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# Downtown library to close to public next month

## *Building will undergo monthslong renovation project before reopening*

**By Simone Jasper**
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In preparation for a renovation project, a date has been set to close the Midland County Public Library downtown branch.

County commissioners recently approved Feb. 16 as the last day the downtown library will be open to the public before the renovation. The building is expected to reopen months later with a new floor plan.

Library director John Trischitti III said closing in mid-February gives his staff time to clear items from the building's first floor before construction. Plans call for the branch to receive an open layout and an entrance that faces its parking lot, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

If patrons check out materials from the downtown library before it closes, Trischitti said they can return them to the Centennial branch, bookmobile or a book drop that will likely be in the downtown branch's parking lot.

Trischitti said most downtown staff will move to the Centennial library during the construction period. Also, the bookmobile could offer some services downtown.

"People that need that downtown location for proximity, they will still be able to have that on certain days," he said.

Library staff intends to go through all items in the downtown branch collection before the renovation. During construction, Trischitti said some material will be in storage and not available to the public.

"We know that's inconvenient, and we apologize in advance," Trischitti said. "We're going to push as much of our collection as possible to Centennial."

In one recent change, foliage was removed near the current entrance of the downtown library building. Trischitti said the action had a two-fold purpose: eliminating trees that had been fighting disease and preparing for landscaping.

For building modifications, county

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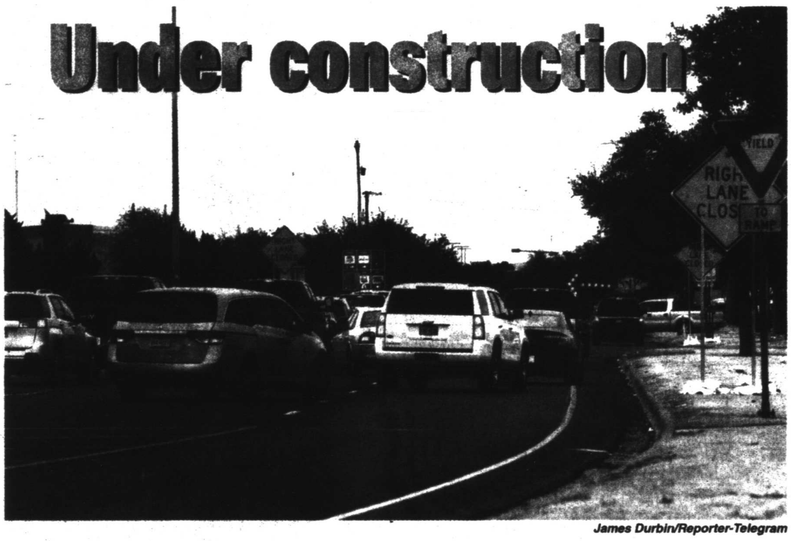


*James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

The Texas Department of Transportation is rehabilitating frontage roads between Midkiff Road and Big Spring Street. Motorists are asked to find alternate routes if possible while the work is being done. Delays are likely during construction. Motorists are reminded that state law requires them to obey any warning signs and/or flaggers encountered in the work zone.

# Elizabeth Byer Leonard runs for re-election

**By Simone Jasper**
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Judge Elizabeth Byer Leonard has filed as a candidate to retain her 238th Judicial District Court seat. Leonard, 52, said she would appreciate being on the bench for another term.

"I've been really fortunate to have been able to serve as the judge of the 238th for the last 5 1/2 years," Leonard said. "Since then, I've been able to focus on both the criminal and civil dockets and have tried I think… over 135 jury trials, primarily criminal jury trials."

Leonard

During her time in office, Leonard also started the Midland County Mental Health Court, which provides help to defendants with mental illness. She said the program has expanded into jail psychiatric services and the Midland Behavioral Health Leadership Team.

While previously working as a prosecutor, Leonard saw people with mental illness go to prison. She considered an alternative that would punish offenders while allowing victims to receive justice.

"It's a way of balancing both of those and also protecting the needs of the community," said Leonard, who hopes to continue mental health work if elected. "Because so often with the low-level felony crimes, the mentally ill will go to either a state jail facility or maybe prison and then they're released back to our community with no help."

Locally, Leonard is a member of Christ Church Anglican as well as various

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# A Dallas school sought 50 men to stand in for absent fathers at 'Breakfast with Dads' — nearly 600 attended

**By Valerie Strauss**
*The Washington Post*

Something somewhat extraordinary happened last month at Billy Earl Dade Middle School in Dallas.

The school — with a student population of nearly 900, about 90 percent from low-income families — planned to host its first "Breakfast with Dads," according to the Dallas Morning News. About 150 male students, ages 11 to 13, signed up. But event organizers were concerned that some would attend without a male figure at their side, so they put out a call for volunteers who could serve as mentors.

"When a young person sees someone other than their teacher take interest in them, it inspires them. That's what we want to see happen," the Rev. Donald Parish Jr., pastor of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church and the event organizer, told the Morning News.

A call for volunteers by children's advocate Kristina Chäadé Dove — who has served on what is called a site-based decision-making team for the middle school — was published on social media in early December:

"Dade MS needs Males! Please share and text 214-284-1589 to confirm your participation and receive more info!" she tweeted.

When the day came for the event, nearly 600 men showed up to help and mentor the boys, some of them volunteering for the first time.

Stephanie Drenka, a Dallas photographer and blogger who works with Dove at Big Thought, a nonprofit organization that works with

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Gubernatorial candidate Bill Clements and his wife Rita attend a rally Sept. 3, 1986 in Houston. Former Texas first lady Rita Crocker Clements died at age 86. A son-in-law, Jim Moroney, said Clements died Saturday at her home in Dallas.

# Former Texas first lady Rita Clements, 86, dies in Dallas

**By Diana Heidgerd**
*Associated Press*

DALLAS — Rita Crocker Clements, a former Texas first lady who took an active role in Republican politics and higher education, has died more than a quarter century after her husband Bill Clements left the governor's office.

A son-in-law, Jim Moroney, said Clements died Saturday at her Dallas home. She was 86.

Moroney, publisher of The Dallas Morning News and CEO of A.H. Belo Corp., said Sunday that his mother-in-law had been ill and died of complications because of Alzheimer's disease. He's married to one of her four children, Barbara.

Bill and Rita Clements wed in 1975, a second marriage for both. She became a key adviser to her husband, an oilman and the first Republican governor of Texas since Reconstruction. He served two terms — from 1979 to 1983 and from 1987 to 1991 — and died in 2011.

Services for Rita Clements were scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas.

Rita Clements earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1953, with a major in Spanish and minors in history and government. She later served 11 years as a University of Texas System regent. She also was known for her efforts to preserve the state's heritage and renovate the Governor's Mansion in Austin.

"Rita was a true stateswoman who served Texas both on the UT System Board of Regents and as a great steward of the Governor's Mansion during her time as first lady," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement offering condolences. "Texas has suffered a tremendous loss, but Rita leaves behind an incredible legacy."

Rita Clements was a committed Republican long before the party took control of government in Texas, serving as state co-chair for former U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign and a member of the Republican National Committee in 1973.

"We are saddened to learn that our friend, Rita Clements, has died," said George W. Bush, who served as Texas governor before becoming the nation's 43rd president. "When we think of Rita, we think of a strong Texas woman and a pioneer in the Republican Party. She was a wonderful first lady for the Lone Star State."

## LEONARD

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professional and community organizations. She also enjoys mentoring younger attorneys and was as an adjunct professor at Midland College and Odessa College.

Leonard has lived in Midland for more than two decades. She was born in Houston and raised in Columbia, Missouri. Leonard earned a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and a law degree from South Texas College of Law.

The judge previously held a position as an attorney/landman for an oil and gas company, and she was a prosecutor for more than 10 years in Midland and Ector counties.

"With the oil and gas experience and the criminal experience, it was a good match for the 238th District Court," Leonard said.

Leonard was first elected to the bench in 2012, after the passing of Judge John Hyde left the seat vacant. Former Gov. Rick Perry made an appointment so she could be sworn in after winning the Republican nomination.

She didn't have a Democratic challenger in November 2012 and ran unopposed in the 2014 election — which began her first full term.

Leonard said she has always voted Republican and filed as one of the political party's candidates for the 2018 race. She is also a member of Midland County Republican Women.

*This profile is the first about a 238th Judicial District Court candidate. Profiles about other candidates in contested judge races will appear in future editions.*

## BREAKFAST

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partners across the city to provide creative learning programs for young people, chronicled the event in words and photos. She wrote:

"Back in December, the team ran into some difficulty when planning their annual 'Breakfast with Dads' event. Dade's community liaison Ellyn Favors mentioned that student participation was low due to young men not having a father/father-figure available to attend the event. Kristina decided to post a call for volunteers on Facebook in the hope of finding 50 male mentors to accompany the middle schoolers ...

"The unexpected influx of interest led the team to move the event from the cafeteria into the gymnasium so they could house more guests. Kristina engaged the community again in getting volunteers to help with setup and check-in. Team members from Big Thought, the Office of Cultural Affairs, and even Kristina's personal friends showed up alongside the male mentors to make the event possible ...

"I will never forget witnessing the young students surrounded by supportive community members. There were so many volunteers, that at times I saw young men huddled in the center of 4-5 mentors. The look of awe — even disbelief — in students' eyes as they made their way through the crowd of 'Dads' was astonishing.

"Jamil 'The Tie Man' Tucker led the auditorium in a hands-on icebreaker activity. He spoke of learning how to tie a tie as a rite of passage some young men never experience. Mentors handed out ties to the eager students and helped them perfect their half-Windsor knot.

"The sight of a necktie may forever bring a tear to my eye."

## LIBRARY

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commissioners previously reviewed structural plans for the downtown library from the architecture and engineering firm Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

Also, County Judge Mike Bradford said the response to issuing project contractor requests for proposal could be on the commissioners' court agenda on Jan. 22 or a subsequent meeting. While seeking competitive bids, he said the county is considering the cost and duration of the project.

Bradford said the money for the renovation costs — which are still to be determined — will come from sales tax revenue.

He said the timing of the renovation depends on the course of other county projects, including the adult probation department building. The goal is for the department to move from its North Main Street location and into a facility west of the county jail in early February, the county judge said.

That change would allow the Midland County Historical Society to be housed in the North Main Street building.

After the move, Trischitti said the downtown library could use the former museum space to house some staff and operations during its renovation.

"Timing is essential because one's got to move to make the other one... happen," Bradford said.

## Obituaries

### Aimee Cantu

*1984 - 2017*

*"Nothing can dim the light which shines from within."*

*"Be a rainbow in someone's cloud."* Maya Angelou

Aimee Lee Cantu was born November 16, 1984 in San Angelo, Texas and had an unconventional upbringing. She embraced life and lived it fully with no apologies or regrets. Aimee loved music, dancing, game night, the boys' sporting events, and her uncle's BBQ on the back patio. Her greatest loves were her nieces and nephews. As she ventured through life in Austin, the roots that grounded her brought her back home to Stanton and into the arms of the love of her life.

As fate would have it, the disease she was battling gave her the two wishes she had for her life - to be married and to be a mother. Cancer took her body on December 30, 2017 but it did not take her spirit. Her spirit lives through all of us who love her and whom she loved dearly.

