finance.

In town for a discussion about school finance and possible reforms Thursday was John Colyandro, senior advisor and director of policy for Gov. Greg Abbott.

Colyandro provided school finance 101 for those in attendance at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification. He said the "Robin Hood" system of school finance brought in \$30 million in recapture payments in 1994. A decade later, that total exceeded \$1 billion. This year, the amount provided by property-rich schools, such as Midland ISD, is expected to be about \$2 billion. If there are no changes to the current school finance system, Colyandro said recapture payments will exceed \$5 billion by 2023.

"Another couple hundred ISDs will be going into recapture in the next five years," he said. "We are on the cusp of being able to do nothing because the financial impact is so great."

During his presentation, Colyandro made a pitch for property tax caps, which he said can be part of a solution to the recapture issue. He said property tax rates need to be "compressed" and replaced with other current revenue streams. He said a school finance commission has identified 40 to 45 options for revenue.

Recapture was one of five problems addressed during Colyandro's presentation — "Comprehensive School Finance & Property Tax Reform." The other problems were the outdated school finance formula, the focus on attendance rather

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OPEC is set to announce each nation's reductions

By Grant Smith
Bloomberg

OPEC's sequel to blockbuster oil deal faces struggle in 2019.

OPEC's bold strategy to revive oil markets proved a surprise success last year, but the sequel they've unveiled for 2019 is getting a cooler reception.

Oil prices have slumped in the two weeks since the cartel and its allies announced they will cut production to prevent a surplus, in contrast to the rally that greeted their previous intervention. From Wall Street oil-watchers to Russia's central bank, speculation is growing that booming U.S. shale output and shaky fuel demand may thwart the coalition's efforts.

The group's actions this week underscored the prevailing anxiety. Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih said on Wednesday he was certain that the agreed six months of cuts will be extended. OPEC today will offer the markets greater clarity by publishing a list of reductions agreed by each country, said people familiar with the matter.

"The concern is that even if OPEC+ faithfully implement those cuts, it still might not be enough," said Mike

Wittner, head of oil market research at Societe Generale SA in New York.

Oil is trading at the lowest in a year despite the pledge from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies to remove 1.2 million barrels a day of crude from the market for six months starting in January. The group's own data gives an indication why this hasn't halted the price slump.

While their cut should roughly balance supply and demand in the first half of 2019, less crude will be needed from the group in the second as a slowing global economy reins in demand and U.S. shale producers keep breaking records. By the fourth quarter, the coalition may need to almost double their planned cutback just to keep markets in equilibrium.

Brent crude futures have slipped about 10 percent since OPEC and its partners met on Dec. 7, trading for \$55.40 a barrel as of 11:33 a.m. London time. In contrast, in the two weeks after the group first agreed joint cuts in November 2016 prices jumped about 20 percent.

This is a relief for consumers, in particular U.S. President Donald Trump, who urged OPEC to keep the taps open and cheered the recent price drop as a

"big tax cut" for consumers. But it's a gloomy situation for Saudi Arabia and other major exporters, whose 2019 budgets would be strained at current prices.

Getting off to a bad start doesn't doom the OPEC+ agreement and the group didn't achieve a straight-line price recovery with its previous round of cuts. Prices actually fell in early 2017, even as Saudi Arabia substantially reduced its output, because of the time-lag between curbing exports and the corresponding drop in importers' inventories.

This time, the kingdom intends to accelerate this process by targeting its export cuts at the U.S., where the world's most transparent inventory data means they'll be detected more readily.

Barclays predicts the market will pick up as lower exports "percolate" into stockpile data next year. "Prices will stage a rebound," said Michael Cohen, the bank's head of energy research in New York.

When OPEC's last round of cuts finally started to bite into inventories in mid-2017, a large part of that success was due to unplanned production losses in members such as Venezuela, where a spiraling economic crisis bled oil output

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US says migrants will wait in Mexico after claiming asylum

By Colleen Long and Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico will no longer be released in the United States and will instead be forced to wait in Mexico under a policy announced Thursday that marks one of the most significant moves by President Donald Trump to reshape the immigration system.

The measure is an aggressive response to a large and growing number of Central American asylum seekers, many of them families, who are typically released in the United States while their cases slowly wind through clogged immigration courts. It does not apply to children traveling alone or to Mexican asylum seekers.

The U.S. and Mexican governments called it a unilateral move by the Trump administration, but the announcement came two days after the U.S. pledged \$10.6 billion in aid for Central America and southern Mexico to make people feel less compelled to leave. Critics, including some legal experts, said migrants would be unsafe in some Mexican border towns and said the U.S. was illegally abandoning its humanitarian role, hinting at a legal challenge against a backdrop of previous courtroom setbacks for Trump on immigration.

The government of Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who took office Dec. 1, said foreigners will have temporary permission to remain in Mexico on humanitarian grounds after getting a notice to appear in U.S. immigration court and they will be allowed to seek work authorization.

Asylum seekers who pass an initial screening in the U.S. — about three of four do — typically wait years before their cases are resolved, allowing them to put down roots in the U.S. Many are fitted with electronic ankle monitors.

Administration officials say many are gaming the system and making false claims as a way to stay in the U.S. While most pass their initial screening, only about 9 percent are eventually granted asylum.

"They will not be able to disappear into the United States," Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen told the House Judiciary Committee. "They will have to wait for approval. If they are granted asylum by a U.S. judge, they will be welcomed into America. If they are not, they will be removed to their home countries."

Nielsen said in a statement that the move "will also allow us to focus more attention on those who are actually fleeing persecution."

While the number of people caught crossing the border illegally has fallen sharply since the early 2000s, the U.S. has been grappling in recent years with a surge of families and children traveling alone, especially from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

U.S. border authorities fielded 92,959 "credible fear" claims — the initial step toward asylum — in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, up 67 percent from 55,584 the previous year.

U.S. officials said the changes will be rolled out gradually across the border. Many details have not been worked out or have not been disclosed.

U.S. officials said the Mexican government will allow asylum seekers access to U.S. immigration lawyers, but it was unclear where attorneys and their clients would meet. They would be allowed into the U.S. for their court hearings.

Mexico's Foreign Relations Department said foreigners will be allowed to leave the country and return while waiting for the U.S. to decide their asylum cases.

"They will have rights to equal treatment without discrimination and respect for their human rights as well as the opportunity to seek work authorization for pay, which will allow them to meet their basic needs," the department

said in a statement.

Forcing thousands of asylum seekers to remain in Mexico, possibly for years, will put many of them in life-threatening danger, said Jennifer Harbury, a South Texas attorney and human rights advocate.

Some parts of northern Mexico, particularly across from Texas, are considered very dangerous due to violence and drug trafficking. The U.S. State Department has warned American citizens not to travel to the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, which borders the Texas cities of McAllen and Brownsville.

"Giving them food or work authorization does not protect them from the cartels or the war zone that they would be sent to," Harbury said. "If Mexico could protect them, they would be protecting their own citizens, and they can't."

Immigrant advocates questioned the legality of the move.

"This deal is a stark violation of international law, flies in the face of U.S. laws passed by Congress and is a callous response to the families and individuals running for their lives," said Margaret Huang, executive director of Amnesty International. "The end result could be the endangerment of thousands of families and individuals seeking protection."

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Lee Gelernt, who won major legal victories against the administration's policies on asylum and its practice of separating families, said the plan could not be done lawfully.

Last month, Trump invoked national security powers to deny asylum to anyone caught crossing illegally, but a judge halted that change as a lawsuit progresses. A separate judge also halted restrictions on who could claim asylum, allowing victims of domestic violence and gang violence to once again make the claim.

Thursday's decision marks the latest in an unusual relationship between Lopez Obrador, a leftist and nationalist, and Trump. Discussions between the two countries began well before Lopez Obrador took office.

Trump credited Lopez Obrador for helping push forward free trade negotiations, and Lopez Obrador praised the United States for the \$10.6 billion development deal.

Experts in Mexico doubted whether Lopez Obrador would face any significant backlash.

"These are not humiliating concessions, they're quite reasonable," said Federico Estevez, a political science professor at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico. "Lopez Obrador may absorb a cost, but it's relatively small price to get your neck out of the noose on the immigration issue."

Estevez noted that some anti-migrant sentiment had sprung up on the northern border, especially in Tijuana, where the caravans have been marooned.

By Lisa Mascaro, Matthew Daly and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a rare lashing from conservatives, President Donald Trump declared Thursday he would not sign a bill to keep funding the government because it fails to provide billions for a border wall with Mexico, throwing Congress into deep disarray and risking a federal shutdown this weekend.

Conservatives want to keep fighting for the money to pay for the wall as a last act of the GOP-led Congress before Democrats take House control in January. They warn that "caving" on Trump's repeated wall promises could hurt his 2020 re-election chances, and other Republicans' as well.

Trump's sudden rejection of the legislation, after days of mixed messages, sent Republican leaders scrambling for options back on Capitol Hill.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, exiting a hastily called meeting with Trump and other GOP lawmakers at the White House, said, "We're going to go back and work on adding border security to this, also keeping the government open, because we do want to see an agreement."

By afternoon, Trump shifted his terminology, saying he's not necessarily demanding a border wall but "steel slats" — which is similar to the border security fencing already provided for in the bill.

"I give them a little bit of an out, 'steel slats,'" Trump said during a farm bill signing at the White House. "We don't use the word 'wall' necessarily, but it has to be something special to do the job."

The nuance could provide Trump a way to try to proclaim victory. The bill would keep funding at current levels, \$1.3 billion, for border security, including pedestrian fencing and replacement fences, not his border wall. It requires only previously used designs.

The House had been set to vote Thursday before a midnight Friday deadline to fund parts of the government or risk a partial shutdown just before Christmas. The Senate has already approved the bill, which would fund the government to Feb. 8.

House Republicans adopted the last-ditch idea of adding Trump's \$5 billion demand to the bill, along with an \$8 billion disaster aid package that many lawmakers support for coastal hurricanes and California wildfires. The plan would be to send the new package to the Senate. GOP Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., said House Republicans would vote late Thursday.

But it was unclear if such a package could pass the House, where some Republicans oppose more border wall funding and others were visibly frustrated by the messy lurch

of events. And it would not likely be approved in the Senate because Democrats have already resisted Trump's \$5 billion, as Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer call it "ineffective, unnecessary and exorbitantly expensive," and many senators have already left for the holidays. It would, however, give some House Republicans a release valve for their desire to vote for the wall funding.

Without a deal, more than 800,000 federal workers would face furloughs or be forced to work without pay, disrupting government operations at year-end.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., met with Ryan after the House leaders returned from the meeting with Trump. Senators were advised they could be called back to the Capitol Friday for another vote.

Ryan and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy had endured complaints during a private morning meeting earlier Thursday from rank-and-file Republicans in the Capitol complaining that they were closing out their majority without a fight on a major

issue.

Trump interrupted the basement session with a phone call to Ryan, and then the president lashed out at Republican leaders on Twitter.

Ryan had promised a "big fight" after November's midterm elections, but as Republicans lost House control, negotiations over the year-end spending bill have largely been between Trump and Democrats.

"I was promised the Wall and Border Security by leadership," Trump tweeted. "Would be done by end of year (NOW). It didn't happen! We foolishly fight for Border Security for other countries - but not for our beloved U.S.A. Not good!"

"Republicans are in a state of disarray," said House Democratic Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who is poised to become speaker when Democrats take control Jan. 3. "Wall funding is a non-starter."

The temporary funding bill would keep government running to Feb. 8, but some House Republicans say they must fight for the wall now. Like Trump, they're facing enormous

criticism from high-profile conservatives on an issue that was central to his presidential campaign.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a leader of the House Freedom Caucus, said Trump should veto the funding bill if it passes without wall money.

"I'm not afraid of losing the vote, but I am afraid of not fighting," said Rep. Roger Williams, R-Texas. "That's how this president got in. We want a secure border. It's not the time to quit."

With Pelosi's backing the Senate-passed bill likely has enough support for House approval with votes mostly from Democratic lawmakers, who are still the minority, and some Republicans.

Trump has bounced back and forth with mixed messages. Just last week he said he would be "proud" to shut down the government over it. Earlier this week he appeared to shelve his shutdown threats, with the White House saying he was open to reviewing whatever bill Congress could send him.

Before turning on fellow Republicans, Trump had been directing his ire at Democrats, tweeting that they were "putting politics over country."

Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York have made it clear they will not support money for Trump's wall.

"We want smart, effective border security," Schumer said. "That's not a wall."

At issue in the current fight is money for nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, including the departments of Homeland Security, Transportation, Interior, Agriculture, State and Justice, as well as national parks and forests

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reindeer
[reyn-deer]

NOUN
1. any of several large deer of the genus Rangifer, of northern and arctic regions of Europe, Asia, and North America, both male and female of which have antlers.

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First day of winter

The astronomical start of winter is at 4:23 p.m. (CST) today. Winter will continue until March 20.
Source: atmanac.com

This date in the area

On Dec. 21, 1997, the Stanton Buffaloes defeated the Rangers 33-7 to claim the 2A football championship at Texas Stadium.

Things to do

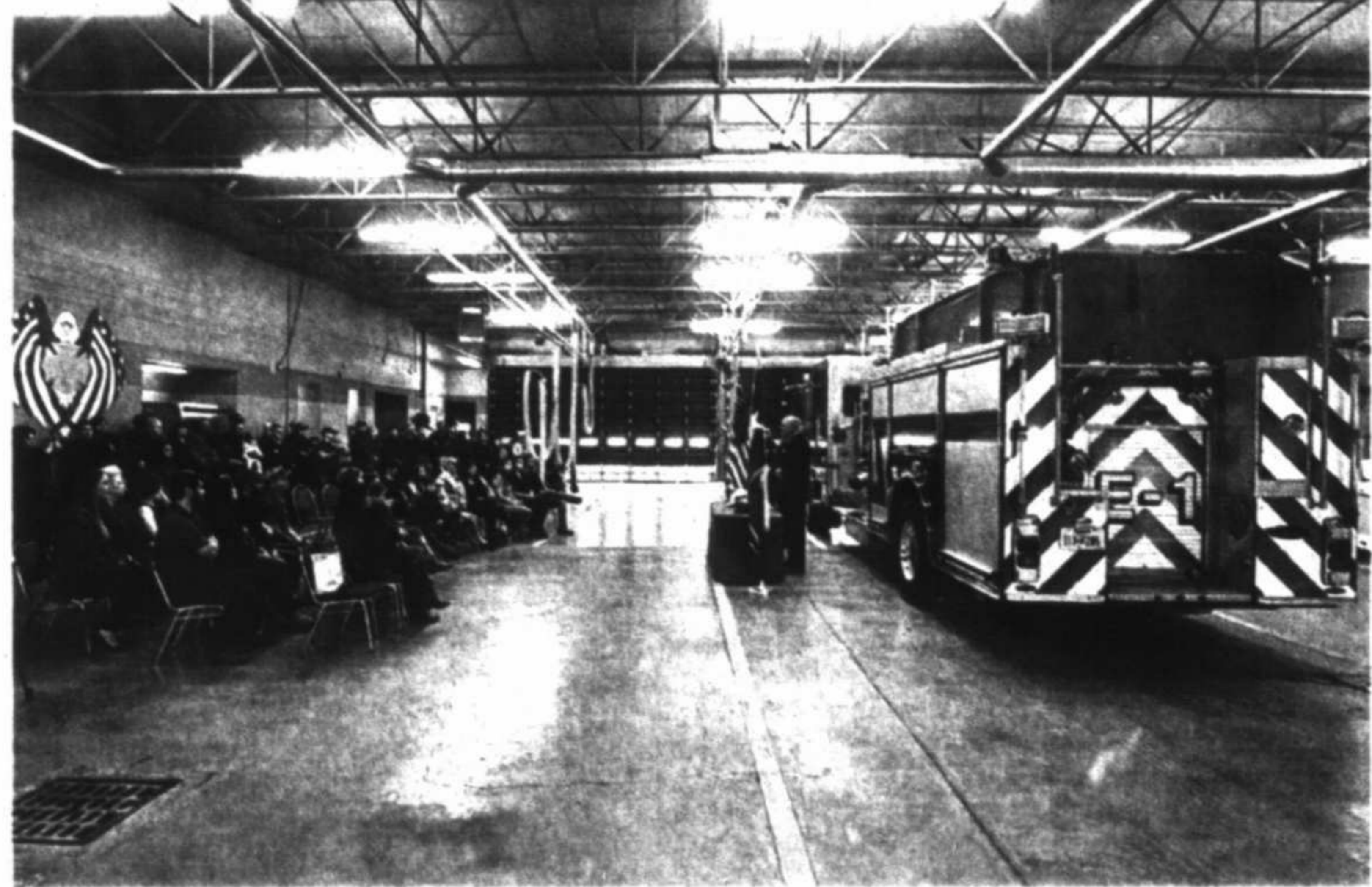
- Christmas Bingo, 10 a.m., Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave.
- Voices Del. noon, Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. Free.
- Disney Junior Holiday Fun. Guests can celebrate the season with activities inspired by Disney Junior pals, 4 p.m., Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Drive. Backdrop for photos, snacks and holiday design face painting will also be offered.
- Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m. (2-4 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Beef Rib Night, 5 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway
- Sealood Night, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com
- Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airport Lane, 682-5511
- Live Event Trivia, 7 p.m., Twist Restaurant and Bar, 5518 Starboard Drive
- Gentry Foreman, Donna Diaz, 7 p.m., Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.
- Cueights with DJ Bookie and DJ Danny G, 8 p.m., The Reserve in the DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St.
- Noche Caliente with DJ Sanchez, 8 p.m., Club Amba, 1006 S. Midkiff Road.
- The Eighty-Eights Dueling Pianos Show, 9 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80, 840-580
- Runnin' Blind, 9 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.
- DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St. Odessa
- Karaoke, 9 p.m., DeTour Bar, 1706 Rankin Highway
- Zack Weather Band, 9:30 p.m., Riley's Bar and Grill, 3421 W. Wall St.
- Donnie Events, 9:30 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Post office deadlines

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- All or Nothing evening: 2-5: 6: 7, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24
- Daily 4 morning: 7-7:15
- Daily 4 day: 8-9:13
- Daily 4 evening: 3-8:37
- Pick 3 morning: 6-3:5
- Pick 3 day: 0-8:9
- Pick 3 evening: 2-4:1

TODAY IN MIDLAND

A first for women



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A Midland Fire Department promotion ceremony was held Dec. 14 at Central Station for Bernie Gonzales. She is the first woman to be promoted to engineer in MFD.

Christmas Eve

- Garden Grille and Bar at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5-10 p.m.
- The Bistro at the Courtyard by Marriott, 6-10 a.m. (breakfast)
- Buffalo Wild Wings, 4 p.m.-2 a.m. Will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
- Dennys. Will be open 24 hours
- I-HOP. Loop 250 location will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Day. Interstate 20 location will be open 24 hours
- Jack in the Box, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Also, H.E.B., Albertson's/Market Street, Walmart and Super Mercado will be closed on Christmas Day. Walmart will close at 9 p.m. on

Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2018. There are 10 days left in the year.

Today's highlight: On Dec. 21, 1891, the first basketball game, devised by James Naismith, is believed to have been played at the international YMCA Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts. (The final score of this experimental game: 1-0)

On this date:

- In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman concluded their "March to the Sea" as they captured Savannah, Georgia.
- In 1913, the first newspaper crossword puzzle, billed as a "Word-Cross Puzzle," was published in the New York World.
- In 1937, Walt Disney's first animated feature, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," had its world premiere at the Carthay Circle Theater in Los Angeles.

Source: Associated Press

Lottery

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Weather

Thursday's temperatures

High: 58
Low: 36
Normal high: 57
Normal low: 30

Dec. 20's records

Record high: 79, set in 2010
Record low: 11, set in 1973

Precipitation

Wednesday: 0.0
Thursday: 0.0
Month total: 0.88 in.
Year total: 17.55 in.
Normal total (year to date): 14.40 in.

Winds

Average speed: 12.7 mph
Highest speed: 21 mph
Highest gust speed: 27 mph

Today's forecast

High: 69
Low: 42
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic, 4-positive, 3-average, 2-so-so, 1-difficult

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You feel empowered, though you might need to slow down at some point and take a power nap. You could be surprised by everything that is happening around you and delighted by what surfaces. You cannot help but be distracted. **Tonight:** Do a juggling act.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A partner is demanding, but you like how he or she is extremely attentive. Be willing to give back. You might feel as if your creativity is falling flat. Just avoid doing any decorating today; instead, send out cards and wrap gifts. **Tonight:** Follow a loved one's lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might be cycling the implications of following a friend's suggestion. Everyone has a different opinion as to how to proceed. Recognize that your priorities could be very different from others'. You will approach an issue in your own way. **Tonight:** Avoid a fight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Tension mounts, as there could be a difference of opinion. You might talk about the topic for a long time before reaching an agreement. You and the other party involved have different backgrounds and therefore different approaches. **Tonight:** Out late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Pressure builds. On some level, you could feel out of sync as you look at the panorama of your life. You will become the ringmaster if you just relax and allow others to help out. Do not make any commitments of your time for a while. **Tonight:** All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to deal with a situation differently from how you have in the past. How you handle a personal matter could change once some of the intensity of the moment dies down. You could be too demanding. **Tonight:** Where there is music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A creative endeavor takes an unusual turn. A partner could be reactive, especially with finances. You could be making matters worse. Address a low-level depression, and understand that you can handle this problem. **Tonight:** Answer any questions that are posed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might wonder what is going on with an important person in your life. If you are having difficulty explaining this person's behavior, don't get upset. Understand that he or she might not be able to, either. **Tonight:** Go along with the program.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You could be past the point of no return when dealing with an associate. You also might give this person an unexpected jolt. Though at first you might feel guilty about it, try to view your words as a wake-up call. **Tonight:** Get some much-needed R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You experience some mounting tension. Someone might be quite taken with you, yet a problematic situation flows into this relationship. Make a point of going out on the town with friends, especially during the holidays. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with.

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Actor Samuel L. Jackson (1948), actress Jane Fonda (1937), musician Frank Zappa (1940)

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A tumbleweed sits Thursday at the edge of the Rio Grande on the northern edge of Albuquerque, N.M. The irrigation canals are all but dry as farmers along the river are setting in for winter, holding out hope that the El Nino weather system will develop and save them from what could otherwise be another dry start to the next growing season.

Farmers brace for meager water allocations

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The irrigation canals are all but dry as farmers along the Rio Grande set in for winter, holding out hope that El Nino will develop and save them from what could otherwise be another dry start to the next growing season.

The irrigation district that serves farmers in southern New Mexico already has issued a warning that next year's allotment could be as little as a few inches of water.

Elephant Butte, the largest reservoir in the state, bottomed out at just 3 percent of capacity at the end of September. While there has been a slight uptick since then, that marked the lowest since the early 1970s.

It will likely be late spring before the Elephant Butte Irrigation District begins to release water to farmers in the Hatch and Mesilla valleys — home to countless pecan orchards and crops

of chile and onions.

"It's bleak," said Phil King, water resources specialist for the district.

National climate experts have been watching and waiting but El Nino continues to tease, leaving New Mexico and the rest of the American Southwest to hang on longer until the weather pattern develops and brings more moisture to the drought-stricken region.

King is not optimistic about the development of a wetter-than-average pattern for southern New Mexico. He said the region has endured 16 years of drought and it looks as if 2019 will continue to bring further challenges with low water supplies.

The federal drought map released Thursday shows the situation has improved in a small portion of northern New Mexico and along the Rio Grande corridor, but the Four Corners region and the southern Colorado mountains that feed the river are still dealing with extreme to exceptional drought.

The Rio Grande marked some

record-low flows this year, prompting federal officials to partner with the largest water utility authority in the state and others to keep the river flowing at least through the Albuquerque stretch.

Another concern heading into the start of winter is warm temperatures, which could affect the amount and longevity of the region's snowpack.

Forecasters with the National Weather Service in Albuquerque report that Albuquerque is tied so far for the seventh warmest year on record and New Mexico as a whole is third warmest on record for the first 11 months of the year.

Predictions include a higher probability that temperatures could be warmer than normal through February.

Eastern New Mexico is bracing for wind and high temperatures on Friday, a combination that forecasters say could result in critical fire weather conditions. They say afternoon highs could soar up to 20 degrees above normal.

HOF

From 1A

University of Texas law school in 1955.

Bledsoe joined the firm of Baker, Botts, Andrews and Sheppard in Houston, and after two years, he joined the firm of Hervey, Dow and Hinkle in Roswell, New Mexico. He joined the Midland firm of Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder in 1959, and during his time there, he was engaged by British Petroleum to work on the Prudhoe Bay Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreements.

In 1974, six lawyers left the Stubbeman firm to form Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe and Morrow. The founders envisioned a small firm, but with the Arab oil crisis, the law firm grew to 35 lawyers.

Bledsoe was among the first Texas attorneys to be certified a specialist in oil, gas and mineral law. He has served on the board of the Oil and Gas Specialization. He was recognized by the Texas Bar Foundation in 2008 and received the Fifty-Year Lawyer Award.

Edgar was born in Stephenville and graduated from Tarleton State University, then a two-year school, and transferred to the University of Texas where he graduated in 1957 with a bachelor of science in petroleum engineering. Among the companies he has worked for are Pan American Petroleum Corp. in Odessa, Leibrock, Landreth, Campbell and Callaway, where he was a reservoir engineer and manager of the consulting division, and Kanata Exploration Co. Edgar served as vice president, president and director of Tipperary Land and Exploration and as managing director in Brisbane, Australia.

Edgar became general manager of Western States Producing Co. in 1971, and in 1973, he became an independent consultant and investor.

Edgar is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the American

Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers and the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists.

Sipes, a Big Spring native, received a bachelor of science in petroleum engineering from Texas Tech University in 1957. He began his career with Core Laboratories Inc., and after he served with the U.S. Army, he moved to Midland to establish a consulting office for Core.

Two years later, Sipes joined a local petroleum consulting firm, which he and his associates purchased and renamed Sipes, Williamson & Associates Inc. He formed Chisos Operating Inc. in 1980, and founded Diversified Remediation Inc., a Houston-based environmental cleanup company, in 1990.

Sipes has helped establish definitions and accepted standards for reservoir engineering that also were used by the Texas Water Development Board and the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame, which was instituted in October 1967, honors "those persons and firms who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the petroleum industry or have served as worthy examples to those in the petroleum industry," according to a press release from the museum. Previous inductees include former Presidents George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush, former commerce secretary Don Evans, state Rep. Tom Craddick, Concho Chairman and CEO Tim Leach, and Scott Sheffield, chairman of the board of Pioneer Natural Resources.

The induction ceremony is planned for May 2 at the Petroleum Club. To learn more about the inductees, go to pbpetro.org. For more information about the event, contact Luanne Thornton at lthornton@petroleummuseum.org or 683-4403.

How to protect your data on Facebook

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Facebook has shared users' private messages, contact information and other personal data with companies such as Microsoft and Spotify, according to a New York Times report that was alarming even in light of previous disclosures about the social network's practices.

Is there anything users can do to protect their data without walking away from Facebook altogether?

Experts say there is not much you can do about information that is already in Facebook's hands. But you can at least find out what the company has on you, and you can take steps to limit how much more it can gather from here on in.

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS

Facebook claims it had permission to give companies the data outlined in the Times story, though the company tends to define "permission" loosely.

Users can at least employ their privacy settings to try to limit access as much as possible. Facebook offers a series of shortcuts.

On desktops and laptops, look for the triangle on the upper right corner of the browser. On Apple and Android devices, you can access shortcuts through the menu, denoted by three horizontal bars. Select "settings" and "privacy" to review who has access.

You can limit who sees your posts and other activity, turn off your location history, and disable third-party apps from having access to your data, although again, some of the information that Facebook shared was supposedly private.

You can also change other privacy settings by checking "Timeline and Tagging" in your account settings.

ACTUALLY READ THE TERMS OF SERVICE

Facebook says it didn't violate user agreements in sharing the data. Whether that's true or not, most users barely even look at terms of service notifications before clicking "accept."

Reading through one can be dizzying. But it can illuminate just how much access Facebook has to your data and can give users a glimpse of what's going on

behind the scenes.

Of course, Facebook can change the agreement at any time, says Rich Mogull, CEO of data security firm Securosis, so it can be hard to determine whether Facebook is violating any terms or not. That's on purpose, he says.

"Look how long the agreement is," he says. "It's written by the best-paid lawyers in the world."

EVALUATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FACEBOOK

Ultimately, whether you stay on Facebook depends on how much the service benefits you versus how much it takes from you.

Bajarin says connecting with friends and family is still worth the risk of sharing his data. "But I'm becoming more targeted about who I communicate with, and I'm taking more control of what I post and what I don't post," he says.

MINIMIZE YOUR FACEBOOK PRESENCE

Tim Bajarin, president of consultancy Creative Strategies, says in light of the recent news on what Facebook is doing, he has

changed the way he uses the service. While he used to share photos of family, now "it's mostly dogs and cats," he says.

Experts advise that if you are worried about what Facebook does with your data, limit your time on the service and minimize posting. Essentially, assume all information you share is public, regardless of any privacy settings. Also, avoid clicking on any ads or posts, that will limit Facebook's access to your data.

FIND OUT WHAT FACEBOOK KNOWS

Even if you can't stop Facebook altogether from using your data, you can at least take a look at what it has on you. And it is probably a lot. Facebook allows people to download all of their data that the company has collected.

Under "Settings," click on "Your Facebook Information" and "Download Your Information." You will get a file with every photo and comment you've posted, all the ads you've clicked on, stuff you've liked and searched for, and everyone you've friended — and unfriended — over the years.

OPEC

From 1A

to the lowest in decades.

The International Energy Agency, which advises consuming countries, predicts history will repeat itself and next year's cutbacks will be effectively doubled by unintentional losses from Venezuela and the impact of U.S. sanctions on Iran.

Venezuela's helping hand may not be so forceful next year. The Latin American nation ended up removing more oil from the market than Saudi Arabia, despite having less than one-fifth of the kingdom's production. Yet its decline has slowed in recent months and Oil Minister Manuel Quevedo said last month that a recovery is underway.

Iran's exports remain a wild card. The collapse in crude prices of about 40 percent from their October peak was precipitated in part by the Trump administration unexpectedly granting of six-month waivers to some of the Persian Gulf nation's biggest customers. Only he will decide whether this crude continues to flow after those exemptions expire.

The IEA's outlook also hinges on another fragile assumption: that other OPEC+ members will honor their promised curbs in full.

Saudi Arabia led the way in 2017 by cutting even deeper than pledged, and it appears willing to make the same sacrifice now. Yet other major producers that lagged behind before — most notably Iraq and Kazakhstan — may once again prove slow and unreliable in their implementation.

Iraq, which made less than a third of its pledged cuts according to the IEA, now has more production capacity at its disposal as it pushes on with new projects and restores output halted during a political dispute with its Kurdish population. Kazakhstan was the only signatory that actually increased output during the agreement.

If prices continue to languish, selling that extra crude to boost revenue could prove very tempting. "The big question is whether OPEC+ is up to the task," said Harry Tchilingirian, head of commodity markets strategy at BNP Paribas SA.

CAPS

From 1A

than student outcomes, reliance on property tax growth and the declining state share toward funding education.

He also addressed four goals. The first was "improving student outcomes." Less than 50 percent of public school students are reading at or above grade level by third grade, and graduates are not meeting college-, career-, or military-readiness standards, he said.

Colyandro said there are 88,000 Texas third-graders who failed the basic assessment for math and reading. He also reported that in 2017, of non-economically disadvantaged students, only 31 percent reached the necessary basic score that would indicate college-readiness.

The three solutions he offered were: put the best teachers in the earlier grades and on the toughest campuses and pay them more;

reward districts that achieve targeted student outcomes; and

increase state resources for early

"We are on the cusp of being able to do nothing because the financial impact is so great."

John Colyandro, senior advisor and director of policy for Gov. Greg Abbott

childhood education.

The second goal is to make the finance formula more efficient and equitable.

The two problems Colyandro identified were that the index is outdated and does not reflect student-need and that the current compensatory education weight does not accurately represent student poverty.

The solutions he identified were to utilize a spectrum-based approach to efficiently and equitably address student-need with more resources and to give administrators spending flexibility to focus resources as they deem necessary to meet outcome goals.

The third goal was to ease reliance on property tax. The problems are

■ The school finance system relies too heavily on local property taxes and promotes declining state share.

■ Fixed maintenance and operations rates ensure property tax bills always increase as property values increase.

A document provided by the governor's office, states the average Texas home sold for \$182,451 in 2006. By 2017, the cost of the average home increased to \$274,073 — 50 percent higher. It also states that the average taxable value of the single-family home has increased 192 percent in the

last 20 years, while the median household income has increased 60 percent.

Colyandro said the solutions are to cap annual property tax revenue increases to promote housing affordability and compress district M&O tax rates as property values rise and fund the difference through new state revenues.

The last goal is to reduce "Robin Hood" recapture payments. He said the problem is that recapture growth will continue to skyrocket as property values rise. Under the governor's plan, recapture growth will slow to \$3 billion annually by 2023 instead of the expected \$5 billion.

Midland ISD Recapture payments

2013-14	\$14,957 million
2014-15	\$32,077 million
2015-16	\$47,513 million
2016-17	\$45,817 million
2017-18	\$38,085 million
2018-19 (projection)	\$62,845 million

The amounts for 2019-20 and 2020-21 could be \$90.7 million and \$114.5 million respectively. MISD officials called those "soft estimates."



Mark Lennihan/AP

The New York Stock Exchange is bathed in holiday light Dec. 11 in New York. U.S. stocks were slightly lower Thursday morning a day after another big plunge rocked markets around the world. Asian and European indexes suffered bigger losses. Stocks have tumbled as investors grow increasingly worried the U.S. could slip into a recession in the next few years.

Dow sinks another 464 points as slowdown fears worsen

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks went into another slide Thursday in what is shaping up as the worst December on Wall Street since the depths of the Great Depression, with prices dragged down by rising fears of a recession somewhere on the horizon.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 464 points, bringing its losses to more than 1,700 since last Friday. The broader S&P 500 index continued its slump, too, and is down 10.6 percent this month alone, with six days of trading to go.

"This is the classic shoot-first-and-ask-questions-later market," said Scott Wren, senior global equity strategist at Wells Fargo Investment Institute. Stocks usually end the year with a flourish, and December is usually the best month of the year for the market. But this month has been dismal. Without a decent rally, this could be the worst December since 1931.

The S&P 500 is almost 16 percent below the peak it reached in late September. It is on track for its biggest one-month loss since February 2009 and its first losing year in a decade. (The index took tiny losses in 2011 and

2015 but ended those years higher once dividends were included.)

Likewise, the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite is down 19.5 percent from the record high it reached in August.

Investors are growing worried that global economic growth is cooling off and that the U.S. could slip into a recession in the next few years.

The market swoon is coming even as the U.S. economy is on track to expand this year at the fastest pace in 13 years. Markets tend to move, however, on what investors try to anticipate will happen further out.

The possibility of a partial shutdown of the federal government at midnight Friday also loomed over the market. In general, shutdowns don't affect the U.S. economy or the market much unless they stretch out for several weeks, but investors don't like uncertainty, especially in Washington.

Among other threats: the trade dispute between the U.S. and China, and rising U.S. interest rates, which act as a brake on economic growth by making it more expensive for businesses and individuals to borrow money.

The selling in the last two days came after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the fourth time this year and signaled it was likely to continue rais-

ing rates next year.

Wren said investors felt Fed Chairman Jerome Powell came off as unconcerned about the state of the U.S. economy and fears that the economy could not just slow down, as expected, but go into a recession in 2019 or 2020.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told Fox Business on Thursday afternoon that the market's reaction to the Fed was "completely overblown."

The S&P 500 index skidded 39.54 points, or 1.6 percent, to 2,467.42. The Dow fell 464.06 points, or 2 percent, to 22,859.60 after sinking as much as 679 during the day.

The Nasdaq fell 108.42 points, or 1.6 percent, to 6,528.41. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies dropped 23.23 points, or 1.7 percent, to 1,326.

Oil prices continued to retreat. Benchmark U.S. crude fell 4.8 percent to \$45.88 a barrel in New York, and it has dropped 40 percent since early October.

After early gains, bond prices headed lower. The yield on the two-year Treasury rose to 2.87 percent from 2.65 percent, while the 10-year note rose to 2.80 percent from 2.77 percent.

The stock markets in France, Germany, Britain, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Tokyo and Hong Kong also fell

Democrats to start presidential primary debates in June 2019

By Bill Barrow
Associated Press

Democrats will hold at least a dozen presidential primary debates starting in June 2019 and running through April 2020, with party Chairman Tom Perez promising rules that will give everyone in a potentially large field a fair shot at voters' attention.

Making public his first in a series of decisions on the 2020 debate calendar, Perez said Thursday that the national party will sponsor six debates in 2019 and six more in 2020. That could be extended if the nomination process drags deep into the spring. Exact dates, locations, media partners and qualifying thresholds will be announced in early 2019. But Perez says early voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina won't host debates until 2020.

The first two debates in June and July will have two rounds, possibly over two nights, to accommodate what is expected to be an unwieldy field. Candidates will be assigned at random, Perez said, to avoid the party picking and choosing who is a top-tier contender, as Republicans did during their 2016 primary debates.

"Democrats want to put our eventual nominee in the strongest position possible to defeat Donald Trump," Perez said. He said officials have "listened to voices across our party about how we can make the primary process better" and set rules that "will help every candidate feel like they got a fair shake." National figures like

former Vice President Joe Biden and Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Kamala Harris of California and Cory Booker of New Jersey likely would have no trouble qualifying for the debate stage regardless of the rules.

But for upstart candidates, from governors and mayors to little-known members of Congress, getting a slot in the initial debates could be a make-or-buy opportunity. One such candidate, Rep. John Delaney of Maryland, has already invested considerable time and money in Iowa and New Hampshire. In a statement Thursday, he called it "encouraging that the DNC is really embracing a fair process."

Perez's announcement Thursday comes after months of discussions among party officials, television networks and previous presidential campaigns. Mary Beth Cahill, who ran Sen. John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign, has led the process for Perez.

From the outset, Perez and Cahill stated a determination to avoid charges of favoritism that dogged Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton in 2016, in

part because of the debate schedule established by then-Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

In the last election cycle, Wasserman Schultz did not commit to an initial six debates until May 2015; the first debate wasn't held until that October. Democrats had a total of nine debates in that primary fight, not counting additional forums.

Perez also has used Republicans' 2016 experience as a guide. Then GOP Chairman Rince Priebus sanctioned 12 debates for a field of 18 candidates, beginning in August. Some early debates featured two stages on the same night, but the GOP divided the field into essentially a varsity lineup and a junior varsity group of longshots.

"Drawing lots strikes me as the fairest way to ensure everyone gets a fair shake," Perez said. Perez committed to using qualifying thresholds beyond polling for at least the June and July debates. As an example, he cited grassroots fundraising. Party officials involved in debate discussions have also mentioned metrics such as the number of field offices in the early voting

states.

Top Democrats also said that the two-stage approach and expansive qualifying thresholds could conceivably be extended to later debates if the field remains too large for one stage.

Perez did not say precisely how many candidates he believes is too large for one stage, though he referred to "a double-digit field" when discussing the June and July sessions. Details of the debates ultimately must be hammered out with the co-sponsoring television networks that pay for the events, but Perez and other Democratic officials have said the networks appear amenable to the party's ideas.

The party will not bar candidates from participating in other forums, Perez said, referring to events that may feature multiple candidates but not have them on stage at the same time to interact with one another.

Perez said that while the traditional first four states will not host debates in 2019, he would not restrict early debates in states like California that are holding March primaries with mail ballots going out even as Iowans are gathering for the first caucus.

USDA moves to tighten restrictions on food stamps

By Juliet Linderman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is setting out to do what this year's farm bill didn't: tighten work requirements for millions of Americans who receive federal food assistance.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Thursday is proposing a rule that would restrict the ability of states to exempt work-eligible adults from having to obtain steady employment to receive food stamps.

The move comes just weeks after lawmakers passed a \$400 billion farm bill that reauthorized agriculture and conservation programs while leaving the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which serves roughly 40 million Americans, virtually untouched.

Passage of the farm bill followed months of tense negotiations over House efforts to significantly tighten work requirements and the Senate's refusal to accept the provisions.

Currently, able-bodied adults ages 18-49 without children are required to work 20 hours a week to maintain their SNAP benefits. The House bill would have raised the age of recipients subject to work requirements from 49 to 59 and required parents with children older than 6 to work or participate in job training. The House measure also sought to limit circumstances under which families that qualify for other poverty programs can automatically be eligible for SNAP.