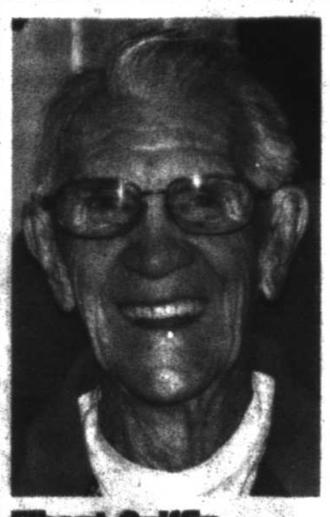
Those left to cherish the memories of our sweet Aimee are her husband, Adam; Aunt Susan and Uncle Henry Armendarez; her siblings/cousins, Amanda Monarrez (Alex) and Hank Armendarez (Belinda); Adam's parents, Frank and Adela Cantu; stepfather, Edward Tindol (Jesse Tausch); Adam's siblings, Mari Good (Andrew) and Frankie Cantu (Katherine); nephews and nieces, Nikolai Cantu, Beatty Good, Ethan, Aidan and Nathan Armendarez, Cristian and Jaxson Monarrez, and Brielynn Armendarez; aunts, Toni Kennedy, CeZanne Tindol, and Debbie Johnson; maternal grandfather, William Eldridge; Adam's grandparents, Enrique and Angelita Cantu; numerous other family members and close friends who are too many to list but know she loved you all; and Aimee's fur babies, Munkey, Max, and Missy.

We'd like to thank Dr. Berryman and Baylor Cancer Hospital, Dr. Watkins and Texas Oncology, and the staff on the 7th floor MMH for the love and care you gave to Aimee.

*We love you more...*

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Stanton.

*All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.*



### Elbert Griffin Babb, Jr.

Elbert Griffin Babb, Jr., 92, passed away Sunday, December 31, 2017 in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., January 10, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Jody Wallin officiating.

Elbert was born in Decatur, Georgia on October 12, 1925. After moving to Odessa in 1937 and graduating from Odessa High School, Elbert joined the Navy in1942. After the war, he returned to Odessa and, after getting married to Bennie Dean Fields in 1946, went to Schreiner University to play football. He later graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He returned to Odessa and worked for Allied Mechanical at Terminal and then C.A. Gray Heating and Air Conditioning, which later became the Bosworth Company, retiring in 1997. He loved watching Texas Tech sports, bird watching, and especially watching his family grow.

Elbert is preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Bennie Babb; his son, Michael Newton Babb; his daughter, Benna Babb; and his parents, Elbert Sr. and Norma.

He is survived by his brother, James Fuller Babb of Houston; grandson, Matt and wife, Madlyn Babb of Midland; grandsons, Neal and wife Lara and Thomas and wife Kaylean Buckingham of Odessa; granddaughters, Jessica and husband Anthony Coursey of Odessa and Melissa Keown of Lubbock; and by two nieces and 12 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home of Odessa. Online condolences can be made at *www.sunsetodessa.com* .

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### Margaret Eugeana Bunch Kipgen

Margaret Eugeana Bunch Kipgen of Midland, Texas, passed peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her loved ones on January 6, 2017 at the age of 86.

Graveside service will be 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Visitation will be on Monday, January 8, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

She was born April 6, 1931 in Sweetwater, Texas to the late Charles B. Bunch and Carrie Meador Bunch.

Margaret was a God-fearing woman who loved life and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She traveled all over the country with her late husband, Thomas Kipgen. She lived in Texas all her life and called Midland her home. She was a member of Wilshire Park Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

Margaret was a beautiful person, inside and out. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and friend. She will be missed dearly by everyone.

Survivors include one son, Robert Neal Rives; a daughter-in-law, Ross Cass; and seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Kipgen; her son, Jimmy Cass; four sisters, Doma Bunch, Larue Bunch, June Lambert, and Lois Lee Bunch Gamblin; and by four brothers, J.B. Bunch, Clifford Bunch, Clyde Bunch, and Lewis Bunch.

The family would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to her medical team and everyone at Home Hospice Care who helped care for her in her final days and the staff at Nalley-Pickel & Welch for making her service beautiful and helping us through the process. We would also like to sincerely thank all friends, family, and well-wishers for the calls, visits, time, resources, cards, flowers, tributes, etc. during this time.

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

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## STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROUND ROCK

### Suspect, 21, shot by Round Rock police dies at hospital

A man police say opened fire on Central Texas officers investigating reports of a suspicious person in a neighborhood has died after being shot by police.

Round Rock police say 21-year-old Richard Rangel died Saturday night at a hospital.

Rangel was shot before dawn Saturday during a struggle with officers trying to arrest him amid reports of a man dressed in black near some vehicles.

Police also determined Rangel had an active warrant for this arrest.

Further details on the warrant weren't immediately released.

Lt. Jimmy Keyes says no officers were shot but some were treated for minor injuries.

Two officers who returned fire have been placed on leave amid the investigation.

Further details weren't immediately released.

CORPUS CHRISTI

### Nearly 400 cold-stunned turtles in Texas released into Gulf

Nearly 400 sea turtles found stunned by recent frigid weather along the Texas coast have been returned to the Gulf of Mexico near Corpus Christi.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports the warmed and rehabilitated reptiles were released Sunday with help from the National Park Service and volunteers. The release of the 395 turtles took place along the beach at Padre Island National Seashore.

Early January temperatures dipped into the 30s in the area.

National Park Service spokeswoman Donna Shaver has said cold-stunned turtles in shallow water can become incapacitated and float to the surface. People in boats and visitors walking along the shoreline helped rescue the animals.

Shaver says all of the turtles released Sunday were part of this month's cold snap.

WACO

### New divine law statue placed atop Central Texas courthouse

A replacement statue of a Greek goddess of divine law has been hoisted more than 170 feet to the top of a Central Texas courthouse.

Crews on Saturday used cranes to ease the new 18-foot Themis (THEE'-muhs) Goddess of Liberty into place at the McLennan County Courthouse in Waco.

The original zinc statue was removed last July amid work on a replacement figure made of stronger cast aluminum. Officials hope to find a location to display the original weather-battered Themis in Waco.

Montgomery Construction won a more than $428,000 county contract to replace Themis. The duplicate was made by Robinson Iron in Alexander City, Alabama.

WORD OF THE DAY
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Tempestuous
[tem-pes-choo-uh s]
adjective
1. tumultuous; turbulent.

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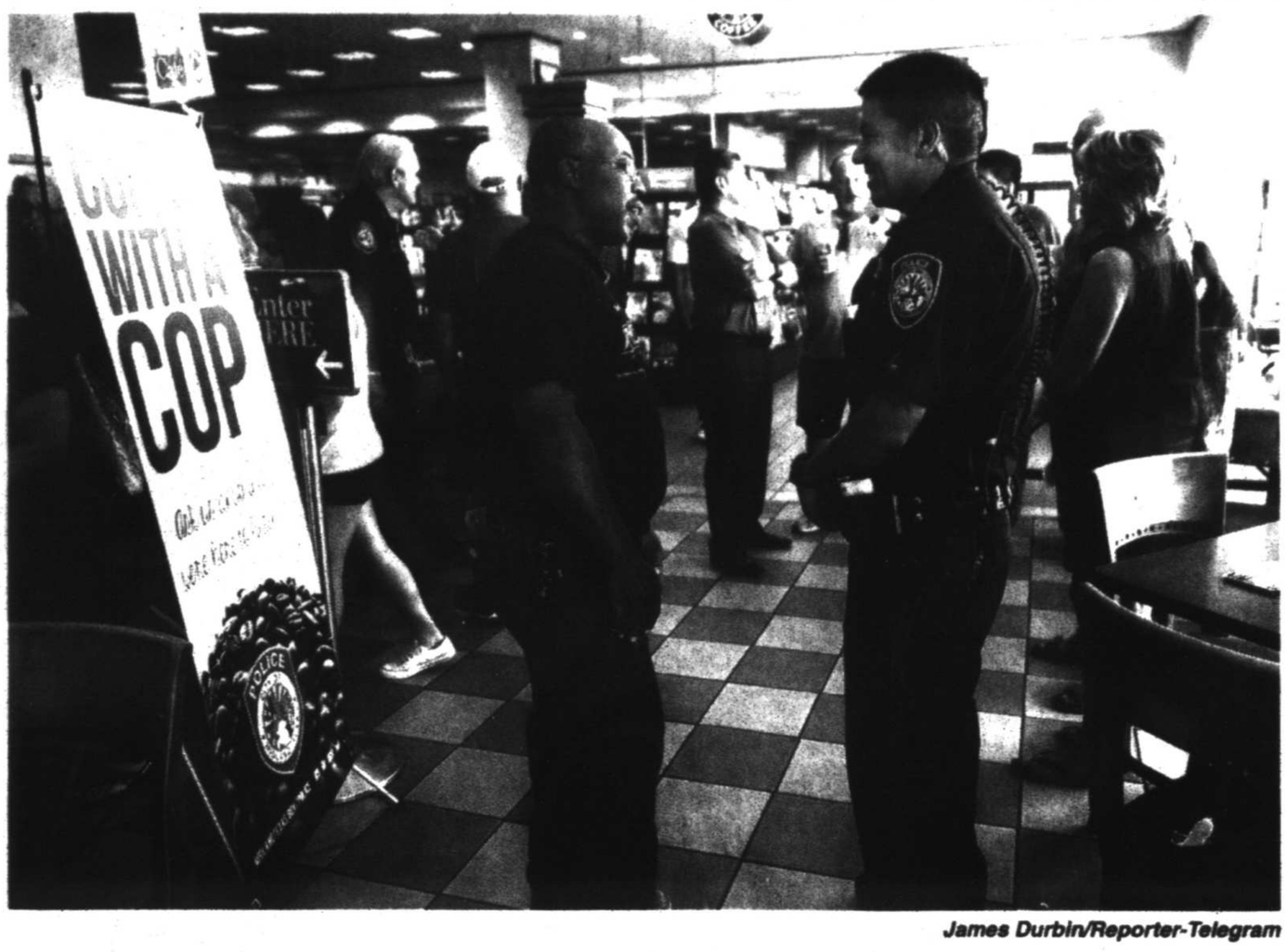


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## Coffee with a cop

The Midland Police Department will have Coffee with a Cop from 7-9 a.m. Tuesday at Whataburger, 3206 Midkiff Road.

This will be an opportunity for the public to meet new Police Chief Steve Henry.

**PHOTO:** Midland Police Department Officer Jesse Robledo speaks with Jon Blakes, deacon at True Lite Christian Fellowship, during Coffee With A Cop on July 12, 2016 at Barnes and Noble Cafe.

### Things to do

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public, 6:30-9 p.m., 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

### Meetings

**Commissioners' Court**
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

**Midland Development Corp**
10 a.m.
City Hall basement
300 N. Loraine Ave.

### State senate forum

The Midland County Republican Women will have its monthly luncheon at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at Midland County Club.

The Republican Women are having a forum for the Texas Senate candidates for District 31 -- Mike Canon, Victor Leal and Kel Seliger. Each candidate will have the opportunity to speak followed by a question-and-answer session.

Go to www.mcrw.us for more information.

### When it's open

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### Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2018. There are 357 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1867, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in overriding President Andrew Johnson's veto of the District of Columbia Suffrage Bill, giving black men in the nation's capital the right to vote.

In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.

In 1998, Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In 2011, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and critically wounded when a gunman opened fire as the congresswoman met with constituents in Tucson; six people were killed, 12 others also injured. (Gunman Jared Lee Loughner (LAWF-nur) was sentenced in November 2012 to seven consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years.)

## Weather

**Sunday's temperatures**
High ..... 72
Low ..... 49
Normal high ..... 57
Normal low ..... 30

**Jan. 7's records**
**High:** 77, set in 2006
**Low:** 11, set in 1970 and equaled in 2017

**Precipitation**
Saturday ..... 0.00 in.
Sunday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... trace
Year total ..... trace
Normal total (year to date) ..... 0.1 in.

**Winds**
**Average:** 12.4 mph
**Highest sustained wind speed:** 30 mph
**Highest gust speed:** 37 mph

**Today's forecast**
**High:** 65
**Low:** 48
**Conditions:** Sunny during the day/cloudy at night

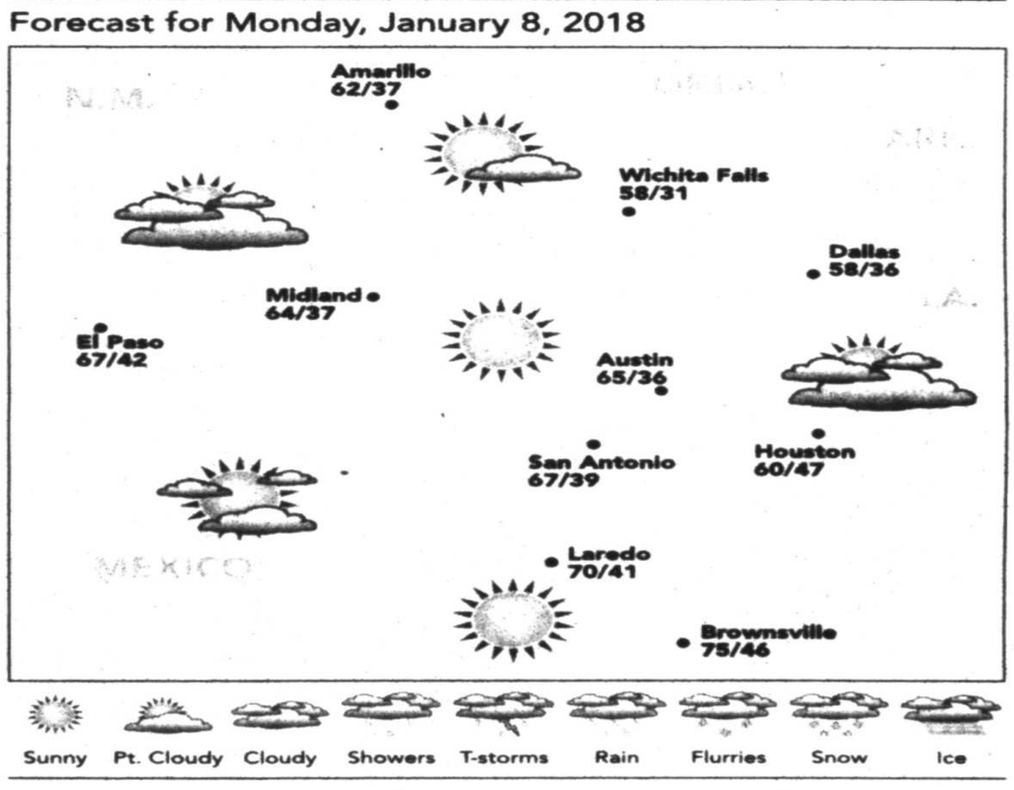
**Winds:** 5-10 mph during the day and night

**Chance of rain:** None

**Sunrise** ..... 7:50 a.m.
**Sunset** ..... 6:01 p.m.

*Source: National Weather Service*

Forecast for Monday, January 8, 2018




## 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*

*Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.*

A baby born today has a Sun in Capricorn and a Moon in Libra.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Jan. 8, 2018:

This year you express a clear vision and a caring attitude. This combo can be unusually powerful. You seem to befriend others without a problem. You often have the final word in decision-making. If you are single, you could meet a potential suitor at nearly any point in the year, most likely through a friend. This person might surprise you as you get to know him or her better. If you are attached, the two of you need to emphasize what is positive in your relationship. You will work together to accomplish a mutual goal you have. LIBRA, though sometimes superficial, understands you well

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★ Your energy soars in the morning, as you are cheered on by several successful conversations and happy comments. Expect some challenges in the evening, when you could have difficulty with a boss. Avoid a power play at all costs. **Tonight:** Do what you must.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★ Emphasize what is positive about your life, and use it to add to the quality of your day. Several close friends and/or loved ones draw out the best in you. You feel secure in their caring presence. If you hit a roadblock, detach and try to see the big picture. **Tonight:** Easy works.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★ Your playful attitude attracts people who are emotionally in touch with themselves. You will see your mood reciprocated throughout the day. A matter that forces some creative brainstorming is likely to arise in the evening. **Tonight:** Avoid a control game if you can.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★★ You might be able to switch gears and head in a new direction, if you so choose. Remain sincere when dealing with a person who likes to wield the power. Stay centered, and don't accept any blame or responsibility that does not feel right. **Tonight:** Do what makes you happy.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★ You seem to say the right words to clear up a problem. You'll feel unusually good in a discussion regarding your personal life. Do not push too hard to get your way within the workplace or in your daily environment. **Tonight:** Put up your feet and relax, then decide.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ You might want to approach a personal matter differently from how you have in the past. A child or loved one will surprise you with his or her changing attitude. What seemed joyful before easily could transform into a power play. **Tonight:** Make an adjustment if need be.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★★ You seem able to cover several bases at one time. Your multitasking abilities help you clear out a lot of work that normally you couldn't even fathom completing. Use this ability to the max. A family member might be disruptive unintentionally. **Tonight:** Whatever makes you smile.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ You will tell it like it is, or so your reputation would indicate. Nevertheless, you will deliver your message — no matter how negative it might be — with a big smile. Know that it probably will take the receiver a few moments to get what you are saying. **Tonight:** Out late.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ You could be in a situation where you feel as if there is no turning back once you decide to head down a certain path. You mean to handle a financial matter with care, but you might not succeed as well as you'd like. Others also have their own ideas. **Tonight:** Hang out with a friend.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★ Your smile goes a long way, and makes you a sure-bet winner. You understand a parent or boss better than even he or she does. Still, a difference of opinion could result in a rift. Avoid getting into a game of "who is right and who is wrong." **Tonight:** Others will notice you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★★ Your ability to negotiate will depend on the breadth of your vision and understanding. You will experience some flak and self-doubt as you seek out the correct path for the majority of people involved. Listen and identify with those around you. **Tonight:** Go for what you want.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ You can't seem to keep communication as active as you might like. A power play could be the result of a misunderstanding, which is likely to take a long time to unwind and clear out. Understand what needs to happen to help you and others relax. **Tonight:** Togetherness works.

**BORN TODAY**

Theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking (1942), singer Elvis Presley (1935), singer/songwriter David Bowie (1947)

# Lupe Valdez is a gay Latina sheriff running for Texas governor, and she could win even if she loses

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske
*Los Angeles Times*

DALLAS — Guadalupe "Lupe" Valdez was making the rounds in jeans and a purple blouse on a recent Sunday at Norma's Cafe, a popular diner packed with a diverse mix of Texans.

"Hey, sheriff!" exclaimed a Latino in a Dallas Cowboys jersey, and Valdez was soon at his side, grinning.

"I was afraid people wouldn't recognize me without the uniform," she said.

The week before, Valdez — the state's first openly gay and first Latina sheriff — with almost four terms under her belt as Dallas County's top cop — announced she was resigning to run for governor. In a crowded Democratic primary, she's the front-runner with the potential to boost party voter registration and turnout long term, especially among Latinos. Though Valdez is unlikely to beat Republican Greg Abbott, a popular governor in a red state with $50 million to spend, she could benefit from a backlash against Trump, mobilizing Latino voters.

"We're giving people hope," Valdez said. "A lot of people have written off Texas."

Valdez, 70, is no stranger to adversity. She grew up in San Antonio, the youngest of eight children in a Mexican-American family, migrating with her parents to work the fields. She waited tables to put herself through Southern Nazarene University, then joined the Women's Army Corps. She was not openly gay at the time, but had friends who were gay or were spotted at gay bars and dishonorably discharged as a result. She came out later in life, in stages: attending a gay-friendly church in the 1980s, then living more openly in the 1990s after she became a federal senior investigator, eventually for the Department of Homeland Security.

When she ran for sheriff in 2004, she was out of the closet, and even with the high-turnout boost of a presidential election she was a long shot.

"She ran for sheriff in a county that did not have a single countywide official that was a Democrat and hadn't for 20 years. She ran against an incumbent sheriff. She did not have any experience running for office. Few people, if any, gave her any chance of winning," recalled Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa.

Valdez won by a slim margin, 51 percent to 49 percent. But her win helped set the stage for a larger victory, attracting Democratic candidates who swept into office in 2006. Two years later, Valdez's margin of victory widened, 55 percent to 45 percent. Last year, she was reelected by the widest margin yet: 59 percent to 37 percent. As Dallas' population grew and diversified, one of the keys to those victories was turning out minority voters, she said.

Valdez, who announced last month that she was resigning as sheriff to run for governor, said her campaign will be focused on economic issues that concern blue-collar families and the elderly, those who worked their way up like she did, subsisting at times on peanut butter and jelly, making sure they paid the rent, cleaned up for church and prayed over their meals the way she and others did at Norma's.

"She understands what those folks are going through, what they need, what their families are all about," Hinojosa said. "The only reason Texas is not a blue state is because the huge Latino population in this state has not turned out the way it should and the way it has in states like California."

Wendy Davis, the Democrat who ran against Abbott in 2014, lost by more than 20 percentage points, a setback for Democrats statewide. She had risen to national prominence as a state legislator filibustering for abortion rights.

"One hope that Democrats have for Lupe Valdez is that she increases voter registration and turnout among Latinos and she shifts the percentage of the Latino vote won by Democrats from the 55 (percent) to 65 percent range, where it's been recently in Texas, to the 65 (percent) to 75 percent range, where it's been in places like California," said Mark Jones, a political science professor at Rice University in Houston.

Democrats now have two paths to relevance in Texas, Jones said: Peel off moderate, white Republican voters or mobilize their base, especially Latinos. Andrew White, 45, a Houston entrepreneur and son of the late Democratic Gov. Mark White, represents the first path. Valdez represents the second.

Valdez, though openly gay, is "not defined by her sexual orientation" the way Davis was defined by her stand on abortion, Jones said: "She's not Harvey Milk." Her girlfriend, a Dallas chiropractor, doesn't plan to make many appearances on the campaign trail. Where Davis looked like a blonde model, Valdez said, she looks like a "grandma."

Valdez clashed with Abbott on immigration policy as sheriff in 2015, refusing to honor federal immigration holds for inmates unless they were charged with violent crimes. Municipalities that wanted to be "sanctuary" cities for migrants were battling federal and state officials at the time, but Valdez's stance was more pragmatic than political, Jones said:

She reasoned there was only so much space in jail. Abbott threatened to withhold grant funding, then announced Valdez had backed off.

Texas has since passed a law designed to crack down on sanctuary cities that would punish local officials who don't honor federal immigration detainers with jail time and fines of more than $25,000. After officials in several cities challenged the law in federal court, a judge prevented most of it from taking effect last summer, and it remains tied up in court.

Texas Republican Party Chairman James Dickey believes Valdez's record on sanctuary cities and other issues makes her unpalatable to Texas moderates. He noted that when liberal Democrat Leticia Van de Putte ran for lieutenant governor in 2014 against conservative fellow state senator Dan Patrick, a tea party stalwart, she lost by a wide margin: 39 percent to 58 percent.

"There was a limited appeal as far as identity and at the same time a massive disconnect on values, issues and principles," Dickey said. "No moderate of any race who looks at Lupe's track record would consider her a moderate."

Dickey also doesn't expect Valdez to benefit from a Trump backlash at the polls.

"To the extent that there is opposition that has been drummed up against the president, I do not believe Texas voters equate that with Texas officeholders," he said. "I will be shocked if we do not have a statewide candidate this election that wins straight up a majority of the Hispanic vote, because it's our issues that resonate with all Texans."

Former Dallas County Republican Party Chairman Jonathan Neerman disagreed.

"Traditional Latino Republican voters could abandon the party because of Trump and vote Democrat, or the sleeping giant could awaken and new Latino voters could vote Democrat," Neerman said.