None of those measures made it into the final farm bill despite being endorsed by President Donald Trump. Now the administration is using regulatory rulemaking to try to scale back the SNAP program.

Work-eligible able-bodied adults without dependents, known as ABAWDs, can currently receive only three months of SNAP benefits in a three-year period if they don't meet the 20-hour work requirement. States with an unemployment rate of 10 percent or higher or a demonstrable lack of sufficient jobs can waive those limitations.

States are also allowed to grant benefit extensions for 15 percent of their work-eligible adult population without a waiver. If a state doesn't use its 15 percent, it can bank the exemptions to distribute later, creating what Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue referred to as a "stockpile."

The USDA's proposed rule would strip states' ability to issue waivers unless a city or county has an unemployment rate of 7 percent or higher. The

waivers would be good for one year and would require the governor to support the request. States would no longer be able to bank their 15 percent exemptions. The new rule also would forbid states from granting waivers for geographic areas larger than a specific jurisdiction.

Perdue said the proposed rule is a tradeoff for Trump's support of the farm bill. He is expected to sign it on Thursday.

"The president has directed me to propose regulatory reforms to ensure those who are able to work do so in exchange for their benefits," Perdue said during a media call Wednesday. "We would much rather have Congress enact these important reforms for the SNAP program. However, these regulatory changes by the USDA will save hardworking taxpayers \$15 billion over 10 years and give President Trump comfort enough to support a farm bill he might otherwise have opposed."

The USDA in February solicited public comment on ways to reform SNAP, and Perdue has repeatedly voiced support for scaling back the program. The Trump administration's effort, while celebrated by some conservatives, has been met with criticism from advocates who say tightening restrictions will result in more vulnerable Americans, including children, going hungry.

A Brookings Institute study published this summer said more stringent work requirements are likely to hurt those who are already part of the workforce but whose employment is sporadic.

House Agriculture Chairman Michael Conaway was the primary champion for tighter SNAP work requirements in the House farm bill. He praised the proposed rule for "creating a roadmap for states to more effectively engage ABAWDs in this booming economy."

The top Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee, Debbie Stabenow, of Michigan, who along with its Republican chairman, Sen. Pat Roberts, of Kansas, crafted the bipartisan Senate bill without any changes to SNAP, blasted the Trump administration for its attempt to restrict the program.

"This regulation blatantly ignores the bipartisan farm bill that the president is signing today and disregards over 20 years of history giving states flexibility to request waivers based on local job conditions," Stabenow said. "I expect the rule will face significant opposition and legal challenges."

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OPINION

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Pandering to his base sabotages Trump, GOP

Remember the old saw about the salesman who loses money on every sale but thinks he can make up the shortfall by selling in volume?

That's what comes to mind every time I hear people say that President Trump is being shrewd by pandering to his base.

Consider last week's remarkable Oval Office meeting between Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-California), Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-New York) and Trump. (There is photo evidence, but no audio, to suggest that Vice President Mike Pence was also in the room.) What was supposed to be a brief photo-op turned into a dramatic confrontation when the president invited television cameras to stay for the conversation.

As always happens after one of these political reality-show spectacles, the chattering classes set out to score the bout. According to conventional rules, Pelosi and Schumer came out the winners. They got Trump to admit that if there's a government shutdown over border wall funding, it will be all his doing. (Just before the meeting, congressional Republicans were pre-spinning a "Schumer shutdown.") Pelosi solidified her claim to the House leadership while Trump made future bipartisan deals with the Democrats — something he reportedly wants — less likely.

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According to The Los Angeles Times' Eli Stokols, even Trump realized he was taken when it was over: He "stormed out" of the meeting and threw a folder of briefing papers across the room.

Yet there was a loud contrarian analysis that said Trump came out a winner. Why? Because his base loves this stuff.

"If you are a supporter of the president's policies," wrote the Daily Beast's Matt Lewis (no Trump booster himself), "this was an especially welcome display — a rare example of a president publicly fighting for his policy goal: a border wall."

Across Fox News opinion shows and right-wing talk radio, the view that Trump won was nearly unanimous.

Even Yahoo News' Matt Bai, a decidedly left-leaning observer, excoriated liberals for not understanding that "Trump knows that every time he flouts the staid conven-

tion of the office, every time he does the thing that seems inappropriate among the political set, he's winning with the chunk of the electorate he still has."

Sure. The problem is that chunk is not a majority.

Bai's larger observation — that Trump is so embattled he can't afford to lose his hard-core supporters — is a good one in the context of gaming out how Trump can survive impeachment. When looking at what advances this administration's agenda or is good for the Republican Party, however, "his base loves it" doesn't score any points.

Worse, it's self-fulfilling prophecy. As he sheds the mostly suburban voters who gave him his margin of victory in 2016, of course he clings more tightly to those who celebrate the behaviors that are bleeding the GOP of support. They're the only ones left. Proclaiming that "his base loves it" may be an explanation, but it's no excuse. And it misses the point if you care about the GOP's long-term viability or even Trump's re-election prospects. He's going to need more voters than his amen chorus.

Last month's midterms showed what a national election looks like when only Trump enablers feel highly motivated to vote Republican. The GOP lost Orange

County, California, the ancestral home of the conservative movement. New England now has more GOP governors than Republican members of Congress. In Iowa, the GOP lost all of its House races save for uber-Trumpy Steve King's. A party in which only bigoted goons like King can thrive by fueling white resentment is destined for the dustbin of history.

The irony here is that Trump's base will forgive him for nearly anything. He easily could have used the wall as leverage to gain Democratic support for mandating that all employers use E-Verify to confirm a prospective employee has legal immigration status. This is what serious immigration hawks have implored him to do — and he'd get credit for being the great deal-maker he claims to be.

But the larger irony is that his base-service has led him into this very predicament: shutdown or back down.

Most presidents try to expand their coalition while holding onto their base. Trump has shrunk his coalition and laid the foundation for future shrinkage by forcing his party to endorse his behavior. Trump will be gone soon enough, but at this rate the party of Trump will be a rump party.

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OPINION EXTRA

New York becomes ground zero in left's battle with parents

Last month, the New York State Education Department made a crucial decision: Commissioner MaryEllen Elia handed authority to local school boards to veto the right for private schools to operate. Those school boards must now determine whether private schools provide an education "substantially equivalent to that received in district public schools." According to Jewish educators Elya Brudny and Yisroel Reisman, "The state government now requires private schools to offer a specific set of classes more comprehensive than what students in public schools must learn."

This isn't a problem for Jewish schools alone — Catholic schools in New York have bucked the legislation, with James Cultrara, executive secretary of the New York Council of Catholic School Superintendents, explaining, "We simply cannot accept a competing school having authority over whether our schools can operate."

Now there's a case to be made that the state has an interest in children learning basic secular studies, and to that end, Cultrara has called for an objective standard for evaluating whether or not schools are properly educating their students. That case is far stronger in a welfare state, in which insufficient education often ends with the public bearing the brunt of such failures.

But there's also a case to be made that parents are the best sources for judging which educational standards their children should obtain — and that attempting to force-feed education to unwilling students and parents at threat of legal peril is a massive imposition on freedom. It's also unlikely that a broadly applied standard of education will succeed in raising standards across the board. The public school system hasn't been able to achieve that even absent religious conflicts.

More fascinating than this debate, however, is the generalized attitude toward parenting expressed by the social left. If you choose to send your child to a non-approved yeshiva, you must be policed and your child threatened with truancy. If, however, you are a parent who decides to expose your 11-year-old son to risk of sexual perversion, then you're open-minded and noble.

What else are we to take from the story of Desmond Napoleo? Napoleo is an 11-year-old boy who dresses in drag for national press, and who was squired — presumably by his parents — to a gay bar in Brooklyn, New York, called 3 Dollar Bill, where grown men proceeded to hand dollar bills to him. As writer Matt Walsh has pointed out, were Desmond a girl being paraded by her parents before the leering stares of grown men, child protective services would be called. But since Desmond is a celebrity who has been exploited by his parents, this is all worth celebrating.

Which is, perhaps, one of the reasons so many religious parents don't want the state of New York determining what they should and should not be allowed to teach their children. Religious parents may look at the world created by the social left and say that they want to inculcate in their children an alternative set of values. There may be costs to that. Perhaps there are ways to mitigate those costs. But overall, only one set of parents is being punished for making "educational" decisions by the state of New York and it's not the set of parents cross-dressing their pre-pubescent children for fun and cash.

— Ben Shapiro, Creators Syndicate

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Sane immigration policy hits a wall

President Donald Trump said he was going to do this disastrous thing of shutting down the government to get Democrats to give him money for his Great Wall of America and now he is saying fairies in the sky will provide the funding, or something like that and the hard hit are the American people.

Both sides are analytically asked — Trump for saying Mexico would come up with the money and the Democrats for saying the project would accomplish nothing but degrading the innocent.

Let's focus on this point and ask whether they thought we were still considering the original vision of a 30-foot-high pile of concrete stretching across 2,000 miles of the southern border. That's been fake news for some time now. Early in the year, the administration said the project would be about 700 miles long and would include fences and old features recast into new efficiency. There would be more reliance on technology and improved use of manpower.

It's true that Trump says one thing one day and another thing the next, but that's more a reflection of an inconstant mind than of reality. More critics are now saying "the wall" will stop the intruders, save money and serve the country. Right now, we're getting prototypes of new-style, mostly metal walls that are being extensively tested. If tunnels scare you, please know that they also scare technicians figuring out ways to find light at the end of the problem.

Providing assistance is an Israeli contractor, and nobody knows walls better than the Israelis. David Rubin, a past mayor of the town of Shiloh in Israel, was recently on Fox News giving evidence of that assertion. He talked about how some 55,000 illegal immigrants poured over the Israeli-Egyptian border between 2010 and 2012. Then there was a wall, and, soon enough, there were no illegal immigrants. Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu verified the story about a year ago.

We also have a study by the National Academy of Sciences showing how the project could not only pay for itself but make double what it cost. As reported by the Center for Immigration Studies, the study shows the lifetime savings per individual stopped would be more than \$74,000.

JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service



The walls, fences, guards and drones could block out tens of thousands.

The illegal immigrants, you see, are mostly unskilled and uneducated. There are lots of educational and welfare services their children rightly get on top of roads and the like. The immigrants are willing to work for very little, take away jobs from natives and help keep wages low. The low wages mean low taxes, and even the extra, beneficial wealth that businesses and society get from them and from the more educated immigrants are overcome by the cost of extra government services.

That's according to George Borjas, a Harvard professor who says we are losing about \$50 billion a year even when you look at all immigrants, legal and illegal.

The answer is not just respect for sovereignty by our own politicians and a secure border, but redoing refugees policy, a better system of catching those who overstay their visas and tougher sanctions on businesses that hire illegal workers. What's needed in our legal system is a merit system of admissions. Admitting every foreign applicant who is poor, as some seem to want, would produce an inoperable country. The real answers to poverty reside in countries of origin and their discoveries of rule of law, capitalism, free international trade and education.

The need in our government is for balanced debate instead of Nancy Pelosi, a speaker of the House in history and in hope, asserting that walls are immoral, an idea yet to find a home in a balanced brain. Trump and his fellows have some rethinking to do, too, and let's please not wall in hope.

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Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Spite

6 Don't believe it

10 Lying lion in "The Lion King"

14 Colleague of Samuel and Sonia

15 Yorkshire river

16 In fine fettle

17 Cartoon drawing of Rip Van Winkle?

19 Camera part

20 Blackens

21 "We need to get a call"

22 Set off

24 Decoration for a Tinseltown party gift?

27 Seat for a shot

30 Piedmont province

31 Orchestral gong

33 Salem winter hrs.

34 Hat-removing event

38 Be off base

39 Dismiss a disobedient film computer?

42 Future fish

43 "Oliver Twist" type

45 Farm mom

46 It may be held or bitten

48 "Insecure" Emmy nominee

50 Bad looks

51 Dixie hospitality, e.g.?

57 Dig

58 Macabre monogram

59 Name of two of Henry VIII's wives

63 Massachusetts motto opener

64 Allowing use of, as a library does ... or, in three parts, a hint to four puzzle answers

67 First-rate

68 Angry

69 Busybody

70 Two-time World Series champs

71 Like falling off a log?

72 Boorish

DOWN

1 Protective wear, often

2 Self-titled 1969 jazz album

3 Poetic negative

4 Not to be repeated

5 Blueprint

6 Culinary mushroom

7 Foul

8 "Ash Wednesday" poet's monogram

9 Device that generates solar power

10 Bash

11 West Indies native

12 Colleague of Kagan and Kavanaugh

13 Alter with thread

18 Unagi, e.g.

23 Nabbed

25 Kiddie lit count

26 Clean with soap

27 Brood

28 Twelve Oaks neighbor

29 Katz of "Dallas"

32 Mother of J.R. and Bobby

33 Row of seats

35 Advocate

36 Whiskey

37 Catepress.com offerings

40 Big laugh

41 1970 Kinks hit

44 Gym goal

47 Hard-to-define spiritualist

49 Cow, for one

51 Cook, as clams

52 Not a heavy weight

53 Up in the air

54 Bogotá babies

55 Family nickname

56 N.Y. engineering sch.

60 Actress Gaye of "Ali"

61 Bar freebies

62 Itinerary info

65 Victorian

66 9/11 Memorial site: Abbr.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: UNWED VIPER GOVERN ORATOR
 Answer: The new bartender got to know his customers by establishing a — GOOD "RE-POUR"

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

ACROSS

1. Run off at the mouth

5. Fibbing

6. ___ page

7. Farm

DOWN

1. Narrative song

2. Blood ___

3. Make less dark

4. Breathe roughly

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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SELECTED CHRISTMAS SERVICES SUNDAY

Hope for Every Home candlelight service, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Second Baptist Church.

Christmas service will feature live music, story time and worship, 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. at Stonegate Fellowship. Limited child care available for 6 weeks to 3. Free; tickets required.

"Believe: The Christmas Story Comes to Life," 5:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church.

Christmas Lessons and Carols Service, 5-7 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Christmas program, 6 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church.

MONDAY

Christmas Eve Lunch, 11:30 a.m. at Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry.

Candlelight services with music 30 minutes before service, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. First Baptist Church.

Wonder: Christmas Eve services, 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Crestview Baptist Church.

Children's Christmas Pageant, 5 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m. St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church.

Service, followed by reception, 6 p.m. at God's Rainbow Promises Fellowship.

IN NEED

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities at midlandvolunteerconnections.com for current needs by area nonprofits.

WE ARE THE WORLD teen volunteers 14 and older wanted for MARC special event today and Saturday. marctexas.org.

SENIOR BOX HELP The West Texas Food Bank is looking for help in January to fill more than 500 boxes to help feed senior citizens. wtfoodbank.org.

TAX HELP. Casa de Amigos offers free tax help to people who meet the requirements. Volunteers needed for February will receive specialized training from an IRS certified VITA/TCE specialist. Volunteer roles include being a greeter, a reviewer, a tax preparer and more.

BE A MENTOR for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Permian Basin. Mentors do not tutor but provide friendship and serve as positive role models. Visit bbbsmidland.org.

DONATION NEEDS Crisis Center of West Texas is looking for magazines as part of a self-esteem lesson for students. Take your issues to the offices at 910-B S Grant Ave. in Odessa.

HOSPICE HELP Volunteer opportunities for two to four hours a shift. Call 682-2855 for more information.



Courtesy, Photo

Senior Companions volunteers at a monthly training and luncheon after a team-building exercise.

Senior Companions program works to find volunteers to pair with homebound elderly

By Rich Lopez
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Editors' Note: Program coordinator Eric Anthony Uresti who was interviewed for this piece has since passed as this went to press. Senior Link of Midland requested the article to proceed.

Among Senior Link of Midland's many programs, the search is on for more volunteers to meet community needs and to connect with others. Senior Companions pairs mobile seniors with those who are homebound to help with errands, doctor appointments or simple visits.

The program "fulfills the basic human requirement of companionship," according to the Senior Link website. Presently, that program needs companions.

"Right now, we have 29 volunteers who are serving 37 clients," program coordinator Eric Anthony

Visit online

For more information about Senior Companions or to sign up as a volunteer, visit seniorlinkmidland.org.

Uresti said. "Ideally, we'd want two volunteers serving a client, but right now there are some serving up to three clients a week."

Uresti has a list of 30 clients hoping to be paired with a companion. Typically, there are about 40 volunteers to meet all the program's needs, but as the economy fluctuates, Uresti notices the effect on the pool of volunteers.

"The economy plays a huge factor because cost of living goes higher and rents (and) some seniors are forced back to work or simply move out of the area," he said. Potential volunteers can visit the agency to register. The requirements are minimal: 55 and

older, on a limited income and preferably able to drive. Seniors can volunteer a minimum of 15 hours a week up to 40 hours. Uresti screens the applicant and pairs him or her with the right client or clients.

"When I get a client, I'll meet with them. They are wanting someone to visit because they get lonely. They want to be able to socialize but remain independent in their own home, and so we offer that dignity," Uresti said. "After we've screened the volunteers, I can pair the two who may connect best."

But both client and volunteer can decline in case that connection isn't there, which, doesn't happen often, Uresti said.

Mobile seniors on a fixed income can have an added benefit to volunteering. Although technically volunteers, a stipend is offered based on the number of hours they spend with the clients. They will

also receive mileage and meal reimbursement.

Uresti and Senior Link communications director Tracy Renton both believe that the benefits are far deeper than stipends or volunteer hours.

"The program is about investing in relationships and seniors' needs. There are already so many challenges that they face — especially if they are homebound," she said. "We are trying to keep them comfortable and live in their home as long as possible without having to take on the financial burden of being in a facility."

Uresti said feedback from the volunteers has been heartwarming. "They gain from it just as well. I've had volunteers tell me they now have a sense of value and that before, they didn't feel needed," he said. "With this program, seniors — clients and volunteers — gain friendships and social interaction they might not have had before."

Priest takes pope's mandate — good deeds for all — across US

By John Rogers
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Father Jim Sichko has a 50-state congregation and a simple mandate from the pope: Go forth and do good deeds.

That's why the Roman Catholic priest found himself standing by the drive-thru of a popular Hollywood fast-food joint on a recent windy, rain-swept afternoon buying lunch for everyone who stopped by. The next day he'd be at a gas station in Kentucky, topping off people's tanks. Then it would be on to Arizona where he would — well, he wasn't quite sure what he'd do there, but he'd think of something.

At a Starbucks last Christmas, he tipped each of the baristas \$100 after learning the annual brouhaha over whether the coffee chain's holiday cups are Christmas-y enough had caused tips to plummet.

Sichko is a papal missionary of mercy, a rarified group of 700 from around the world, including 100 from the United States, who were appointed directly by Pope Francis in celebration of a "Jubilee of Mercy" that began in December 2015 and has since been extended indefinitely.



Joe C. Hong/AP

Father Jim Sichko, center, gives Nicholas Vadi, left, a \$100 bill to congratulate his birthday while buying lunch for customers at an In-N-Out Burger on Dec. 5 in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. "My approach is not so much speaking about the word of God, although I do a lot of that, but showing the presence of God through acts of kindness that kind of shock the individual and kind of cause them to, maybe cause them to stop for a little bit," he said.

Missionaries were assigned to travel the world spreading kindness, forgiveness, joy and mercy to everyone they encountered. Some responded by using their newly granted authority from the pope to perform confession and forgiveness of sins basically anywhere at any time. Others took to radio airwaves or retreats to offer messages of joy.

Sichko, a Kentucky-based preacher, came up with an idea different from the others and got his bishop at

the Diocese of Lexington to sign off on it: He'd travel his country performing random acts of kindness in all 50 states.

He's provided groceries for half a year to a man with HIV and paid for medical services for a struggling Muslim family. This Christmas, he's headed to an elementary school in Corbin, Kentucky, where more than a quarter of the population lives in poverty. There he'll surprise the school's 100 second-graders with shiny

new bicycles.

"The first question people ask is, 'Why are you doing this?'" Sichko says between bites of his double-double cheeseburger at the crowded In N' Out restaurant down the street from the Hollywood Walk of Fame where he'd just bought lunch for everybody.

"My question," the balding, bespectacled 51-year-old cleric adds with a smile, "is why not?"

"My approach is not so much speaking about the word of God, although I do a lot of that, but showing the presence of God through acts of kindness that kind of shock the individual and kind of cause them to, maybe cause them to stop for a little bit," he said.