In that way, Valdez would lay the groundwork for another Democrat to stage a successful campaign for governor in 2022, Jones said, such as San Antonio congressman Joaquin Castro or his twin brother, former U.S. Housing secretary and San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro.

Democrat Tony Sanchez managed to dramatically boost Latino turnout when he ran for governor against Republican Rick Perry in 2002, Jones said, but the party missed the chance to capitalize on that four years later.

"What Lupe Valdez is going to try to do is engage the Latino community that 2018 is a stepping stone," said Jones. "The key for Democrats will be that the Valdez candidacy is not a one-off, that it sets things up for another candidate in 2022."

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# Oprah, 'Three Billboards' triumph at black-draped Globes

By Jake Coyle
*Associated Press*

With a red carpet dyed black by actresses dressed in a color-coordinated statement, the Golden Globes were transformed into an A-list expression of female empowerment in the post-Harvey Weinstein era. Oprah Winfrey led the charge.

"For too long, women have not been heard or believed if they dared to speak their truth to the power of those men," said Winfrey, accepting the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement. "But their time is up. Their time is up!"

More than any award handed out Sunday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, Winfrey's moment — one greeted by a rousing, ongoing standing ovation and that left many attendees and viewers in tears — encapsulated the "Me Too" mood at an atypically powerful Golden Globes. The night served as Hollywood's fullest response yet to the sexual harassment scandals that have roiled the film industry and laid bare its gender inequalities.

"A new day is on the horizon!" promised Winfrey, who noted she was the first black woman to be given the honor.

With a cutting stare, presenter Natalie Portman followed Winfrey's speech by introducing, as she said, "the all-male" nominees for best director.

The movie that many consider speaks most directly to the moment — the revenge dark comedy "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," about a mother avenging the rape and murder of her daughter — emerged as the night's top film. It won best picture, drama, best actress for Frances McDormand, best supporting actor for Sam Rockwell and best screenplay for writer-director Martin McDonagh.

McDormand granted she was befuddled at the identities of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, but gave them credit. "At least they managed to elect a female president," she said. McDormand added that the evening has a special feeling.

"Trust me, the women in this room tonight are not here for the food," said McDormand.

Host Seth Meyers opened the night by diving straight into material about the sex scandals. "Good evening ladies and remaining gentlemen," he began. In punchlines on Weinstein — "the elephant not in the room" — Kevin Spacey and Hollywood's deeper gender biases, Meyers scored laughs throughout the ballroom, and maybe a sense of release.

"For the male nominees in the room tonight, this is the first time in three months it won't be terrifying to hear your name read out loud," said Meyers.

The first award of the night, perhaps fittingly, went to one of Hollywood's most powerful women: Nicole Kidman, for her performance in HBO's "The Big Little Lies," a series she and Reese Witherspoon also produced. Kidman chalked the win up to "the power of women."

"Big Little Lies" won a leading four awards, including best limited series and best supporting actress for Laura Dern. Like seven other female stars, Dern walked the red carpet with a women's rights activist as part of an effort to keep the Globes spotlight trained on sexual harassment. Dern was joined by farmworker advocate Monica Ramirez, Michelle Williams with "Me Too" founder Tarana Burke, and Meryl Streep with domestic worker advocate Ai-jen Poo.

"May we teach all of our children that speaking out without fear of retribution is our new North Star," said Dern, accepting her Globe.

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This image released by NBC shows Oprah Winfrey accepting the Cecil B. DeMille Award at the 75th Annual Golden Globe Awards on Sunday in Beverly Hills, Calif.

## Oprah Winfrey's DeMille Award acceptance speech

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Hi. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you all. OK, OK. Thank you, Reese. In 1964, I was a little girl sitting on the linoleum floor of my mother's house in Milwaukee watching Anne Bancroft present the Oscar for Best Actor at the 36th Academy Awards. She opened the envelope, and said five words that literally made history: "The winner is Sidney Poitier." Up to the stage came the most elegant man I had ever seen. I remember his tie was white and, of course, his skin was black. And I'd never seen a black man being celebrated like that. And I have tried many, many, many times to explain what a moment like that means to a little girl, a kid watching from the cheap seats as my mom came through the door, bone tired from cleaning other people's houses. But all I can do is quote and say that the explanation in Sidney's performance in "Lilies of the Field," "Amen, amen. Amen, amen."

In 1982, Sidney received the Cecil B. DeMille Award right here at the Golden Globes, and it is not lost on me that at this moment, there are some little girls watching as I become the first black woman to be given this same award.

It is an honor — it is an honor and it is a privilege to share the evening with all of them and also with the incredible men and women who inspire me, who challenge me, who sustain me, and made my journey to this stage possible. Dennis Swanson, who took a chance on me for "AM Chicago." Quincy Jones, who saw me on that show and said to Steven Spielberg, "Yes, she is Sofia in "The Color Purple." Gayle, who has been the definition of what a friend is. And Stedman, who has been my rock. Just a few to name.

I'd like to thank the Hollywood Foreign Press Association because we all know that the press is under siege these days, but we also know that it is the insatiable dedication to uncovering the absolute truth that keeps us from turning a blind eye to corruption and to injustice — to tyrants and victims and secrets and lies. I want to say that I value the press more than ever before as we try to navigate these complicated times, which brings me to this: What I know for sure is that speaking your truth is the most powerful tool we all have. And I'm especially proud and inspired by all the women who have felt strong enough and empowered enough to speak up and share their personal stories. Each of us in this room are celebrated because of the stories that we tell. And this year we became the story. But it's not just a story affecting the entertainment industry. It's one that transcends any culture, geography, race, religion, politics, or workplace. So I want tonight to express gratitude to all the women who have endured years of abuse and assault because they, like my mother, had children to feed and bills to pay and dreams to pursue.

They're the women whose names we'll never know. They are domestic workers and farm workers. They are working in factories, and they work in restaurants, and they're in academia and engineering and medicine and science. They're part of the word of tech and politics and business. They are athletes in the Olympics, and they are soldiers in the military. And there's someone else: Recy Taylor, a name I know and I think you should know too. In 1944, Recy Taylor was a young wife and a mother. She was just walking home from the church service she'd attended in Abbeville, Alabama, when she was abducted by six armed white men, raped, and left blindfolded by the side of the road coming home from church. They threatened to kill her if she ever told anyone, but her story was reported to the NAACP, where a young worker by the name of Rosa Parks became the lead investigator on her case. And together they sought justice. But justice wasn't an option in the era of Jim Crow. The men who tried to destroy her were never persecuted. Recy Taylor died 10 days ago, just shy of her 98th birthday. She lived as we all have lived, too many years in a culture broken by brutally powerful men. For too long, women have not been heard or believed if they dared to speak their truth to the power of those men, but their time is up.

Their time is up. Their time is up. And I just hope — I just hope that Recy Taylor died knowing that her truth, like the truth of so many other women who were tormented in those years and even now tormented, goes marching on. It was somewhere in Rosa Parks' heart almost 11 years later when she made the decision to stay seated on that bus in Montgomery. And it's here with every woman who chooses to say, "Me too" and every man, every man who chooses to listen. In my career what I've always tried my best to do, whether on television or through film, is to say something about how men and women really behave, to say how we experience shame, how we love and how we rage, how we fall, how we retreat, persevere, and how we overcome. I've interviewed and portrayed people who have withstood some of the ugliest things life can throw at you, but the one quality all of them seem to share is an ability to maintain hope for a brighter morning, even during our darkest nights. So I want all the girls watching here now to know that a new day is on the horizon.

And when that new day finally dawns, it will be because of a lot of magnificent women, many of whom are right here in this room tonight, and some pretty phenomenal men fighting hard to make sure that they become the leaders who take us to the time when nobody ever has to say "Me too" again. Thank you.

# New Hampshire ticket sole winner in Powerball jackpot

*Associated Press*

MERRIMACK, N.H. — It's been a billion-dollar lottery weekend after a lone Powerball ticket sold in New Hampshire matched all six numbers and will claim a $559.7 million jackpot, one day after another single ticket sold in Florida nabbed a $450 million Mega Millions grand prize.

Since Reeds Ferry Market opened at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, dozens of excited regulars have stopped by the small, independent convenience store in New Hampshire that sold the winning Powerball ticket to congratulate the owner and chat about the win, store owner Sam Safa said. He said he doesn't know the identity of the winner, but hopes one of the regulars from the over 100-year-old store in Merrimack, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Concord, won the nation's eighth-largest lottery jackpot.

"I'm very excited and overwhelmed," said Safa.

He said that by selling the ticket, it felt like he himself had won. The store will receive a $75,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

The winning Powerball numbers drawn Saturday night were 12-29-30-33-61 and Powerball 26.

The initial jackpot was estimated at $570 million, but the actual jackpot at the time of the drawing was the lesser amount, $559.7 million, New Hampshire Lottery Spokeswoman Maura McCann said Sunday.

The winner had not yet come forward as of Sunday evening.

"We are looking forward to meeting New Hampshire's latest big winner — someone woke up a multimillionaire this morning!" said New Hampshire Lottery Executive Director Charlie McIntyre.

The Florida Lottery says the winning Mega Millions ticket from Friday night's drawing was bought at a 7-Eleven convenience store in Port Richey. The retailer will receive a $100,000 bonus for selling the ticket. The identity of that winner also had not yet been revealed.

The winning numbers to claim the Mega Millions jackpot were 28-30-39-59-70-10.

The jackpots refer to the annuity options for both games, in which payments are made over 29 years. Most winners opt for cash options, which would be $281 million for Mega Millions and $358.5 million for Powerball.

The odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot are one in 302.5 million. Powerball odds are one in 292.2 million.

AP file photo

Mega Millions lottery tickets rest on a counter July 1, 2016 at a Pilot travel center near Burlington, N.C. A lone Powerball ticket sold in New Hampshire matched all six numbers and will claim a $559.7 million jackpot, one day after another single ticket sold in Florida nabbed a $450 million Mega Millions grand prize.

# Trump washes his hands of insurgency against GOP incumbents

By Jill Colvin
*Associated Press*

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White House Director of Legislative Affairs Marc Short, left, Vice President Mike Pence's Chief of Staff Nick Ayers, second from right, Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, third from right, and National Economic Council chairman Gary Cohn, second from right, listen and President Donald Trump and Republican congressmen speak at a news conference after participating in a Congressional Republican Leadership Retreat on Saturday at Camp David, Md.

THURMONT, Md. — President Donald Trump says he's done campaigning for insurgents challenging incumbent Republican members of Congress.

Trump told reporters after meeting GOP House and Senate leaders at Camp David on Saturday that he's planning a robust schedule of campaigning for the 2018 midterm elections and that includes involvement in the Republican primaries. He'll campaign for incumbents, he said, and "anybody else that has my kind of thinking."

But after a stinging loss in Alabama, Trump said he's done supporting challengers, declaring: "I don't see that happening." Trump had supported Roy Moore after he won the GOP primary. Moore's defeat in the subsequent special election handed Democrats another seat in the Senate.

Trump spent much of Friday and Saturday morning hashing out his 2018 agenda with GOP House and Senate leaders, top White House aides and select Cabinet members at the presidential retreat at Camp David. He described the sessions as perhaps transformative in certain ways."

A long list of high-stakes topics were on the agenda, from national security and infrastructure to the budget and 2018 midterm election strategy. Though Democrats were not included in the discussions, the leaders — some dressed casually in jeans, khakis and sweaters — said they were optimistic that more Democrats would be working with Republicans.

"We hope that 2018'll be a year of more bipartisan cooperation," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told reporters, predicting a "significant number of Democrats" would be interested in supporting Trump's agenda.

It's a reflection of reality: Republicans hold a razor-thin majority in the Senate and will need Democrats' support to push through most legislation. It's unclear, however, the extent to which Trump is willing to work with Democrats to achieve that goal.

Trump, for instance, declared Saturday that he will not sign legislation protecting hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children unless Congress agrees to fund his promised border wall as well as overhaul the legal immigration system. Trump last year ended the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which shielded more than 700,000 people from deportation and gave them the right to work legally in the country, and gave Congress until March to find a fix.

Trump said any deal must stop immigrants from being able to sponsor their extended family members and must end the diversity visa lottery, which draws immigrants from underrepresented parts of a world . That's in addition to funding for the southern border wall, a deeply unpopular idea among Democrats.

The administration on Friday unveiled a 10-year, $18 billion request for the wall that roiled the immigration talks and infuriated Democrats who've spent months in negotiations, increasing the prospect of a government shutdown.

But Trump appeared oblivious to the anger on Saturday. "We hope that we're going to be able to work out an arrangement with the Democrats," he said. "It's something, certainly, that I'd like to see happen."

Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise, the House majority whip, also expressed guarded optimism when he returned to his state after the retreat. "For a few weeks now it seems like there's the ability to get an agreement reached but none has been finalized yet," he said of the effort to protect the young immigrants who came under Obama's program. "I think the framework is there and the president is fully engaged."

Trump also appeared Saturday to back away from efforts to overhaul the welfare system, which just weeks ago had been identified as one of the White House's top two legislative priorities, along with a massive infrastructure investment plan.

McConnell had argued that welfare reform was a no-go given Democratic opposition. And Trump appeared to have come around.

"It's a subject that's very dear to our heart," Trump said. "We'll try and do something in a bipartisan way. Otherwise, we'll be holding it for a little bit later."

Republicans are eager to build on the victory achieved late last year with the overhaul of the nation's tax code. But before moving on to infrastructure and other items, Trump and his GOP allies first must navigate a tricky landscape of leftover legislation from last year that promises to test party unity in the coming weeks.

The need to work with Democrats on a spending package, for instance, is sure to whip up opposition from many conservatives to a hoped-for catchall spending bill slated for next month.

The Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains provides a woodsy respite from Washington. It's a place where presidents and lawmakers can bond over meals, hikes and movie nights.

"There's a feeling here that you don't have in very many places. There was a bonding," Trump said of the visit.

Trump's chief of staff, John Kelly, told reporters Saturday that lawmakers and top White House officials had enjoyed "a couple of glasses of wine together last night" and gathered with Trump to watch the new movie "The Greatest Showman," starring Hugh Jackman. (He described it as "very, very entertaining.")

Politics, too, were on the agenda, with talks about the midterm elections. Republicans are at risk of losing the majority they've held in the House since 2011, and could also lose seats in the Senate, though many more Democratic incumbents are up for reelection this year.

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# OPINION



## This year, America should resolve to end elitism

■ Half the country is busy looking down their noses at the other half. And then, in an instant, the half being looked down upon changes the criteria and looks down on the first half

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As for New Year's resolutions, I'm forgoing the personal this year and thinking bigger. What's on my mind is what's best for America.

And to that end, here's the perfect aspiration for our country in these dramatic and divided times: Let's all band together to stamp out elitism. This "-ism" can be just as distasteful as some of the more notorious blights that America confronted in the 20th century such as fascism, racism, nativism and ethnocentrism.

Elitism seems to be just about everywhere — perhaps because it's part of human nature.

It's in our history books. In 1787, when the Framers gathered in Philadelphia to create a Constitution that would guide the fledgling republic, the seats at the table were reserved for white men with property.

You'll find elitism in the modern legislative process. When lawmakers in both parties discuss legalizing undocumented immigrants, they feel most comfortable skimming the cream by offering a special accommodation to high-achieving "Dreamers" who attend college.

Our politics is driven by it. Donald Trump convinced white working-class voters in the industrial Midwest (Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania) that he understood their economic fears, and that he could bring back jobs. Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton embodied the qualities that repel people away from elitists — arrogance, smugness, condescension, detachment, disdain for those with different values and beliefs.

Elitism sometimes makes a cameo appearance in our debates over controversial issues. At the moment, conservatives can't wait to fix something that isn't broken — i.e., the country's process for admitting legal immigrants — by creating a merit-based system that would give affirmative action to immigrants who are well-educated and highly skilled. So instead of continuing our country's proud tradition of offering second chances to go-getters who struck out in their home country — a practice that builds fierce loyalty to this one — we'll compete with other nations for the upper crust, the kind of people who are likely to think they're doing us a favor by coming here. Who wants them?

It's even in those lighter human-interest stories that follow any presidency. But whereas the liberal media once framed the narrative that Bill Clinton's love for fast food made him more human and allowed him to relate to everyday Americans, now reporters and commentators are wagging a disapproving finger at Trump, whose love for McDonald's takeout is a deplorable health crisis.

And you can sure hear the screech of elitism in the feverish chatter by Beltway pundits about the soon-to-be-published blockbuster book by journalist Michael Wolff, "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House." Claiming to have spoken to dozens of current and former Trump aides and White House officials, Wolff paints a picture of a president who is dismissed — even by those who support him — as an "idiot" and a "dope," with a short attention span, a lack of intellectual curiosity and no interest in reading. And that's the nice part.

By the way, funny thing about many of those people — in the media and in the White House — who are convinced that Trump isn't very smart: They have never run for office or been elected to anything. And so they can't even imagine what it takes to do what Trump did in order to win the presidency. After all, life isn't a spelling bee.

And yet, for all the recent sightings of elitism, the concept is still widely misunderstood. It's not about money, class, privilege or status. It's not about having access to power, or being part of a protected group, or breathing rarified air.

It's about how you handle any — or all — of these things. And when you don't handle it well, and it goes to your head, it's about thinking that you're better than other people. When you're not.

It's an affliction that cuts across ideological lines. Conservatives act like they're more patriotic than liberals, while liberals are convinced that they're more compassionate than conservatives.

Half the country is busy looking down their noses at the other half. And then, in an instant, the half being looked down upon changes the criteria and looks down on the first half.

Enough already. This needs to stop. For the good of the nation, and the well-being of its people, I can't think of a better New Year's resolution for America than to get rid of elitism.

The stakes are high. It's a plague that is killing a great country — one insult, one eye roll, one snark at a time.

## OPINION EXTRA

## Future of retirement is brighter than ever

Over the holidays the Washington Post interrupted the good cheer to bring us "a preview of a U.S. without pensions." Peter Whoriskey tells the story of 998 people who lost pension benefits when McDonnell Douglas closed a plant in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1994. It's a story that features bankruptcies, lost homes and long-deferred retirements. It's compelling, it's sad, and it's not a useful guide to the future of American retirement.

It is part of a journalistic genre that laments the decline of the traditional defined-benefit pension and the rise of defined-contribution plans such as 401(k)s. If you want to write an article in that genre, there are four rules that appear to be obligatory.

First, gloss over how rare defined-benefit pensions really were. Even at the mid-1970s peak of defined-benefit plans, fewer than 40 percent of private-sector workers had them. Today, decades after the shift to 401(k)s began, 61 percent of private-sector workers are participating in a retirement plan. The percentage of all workers vested in any kind of retirement plan has risen from 24 in 1979 to 43 in 2012.

Second, ignore the advantages that 401(k)s have over the old defined-benefit plans — even when the risks and flaws of the latter are staring you in the face. Referring to the McDonnell Douglas workers, Whoriskey writes, "Because their pension benefits accrued most quickly near retirement age, the pensions they receive are only a small fraction of what they would have had they worked until full eligibility."

In defined-benefit plans, benefits typically depend both on years worked and final salary. If you lose your job in your 40s, that structure works against you. The connection the Post fails to make is that these workers might well have been better off if the shift toward 401(k)s had happened decades earlier.

Third, rely on misleading numbers that suggest we are in a "retirement crisis." Almost half of families have no defined-contribution retirement accounts, the Post says. That's true, but we're still making the transition away from defined-benefit accounts. Count all retirement plans, defined-benefit and defined-contribution, and nearly three-quarters of near-retirees have them.

Fourth, never look at data on how retirees are doing overall and how their condition has changed over time, no matter how relevant this information would seem to be to your overall story. The median senior household of 2013 had an income one-third higher than the median senior household of 1989, even after adjusting for inflation.

Breaking these rules shouldn't lead you to conclude that our retirement system is perfect. Some people ought to be saving more, and some policies need to be changed.

Too many workers, particularly low-income workers, do not have access to 401(k) plans; it might make sense to let them save money in the Thrift Savings Program for federal employees, as Sen. Marco Rubio has proposed. Social Security should be reformed so that it does less to suppress saving and more to protect the elderly from poverty. A guaranteed minimum benefit above the poverty level could be more than paid for by reducing the growth of benefits for high-earners, and lower payroll taxes on older employees can encourage longer working lives.

These are changes that would build on, rather than attempt to reverse, the last few decades of developments in the American retirement system. Those developments, especially the rise of the 401(k), have largely been for the better. Thanks to them, the future of retirement is not going to look like the old age of those McDonnell Douglas workers.

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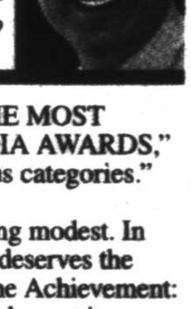
## Everything about Trump is deceptive

■ And that's why this year's Trumpie award goes to ... the president



**DANA MILBANK**
*Washington Post Writers Group*

Of all the scandalous revelations in the Michael Wolff book, the most revealing may be the one about the apricot swirl atop the president's head.

For years, Donald Trump has labored to convince us that "I actually don't have a bad hairline," that "it's not really a comb-over," that "it's my real hair." His personal physician attested that Trump "has all his hair."

Who were we to believe: Trump or our own eyes?

Now, via Wolff, comes a plausible explanation from Ivanka Trump of her father's bouffant: "She often described the mechanics behind it to friends: an absolutely clean pate — a contained island after scalp-reduction surgery — surrounded by a furry circle of hair around the sides and front, from which all ends are drawn up to meet in the center and then swept back and secured by a stiffening spray." And the color "was from a product called Just for Men — the longer it was left on, the darker it got. Impatience resulted in Trump's orange-blond hair color."

There it is, in orange and white: Everything about the man is deceptive, even the style of his hair — and the size of his button.

After Trump boasted about the largeness and functionality of his "nuclear button" last week, a few reporters pointed out that the only button on his desk in the Oval Office is for him to order a Diet Coke. Maybe Trump thinks he is ordering a nuclear strike each time he presses that button and that he is then being rewarded with a Diet Coke?

There are valid questions about the validity of some anecdotes in the book, "Fire and Fury," but former top Trump strategist Stephen K. Bannon, whose quotes are the most damning, hasn't disputed their accuracy. It's as if Trump has a force field of falsehood around him: The further people get from him, the more they succumb to reality.

In September, when Bannon had just left the White House and was still in Trump's force field, he proclaimed to "60 Minutes" that "there's nothing to the Russia investigation. It's a waste of time." In the book, Bannon is quoted as saying that the Trump campaign meeting with Russians was "treasonous" and "unpatriotic," that there is "zero" chance Donald Jr. didn't introduce the Russians to his father, and that investigators are "going to crack Don Junior like an egg."

It's no small irony that book excerpts showing Trump's perfidy appeared the day after Trump announced that he would host "THE MOST DISHONEST & CORRUPT MEDIA AWARDS," featuring "Bad Reporting in various categories." Call it the Trumpies?

For once in his life, Trump is being modest. In the field of dishonesty, it is he who deserves the Cecil B. DeMille Award for Lifetime Achievement: Obama wiretapped him. He had the largest inauguration audience ever. The Russia story is fake news.

Muslims celebrated in New Jersey on 9/11. He only got a small loan from dad. Hillary Clinton started the "birther" movement.