"Or maybe, which I hope, to again bring kindness to others."

He is candid in saying the church itself has much work to do in restoring its image after years of priestly sex and pedophilia scandals that he calls "horrific and tragic and disgusting."

"We have a lot of atonement to be doing," he says, adding that shocking people with random acts of kindness can be a first step in that direction.

To say he shocked his lunchtime In N' Out crowd would be a bit of an understatement.

One woman, overlooking his white clerical collar, asked Sichko if he was a politician.

"No, I'm not a politician. I'm a priest," he replied, nearly doubling over with laughter.

"How did this happen?" a stunned Hardy Patel asked.

"Just decided. I'm in a good mood."

"Early Christmas?"

"You got it. Pay it forward."

"I will do, I will do," Patel told him before driving off with his cheeseburger, then circling back to thank Sichko and take a selfie with him.

"Here's my selfie with the pope," Sichko told Luis Tostado a few minutes earlier as they posed for one by Tostado's Chevy Silverado.

Sichko's selfie shows him standing next to Francis as the pontiff cradles a bottle of 23-year-old Pappy Van Winkle Kentucky bourbon the priest gave him during a visit to the Vatican. He isn't sure if the pope is a bourbon man, but if not, the smile on Francis' face indicates he does have a sense of humor.

Sichko says he still doesn't know why the pontiff, who had never met him until 2015, chose him as a papal missionary of mercy. Ordained 20 years ago — "I

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Peter Masterson, actor, writer and filmmaker, dead at 84

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Peter Masterson, the playwright, filmmaker and actor with a knack for farce and drama whether co-writing the Tony-winning musical "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" or directing the movie adaptation of "The Trip to Bountiful," has died.

Masterson's son, also called Peter, said his father died Tuesday from complications from Parkinson's disease. He was 84 and died at his home in Kinderhook, New York.

Born Carlos Masterson, but known as Peter because his father preferred that name, the Houston native often worked with family members and was drawn to projects in his native Texas.



Masterson

His cousin was the Texas-born playwright Horton Foote, who wrote the stage version of "The Trip to Bountiful," the lyrical story of an elderly woman in Houston who longs to return to her home community. Geraldine Page won an Oscar for her starring performance in the 1985 film, which also featured Rebecca De Mornay and John Heard.

Masterson earlier had success in the theater as one of the creators of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," inspired by the real-life Chicken Ranch brothel. (Customers sometimes paid in chickens). The story began as a 1974 Playboy article by Larry L. King and was expanded into a musical after a dinner party conversation

among Masterson, King and songwriter Carol Hall, who died last fall.

Although described by The New York Times as "an erratic and ambling, if sleekly produced, business," the play ran more than three years on Broadway after opening in 1978, and Masterson received Tony nominations for direction and choreography. His wife, Carlin Glynn, won a best actress Tony.

A 1982 film adaptation, starring Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton, was a box office success but also a troubled production. Masterson was supposed to help direct and write the movie, but Universal replaced him with Colin Higgins. Meanwhile, Reynolds and Parton reportedly didn't get along, with Parton later calling the film a "nightmare."

Masterson also worked with his daughter, Mary

Stuart Masterson, known for such movies as "Fried Green Tomatoes." She made her debut in "The Stepford Wives," the 1975 film version of Ira Levin's novel about the extreme submissiveness of women in a Connecticut suburb. Peter Masterson and Katharine Ross starred as newly arrived residents of Stepford, with Mary Stuart Masterson playing one of their two children.

His other acting credits included "In the Heat of the Night," "The Exorcist" and "Gardens of Stone." He also helped write "The Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public," a poorly received sequel to "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," and directed such films as "Convicts," starring Robert Duvall, and "Whiskey School," which featured Mary Stuart Masterson.

Obituaries



Jim Martin

Jim Martin, age 48 of Midland, Texas passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2018. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 22nd in the Albany Cemetery with Chuck Sheppard officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Morehart Mortuary. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 21st at Morehart Mortuary of Albany.

James Lynn Martin was born November 11, 1970 to Jackie Martin and Patricia Rogers Martin in Abilene, Texas. He attended school in Albany and graduated from Albany High School. After graduation, Jim attended Western Texas College in Snyder for two years. On July 25, 2014, he married Kim Tadlock in Midland. Jim was an avid roper and was involved in team roping. He even participated in the World Series of Team Roping. He was a member of the United Professional Rodeo Association and the Original Team Roping Association.

He worked for Plains Pipeline as a pipeline operator. Jim was preceded in death by his grandparents, I.B. and Velma Rogers, Doc and Blanche Martin, and three uncles, Joe Martin, Bobbie Martin, Larry Rogers.

He is survived by his wife, Kim Martin of Midland, his parents, Jackie and Patricia Martin of Moran, one stepson, Dustin Juergens and wife Katie of Midland, one sister, Misty Miller and husband Henry of Leuders, and one grandchild, Emmitt Juergens.

Memorials may be made to the Cowboy Crisis Fund and may be left at Morehart Mortuary. Condolences may be made online at www.morehartmortuary.net.



Laverne Wegman Barr

Laverne Wegman Barr, 93, of Midland, died Sunday, December 16, 2018 at her residence. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 22, 2018 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Don Rosentreter officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 26, 1925 in Martin County, Texas to J.R. and Elizabeth Walker Marshall, and married Ted Wegman April 15, 1949. He preceded her in

death in March 1961. Laverne graduated from Big Spring High School. She worked for Sears, retiring after 25 years of service. She was an avid reader, enjoyed working crossword puzzles and going to water aerobics.

She was a longtime member of Bellview Baptist Church in Midland.

Survivors include three children, Terry Wegman and wife Debbie of Big Spring, Cindy Stevenson and husband, Mark of Katy, and Tim Wegman of Midland, one step-daughter, Theodora Locke and husband, Ken of Cypress, California, four grandchildren, Colby Wegman and wife, Courtney, Drew Wegman and wife, Demelle, and Peyton Stevenson; six great-grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Jimmy N. Marshall.

The family suggests memorials to Bellview Baptist Church, 1710 N. Big Spring St., Midland, Texas 79701 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory in Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 267-6331



Roger Phillip Burke

Roger Phillip Burke, 58, of Midland, Texas passed away on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 22, 2018 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland.

Phillip was born on November 30, 1960 in Roswell, NM, to Roger and Sue Burke. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, camp, golf or pretty much anything else outdoors. He enjoyed wood working, reading, and was a grilling connoisseur in his spare time. Most of all, he enjoyed the company of those he loved. He loved to laugh, joke around, and was one of the best advice givers you'll ever meet.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Pam Burke, daughter, Jeannie and Jarod Farda and their children Scout, Sailor, and Steel, son, Brad and Katie Burke and their children Aubrey and Bennett, daughter Samantha Jean and her children Allie and Bodhi, siblings Mike Flinn, Gail McLeer, and Karl Dienstbier.

He is preceded in death by sisters Linda Flinn and Poppy Burke.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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CALENDAR

DEC. 21-27

Due to the holidays, recurring events may be canceled.

TODAY

Christmas Bingo, 10 a.m. at Midland Senior Center, 3303 Illinois Ave.

Winter Solstice Social Ceremony, 6:30 p.m. at Earth, Body and Soul, 333 N. Midkiff Road.

CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. today and Sunday at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, 599-4490.

SATURDAY

Free Yoga, Open class; bring a mat, 9 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. Free.

SUNDAY

Christmas Pajama Party by Crestview Kids, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N. Loop 250 W.

Christmas: Hope for Every Home candlelight service, 9:30 and 11 a.m. at Second Baptist Church, 3125 Travis Ave. sbcmidland.com

Soul Surfers Youth Bible study, 9:30 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

Christmas service will feature refreshments, live music, story time and worship, 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. at Stonegate Fellowship Church,

6000 W. Wadley Ave. Limited child care available for 6 weeks to 3. Free but tickets required. stonegatefellowship.com.

"Believe: The Christmas Story Comes to Life," The event also features the Family Wonderland Zone, refreshments and photo booth, 5:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church, 901 N. Midland Drive. Free.

Christmas Lessons and Carols Service, 5-7 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 1600 N. A St.

Christmas Program, 6 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

MONDAY

Christmas Eve Lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry, 1401 Orchard Lane. Free.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with music 30 minutes before service, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave.

Wonder: Christmas Eve services, 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N. Loop 250 W.

Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N. sticksmnt.org

Christmas Eve service and reception, 6 p.m. at God's Rainbow Promises Fellowship Church, 501 N.

Loraine St.

Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero, 5:30 p.m. at Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3609.

TUESDAY

Permian Basin Buddhists meet with a free discussion group and meditation basics, 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists

WEDNESDAY

Baby Storytime features songs, stories, fingerplays and literacy play for children up to 2 years old. Space is limited so tickets are required for admission, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

THURSDAY

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues, 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org

La Hacienda Alumni Support group for former patients and guests, 7 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, 553-7220.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at rlopez@mr.com

Church founded by German-speaking refugees has last service

By Lou Whitmire
Mansfield News Journal

MANSFIELD, Ohio — The St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its last service Sunday at what once was the church home for hundreds of German-speaking refugees.

Bishop Abraham Allende, who oversees 180 congregations in the Northeastern Ohio synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, will be addressing the congregation at the 1 p.m. service Dec. 16.

"Individual congregations, like human beings, are not immortal," Allende said. "They eventually grow old and die. St. Peter's was unique in that it was the only church that worshipped exclusively in German. It served a vitally important need for those immigrants who wanted to hear the Gospel in their native language. However, as with any immigrant population, the second and third generations assimilate into the American culture and no longer feel that need or that connection to their ancestral homeland."

"In the end, for those who remained at St. Peter's, closing was the most faithful decision they could have made. They were commissioned by the Spirit of God to carry out an extraordinary mission of witness and service in Mansfield, 'for the time being,' but not forever."

Allende said currently the Northeastern Ohio synod has two Lutheran congregations that worship in Spanish in the Akron-Canton area. Others celebrate

occasional services in German and Finnish. The day will come when they, too, will find that the language of their ancestors no longer holds sway, he said.

"Sunday will be a bittersweet day for the people of St. Peter's, but despite the sadness, they will also hear the promise that God loves us and as they leave that familiar setting they will hopefully continue to seek to be an instrument of God's love no matter where our journey of faith may take us," Allende said.

Parishoner Erna Clark was born in Vienna, and her parents also immigrated to the United States from the former Yugoslavia. "It's the only church I've ever known. I grew up here," she said. "I will miss the church, but we are so blessed and happy it is going to house another congregation."

The church building is being purchased by Sovereign Christ Church of Fredericktown, she said. Clark said there are about 10 parishioners left and 10 people unfortunately can't keep a church running.

Friday, Elaine Siewert, whose husband Renato Siewert served as pastor for roughly 30 years until his death in 2016, said, "We're the youngest parishioners."

The St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church was built in 1952 by Pastor Karl Lahm, who with his wife and family immigrated here from the former Yugoslavia.

Lahm, followed by Pastor Siewert, were the two long-

term pastors who preached the Sunday sermons in German.

Gunther Lahm, son of Karl Lahm, who founded St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, was 3 years old when his parents came to America. The 1966 Malabar High School graduate recalled how Christmastime at the church was special as his father had all the children recite poems, sing songs and tell the Christmas story in German.

"It was all in German," he said proudly.

Jobs were plentiful in Mansfield when his father and other refugees came to town, he said. Many worked at factories including Westinghouse, Tappan, Ohio Brass and other prominent manufacturers.

"It is important to note that after my dad retired, the church had a tough time finding a German-speaking pastor. My dad continued to preach in German on special occasions and other Lutheran pastors would fill in with services in English," Gunther Lahm said.

Both Clark and Elaine Siewert were dusting the pews Friday, reminiscing about all the friendships, former pastors and the history of the church.

"Pastor Lahm confirmed me," Clark said.

Clark said there has always been an organist even though the congregation is small.

"This whole congregation sings," Siewert said.

Siewert, who speaks German, Portuguese and English, looked up one of her

favorite hymns, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," in one of two German hymnals.

Hymns were initially sung in German because a lot of parishioners didn't speak English "and because it was their mother language and they felt more comfortable," said Siewert.

Clark said the sermons are no longer in German anymore but said parishioners sing hymns in English or German.

"I like to sing the hymns in German. We always sang in German growing up," Clark said. "We had Saturday school at the church where we learned to read and write in German."

Siewert said her husband served as pastor at the 371 Central Ave. church from 1986 to 2016. "When he first came to this church he was a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus and at the same time he was doing his clinical pastoral education at Riverside Hospital," she said.

"A professor asked him to come and he did and he liked it. Our children were very small and it was just like family because we didn't have family then," she said. "But then we had to return to Brazil and we returned for three years. He was a pastor there. When we received a call from this congregation to come back, we did." She and her husband both grew up in Brazil.

Information from: News Journal, <http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com>

PRIEST

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always wanted to become a priest, ever since I was a little kid" — he was the pastor at St. Mark Catholic Church in Richmond, Kentucky, when he got the call.

Now he spends five days a week on the road paying for burgers and bicycles and handing out hundred-dollar bills, like the one he slipped 17-year-old Nicholas Vadi when he learned the teenager and his mom were celebrating Vadi's birthday at the fast-food restaurant.

"I raise my own salary, living expense, insurance, everything," Sichko says, adding he sends out "appeal letters" twice a year to parishioners and raises the rest from paid inspirational speaking engagements.

"And then I give it away," he says, laughing.

Recently he's started marketing "Miss Marie's All Natural Spaghetti Sauce" online and hopes to get it into stores shortly. But even the money from that goes to help others. It's divided among a Texas hospice that cared for his late mother, for which the sauce is named, and a church program to benefit the poor in Appalachia.

It was his mother and her sauce, Sichko says, that likely ingrained in him the desire to help others. Every Tuesday she'd whip up a batch and serve it over pasta for lunch to the hungry garbage collectors who worked the route in their neighborhood.

Now he's using it to keep her memory alive and to help spread the Gospel to Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Frederick still helps Cowboys in year lost to nerve disorder

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Travis Frederick at first stayed engaged with his teammates because the Dallas Cowboys center wasn't sure how long he would be out with a neurological disorder diagnosed during training camp. By the time new offensive line coach Marc Colombo offered him a headset after Colombo was promoted as part of a midseason change, Frederick figured, "What the heck." And by then, it had become increasingly clear the four-time Pro Bowler was unlikely to play this year.

Now Frederick has a completely different view of the sideline with the Cowboys on the verge of making the playoffs without the 2016 All-Pro, and an offseason plan to return to the field now that he's mostly over the effects of Guillain-Barre syndrome.

"I feel like I have been at least able to lend some of my knowledge and experience for some of the guys that haven't played nearly as much," Frederick said. "It's been good having another set of eyes. I didn't realize how difficult it is to watch five guys play at the same time and be able to help."

Frederick will have the headset again Sunday when the Cowboys (8-6) try to wrap up the NFC East title, which they can do by beating Tampa Bay (5-9) at home.

The 27-year-old's immediate football future has been uncertain the past four months, since he finally got an answer to why he was experiencing what felt like football "stinger" injuries in his upper body during camp in California.

Guillain-Barre is an auto-immune disease that attacks nerves and leads to weakness in various parts of the body. Frederick said his case was detected early, which helped

avoid some of the severe symptoms that can include paralysis and difficulty breathing.

Even with the expected full recovery, Frederick knew getting back in football shape would take weeks, at a minimum. All along, he wanted to do what he could in meetings and sideline chats.

Frederick has always been in charge of the line calls, pretty much from the moment he stepped in as a rookie starter in 2013 and went on to play the first 83 games of his career, playoffs included. Still, the view with the headset has surprised him.

"It was definitely an eye-opening experience trying to understand how much was happening during a game and how difficult it is for, like the coordinator to be able to call those plays that quickly," Frederick said. "You don't think about it when you're watching the game. It just flows."

The "quasi-coaching role," as Frederick

put it, hasn't changed his long-range outlook much, with five years remaining on the contract he signed in 2016. But he did get something out of a season that easily could have been classified as a lost cause.

"He's been with us every step of the way, doing everything he can to get himself back," coach Jason Garrett said. "He's also really engaged with our guys. You talk about the job Marc Colombo has done with some of the guys who are playing. Travis has been a big part of that."

Injuries are hampering the Dallas line again late in the season, with 2014 All-Pro right guard Zack Martin missing the first game of his five-year career against Indianapolis after aggravating a preseason knee injury two weeks ago in a win over Philadelphia.

Please see **HEADSET/4C**

Speak of the Devils



Adam Hunger/AP

Duke forward Zion Williamson (1) drives to the basket past Texas Tech forward Tariq Owens (11) during the first half Thursday in New York.

No. 2 Duke defeats unbeaten Texas Tech

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Zion Williamson had 17 points, 13 rebounds and Duke fans roaring each time he touched the ball before he fouled out, and the second-ranked Blue Devils ended No. 12 Texas Tech's unbeaten start with a 69-58 victory Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

RJ Barrett scored 16 points for the Blue Devils (11-1) and the program earned its 35th win at MSG. With the Garden rocking from the tip, the Blue Devils must have felt like they had a home game.

Cam Reddish hit a late 3-pointer for a 63-57 lead that sealed the win in the first meeting between the programs. Both reached the Elite Eight last season and the atmosphere had a late-March feel.

Jarrett Culver scored 25 points for the Red Raiders (10-1) in their first loss since the NCAA Tournament.

Culver hit a 3 in a back-and-forth game for a 45-40 lead and Williamson came back down and missed Duke's 13th straight 3-pointer. Jack White finally connected on Duke's 15th attempt that tied the game at 45-all and brought "Let's go

Duke!" chants to a crescendo. The cheers were quickly muted by Williamson's fourth foul (at 10:32) that forced coach Mike Krzyzewski to sit the likely one-and-done freshman.

Culver pounced and a dunk made it 53-49 and gave him 22 points, bettering his 19.1 season average.

Williamson checked in with 6:31 left and the game tied at 53 and White hit a go-ahead 3 a possession later. Williamson, 6-foot-7 and 285 pounds, was the must-see player in New York. He couldn't stay out of foul trouble and picked up his fifth on a drive to the basket with 3:51 left and Duke up 60-55.

But the Blue Devils hung on without their star.

The Garden was lit once doors opened and ushers had to shoo away fans who lined the court during warmups to snap a picture of Williamson. Williamson missed a dunk in the layup line that earned him some heckles from the Red Raiders fans behind the basket.

Texas Tech fans were drowned out by a roaring crowd at packed MSG for Williamson's lineup introduction. He scored the first basket of the game and capped an 8-0 run with a rim-rattling dunk off

an alley-oop that made the Garden sound more like Cameron.

This was no ordinary neutral-site game with a couple thousand fans from each side mixed in with casual hoops lovers. Led by Culver, Texas Tech quickly steadied itself and "Raider Power!" chants soon enveloped the arena.

Culver burned a 3 for a 24-17 lead and Texas Tech fans were delirious, one big, sweaty Texas Tech fan bear-hugged another during a timeout and exclaimed "Damn, this is fun!"

The half was pretty unpleasant for the Blue Devils. They missed all 10 3-point attempts and Williamson, who had 11 points and six boards in the half, was whistled for his third foul with 3:21 left.

Big picture

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders could have at least built a double-digit cushion in the first half had it not been for 15 turnovers.

Duke: Williamson might need a visit to the dentist. He may have lost a tooth midway and pressed a towel against his mouth.

MHS' Essman, Lee's Taylor lead all-state selections

From staff reports

Seven Tall City football players were recognized Thursday on the 2018 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 6A all-state football team.

Midland High senior linebacker Smith Essman earned the highest honors with a spot on the first-team defense. Essman put up eye-popping numbers in his 10 regular season games, registering 191 total tackles, 125 solo tackles, 20 tackles for loss and six sacks for the Bulldogs.



Essman

Essman recorded 20 or more tackles in six regular season games.

Lee junior free safety Karl Taylor was named to the second-team defense after posting 56 total tackles, nine tackles for loss, five interceptions, eight pass break ups, two fumbles caused and scoring three return touchdowns in 10 regular season games.



Taylor

It was the second straight year that a Rebel defender was selected to the second-team defense after linebacker Isaiah Nunez landed on the 2017 all-state team.