The tax cut will cost him a fortune.

Glenn Kessler and his Fact Checker team at The Post report that Trump has made 1,950 false or misleading claims in office.

I would nominate Trump in the "Best Original Story" category for his recent claims that President Barack Obama's plane "never got to land" in the Philippines: "The plane came close but it didn't land." This is pure fabrication.

In the "Best Actor in a Misleading Role" category, I again nominate Trump, this time for boasting, some 85 times by Kessler's count, about stock market records — contradicting his claim that the same bull market under Obama was "artificial" and "a bubble."

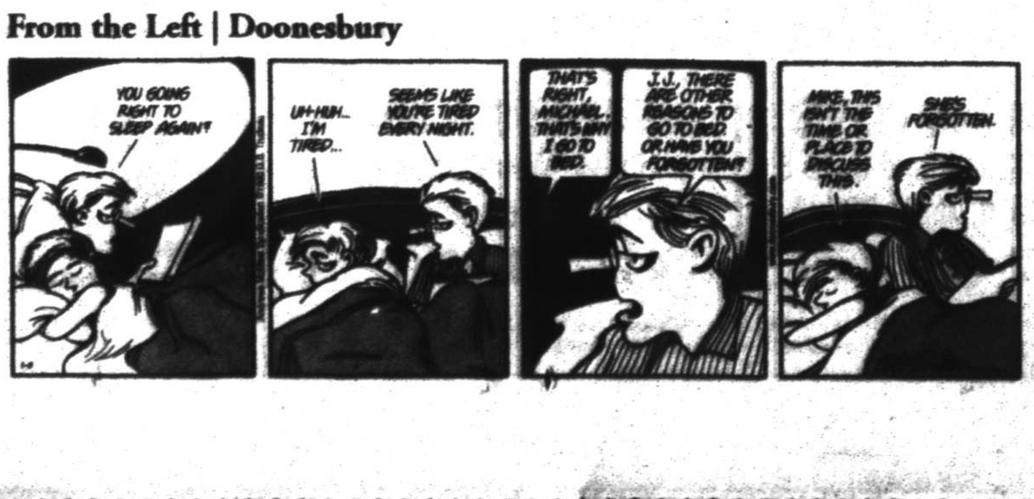
And, in the "Best Made-up" category, I nominate Trump's claim Thursday that Wolff had "zero access to the White House." Reporters saw Wolff at the White House many times.

Maybe Trump and his few still-loyal aides are telling the truth: Former Trump aide Katie Walsh didn't say working with Trump was "like trying to figure out what a child wants," Melania Trump didn't weep with sorrow when her husband won, and various aides and pals didn't describe Trump as an "idiot," "dumb," "stupid," "crazy," a "dope" and semiliterate.

But on the "Today" show Friday, Wolff had a compelling retort: "My credibility is being questioned by a man who has less credibility than perhaps anyone who has ever walked on earth."

Give a Trumpie to that man with the scalp-reduction surgery and the $7 dye job!

**From the Left | Doonesbury**




**From the Right | Mallard Fillmore**

# 'Falling apart?' Trump's insults not forgotten in Atlanta

**By Kate Brumback and Russ Bynum**
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — When President Donald Trump swoops into Atlanta for a VIP seat at college football's biggest game, he'll enjoy the Southern hospitality of a city he disparaged a year ago as "falling apart" and "crime infested."

The insults tweeted by Trump a week before his inauguration may seem like ancient history to most Americans who follow the president's voluminous stream of online invective. But Atlanta hasn't forgotten.

"It was very personal because we live here and we love it," said Stephanie Langer, a 40-year-old East Atlanta resident whose anger over the president's putdowns was rekindled by news of his pending visit.

"I guess it's just ironic that he's coming here," she said. "I guess things must have improved."

Trump plans to be among 72,000 attending the College Football Playoff Championship game Monday evening between Georgia and Alabama. The game is being held at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, the new $1.5 billion home field of the Atlanta Falcons.

The stadium sits in the heart of downtown Atlanta, a place Trump targeted in a pair of tweets Jan. 14 last year. He was punching back at Democratic Rep. John Lewis. The Atlanta congressman, a civil rights hero, had said he would skip Trump's inauguration after allegations of Russian election meddling caused him to doubt Trump "as a legitimate president."

Trump tweeted : "Congressman John Lewis should spend more time on fixing and helping his district, which is in horrible shape and falling apart (not to mention crime infested) rather than falsely complaining about the election results."

Lewis' 5th District seat covers most of the city of Atlanta, including downtown. Trump's attack galvanized residents to post photos of their neighborhoods and other Twitter rebuttals under the hashtag #defendthe5th.

Like many in Atlanta, Josh Calvin is protective of the congressman and of the city. Calvin, 43, can see the new football stadium from the door of Bottle Rocket, a sushi and burger restaurant he owns in Atlanta's Castleberry Hill neighborhood. Over the 12 years that he's been there, he said, he's seen improved crime rates and impressive urban revitalization.

"For him to disparage someone like John Lewis is absolutely ludicrous," said Calvin, who figures Trump wants to come to the big game for the attention rather than any real interest in football.

Though Atlanta leans Democratic, both Georgia and Alabama are solid "Trump Country" states that strongly backed the president in the 2016 election. In a political sense, at least, there's no clear favorite for the New Yorker-in-chief to root for at the game.

Lloyd Hawk, a 56-year-old real estate developer and Atlanta native, lives near the stadium. He said he isn't surprised the president is coming to Atlanta after having disparaged it last year.

"Being consistent in thought has never been one of his strong points," Hawk said. "Hypocrisy is definitely his second language."

Hawk said he had heard some snarky remarks from some neighbors about the president's impending visit. But he doesn't expect Trump to receive an ungracious welcome.

"We are Southern," Hawk said, "so we'll be polite."

It will be Trump's second trip to Atlanta since his disparaging remarks. Last April, he addressed the National Rifle Association's annual convention, which was held in downtown Atlanta a short distance from the football stadium. Lewis spoke at a rally near the convention during Trump's visit, calling for stricter gun control measures.

The congressman did not return phone and email messages on the president's upcoming Atlanta visit.

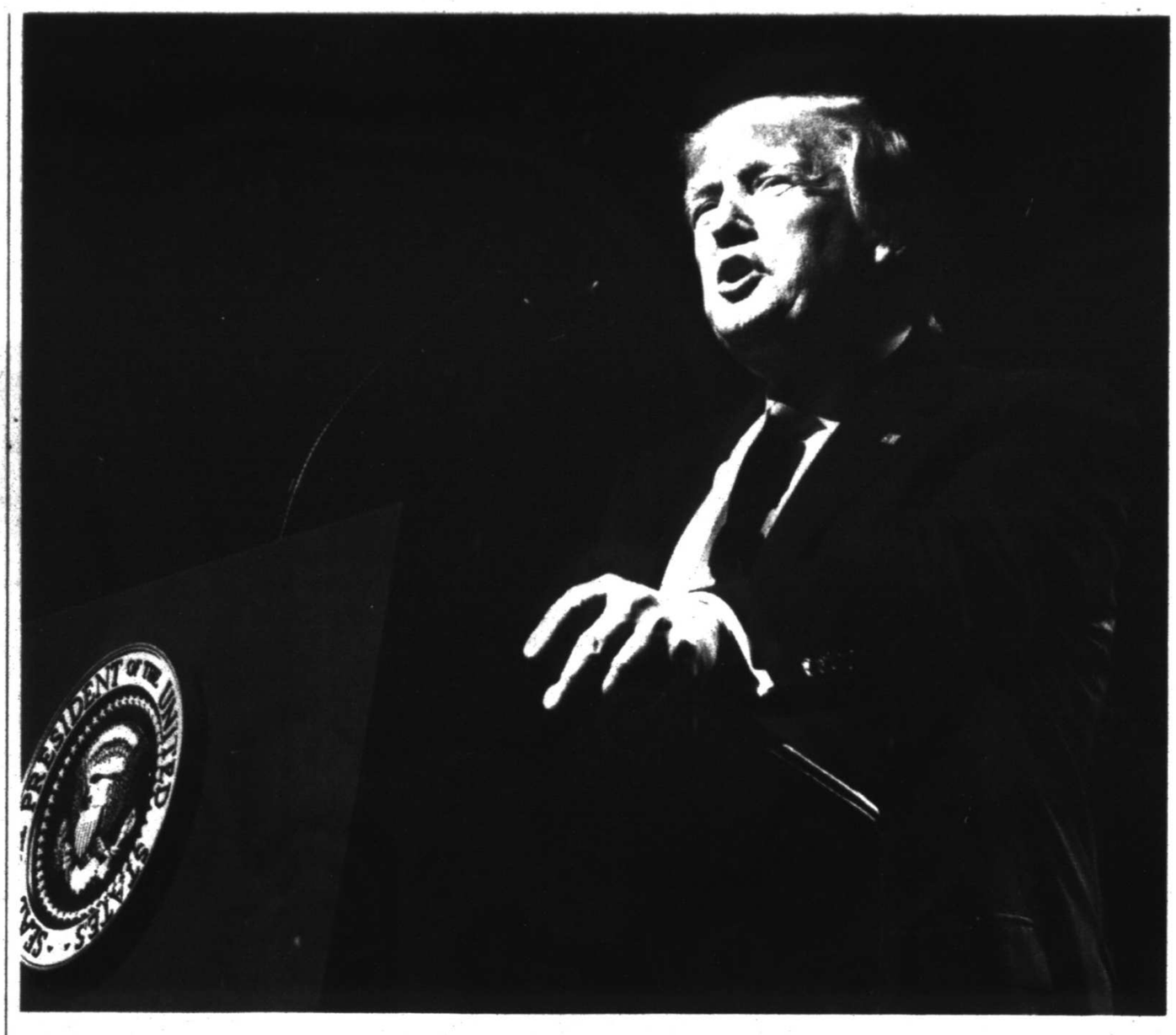
Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, serving her first week in office, declined through a spokeswoman to revisit Trump's year-old tweets.

The Georgia Democratic Party weighed in with a statement that invoked Atlanta native Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday the U.S. will celebrate Jan. 15.

"Dr. King called on us to 'maintain the capacity to forgive,' so it is in that spirit we encourage Donald Trump to extend his stay in Atlanta," said Michael Smith, the Georgia Democrats' spokesman, who suggested the president take time to visit sites dedicated to Atlanta's role in the civil rights movement.

Langer said she doubts Trump will see much of Atlanta as he's whisked from the airport to the stadium and back, likely snarling the city's already notorious traffic. But she figures he'll enjoy himself at the game.

"He'll be happy about the crowd size, but it won't be because of him," she said. "You're in the South and it's football."



*AP file photo*

President Donald Trump speaks April 28 in Atlanta. Trump disparaged the city as "crime infested" and falling apart" after the city's Democratic congressman, Rep. John Lewis, announced he would not attend Trump's inauguration. Atlanta residents didn't forget those comments, and some think he is being hypocritical by attending the college football championship at the city's new stadium today.

# Bannon tries to make amends as aides defend Trump's fitness

**By Jill Colvin**
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Steve Bannon is trying to make amends.

Faced with a growing backlash, President Donald Trump's former chief strategist released a statement Sunday reaffirming his support for the commander in chief and praising Trump's eldest son as "both a patriot and a good man."

Bannon infuriated Trump with comments to author Michael Wolff describing a June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower in New York between Donald Trump Jr., Trump campaign aides and a Russian lawyer as "treasonous" and "unpatriotic."

But Bannon said Sunday his description was aimed at former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, who also attended the meeting, and not Trump's son.

"I regret that my delay in responding to the inaccurate reporting regarding Don Jr has diverted attention from the president's historical accomplishments in the first year of his presidency," Bannon said in the statement, first obtained by the news site Axios. Bannon said his support for Trump and his agenda was "unwavering."

Hours before the statement came out, administration officials used appearances on the Sunday news shows to rally behind Trump and try to undermine Wolff's "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House," which portrays the 45th president as a leader who doesn't understand the weight of his office and whose competence is questioned by aides.

Chief policy adviser Stephen Miller, in a combative appearance on CNN, described the book as "nothing but a pile of trash through and through."

He also criticized Bannon, who is quoted at length by Wolff, saying it was "tragic and unfortunate" that Bannon "would make these grotesque comments so out of touch with reality and obviously so vindictive."

CIA Director Mike Pompeo said Trump was "completely fit" to lead the country, pausing before answering because, he said on "Fox News Sunday," it was such "a ludicrous question."

"These are from people who just have not accepted the fact that President Trump is the United States president and I'm sorry for them in that," said Pompeo, who gives Trump his regular intelligence briefings.

Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said that she is at the White House once a week, and "no one questions the stability of the president."

"I'm always amazed at the lengths people will go to, to lie for money and for power. This is like taking it to a whole new low," she told ABC's "This Week."

To Miller, "the portrayal of the president in the book is so contrary to reality, to the experience of those who work with him."

Miller's interview on CNN's "State of the Union" quickly grew heated, with Miller criticizing CNN's coverage and moderator Jake Tapper pressing Miller to answer his questions and accusing him of speaking to only one viewer: Trump.

Tapper abruptly ended the interview, saying: "I think I've wasted enough of my viewers' time."

Soon after, Trump tweeted: "Jake Tapper of Fake News CNN just got destroyed in his interview with Stephen Miller of the Trump Administration. Watch the hatred and unfairness of this CNN flunky!"

Trump took to Twitter on Saturday to defend his fitness for office, insisting he is "like, really smart" and, indeed, a "very stable genius." He pressed the case again on Sunday as he prepared to depart Camp David for the White House.

"I've had to put up with the Fake News from the first day I announced that I would be running for President. Now I have to put up with a Fake Book, written by a totally discredited author," he tweeted.

Wolff's book draws a derogatory portrait of Trump as an undisciplined man-child who didn't actually want to win the White House and who spends his evenings eating cheeseburgers in bed, watching television and talking on the telephone to old friends.

The book also quotes Bannon and other prominent advisers as questioning the president's competence.

Chatter about Trump's mental fitness for office has intensified in recent months on cable news shows and among Democrats in Congress.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders this past week called such suggestions "disgraceful and laughable."

"If he was unfit, he probably wouldn't be sitting there and wouldn't have defeated the most qualified group of candidates the Republican Party has ever seen," she said, calling him "an incredibly strong and good leader."

Trump and some aides have attacked Wolff's credibility, pointing to the fact that the book includes a number of factual errors and denying that the author had as much access as he claimed.

"He said he interviewed me for three hours in the White House. It didn't exist, OK? It's in his imagination," Trump said Saturday.

Wolff told NBC on Sunday that "I truly do not want to say the president is a liar," but that he had indeed spoken with Trump for about three hours during and since the campaign.

Trump has repeatedly invoked Ronald Reagan, tweeting Sunday that the former president "had the same problem and handled it well. So will I!"

Reagan died in 2004, at age 93, from pneumonia complicated by the Alzheimer's disease that had progressively clouded his mind. At times when he was president, Reagan seemed forgetful and would lose his train of thought while talking.

Doctors, however, said Alzheimer's was not to blame, noting the disease was diagnosed years after he left office. Reagan announced his diagnosis in a letter to the American people in 1994, more than five years after leaving the White House.

# Twitter explains why it won't block 'world leaders'

**By Hayley Tsukayama**
*The Washington Post*

Some Twitter users have called, repeatedly, for the social network to block President Donald Trump's account — but a new statement from Twitter essentially says that is not going to happen.

Twitter has previously responded to complaints about Trump's account by saying that certain users' tweets have a "newsworthiness" value that makes it important to stay online and inform the network's global conversation. Its Friday statement expanded on that idea, though this latest explanation did not mention Trump by name.

"Elected world leaders play a critical role in that conversation because of their outsized impact on our society," the post said. "Blocking a world leader from Twitter or removing their controversial tweets would hide important information people should be able to see and debate. It would also not silence that leader, but it would certainly hamper necessary discussion around their words and actions."

Trump critics have pointed out many instances where it seems as though the president has violated Twitter's terms of service with his messages. On Wednesday, Trump's comments about North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and the respective sizes of North Korea and the United States' "nuclear buttons" drew a fresh round of calls to censor his account. Trump tweeted:

"North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un just stated that the 'Nuclear Button is on his desk at all times.' Will someone from his depleted and food starved regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!"

Protesters last week projected messages on Twitter's headquarters in San Francisco after the North Korea tweets, saying that either Trump or chief executive Jack Dorsey "must go."

Twitter's attempt to handle political speech on its site — and defining when and how that overlaps with violent speech — has been a long and often confusing process.

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This file image released by Sony Pictures shows Kevin Hart, from left, Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan and Jack Black in "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle." Columbia Pictures said Sunday that the Johnson-led "Jumanji" is estimated to have earned an additional $36 million, bringing its total to $244.4 million.

# 'Jumanji,' 'Insidious' top 'Star Wars' in its fourth weekend

**By Lindsey Bahr**
*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — Move over, "Star Wars," there are some new box office champs this weekend. "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" has topped the charts after three weekends in theaters, and newcomer "Insidious: The Last Key" opened in second, pushing "The Last Jedi" into third place.

Columbia Pictures says Sunday that the Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart-led "Jumanji" is estimated to have earned an additional $36 million this weekend, bringing its total to $244.4 million.

"This is all about 'Jumanji's' staying power," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for box office tracker comScore. "This is a movie that was overshadowed by all the excitement around 'The Last Jedi,' and yet 'Jumanji' just kept plugging away and drawing audiences throughout the holiday ... This is kind of unheard of for a movie this size."

In second place is the horror film "Insidious: The Last Key," the fourth in the franchise, which earned $29.3 million. The Universal and Blumhouse Pictures film even outperformed the third chapter in the series. That film launched to $22.7 million in June of 2015.

"We could not be more thrilled with that debut. It's a fantastic result," said Jim Orr, Universal's president of domestic distribution. "The release date worked in our favor. There hasn't been a similar film in a couple of months. "

Young audiences drove the "Insidious" box office with 59 percent under the age of 25. Whether or not they enjoyed the film is another question: It got a scary B- CinemaScore.

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" fell to third place with $23.6 million in its fourth weekend in theaters. The space blockbuster has grossed $572.5 million to date.

"The Greatest Showman" took fourth place with $13.8 million and "Pitch Perfect 3" rounded out the top five with $10.2 million.

Awards seasons films continue to expand throughout January, too, like Aaron Sorkin's directorial debut "Molly's Game," which added over 1,300 theaters this weekend and took in $7 million. The Jessica Chastain-starrer about the real life "poker princess" Molly Bloom is up for two Golden Globe awards Sunday evening — best actress and best screenplay.

The Winston Churchill film "Darkest Hour" starring Gary Oldman (who is up for a best actor Golden Globe) also added 790 theaters and took in $6.4 million.

The weekend is up around 18 percent from the same weekend last year, which Dergarabedian sees as a sign that perhaps the 2018 box office will be stronger and more steady than 2017.

"2017 was not consistent. It was volatile, it was a rollercoaster," Dergarabedian said. "This sets the tone for what we're hoping is a consistent and strong 2018 box office."

**Box office results**

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

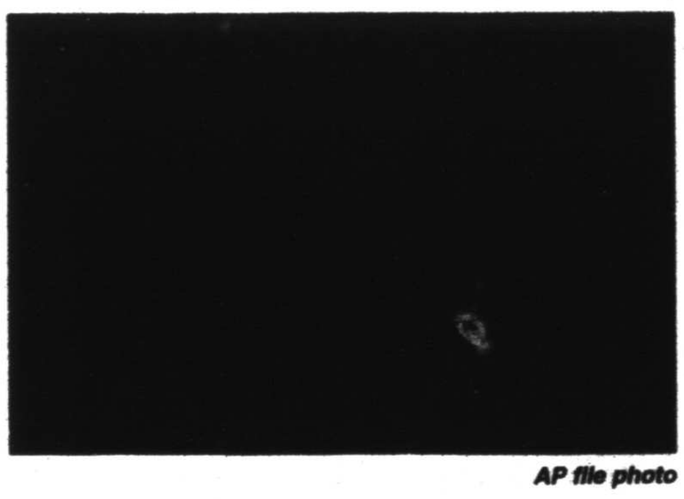
1. "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," $36 million ($70 million international).
2. "Insidious: The Last Key," $29.3 million ($20.1 million international).
3. "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," $23.6 million ($64.7 million international).
4. "The Greatest Showman," $13.8 million ($24 million international).
5. "Pitch Perfect 3," $10.2 million ($18.1 million international).
6. "Ferdinand," $7.7 million ($23.3 million international).
7. "Molly's Game," $7 million ($5.1 million international).
8. "Darkest Hour," $6.4 million ($1.8 million international).
9. "Coco," $5.5 million ($19.9 million international).
10. "All the Money in the World," $3.6 million ($5.1 million international).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Ex-File 3 (Qian Ren 3)," $78.9 million.
2. "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," $70 million.
3. "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," $64.7 million.
4. "The Greatest Showman," $24 million.
5. "Ferdinand," $23.3 million.
6. "Insidious: The Last Key," $20.1 million.
7. "Coco," $19.9 million.
8. "Pitch Perfect 3," $18.1 million.
9. "Along With the Gods: The Two Worlds," $11.8 million.
10. "Going Vertical," $9.7 million.

# New tech gadgets are following the sound of your voice

**By Anick Jesdanun**
*Associated Press*



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Lu Sun looks at his phone in an exhibit of LG OLED 4K TVs at the LG booth Jan. 5, 2017, during CES International, in Las Vegas. Artificial intelligence and internet connectivity in everyday products will be among the topics in discussion and on display as the annual CES gadget show kicks off Tuesday in Las Vegas.

What's the hottest thing in the world of technology these days? Your voice.

Some of the most popular gadgets over the holiday season were smart speakers with digital assistants from Amazon and Google . Apple is coming out with its own speaker this year; Microsoft and Samsung have partnered on another.

As the annual Consumer Electronics Show kicks off in Las Vegas this week, manufacturers are expected to unveil even more voice-controlled devices — speakers and beyond — as Amazon and Google make their digital assistants available on a wider array of products. If these prove popular, you'll soon be able to order around much more of your house, including kitchen appliances, washing machines and other devices.

CES is expected to draw more than 170,000 people, as some 4,000 exhibitors showcase their wares over the equivalent of nearly 50 football fields, or more than 11 New York city blocks. The show formally opens Tuesday, with media previews starting Sunday.

While major tech companies such as Apple and Google typically don't make big announcements at CES, their technologies will be powering products and services from startups and other small companies. Expect more gadgets using Google's Android operating software and Google's digital assistant, for instance, and products that work with Apple's HomeKit, a smart-home system getting a boost with the coming launch of Apple's HomePod smart speaker.

Computers that learn your preferences and anticipate your needs are no longer the stuff of science fiction. Consumers are seeing practical applications in voice-assisted speakers such as the Amazon Echo and Google Home. These systems will get more useful as manufacturers design new ways to control their products with voice commands.

You might also see hints of where AI is heading. Steve Koenig, senior director of market research at CES organizer Consumer Technology Association, says that as more people use these AI systems, companies have more data to better train the machines.

Auto makers will also demonstrate self-driving vehicles propelled by AI. CES is increasing the space for self-driving technologies by more than a third this year. Startups are expected to unveil earphones that promise real-time translations of conversations in different languages, much as Google's Pixel Buds now do, but only for Google's Pixel phones. There are also conference sessions devoted to high-tech retailing, including the importance of collecting and analyzing data on customers.