Lee also had a heavy presence on the honorable mention, as junior center Eric Cisneros, junior wide receiver Loic Fouonji, senior running back Josh Traylor, senior defensive end Romeo Martinez and junior linebacker Charlie Gonzales were all recognized for their 2018 regular season contributions.

In 10 regular season games, Cisneros tallied 48 pancake blocks. Fouonji had 40 receptions for 663 yards and 10 TDs, and Traylor amassed 1,609 rushing yards and 18 TDs on 172 carries.

Gonzales had 83 total tackles, 26 tackles for loss and four sacks at the Rebels' inside linebacker spot, while Martinez tallied 44 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and an interception for a TD at the end position.

Odessa Perman was represented by offensive lineman Dawson Reynolds on the first team, offensive lineman Landon Peterson and punter Carson Roberts on the second team, and receiver end Justin Hammond, running back Ed Williams, defensive end Matt Jones and defensive back Christian Tschauner on the honorable mention list.

Please see **ALL-STATE/2C**

Hopkins' great hands have Texans on verge of AFC South title

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — DeAndre Hopkins believes if a ball comes near him he should catch it.

"That's been my mindset since I've been playing football," he said. "Defense, offense, basketball as well, the ball's in the air, it's mine."

That belief has led to some amazing catches, and lately he seems to make at least one a game. All of which has helped the Texans turn around their season and leave them one win from clinching the AFC South.

His latest great grab came on in the fourth quarter on Saturday on a 14-yard reception that was the go-ahead score in Houston's 29-22 win over the Jets. New York cornerback Morris Claiborne stayed with Hopkins throughout that route and even got an arm between his on the play. But Hopkins was still able to come down with the ball.

"I felt like as good as I played it from the line of scrimmage it was perfect," Claiborne said. "When you get perfect coverage like that from the line of scrimmage all the way to the end zone and guys come up with those type of balls, you take your hat off to them."

After the play Hopkins said Claiborne looked at him and said, "Man I don't know how you caught it."

It's a sentiment Hopkins hears often and said top defensive backs such as Patrick Peterson and Jalen Ramsey have said similar things after some of his catches.

Hopkins is a favorite target of second-year quarterback Deshaun Watson and he raved about his ability to catch most anything thrown his way.

"I try to be as perfect as I can, but for him, he just says, 'just get it in his area, he's going to come down with it,'" Watson said. "That's what I try to do, just throw it in his catch-radius, and majority of the time he's going to take it down. It helps me out big time."

Hopkins has reached 1,300 yards receiving for the second straight year and the third time in his career, and his 1,321 yards rank third in the NFL. He has 11 touchdown receptions, which are tied for the second most in his career behind the 13 he grabbed last season.

Though he's happy about his success, he's far more excited about how the team is doing, with the Texans winning 10 of their past 11 games after a 0-3 start.

"If I had 50 catches and 500 yards I would feel like this is my best season because my team is in this position to do more than we've ever done before," he said. "So for me team success first."

And despite his success, Hopkins never stops striving to improve. He admits to watching footage of his work, but said that he also devotes a good chunk of time to viewing catches made by former Lions receiver Calvin Johnson.



Adam Hunger/AP

Houston Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (10) celebrates his touchdown catch with wide receiver Demaryius Thomas (87) Saturday during the first half in East Rutherford, N.J.

Please see **HOPKINS/4C**

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV College Basketball Central Arkansas at Oklahoma State, Noon, FSW+ UC Irvine at Butler, 5:30 p.m., FS1 Oregon at Baylor, 6 p.m., ESPN2 Detroit Mercy at Xavier, 6 p.m., FS2 Oakland at Michigan State, 6 p.m., BTN Buffalo at Marquette, 7:30 p.m., FS1 Providence at Texas, 8 p.m., ESPN2 Oklahoma at Northwestern, 8 p.m., BTN Penn State at Alabama, 8 p.m., SEC College Football Bahamas Bowl, FIU vs. Toledo, 11:30 a.m., ESPN Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Western Michigan vs. BYU, 3 p.m., ESPN High School Football UIL Class 4A Division II Championship Texarkana Pleasant Grove vs. Cuero, 11 a.m., FSW, FCS UIL Class 4A Division I Championship Waco LaVega vs. Liberty Hill, 3 p.m., FSW, FCS UIL Class 5A Division II Championship Aledo vs. Fort Bend Marshall, 7 p.m., FSW, FCS Men's Soccer Bundesliga Borussia Dortmund vs. Borussia Monchengladbach, 1:30 p.m., FS1 PL Wolverhampton Wanderers vs. Liverpool, 2 p.m., NBCSN National Basketball Association Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDE Minnesota at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., Cable One Ch. 6 New Orleans at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDE NBA G League Capital City vs. Agua Caliente, 2 p.m., ESPN Grand Rapids vs. Oklahoma City, 2:30 p.m., NBA TV Erie vs. Northern Arizona, 4:30 p.m., ESPN Raptors 905 vs. Texas, 7 p.m., ESPN Sioux Falls vs. Maine, 9:30 p.m., ESPN National Hockey League Buffalo at Washington, 6 p.m., NBCSN ATP Hawaii Open, Quarterfinals, 3 p.m. TENNIS Women's College Basketball Temple at South Carolina, 6 p.m., SEC RADIO NAHL Hockey Shreveport at Odessa, 7 p.m., KFZZ 102.1 FM National Basketball Association Minnesota at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball Greenwood vs. Glen Rose, 11:15 a.m., San Antonio HS Girls Basketball Lee at Greenwood, 3 p.m. HS BASKETBALL LEE ROLLS PAST PECOS IN ROAD WIN PECOS - The Lee boys basketball team defeated Pecos, 66-44, in its final game before the Christmas break Thursday night. The Rebels (4-12) picked up its second straight win. Lee returns to the hardwood when it faces El Paso Pebble Hills in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 27 at Chaparral Center. No other information about Thursday's game was available at press time.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Named Joe Garopolo Jr. special advisor to President and CEO. FOOTBALL ARIZONA CARDINALS - Signed OL Justin Ewins to the practice squad. Released WR Daniel Brownman from the practice squad. CAROLINA PANTHERS - Placed LB Shaq Thompson on injured reserve. Signed DE Kyle Allen from the practice squad. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS - WR Jon Jonson announced he is stepping away from football. HOCKEY National Hockey League

NFL GLANCE

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes American Conference (East, South) and National Conference (East, South) data.

NBA GLANCE

Table with columns for Conference, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Central, Southeast, Northwest) and Western Conference (Northwest, Pacific) data.

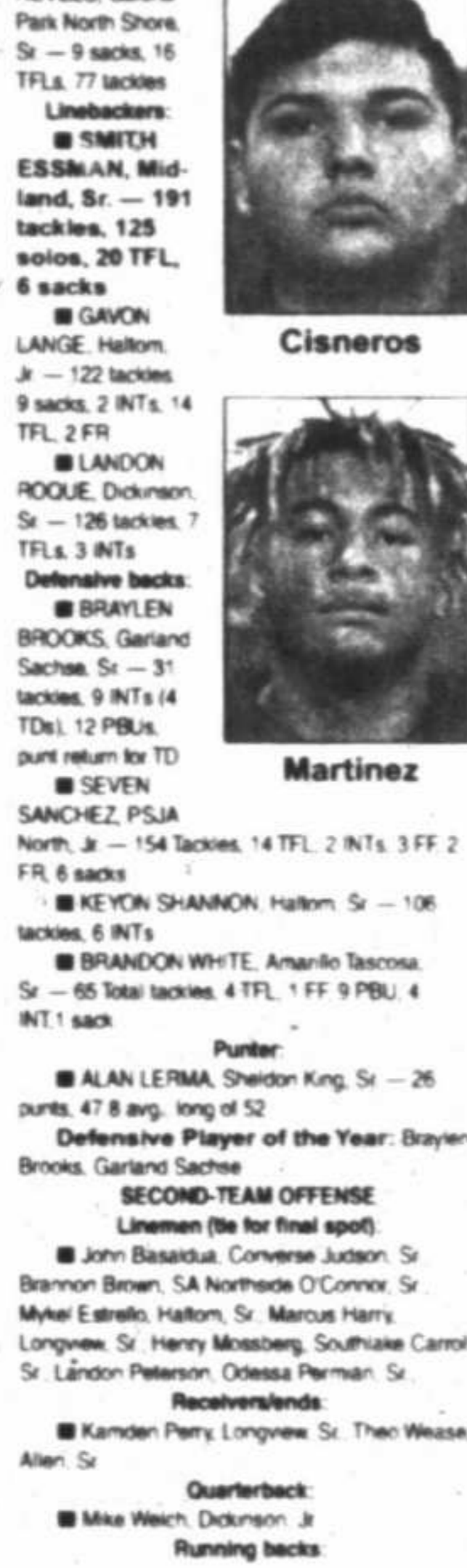
NHL GLANCE

Table with columns for Conference, Division, Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pct, GF, GA. Includes Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Metropolitan) and Western Conference (Central, Pacific) data.

ALL-STATE

From IC

Texas APSE Class 6A all-state football team The 2018 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 6A all-state high school football team, released Thursday being based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position. FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE Linebacker (by final spot): JAYDEN BOWMAN, Edinburg, Va. Sr. - 9th grade, 54 pounds. BEAUX LAMBER, Tyler Lee, Sr. - 9th grade, no sacks allowed, 88 pounds. EJ NDOMA-OGAR, Allen Sr. - 9th grade, 102 pounds. DAWSON REYNOLDS, Odessa, Permian, Sr. - 9th grade, 82 pounds, 60 knockdowns for team that averaged 441.7 yards and 40 points per game. MATTHEW SANDERS, Austin Vandegriff, Sr. - 9th grade, 104 knockdowns, 32 percent at center, played every snap. BLAKE WEBSTER, Austin Westlake, Sr. - 9th grade, 48 punts, 41 knockdowns, 1 sack allowed in 182 attempts for team that averaged 47.6 punts. Receivers: JAXON SMITH-ALUGBA, Rockwall, Jr. - 75-1, 373, 18 TDs. BREMER WASHINGTON, Fort Bend Travis, Jr. - 35-1, 397, 18 TDs. Quarterback: HAYNES KING, Longview, Jr. - 274-2, 28 TDs, 21 INT, 1 INT, 1 FF, 9 PBU, 4 INT, 1 sack. Running back: AARON DUMAS, EP Americas, Soph. - 2,207 rushing yds., 15 TDs. GEORGE RICK CLASS, Katy, Sr. - 1,650 rushing yds., 25 TDs. JORDAN SHELTON, Fort Bend Kempner, Sr. - 245-2, 061 rushing, 27 TDs. Kicker: CADEN DAVIS, Coppell, Sr. - 31-33 PATs, 10-14 FGs, long of 57.3 FGs longer than 50, 33 touchbacks. Offensive Player of the Year: Haynes King, Longview. FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE Linebacker: OMAR DARAME, Arlington San Houston, Sr. - 123 tackles, 23 TFL, 10 sacks, 4 FF, 8 PBU. BRANDON ESTEVES, Brenham Hanna, Jr. - 70 tackles, 28 TFL, 13 sacks, 2 FF.



BRADON MOWRY, Katy Taylor, Sr. - 66 tackles, 23 TFL, 12 sacks, 3 PBU, 2 FF. JORDAN REVELS, Garland Park North Shore, Sr. - 9 sacks, 16 TFL, 77 tackles. Linebackers: SMITH ESSENCE, Midland, Sr. - 191 tackles, 125 solos, 20 TFL. GAYON LANGE, Halton, Jr. - 122 tackles, 9 sacks, 2 INTs, 14 TFL, 2 FF. LONDON ROOUE, Dickinson, Sr. - 126 tackles, 7 TFL, 3 INTs. Defensive back: BRITLEN BROOKS, Garland Sachse, Sr. - 31 tackles, 9 INTs, 14 TDs, 12 PBU, 1 sack. SEVEN SANOEZ, PSJA North, Jr. - 154 tackles, 14 TFL, 2 INTs, 3 FF, 4 INT, 1 sack. Quarterback: CARSON ROBERTS, Odessa Permian, Jr. - 26 punts, 47.8 avg., long of 52. Linebacker: ALAN LERMA, Shafter King, Sr. - 26 punts, 47.8 avg., long of 52. Defensive Player of the Year: Brayton Brooks, Garland Sachse. SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE Linebacker: JOHN BAASUD, Converse Judson, Sr. Brandon Bean, SA Northside O'Connor, Sr. Myke Estrada, Halton, Sr. Marco Harris, Longview, Sr. Henry Mosberg, Southeast Carroll, Sr. Linton Peterson, Odessa Permian, Sr. Receivers: KAMDEN PERS, Longview, Sr. Theo Weiss, Allen, Sr. Quarterback: MIKE WEISS, Dickinson, Jr. Running back: JAYSON JOSEPH TRAYLOR, Lee, Eddie Villarreal, La Jolla, Isaac Spiller, Kean Collins, R.J. Smith, Katy Empson, Kaitlyn Turner, Jacobson Turner, South Garland, Ed Williams, Odessa Permian. Kickers: RICHARD GARCIA, Mesquite Horn. JEFFERSON LITTLE, Longview, Michael Moseley, McAllen Memorial, Carter Norris, Laverne Hobson, David Parks, Bryan Walker, P.O., Coppell. Keyton Steen, Keller, Josh White, Cypress Creek. Austin Williams, SA Northside Brandon, Zach Zima, Fort Bend Travis. Defensive backs: FREDDY CORDERAS, Mesquite Horn, Acee Flores, Brenham Hanna, Braden Hay, Katy Taylor, Aze Hoggan, Houston Lamar, Jonathan McGill, Coppell, F.J. Mearns, Southeast Carroll, Artemus Ory, Rockwall, Jacob Plunk, Amario Tackas, Amos Smith, Fort Bend Dulles, Dallas Snow, Laverne Hobson, Andre Sustaita, Brenham Hanna, Christian Tachour, Odessa Permian, Diego Williams, McAllen Memorial, Reese Watson, Austin Vandegriff, Frank Wilson, SA Northside Brandon, Khannouk Williams, Abel Taylor, Rockwall Converse Judson, Eric Young, Fort Bend Bush. Punters: LOGAN CALOONE, Rockwall, Richart Garcia, Mesquite Horn, Isaac Ochoa, La Jolla.

HS FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDUP

3A DIVISION II NEWTON HOLDS OFF CANADIAN RALLY ARLINGTON - In a late of two halves, Newton withstood a late charge by Canadian to win 21-16 in the Class 3A Division II state championship, Thursday at AT&T Stadium. The Eagles (15-0) held a 21-0 lead at halftime before the Wildcats (14-2) scored 16 unanswered points in the second half to make it a one-possession game. Newton was led by Offensive MVP Darwin Barlow, who rushed 24 times for 106 yards and two touchdowns. The Eagles also got a 13-yard interception return from Defensive MVP Kevin Watson, helping them secure their fifth state title. Garrison McCook had 12 catches for 124 yards and a TD for Canadian. 44-6, in Thursday's Class 2A Division I state championship at AT&T Stadium. The Panthers (16-0) had a pair of 100-yard rushers, as Jake Cockerham rushed 11 times for 105 yards and two TDs, while Klay Klaemer had 13 carries for 103 yards and two scores. Cockerham was named the game's Offensive MVP. Mason won its second state title in school history. The Lions (15-1) were held to 172 yards of total offense in the loss. 2A DIVISION II MART SETS RECORD IN ROUT OF GRUVER ARLINGTON - Mart captured its seventh state championship with a 76-33 win over Gruver in Wednesday's Class 2A Division II state title game at AT&T Stadium. The 77 points scored by the Panthers (15-1) set a state championship record for an 11-man football team. Mart's Tyrek Horne garnered Offensive MVP honors after rushing 12 times for 291 yards and seven touchdowns, while teammate Sha-hydrick Bailey had 130 rushing yards and a TD on seven carries. Jaim Conyers had 12 catches for 224 yards and three TDs for the Greyhounds (14-2).

BASEBALL BRIEFS

DENVER AP source: Daniel Murphy, Rockies agree to \$24M, 2-year deal. ST. LOUIS Source: Cardinals closing in on deal for lefty reliever Andrew Miller. The Post-Dispatch. Miller, 33, spent parts of the past three seasons with Cleveland, and he was an essential part of its American League pennant-winning team in 2016 because of his willingness and ability to pitch any inning in relief and multiple innings of relief. This past season he was off an on the disabled list several times and finished with a 4.24 ERA in 37 games. He struck out 45 batters in 34 innings. Miller had a hamstring injury that put him on the DL for a couple weeks, and in August and September he had trouble returning from a shoulder impingement. He has had knee trouble in recent years, too. Before the 2015 season, the Cardinals expressed interest in the lefty but were not in a position to offer him a closing role. He landed a four-year, \$36-million deal with the Yankees and then became part of New York's quick rebuild by being dealt to Cleveland. In 22 playoff games, he has a 1.09 ERA and 48 strikeouts from 33 innings pitched. He's only walked 11 for a 0.879 WHIP.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Men's and Women's College Basketball Scores, listing teams and scores.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

Advertisement for Midland Humane Coalition featuring a photo of a dog named Cammie. Text describes Cammie as a 4-month-old female Domestic Short Hair with dilute calico markings. Includes contact information: P.O. Box 53213 | Midland, TX 79710 | midlandhumane.org. Also mentions enhanced adoption center and adoption fees.

Alabama fans embrace Jalen Hurts from field to stage

By John Zenor
Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — They cheered Jalen Hurts as he picked up his diploma, and applauded his every big play this season.

Sometimes, Alabama fans gave the backup quarterback a nice hand for even stepping on the field — especially for his fifth game, which assured that he wasn't leaving, at least not right away.

So if he decides to leave Alabama after the playoffs, there probably would be no booing from Crimson Tide faithful.

Even before Hurts came off the bench to lead Alabama to a comeback win over Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game, his popularity only seemed to grow since his role shrank.

"Jalen is a special guy. Everybody knows that," said Alabama tailback Damien Harris, Hurts' roommate. "The character he embodies, the way that he has handled this entire situation has been remarkable."

Backup quarterbacks are often popular among fans when the starter is struggling. Hurts, however, found himself as the understudy to Tua Tagovailoa, who wound up as the Heisman Trophy runner-up.

He stuck it out while other players like ex-



John Amis/AP

Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts (2) speaks to fans Dec. 1 after the Southeastern Conference championship game between Georgia and Alabama, in Atlanta.

Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant opted to transfer instead of burning a year of eligibility. Hurts also has reaped the rewards, including perhaps a third national championship if Alabama can beat Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl on Dec. 29, plus either Clemson or Notre Dame.

He also cemented his Alabama legacy with his performance in the SEC title game. Hurts replaced an injured Tagovailoa in the fourth quarter against the Bulldogs. He passed for a touchdown and ran 15 yards with 64 seconds left for what proved the winning score.

When Hurts graduated last Saturday, he received a 30-second ovation when

his name was called. Alabama coach Nick Saban touts Hurts' story as "a great message for all young people" about sticking with something even through adversity.

"I think a lot of people recognize the fact that he put the team first," Saban said. "He stayed here and focused on improving, trying to get better, trying to help the team, getting ready for any opportunity that might present itself for him. I think we played to get him ready for that."

"When it did in the last game, the SEC championship game, he certainly came through in fine fashion."

Hurts hasn't provided a hint about his plans after this season, with one

more year of eligibility remaining. He could easily become a coveted transfer option if not "the biggest free agent in college football history" as father Averion predicted last spring.

Both Hurts and his father declined interview requests for this story.

It wasn't always a smooth relationship for a two-year starter suddenly having his job challenged.

Hurts was miffed when Saban said at SEC media days that he had "no idea" if the quarterback was staying put. Hurts insists he told Saban of his intentions in June, and Tide tailback Josh Jacobs said he gave teammates those assurances as far back as last spring.

"It worked out great for him," Jacobs said.

Hurts played in all but two games this season, missing those because of an ankle injury. The SEC offensive player of the year as a freshman has completed 74.6 percent of his passes for 755 yards and eight touchdowns against two interceptions.

He went 26-2 after the previous two seasons and has set an Alabama record for a quarterback with 23 rushing touchdowns. Hurts also ranks among the top three career leaders in total offense, touchdown passes and rushing yards by a quarterback.

BOWL PREVIEW CAPSULES

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIU TRIES FOR RECORD WIN, TOLEDO LOOKS TO SNAP BOWL SLIDE

Bahamas Bowl: Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4), Friday, 12:30 p.m. EST. (ESPN)
Line: Toledo by 4 1/2.
Series Record: FIU leads 2-1.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

FIU has an opportunity to post a nine-win season for the first time, and a chance for its second bowl win in program history — the other came in 2010, over Toledo, in the most recent meeting between the schools. Toledo is bidding for a sixth consecutive eight-win season, and could end 2018 on a season-long three-game winning streak.

KEY MATCHUP

FIU secondary vs. Toledo receivers. The Rockets will air it out, and their top three receivers — Cody Thompson, Dontae Johnson and Jon Vee Johnson — have a combined 75 touchdowns catches in their careers. Toledo has also scored 50 or more points six times this season, and FIU does not thrive in high-scoring matchups. FIU is 7-0 this season when holding teams to 24 points or less, 1-4 when teams score more than that.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Toledo: TE Reggie Gilliam has as many blocked punts this season as he has catches — four of each. But when he touches the ball, something good usually happens. Gilliam has three TDs on those four receptions.

FIU: LB Sage Lewis leads the Panthers in tackles, averaging 10 per game, and will have to be the leader of a unit that is going to get spread out all over the field against Toledo's high-octane offense.

FACTS & FIGURES

Toledo has dropped its last two bowl games. The Rockets have never lost three straight postseason contests. ... Nassau, Bahamas is 1,200 miles from Toledo and only 180 miles from Miami, but that doesn't mean a shorter trip was an easy trip for the Panthers — they sent much of their cargo by ship, and spent thousands securing passports quickly for players who needed them. ... The teams have Miami as a common opponent this season. Toledo lost to the Hurricanes 49-24, FIU lost to the Hurricanes 31-17. ... It usually takes quite a few points to win the Bahamas Bowl. The four previous editions saw the winning team average 40 points.

BYU LOOKS FOR WINNING RECORD FACING WESTERN MICHIGAN

BOISE, Idaho — Famous Idaho Potato Bowl: Western Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6), Dec. 21, 4 p.m. EST. (ESPN)
Line: BYU by 12.
Series Record: BYU leads 3-2.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Back in a bowl game after missing last year, the Cougars look to close out a roller coaster season that saw them return to the AP Top 25 early in the season before dropping four of five games during one stretch. Western Michigan is making its fourth bowl appearance in the past five seasons and its second trip to Boise, where it lost to Air Force in 2014.

KEY MATCHUP

Western Michigan run game vs. BYU defensive front. The Broncos averaged more than 200 yards per game rushing this season, led by junior LeVante

Bellamy, who averaged 97.7 yards per game and finished the regular season with 1,172 yards rushing. He was the leading rusher in the MAC. The success of the ground game allowed Western Michigan to average more than 33 minutes in time of possession, ninth-best in the country. The Cougars rush defense was very good, giving up just 129.4 yards per game. In the last six games, Utah was the only team to average more than 3.1 yards per rush against the Cougars.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Western Michigan: QB Kaleb Eleby. Eleby has played in only four games this season but may have announced himself as the Broncos QB of the future. The freshman has thrown for 917 yards and four touchdowns, and added another two rushing TDs in the four games he's played.
BYU: QB Zach Wilson. The other freshman QB in the matchup, Wilson took over at midseason and threw for 1,261 yards and eight touchdowns after moving into the starting lineup. Wilson led wins over UMass and New Mexico State and had the Cougars in position for an upset of rival Utah before the Utes rallied in the second half.

FACTS & FIGURES

Schools have not played since 1970 and had one common opponent this year Northern Illinois. BYU lost to NIU 7-6. Western Michigan won 28-21. ... This will be BYU's 36th all-time bowl game, tied for fifth among all FBS programs. Both teams are plus-1 in turnover margin for the season. ... Bowl game will be second game since Western Michigan promoted Lou Esposito to interim defensive coordinator. The Broncos allowed just 262 yards to Northern Illinois in Esposito's first game calling the defense.

2018-19 BOWL GLANCE

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Saturday, Dec. 15 Celebration Bowl At Atlanta N.C. A&T 24 Cure Bowl Orlando, Fla. Tulane 41 Louisiana-Lafayette 24 New Mexico Bowl Albuquerque Utah State 52 North Texas 13 Las Vegas Bowl Fresno State 31 Arizona State 20 Canello Bowl Montgomery, Ala. Georgia Southern 23 Eastern Michigan 21 New Orleans Bowl Appalachian State 45 Middle Tennessee 13 Tuesday, Dec. 18 Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl UAB 37 Northern Illinois 13 Wednesday, Dec. 19 Frisco Bowl Ohio 27 San Diego State 0 Thursday, Dec. 20 Georgetown Bowl At St. Petersburg, Fla. Marshall (8-4) vs. South Florida (7-5) site Today, Dec. 21 Shawnee Bowl Hawaii Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4) 11:30 p.m. (ESPN) Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Boise Western Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6) 3 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Dec. 22 Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (8-6) 11 a.m. (ESPN) Armed Forces Bowl Fort Worth Houston (8-4) vs. Army (10-2) 2:30 p.m. (ESPN) Dollar General Bowl Mobile, Ala. Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3) 6 p.m. (ESPN) Hawaii Bowl Honolulu Louisiana Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5) 9:30 p.m. (ESPN) SERVPRO First Responder Bowl Dallas Boston College (7-5) vs. Boise State (10-3) 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) Quick Lane Bowl Detroit Minnesota (8-6) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5) 4:15 p.m. (ESPN) Chesapeake Bowl Phoenix California (7-5) vs. TCU (8-6) 8 p.m. (ESPN) Thursday, Dec. 27 Independence Bowl Shreveport, La. Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5) 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) Phillips Bowl Bronx, N.Y. Miami (7-5) vs. Wake Forest (7-5) 4:15 p.m. (ESPN) Texas Bowl Houston Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6) 8 p.m. (ESPN) Friday, Dec. 28 Music City Bowl Nashville, Tenn. Purdue (8-6) vs. Auburn (7-5) 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) Camping World Bowl Orlando, Fla. West Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3) 4:15 p.m. (ESPN) Alabama Bowl San Antonio Iowa State (8-4) vs. Washington State (10-2) 8 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Dec. 29 Peach Bowl Atlanta Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2) 11 a.m. (ESPN) Bell Bowl Charlotte, N.C. South Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5) 11 a.m. (ABC) Arizona Bowl Tucson, Ariz. Arkansas State (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5) 12:15 p.m. (CBSN) Cotton Bowl Classic Arlington CFP Semifinal: Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0) 3 p.m. (ESPN) Orange Bowl Miami Gardens, Fla. CFP Semifinal: Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0) 7 p.m. (ESPN) Monday, Dec. 31 Military Bowl Annapolis, Md. Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (8-6) 11 a.m. (ESPN) Sun Bowl El Paso Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6) 1 p.m. (CBSN) Redbox Bowl Santa Clara, Calif. Michigan State (8-4) vs. Oregon (8-4) 2 p.m. (FOX) Liberty Bowl Memphis, Tenn. Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma State (6-6) 2:45 p.m. (ESPN) Holiday Bowl San Diego Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4) 6 p.m. (FS1) Gator Bowl Jacksonville, Fla. NC State (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4) 6:30 p.m. (ESPN) Tuesday, Jan. 1 Outback Bowl Tampa, Fla. Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4) 11 a.m. (ESPN) Citrus Bowl Orlando, Fla. Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn State (9-3) Noon (ABC) Flamingo Bowl Gainesville, Fla. LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0) Noon (ESPN) Rice Bowl Pasadena, Calif. Washington (10-3) vs. Ohio State (12-1) 4 p.m. (ESPN) Sugar Bowl New Orleans Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2) 7:45 p.m. (ESPN) Monday, Jan. 7 College Football Championship Santa Clara, Calif. Cotton Bowl winner vs. Orange Bowl winner 7 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Jan. 19 East-West Shrine Classic At St. Petersburg, Fla. East vs. West 3 p.m. (NFLN) NFLPA College Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. American vs. National TBA (NFLN) Saturday, Jan. 26 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala. North vs. South 1:30 p.m. (NFLN)
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SPORTSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON Astros' Smith out 6-8 months after rupturing Achilles tendon

Astros reliever Joe Smith had surgery to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon and will be out six-to-eight months.

Smith had the surgery on his left leg on Tuesday after getting hurt while working out last week, the team said Thursday.

The 34-year-old right-hander was 5-1 with a 3.74 ERA in 56 appearances for Houston last season. He struck out 46 and allowed 34 hits in 45 2/3 innings in his first year with the Astros.

The right-hander has a 3.02 ERA in 754 appearances and a 1.69 ERA in eight career postseason games. He is to be paid \$8 million in 2019, the final season of a \$15 million, two-year contract.

AUSTIN Texas regents approve deal for new campus basketball arena

University of Texas regents on Thursday approved a plan to build a \$300 million on-campus basketball arena to replace the 41-year-old Frank Erwin Center.

Plans call for the facility to be built across the street from the football stadium. Seating for basketball games would be capped at about 10,000 with space for 5,000 more for concerts and other events. The building is expected to open in 2021.

"We're building one of the nation's finest arenas that will provide an awesome home court advantage for our men's and women's basketball programs," athletic director Chris Del Conte said.

The project pairs the university with Los Angeles-based Oak View Group in a lease arrangement. Oak View will build and manage the arena and provide about 60 days annually for men's and women's basketball games and other events. The building will not include practice facilities for the basketball programs.

Texas needs the new arena because the Erwin Center is slated to be demolished to make room for the expand-

ing medical school. Actor Matthew McConaughey, a 1993 Texas graduate and investor in the project, has been dubbed the arena's "Minister of Culture" to enhance the fan experience. The minister's job is not a paying gig, a school spokesman said.

McConaughey has been a visible figure and fan around Texas football games. The project also partners with Austin-based C3 Presents and Live Nation to bring entertainment acts to the arena.

"It's time to excel, on the court and in the stands. It's time for an authentic home-court advantage for our Longhorn basketball teams," McConaughey said in a statement. "Hook 'em."

Men's basketball coach Shaka Smart called the new arena a "major step forward" for the program. "We all want to give our players a true home court advantage," he said. "For our students and fans, this new arena will create a completely new and improved game day experience."

NEW YORK NBA to play exhibition games in India next year

The NBA will play its first games in India next year.

The league announced Thursday the Indiana Pacers and Sacramento Kings will play two exhibition games Oct. 4-5 at the NSCI Dome in Mumbai.

The NBA, in another step toward expanding its global footprint, says these are the first games in the country by a North American sports league. NBA deputy commissioner Mark Tatum and NBA India managing director Yannick Colaco in Mumbai announced the matchups.

The Kings are owned by Vivek Ranadive, the NBA's first Indian-born majority owner. He calls it an honor to help bring the game to his home country. He says the "world wants to watch basketball and India is a fast-growing new frontier."

Since 2006, more than 35 current and former NBA and WNBA players went to India on league visits. The NBA opened a Mumbai office in 2011.

Clemson has edge in playoff experience over Notre Dame

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Aman Rodgers was a freshman trying to fit into Clemson's plans a year ago when the Tigers opened practice for the College Football Playoff. He didn't have to go far to have any questions answered.

"Last year, it was my first time, so I was kind of asking around, Deon Cain and Ray Ray (McCloud), how they prepared for it because they won a national championship the year before," Rodgers said. "So I just followed their ways."

This time around, Rodgers will be able to do some of the leading.

The sophomore receiver is among 21 of 22 starters for the Tigers with playoff experience and said that's a huge edge to carry into this year's latest playoff run, which starts Dec. 29 at the Cotton Bowl where the second-ranked Tigers (13-0, CFP No. 2) take on Notre Dame (12-0, CFP No. 3) for a spot in the championship game.

"Most of us don't know anything different" than playing in the playoffs,

said Clemson All-American defensive tackle Christian Wilkins.

An energetic, 320-pound defensive leader, Wilkins was there with wide eyes and lots of questions in 2015 when Clemson was a first-time playoff participant. Things have changed since then.

"Being consistent and winning at a high level is something that's very hard to do, so it doesn't get any easier," Wilkins said this week. "But you kind of know things that work for you as a team and as a player and the things that didn't work for you."

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney feels there's a cool confidence among his players when they step onto the field for practices or games. They're a veteran-driven group who've celebrated championships (four consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference titles and the national championship following the 2016 season) and lived through playoff missteps (losses to Alabama in 2015 championship game and last year's semifinal).

"We all draw on our experience, good and bad, as you go through whatever it

is you're doing," Swinney said. "It's our fourth time in a row (in the playoffs). We've learned a lot over the years and I think we've got a very good formula we believe in in how we get ready."

And how they perform in the biggest games. Clemson is 53-4 the past four seasons. Besides the two playoff losses to the Crimson Tide, it has only lost a pair of regular-season games to unranked opponents in Pittsburgh in 2016 and Syracuse in 2017. The run includes playoff wins over Oklahoma in 2015 and Ohio State and Alabama on the way to the 2016 title.

Swinney said the line between success and failure at this level comes down to just a few plays. "Fundamentals and technique and physicality and intelligence is what wins," he said. "There are all four really good (playoff) teams. So you've got to play well and you've got to prepare well."

Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly accepts his job is different with a roster full of playoff newcomers.

"As a staff, we want to make sure that we get an

opportunity to prepare them for the moment," he said. "It's much larger than a traditional game."

Not for the experienced Tigers, Clemson safety K'Von Wallace said.

The mistakes, he believes, come when players place more emphasis on prepping for Notre Dame than they did to face Furman (a 48-7 victory) to start the season.

"Each game is the biggest game," he said. "This game is not the biggest game because it's the playoffs, it's always that way."

Young players learn quickly from veterans what's expected and how to conduct themselves at practice and at the bowl sites.

Clemson freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence, the lone first-time playoff starter, is grateful he can tap any one of his offensive linemen on the shoulder for a heads up if there are questions.

"I'm going to hold my own," Lawrence joked. "but it's nice knowing that all these guys have been through it and really have a lot of experience. They know what it takes. That helps a lot," he said.

NFL suspends Patriots' Gordon for substance abuse violation

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Patriots receiver Josh Gordon was suspended indefinitely Thursday by the NFL for violating an agreement that allowed him to play after multiple drug suspensions, casting doubt on whether the talented but troubled playmaker would ever play in the league again.

League officials said Thursday that Gordon was returned to the reserve/commissioner suspended list indefinitely for breaking the terms of his reinstatement under the NFL substance abuse policy.

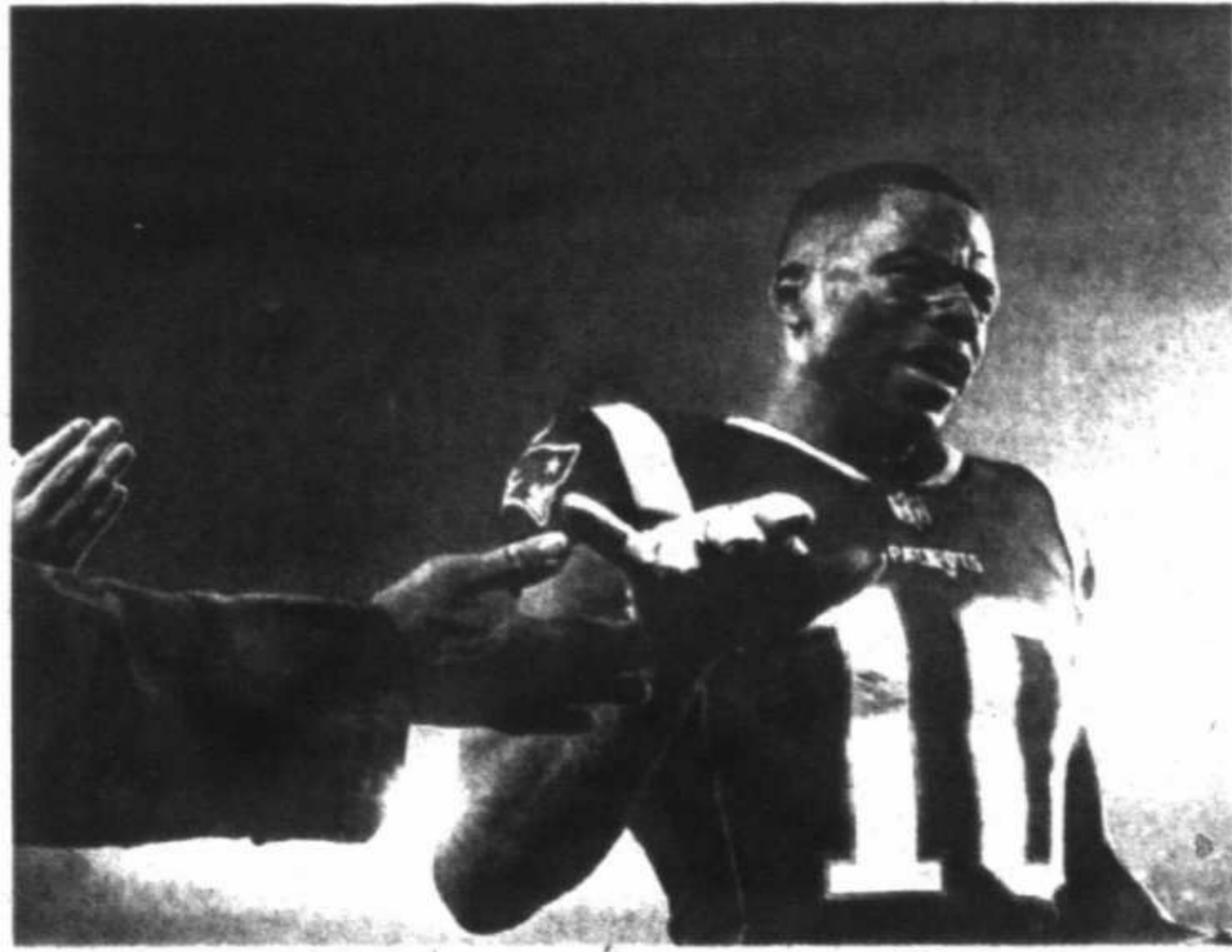
The news came several hours after Gordon said he was stepping away from football to focus on his mental health.

Gordon said on Twitter his decision was spurred by his own feelings that he could have a better grasp on things mentally. He thanked the Patriots for their support and vowed to work his way back.

"We support Josh Gordon in his continued efforts to focus on his health. His attempt to do so is a private and personal matter, which we intend to respect," Patriots team officials said.

Gordon has been suspended several times by the NFL for violations of its drug policies since being drafted by the Browns in 2012, and missed the entire 2015 and 2016 seasons.

After being reinstated by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell in 2017, Gordon revealed in an



New England Patriots wide receiver Josh Gordon is congratulated after a game against the Minnesota Vikings on Dec. 2 at Gillette Stadium, in Foxborough, Mass. Patriots receiver Josh Gordon says he is stepping away from football in order to focus on his mental health.

interview with GQ magazine that he drank or used marijuana before games. "Probably every game of my career," he said.

Gordon also said in a 2017 minidocumentary on Uninterrupted.com that he took Xanax, cocaine, marijuana and other narcotics.

Gordon's outlook had improved with New England, where he landed in September in a trade after the Browns felt it was time to cut ties. He had 40 receptions for 720 yards and three touchdowns with the Patriots, five years removed from

an All-Pro season in 2013 with 87 catches for 1,646 yards and nine touchdowns.

Special teams captain and receiver Matt Slater said despite his suspension, Gordon still has support inside the Patriots locker room.

"My No. 1 concern is with him as a man," Slater said. "I'm thankful for the approach he took here, how he was as a teammate. I enjoyed getting to know him in that process and I'll continue to support him in any way I can."

Safety Devin McCourty said the 27-year-old's well-being is his biggest concern, not football.

"Life comes before all of that," McCourty said. "I think we wish him the best and care about that more than wins or losses."

New England officials had insulated Gordon and focused him on getting acclimated to the team's highly-disciplined culture, while also limiting his time with reporters.

Coach Bill Belichick said last week that Gordon was thriving on the field, developing chemistry with quarterback Tom Brady and learning the offensive system.

"He's a smart kid, so he learns well," Belichick said. "For better or worse, he's been in a lot of different systems. I know it was only one team, but it was a lot of different systems up there. Most everything we've asked him to do he's done somewhere along the line for somebody."

"As we go through each week, I would say we've gained a little more ground on the overall knowledge of the system," he said.

Gordon said earlier this month he thought he was settling in well with New England.

"It felt like home a long time ago," Gordon said. "The atmosphere is very welcoming. It took me a little bit to get acclimated to the area. Other than that, it's been pretty smooth so far, and that's due in part to the facility, the organization, just everybody helping me along the way."

Big NFL Week 16 of inter-conference matchups

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

For inter-conference matchups in the penultimate week of the season, the NFL couldn't have done much better. Pittsburgh at New Orleans, Houston at Philadelphia, Kansas City at Seattle, and Washington at Tennessee all have significant playoff implications.

Not a bad way to head into the final two weekends.

"I think the message for the whole team is we're not satisfied with where we're at," says Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes. Kansas City can clinch the top seed in the AFC and win the AFC West under certain circumstances.

"We wanted to put ourselves in this position, but at the same time, we know we still have a long way to go. We're going to keep in that mentality the rest of this season and into the playoffs (of) not being satisfied with just being here. We want to make sure we can go and win the big games whenever we need to."

Well, there are a lot of big games on Saturday and Sunday.

Pittsburgh (8-5-1) at New Orleans (12-2)

NFC South champion New Orleans gets home-field edge for the conference playoffs by winning here, though it can happen in other ways, too. Pittsburgh's situation is precarious. The Steelers snapped a three-game slide by beating New England, but has no postseason guarantee yet. There are scenarios for them to secure the division, and others, with two losses, that keep them from making the postseason.

Pittsburgh's previous victory in New Orleans came in 1990. The Saints are 5-1 in the Superdome, averaging 38 points. Drew Brees' 74.9 percent completion rate leads the NFL. He holds the single-season record at 72 percent. During their six home games, Brees has completed 77.7 percent (153 of 197) for 1,925 yards (320.8 per game) with 20 TDs and one interception.

Kansas City (11-3) at Seattle (8-6)

Although the Chiefs are safely into the postseason and in strong position, one loss could sink them to a wild card. Their prolific offense leads the league in points per game (35.6), yards per play (6.78) and yards per game (427.3). But it will be tested in Seattle, which had quite a misstep in a loss at lowly San Francisco last Sunday, but has a physical, aggressive defense and top-ranked running

game. Yet it's KC defensive tackle Chris Jones who has the gaudiest numbers. He had 2½ sacks last week and has at least one sack in 10 straight games, an NFL record. Jones has 14 for the season.

The Seahawks must win and have some other things occur to secure an NFC wild-card spot.

Houston (10-4) at Philadelphia (7-7)

The defending Super Bowl champ Eagles must win out and it still might not be enough to get to January. Then again, 9-7 also could win the NFC East. That's how jumbled things are.

"We're fighting for our lives right now. It's a little different for us, different feel," says coach Doug Pederson, whose team had the NFC's best record in 2017.

Houston has the AFC's second seed behind Kansas City and will have a wild-card bye if it wins out. But the Texans don't own the AFC South title yet, though it comes by beating Philly. Making the playoffs is very likely after a 0-3 start.

"It really doesn't matter how you win, you just have to win," says star DE JJ Watt, in the midst of a sensational comeback season. "We've kind of heard it all year. 'This. That. They didn't.' We won. I don't care how we win, I just want to win. I don't care if people think it's pretty, I don't care if they like it, if they don't like it, I just want to win."

Washington (7-7) at Tennessee (8-6), Saturday

After winning seven of eight, the Titans have gone from forgotten — similar to Houston — to a player. They almost certainly are aiming for a wild card and probably need to win out to get it.

The Redskins seemed done until they beat Jacksonville last week. They actually could win the NFC East by winning out and getting help, but they also are ravaged by injuries, including at quarterback, where journeyman Josh Johnson now has the job.

Baltimore (8-6) at Los Angeles Chargers (11-3), Saturday

The Ravens own the second AFC wild card, but are tied with the Titans and Colts. Their eyes are on something bigger considering how close they are to the Steelers in the AFC North. The Ravens are 4-1 under rookie QB Lamar Jackson,

and lead the NFL in total defense (290.2 yards per game) and fewest points allowed (18.1).

But beating the Chargers is a tall order. No team is playing more maturely or doing better in clutch situations. Los Angeles is 20-6 since starting last season 0-4 and hopes to get back featured RB Melvin Gordon (knee).

New York Giants (8-8) at Indianapolis (8-6)

Indy is another AFC wild-card contender that probably needs two victories, which would include the finale at Tennessee. Andrew Luck, like Watt, is having a monster return season from injury, and needs 49 yards passing for a fourth 4,000-yard season.

"I've been a part of teams where you sit and say, 'We need this to happen with this.' It doesn't work like that," Luck says. "You've got to handle your own business."

That means trying to shut down RB Saquon Barkley, who needs seven catches to break Reggie Bush's record for receptions (88) by a rookie. Barkley is tied with former Colts star Edgerin James for second-most games with 100 yards from scrimmage by an NFL rookie (12). He also needs 191 scrimmage yards to join James and Eric Dickerson as the only rookies with 2,000 yards from scrimmage.

Buffalo (8-8) at New England (9-5)

For the third straight week, the Patriots can secure their 10th straight AFC East crown. Considering their success against Buffalo, well, here are the numbers.

— Patriots will be looking for their 26th season sweep over the Bills and 14th series sweep since 2000.

— Bill Belichick has an 86-30 (.741) all-time regular-season record against the AFC East as Patriots coach.

— Tom Brady owns a 29-3 record against the Bills. Brady's 29 wins against Buffalo are the most by a quarterback against any single opponent.

— New England is 6-0 at home.

Los Angeles Rams (11-3) at Arizona (3-11)

Things have turned sour for the Rams, who for the first time under second-year coach Sean McVay have lost two in a row. Of course, their gaudy record already has earned them the NFC West championship and they get a wild-card round bye with two victories.

In what appears a mismatch, the Rams have gone

3-0 and outscored Arizona 99-16 under McVay. Still, in the past three games, Jared Goff has one TD pass and six interceptions.

Los Angeles DT Aaron Donald leads the NFL with 16½ sacks.

The Cardinals have lost eight games by 10 or more points and four by at least 20.

Chicago (10-4) at San Francisco (4-10)

Chicago's turnaround season has brought its first playoff berth since 2010 as NFC North champs. With two victories, the Bears could find themselves with a first-round bye, but more likely will be seeded third.

Matt Nagy is Chicago's first rookie coach with 10 wins since George Halas went 10-1-2 in 1920, the first year for the franchise then known as the Decatur Staleys. The Bears lead the NFL in takeaways (35), turnover margin (+13), interceptions (26) and points off turnovers (107).

Niners TE George Kittle has 1,154 yards receiving and needs 26 more to post the most for San Francisco since Terrell Owens had 1,300 in 2002.

Tampa Bay (8-8) at Dallas (8-6)

A win gives Dallas the NFC East. The Cowboys come off a shutout loss at Indy that ended a five-game winning streak. They are 9-1 at home in the regular season against Tampa.

Dallas has a 20-game streak of not allowing 30 or more points, its longest since a 26-game run in 1993-94. The key here might be slowing WR Mike Evans, who was overlooked for the Pro Bowl despite being second in the NFL to Julio Jones with 1,328 yards receiving. Evans needs 95 yards to break Mark Carrier's club record of 1,422 from 1989.

Minnesota (7-8-1) at Detroit (8-8)

The Vikings can clinch a wild card with a win and help despite a stagnant offense. And Detroit's offense is worse.

The Lions have not scored more than 22 points since Oct. 21, and Minnesota has an NFL-best 47 sacks. Minnesota sacked Matthew Stafford 10 times in their previous meeting, and had nine against Miami last week.

Atlanta (8-8) at Carolina (8-6)

No Cam Newton here thanks to a bad shoulder that has hampered his throwing. Taylor Heinicke makes his

first career start.

The Panthers have dropped six in a row, but Atlanta is 1-5 on the road even though Matt Ryan has 12 TD passes and three interceptions in the past five away games.

Carolina RB Christian McCaffrey set the single-season franchise record last week for total yards from scrimmage. McCaffrey needs 21 yards rushing and 132 yards receiving to become the third NFL running back with 1,000 yards in both categories. McCaffrey needs six receptions for 100.

Cincinnati (8-8) at Cleveland (8-7-1)

Lots of excitement in Cleveland, with hopes the Browns will go from 0-16 to a winning record. The tide along Lake Erie certainly seems to have turned.

The Browns haven't swept the Ohio season series since 2002. Former Browns coach Hue Jackson returns for the first time since being fired on Oct. 29, and can expect anything but open arms from Cleveland fans.

Running back Joe Mixon needs 5 yards to become the first Bengal to rush for 1,000 in a season since Jeremy Hill in 2014. Mixon leads the AFC with 995 yards rushing and 207 carries.

Jacksonville (4-10) at Miami (7-7)

Miami's first game at home since the miracle play to beat New England. The inconsistent Dolphins probably need that kind of stuff to sneak into the postseason. A year ago, the Jaguars were a Super Bowl contender. In 2018, they made the league's biggest collapse. Look for a new QB and possible replacement for Doug Marrone as coach.

Denver (8-8) at Oakland (3-11), Monday night

Nice way to end Monday night this season, eh? The Broncos won 11 of the past 14 in this series. Oakland coach Jon Gruden is 1-10 in his career vs. Denver.

This could be the final game at Oakland Coliseum. The Raiders have no lease for 2019 and could find a temporary home before moving to Las Vegas in 2020.

Green Bay (8-8-1) at New York Jets (4-10)

Aaron Rodgers plans to play for the Packers, saying sitting out the final two meaningless games would undermine his leadership. Jets kicker Jason Myers and kick returner Andre Roberts made the Pro Bowl. At least they have that.

HEADSET

From 1C

Rookie Connor Williams began the season as the starting left guard before a knee injury opened a spot that Xavier Su'a-Filo kept with a solid performance as his replacement.

Williams re-entered the lineup in Martin's spot, and Su'a-Filo missed part of last week's 23-0 loss to the Colts after getting poked in the eye by teammate La'el Collins. Su'a-Filo was a full practice participant Thursday.

During the first half of the season — before other ailments starting hitting the line — the Dallas offense was inconsistent at best. The addition of receiver Amari Cooper in a trade helped boost production during a five-game winning streak.

All along, running back Ezekiel Elliott stayed in contention for his second NFL rushing title in three seasons. He has a 98-yard lead over Todd Gurley of the Los Angeles Rams with two games remaining.

Joe Looney has started all 14 games in Frederick's place — one more start than the career backup had in his first six seasons combined. Looney said Frederick has been there with pointers on techniques and pass-blocking philosophies, among other things.

"It's been good knowing that our goal always is to improve through the year," Frederick said. "To see that this group is improving and has improved fairly steadily throughout the year, it's sort of a proud moment, knowing that I couldn't be out there but these guys are doing that and I'm doing what I can."

Regardless, Frederick will happily trade the headset for a helmet in eight months.

HOPKINS

From 1C

son, whom he refers to by his nickname "Megatron."

"I watch my highlights a lot, but I watch Megatron highlights too just because he made great catches like that," Hopkins said. "It motivates me before the games just seeing a great dude go out there and just do it effortlessly."

During these film sessions Hopkins not only watches his big catches, he also dissects the catches that he didn't make.

"I always feel like I can be better. I feel like I can do better," he said. "I feel like I can make better catches."

Hopkins is a very confident player, but he's careful not to sound boastful. No matter what players do to try and slow him down he puts pressure on himself to do more to come away with the catch.

"I've been stopped before from making those catches or I might have stopped myself sometimes," he said. "So I feel like it's more so than the defender. That's just like the role that I put on myself and the pressure, no matter what DB is out there it's my ball. I don't want to say a DB can't guard me, but I still feel like I can catch it."

Houston cornerback Johnathan Joseph, a 13-year NFL veteran, has covered Hopkins for years in practice and shakes his head when asked what someone can do to keep him from making a catch.

"You can't do anything," Joseph said. "He's an exceptional talent. He's got rare hand-eye coordination to catch the ball so ... it's one of those things that in the game it's almost impossible."

Hopkins has been making nifty catches throughout his six-year NFL career, which often leads him to be asked which one is his favorite. Because he's always outdoing himself, the answer often changes and on Thursday it took him a few seconds to come up with an answer.

He exhaled sharply and rubbed his long and lean hands together for a bit before coming to a conclusion.

"The Dolphins catch between the legs," he finally said. "I'm going to go with that."

That catch came earlier this season when he reached back and grabbed the ball with one hand and weaved it between his legs in the air before crashing to the ground. But it actually wasn't a catch at all because he was called for pass interference.

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Transgender man has kept full story from his parents

DEAR ABBY: I'm a transgender male who has grown up in an area where many people discourage such things. They view what I am as a sin and me as a sinful, satanic child. My parents are against anything different, including the LGBT community.

I have already gone through top surgery, but they don't know about it. What they do know is that I am bisexual. How do I tell them that I am male? — **SINFUL CHILD**

DEAR "SINFUL" CHILD: Why do you want to make an announcement? You know what will happen the minute you do. If you feel you must say something, say that you have discovered your true self, which is male, and that you are happier now than you have ever been.

After you do that you will be free. You can then start building a family comprised of people who are understanding and accepting, which will be healthier for you than the one you were born into.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I have been estranged for many years for multiple reasons. She has bad-mouthed me in emails to other relatives and then denied having done it, invited my ex-husband to

DEAR ABBY

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family birthday parties knowing I wouldn't show up if he was there, and gone months, sometimes years, without speaking to me over things she has perceived as slights.

I have tried many times to walk away and let the situation go, but I continue being urged by other family members to "be the bigger person," not give up and "just keep trying." I married recently and invited her to the wedding. She texted 48 hours beforehand to indicate she would not be there. I'm wondering, is it OK to stop trying now? I mean, how much of this should one person be forced to take? — **JUST ABOUT DONE TRYING**

DEAR JUST ABOUT DONE: I see nothing to be gained by continuing to tolerate your mother's passive aggression. If you are asking for my permission to stop doing all the work in the relationship, I am pleased to give it to you now.

DEAR ABBY: I have

socialized with a group of women for the past 20 years. Our connection has always been our children. Now the children are grown and gone, one woman in our group keeps trying to include spouses each time we get together.

My husband works long hours. He doesn't enjoy being with these men, and he doesn't want to go on these outings. I have sympathized with him because I don't like the changes either. I'd prefer these events stay girlfriends-only. I have gone solo a few times and stayed away a few times. But my friends are commenting now, and I feel stuck and uncomfortable. Do you have any suggestions? — **NO FAN IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR NO FAN: Yes, be honest. Level with your women friends and say you prefer socializing with them without the husbands. You are entitled to your feelings, and you do not have to elaborate further.



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The opening heart lead was covered by the king and won with the ace. East shifted to the king of clubs. Hard Luck Louie was annoyed with the defense. Didn't East realize that West's lead was an obvious singleton? Had East just given partner the ruff he was asking for, the hand would have

been easy, perhaps giving him an over-trick. East, of course, was just playing good bridge. One ruff was not likely to defeat the contract, especially if it involved setting up dummy's long suit.

Louie won the club shift with the ace and led a low trump to dummy's ace. When East showed out, the contract could not be made. Louie tried a low heart to his jack, but West ruffed, led a club to East, and ruffed another heart with the queen of trumps.

Lucky Larry got the same defense when he played the hand. He took his ace of clubs at trick two and paused for thought. The apparent 4-1 heart split made a 2-2 split in spades less likely. He didn't have the entries to test the trumps first, so he led the jack of spades and ran it at trick three. Larry then led a spade to the ace, cashed the king, and led a heart to his jack. West refused to ruff, so a diamond to the king was followed by the nine of hearts, covered with the 10 and ruffed by Larry. West over-ruffed, but one club trick was all that was left for the

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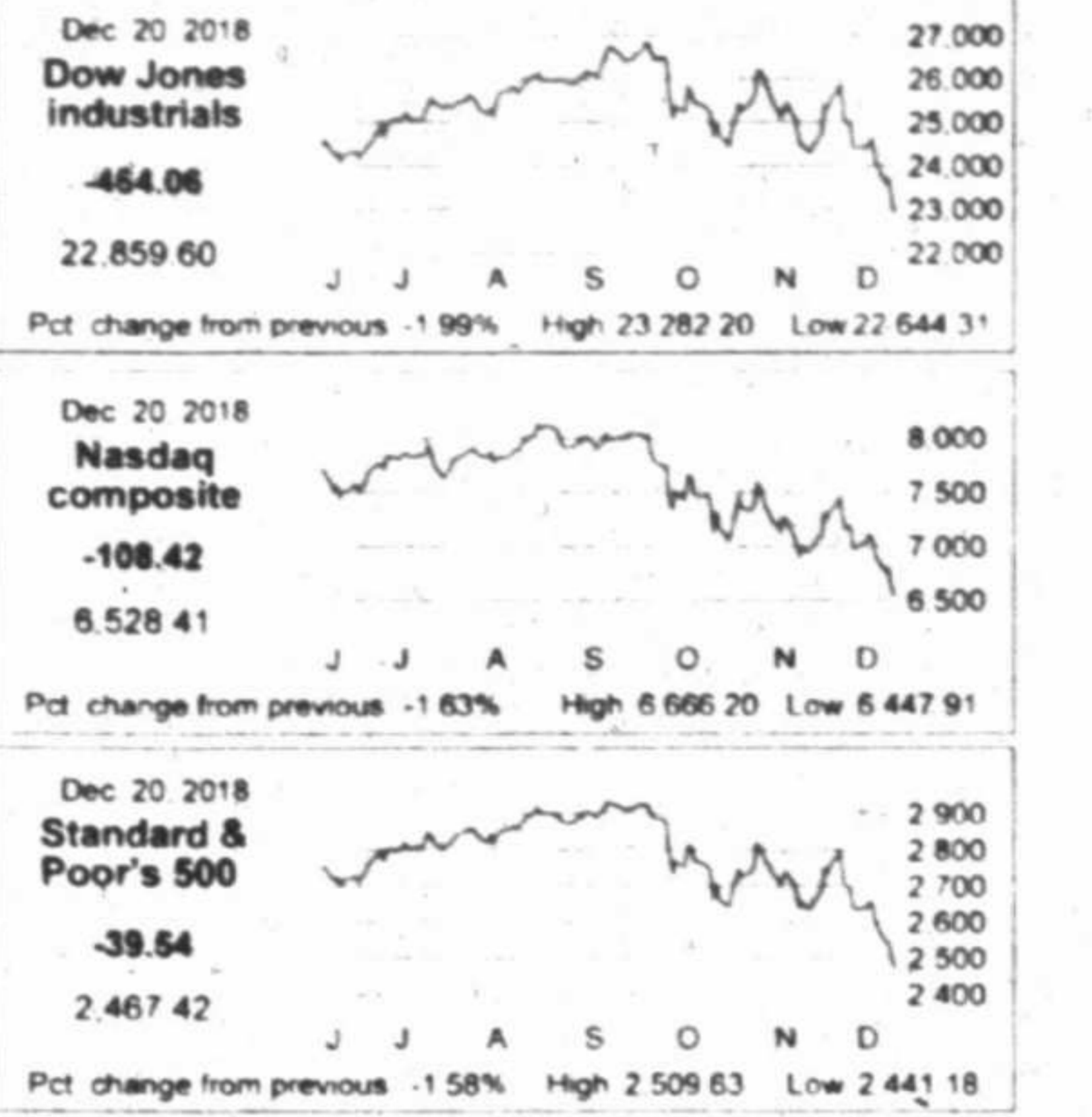


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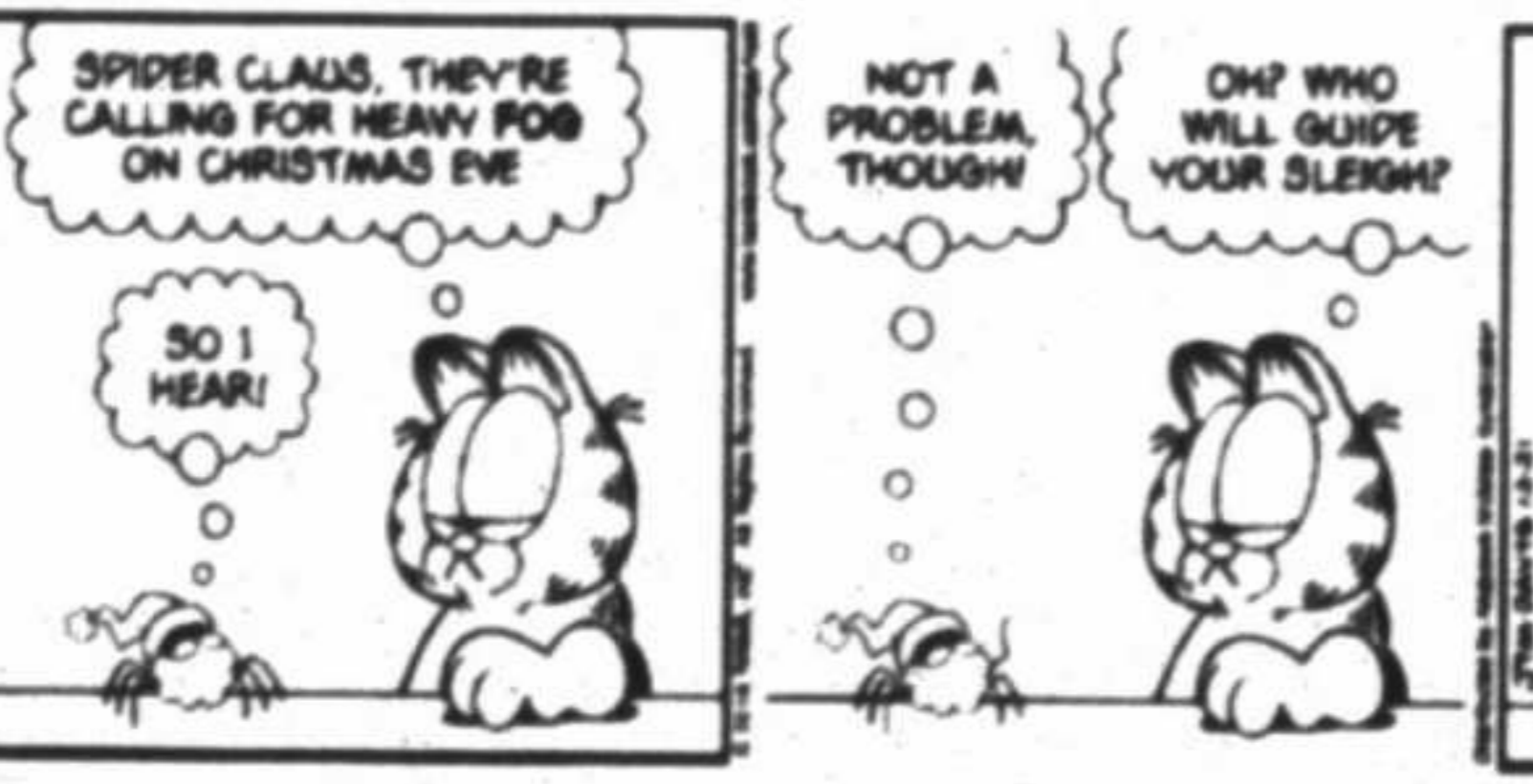
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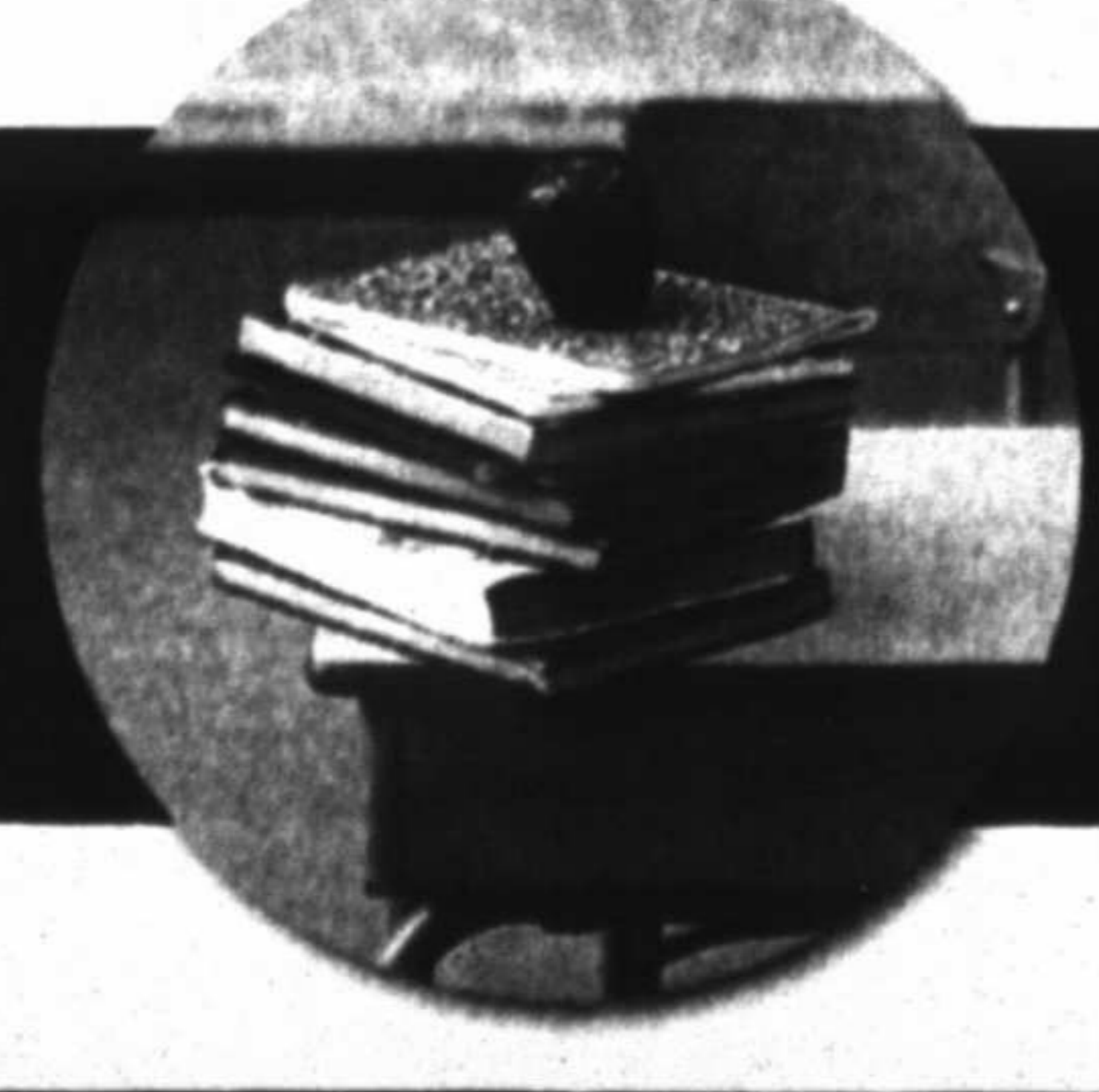
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PROPOSED ANNEXATION

The City Council of the City of Midland will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Younger Partners LTD for the proposed annexation on the following described property:

A 28.84-acre tract located in Section 8, Block 40, T-2-S, T&P RR Co Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located at the southeast corner of the intersection of South Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and Loop 40, ETJ, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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PROPOSED ZONING OF ANNEXED LAND

The City Council of the City of Midland will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Midland Independent School District, to consider the initial zoning of annexed land as follows:

A 123.28-acre tract located in Section 37 and 48, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located approximately 703-feet west of the intersection of Tradewinds Boulevard and Thomson Drive.

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A 8.464-acre tract located in Section 38, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located approximately 896-feet south of State Highway 191 and 1,020-feet west of Avalon Drive.

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A 16.946-acre tract located in Section 38, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co Survey, Midland County, Texas.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by VCG Development for a Zone Change from O-1, Office District to MF-2, Multiple-Family Dwelling District on the following property:

Lot 1, Block 5, Hollandale Heights Resubdivision Blocks 3-9, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the northwest corner of the intersection of North Carver Street and East Dornard Avenue, Council District 2.

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OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 08-0316595
APPLICATION OF PERMAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE REBEL 145 UNIT, WELL NO. H145WB, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 08-0316596
APPLICATION OF PERMAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE REBEL 140 UNIT, WELL NO. H140WB, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 08-0316603
APPLICATION OF PERMAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE CHARGER 150 UNIT, WELL NO. H150WB, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

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APPLICATION OF PERMAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE REBEL 150 UNIT, WELL NO. H150WB, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 08-0316612
APPLICATION OF PERMAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE CHARGER 145 UNIT, WELL NO. H145WA, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 08-0316655
APPLICATION OF PERMAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE CHARGER 140 UNIT, WELL NO. H140WA, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

JOINT NOTICE OF HEARING

Date, Location, and Place of Hearing: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**, at the offices of the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) located in the William B. Travis State Office Building, at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, in a room number to be posted on the bulletin board in the first-floor lobby if the hearing is not concluded on the day it commences. It will be continued from day to day until concluded.

Purpose of Hearing: The purpose of the hearing is to allow the parties to present evidence and consider all issues of fact and law raised in or relevant to the above-described Applications. The issues that may be addressed at the hearing include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. A statement of the matters asserted and the nature of the Applicant's hearing request is in the attached Appendix A.

2. Any other issues raised in the pleadings, evidence, or argument that are necessary for the Commission to render a final decision on the merits of this case.

Failure to Appear: All parties, intervenors or persons intending to participate at the hearing must attend the hearing. Failure to appear at any prehearing conference or the hearing in this case may result in dismissal of that party's claim or defense, or default against that party's claim or defense. See 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 2001.056, 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.10.

Appearance at Hearing: All persons or parties supporting, opposing or protesting this Application and intending to participate in the hearing must complete and file with Docket Services the enclosed Notice of Intent to Appear at Hearing form at least **five business days** prior to the hearing date in this Notice of Hearing. A copy of the form should be served on the Applicant and any other parties of record.

Legal Authority and Jurisdiction: The Commission has jurisdiction over Applicant and over the matters at issue in this proceeding pursuant to TEX. NAT. RES. CODE title 3, subchapter A, B and C, TEX. WATER CODE chapters 26, 27 and 29, and TEX. GOV'T CODE chapter 2001.

Particular Statutes and Rules Involved: The statutes and rules applicable to this proceeding include but are not limited to the following:

- TEX. NAT. RES. CODE title 3, subchapter A, B and C.
- Commission rules in 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE chapters 1 and 3.
- TEX. WATER CODE chapters 26, 27 and 29, and
- Statutes and rules referenced in Appendix A, if any of this Notice of Hearing.

Continuance of Hearing: Any request for continuance of this hearing must be filed in Docket Services **no later than the business days prior to the hearing date**. Copies of such request must be served to all parties shown on the service list 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.45(a)(1).

Ex parte Communications Prohibited: Ex parte communications (e.g. phone calls and emails) with the examiners and Commissioners are prohibited. 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 2001.057.

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THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

OAG Docket No. 08-0316605: REBEL 145 UNIT H145WB
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 100.33-acre pooled unit known as the Rebel 145 Unit ("Rebel 145 Unit") around the proposed Rebel H145WA Well ("Rebel H145WA Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Rebel 145 Unit is located in Sections 26 and 35, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-43E, A-46, A-1, and Section 2, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey A-180, A-888, Midland County, Texas.

Permian proposes to be the operator of the Rebel H145WA Well. Permian proposes that production from the Rebel H145WA Well be allocated between the Rebel Unit and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Rebel 145 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Rebel 145 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres of each tract within the Rebel 145 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Rebel 145 Unit and the path of the proposed Rebel H145WA Well is attached to this notice.

OAG Docket No. 08-0316606: REBEL 140 UNIT H140WB
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 100.32-acre pooled unit known as the Rebel 140 Unit ("Rebel 140 Unit") around the proposed Rebel H140WA Well ("Rebel H140WA Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Rebel 140 Unit is located in Sections 27 and 34, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-43E, A-46, A-1, and Section 2, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey A-180, A-888, Midland County, Texas.

Permian proposes to be the operator of the Rebel H140WA Well. Permian proposes that production from the Rebel H140WA Well be allocated between the Rebel Unit and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Rebel 140 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Rebel 140 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres of each tract within the Rebel 140 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Rebel 140 Unit and the path of the proposed Rebel H140WA Well is attached to this notice.

OAG Docket No. 08-0316607: CHARGER 150 UNIT H150WB
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 99.03-acre pooled unit known as the Charger 150 Unit ("Charger 150 Unit") around the proposed Charger H150WB Well ("Charger H150WB Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Charger 150 Unit is located in Sections 27 and 34, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-42, A-520, A-1167, Section 3, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey A-181, A-670, Midland County, Texas.

Permian proposes to be the operator of the Charger H150WB Well. Permian proposes that production from the Charger H150WB Well be allocated between the Charger Unit and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Charger 150 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Charger 150 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres of each tract within the Charger 150 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Charger 150 Unit and the path of the proposed Charger H150WB Well is attached to this notice.

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OAG Docket No. 08-0316608: REBEL 150 UNIT H150WB
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Permian proposes to be the operator of the Rebel H150WB Well. Permian proposes that production from the Rebel H150WB Well be allocated between the Rebel Unit and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Rebel 150 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Rebel 150 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres of each tract within the Rebel 150 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Rebel 150 Unit and the path of the proposed Rebel H150WB Well is attached to this notice.

OAG Docket No. 08-0316611: CHARGER 145 UNIT H145WA
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 99.03-acre pooled unit known as the Charger 145 Unit ("Charger 145 Unit") around the proposed Charger H145WA Well ("Charger H145WA Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Charger 145 Unit is located in Sections 27 and 34, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-42, A-520, A-1167, Section 3, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey A-181, A-670, Midland County, Texas.

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OAG Docket No. 08-0316609: CHARGER 140 UNIT H140WB
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Permian proposes to be the operator of the Charger H140WB Well. Permian proposes that production from the Charger H140WB Well be allocated between the Charger Unit and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Charger 140 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Charger 140 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres of each tract within the Charger 140 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Charger 140 Unit and the path of the proposed Charger H140WB Well is attached to this notice.

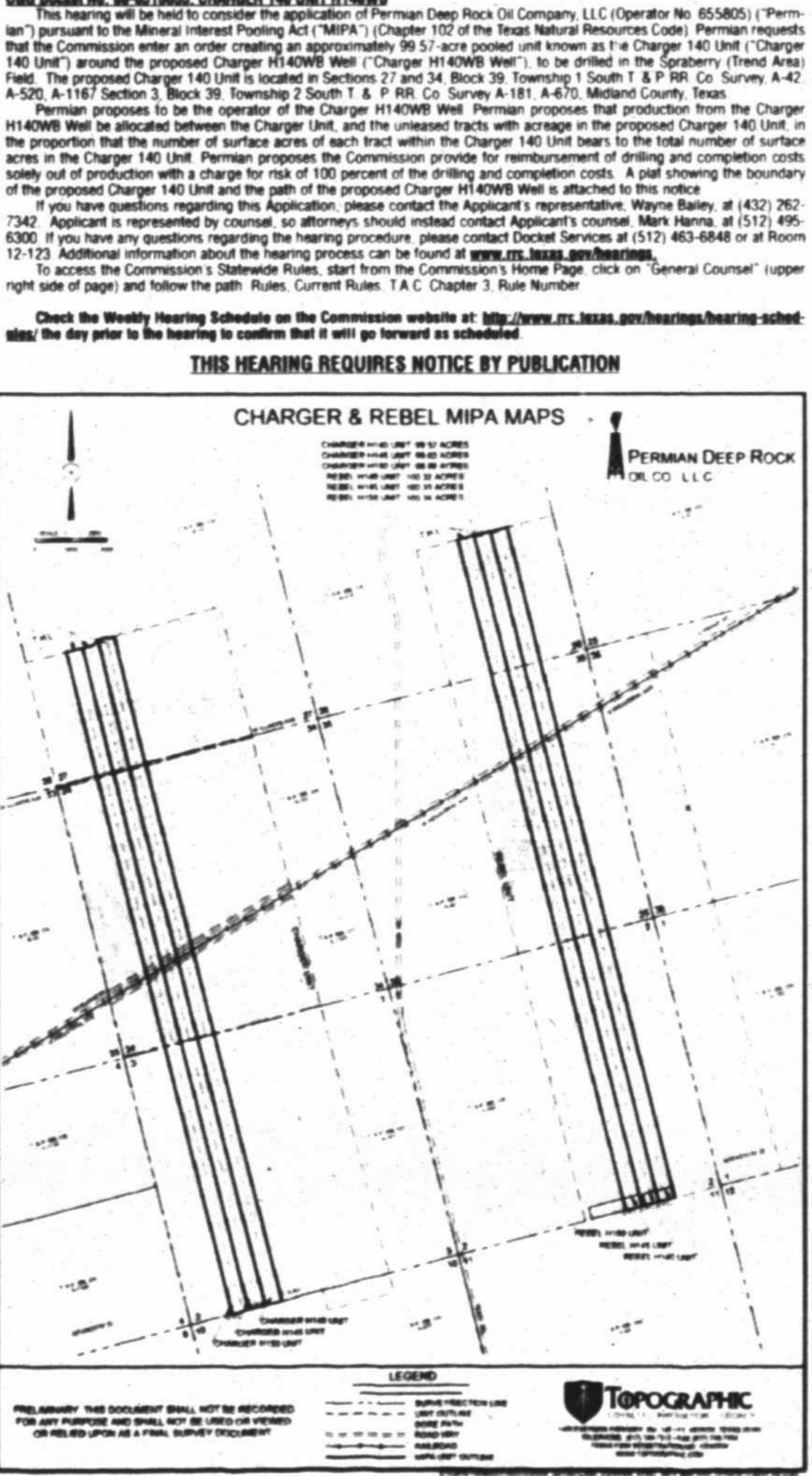
If you have questions regarding this Application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Wayne Bailey, at (432) 262-7342. Applicant is represented by counsel, so attorneys should instead contact Applicant's counsel, Mark Harris, at (512) 495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact Docket Services at (512) 463-6848 or at Room 12-123. Additional information about the hearing process can be found at www.rtc.texas.gov/hearings.

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Check the Weekly Hearing Schedule on the Commission website at: <http://www.rtc.texas.gov/hearings/hearing-schedule> the day prior to the hearing to confirm that it will go forward as scheduled.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

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The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 3:30 P.M. on Monday, January 7, 2019, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Parkhill Smith and Cooper for approval of a Residential Replat on:

Lot 3, Block 25, Plantation Hills, Section 10, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Whitman Drive and Bluebird Lane. Council District 1.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Greg Clark dba Bully Beds, Inc. for a Specific Use Permit without Term for a Kennel / Sanctuary on the following property: Lot 1, Tract 7, Stockard Acres, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of Carter Avenue, approximately 256 feet west of Goodie Street. (Council District 2)

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Lot 1, Tract 4, Wallace Heights Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Bates Street and Andrews Highway. (Council District 2)

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Meredith Burgess for approval of a Special Exception from the City of Midland Zoning Ordinance, Section 11-1.7-Area, yard structure, parking and miscellaneous lot and use regulations concerning the front yard setback of a pool on:

Lots 37 and 38, Block 5, Midkiff Plaza Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of Tealwood Place, approximately 230 feet east of Whitney Drive. (Council District 1)

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PROPOSED ANNEXATION
The City Council of the City of Midland will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, on a request by Cumberland and Western Resources, LLC, for the proposed annexation on the following described property:

A 21.30-acre tract located in Section 38, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, and a 6.975-acre right-of-way out of Section 38, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located approximately 688 feet south of State Highway 191 and 2.287 feet west of Avalon Drive. ETJ, Extrajurisdictional Jurisdiction.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT
Parsley Energy Operations, LLC, 303 Colorado, Suite 3000, Austin, Texas 78701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced water into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the Fusselman, Montoya, and Elberberger (formations), Rabbit Ranch 14 (lease), and Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 12.4 miles southwest of Midland, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Midland County, TX. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 12,773 feet to 13,787 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the STATEWIDE Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512.463.8792)

Legal and Public Notices

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property
Pursuant to the lien granted by the Texas Self-Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that the undersigned self-storage units will be sold at public sale by competitive bidding, to satisfy the lien of the Lessor, with Metro Storage LLC as managing agent for Lessor, for rental and other charges due from the undersigned. The said property has been stored and is located at the respective address below. Units up for auction will be listed for public bidding on-line at www.StorageTreasures.com beginning five days prior to the scheduled auction date and time. The terms of the sale will be by lot to the highest bidder for cash only. A 10% buyer's premium will be charged per unit. All sales are final. Metro Self Storage LLC reserves the right to withdraw any or all units, partial or entire, from the sale at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. All contents must be removed completely from the property within 48 hours or sooner or are deemed abandoned by bidder/buyer. Sale rules and regulations are available at the time of sale.

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