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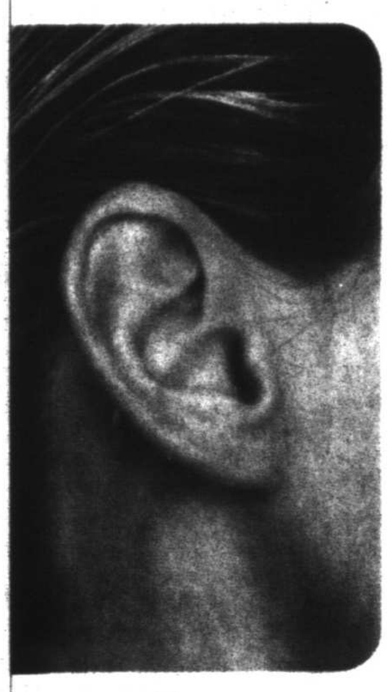

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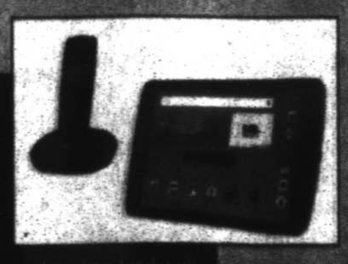

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## RECOGNIZING MIDLAND'S UNSUNG HEROES & VOLUNTEERS

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### "TOMI SERVES ... WITH LOVE AND A HUGE SMILE"

Tomi Reyes is a sweet, kind and caring woman who gives and gives with a smile. Midland RSVP is honored to nominate Tomi because of her dedication to the various areas she serves. Tomi is one of the hard workers at the annual Texas Sized Garage Sale, where she sorts and organizes donations.

Tomi is a dedicated "Pink Lady" for Midland Memorial Hospital and helps package meals in Senior Link Midland's Meals-on-Wheels kitchen. Tomi is also part of the RSVP's SWAT (Seniors with Available Time), where she and others in the group prepare mailings for more than a dozen local nonprofits.

In addition, Tomi finds time monthly to make calls for RSVP to collect volunteer hours. Tomi serves well at all of these areas — all with love and a huge smile. We are blessed to have Tomi as our volunteer and special friend.

**Saul Herrera,** *director of Retired Senior Volunteer Program*

### "SHE KNOWS HOW TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL RIGHT AT HOME AND COMFORTABLE"

Midland Memorial Hospital is blessed to have Tomi Reyes volunteer at the Information Desk. She has a warm and inviting smile that instantly makes people feel welcome.

She brings such a touch of happiness with her each Wednesday morning she volunteers. Tomi meets and greets patients and their families as they come in the front door. In addition to meeting and welcoming guests to MMH, she also delivers flowers and gifts to patients. She also escorts patients and families to their destinations within the hospital. This makes for a wonderful patient experience for MMH patients and their families.

One of her favorite things to do is to take gifts to new mothers. Some of the auxiliary members make blankets, hats, booties and other small items that are given to the new mothers. "I just love making new mothers happy. It is a highlight of my day," Tomi says. "I know that these items were made with care and love, so I give care and love when I deliver these to the new parents. It is delightful to watch their expressions when I arrive in the patient room with gifts, especially ones of this handmade quality."

Another duty Tomi likes to do is deliver pillowcases to patients who have birthdays while they are in the hospital. "The pillowcases are also made by volunteers. When I take them to a patient, it just makes their day. It is an unexpected treat for the patients and makes them feel special," she says.

Tomi has volunteered more than 250 hours of time with the volunteers at the hospital. She works a four-hour shift on Wednesday mornings and sometimes will substitute for another volunteer who cannot make their shift.

Tomi is such a wonderful person. It shows in her smile and her warm, friendly nature. She immediately makes friends and knows how to make people feel right at home and comfortable. Our hospital-patient-experience leadership is teaching staff how to make the most of every patient encounter by excellent "power moves." Tomi just loves to make great power moves, and her moves make a difference for patients.

**Kim Modisett,** *director of auxiliary services for Midland Memorial Hospital*

**TOMI REYES**
SENIOR LINK, MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

**Professional and community involvement:** Senior Link (Meals on Wheels and Texas Sized Garage Sale) and Midland Memorial Hospital Auxilary

**How did you decide to serve the community as a volunteer at Senior Link and Midland Memorial Hospital?** I'm a retired school teacher of 32 years. I have worked since I was 12, and I couldn't imagine doing nothing with my life after retirement. A friend of mine invited me to volunteer with her at the Texas Sized Garage Sale. From there, other friends invited me to volunteer at Meals on Wheels and the auxiliary at Midland Memorial Hospital.

**What talents and skills do you share with the community through your roles at Senior Link and MMH?** I thoroughly enjoy working with people. At the hospital, I work at the information desk where I assist people getting from place to place. I brought some lessons I learned in the classroom to help me while volunteering. I consider myself highly organized, which helps when sorting, organizing and pricing at the garage sale. I am very task-oriented, and I work hard to make sure each job is finished. I also think of myself as a problem-solver, and I look forward to good challenges and the opportunity to figure things out.

**What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer and through your nonprofit work?** I have made many wonderful friends through volunteering. I am amazed by the dedication of the people I volunteer with. Most of them are in their 70s, 80s and some in their 90s. These people give of themselves on a daily basis. They are hard-working and don't hesitate to jump in and make a contribution to society. From these veteran volunteers, I have learned the meaning of dedication and commitment for a good cause.

**Why is volunteerism a priority for you?** I strive to make a difference in other people's lives. I like the feeling of being productive and doing something with my life. At the end of my day, I have a gratifying feeling knowing that I've made a difference in someone's life. I had a long career in teaching, where I tried to be a positive influence in my students' lives. When my season of teaching came to a close, I still felt the call to help and serve others. I have not found anything else that has brought me closer to God than service to my neighbors.

**How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed?** Midland has been a home for our family for a long time. Midland was our home in the early '80s, but certain opportunities moved our family to New Mexico for almost 20 years. Even while living in New Mexico, Midland was a home we always visited; it was a home away from home. Midland is a great place to raise a family. We have fostered deep connections to friends, and our family grew from it.

**What else would you like our readers to know about you?** I was born in Mexico and moved to the United States when I was 6 years old. I am one of 21 siblings. I know and understand the value of hard work, and I strive to live a good life and do God's will. When God opens doors, I try to be obedient and walk through them. Volunteering, I feel, is where God wants me to be. It has been, and continues to be, a blessing to serve the community.

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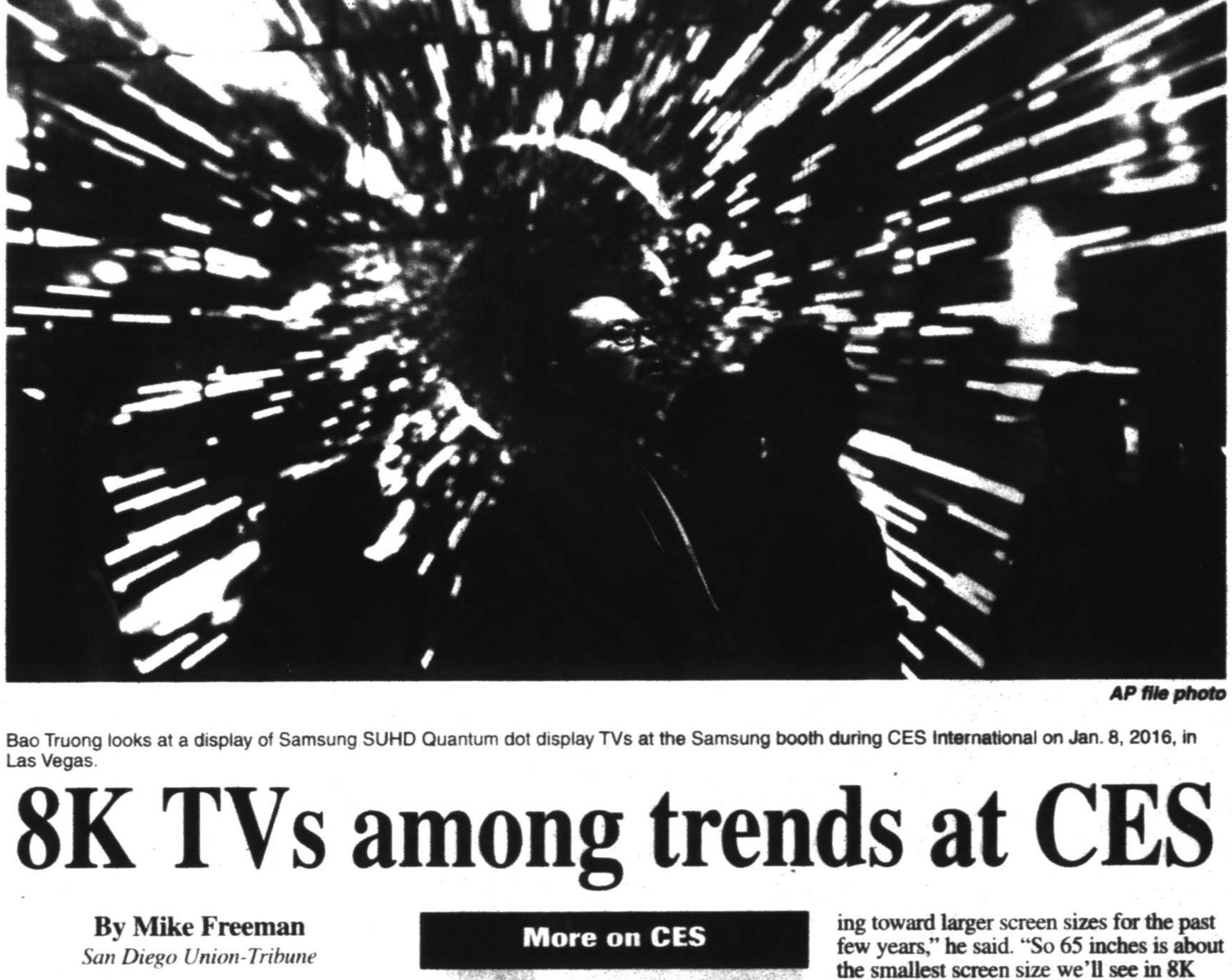

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Bao Truong looks at a display of Samsung SUHD Quantum dot display TVs at the Samsung booth during CES International on Jan. 8, 2016, in Las Vegas.

## 8K TVs among trends at CES

**By Mike Freeman**
*San Diego Union-Tribune*

Every year, one or two breakout technologies capture the imagination of consumers. Eighteen months ago, it was Pokemon Go, the first augmented reality mobile app to really catch fire. A few years before that, it was 3-D printers.

Last year, it clearly was digital assistants — Amazon Echo, Google Home and others — that tapped cloud-connected artificial intelligence to respond to voice commands.

These smart speakers have set the stage for voice control to become a table-stakes feature in a host of gadgets. And that will probably be a key theme at this year's CES — the consumer electronics extravaganza (this) week in Las Vegas.

"Last year, Amazon seemed to dominate in terms of intelligent assistants or intelligent speakers," said Gary Shapiro, head of the Consumer Technology Association trade group, which puts on the show. "It has been one of the breakaway products for the year. There is a fourth (sales) channel now. You talk to your speaker, and it buys stuff for you."

CES is a bit of a hodgepodge, but on a huge scale. There's a little bit of everything — smart beds, virtual reality headsets; 360-degree cameras, TV screens so sharp it's hard to look away, powerful gaming computers and a self-driving shuttle bus that taps computing power from IBM's Watson.

CES attracts about 4,000 exhibitors. More than 184,000 product buyers, industry analysts and journalists attended last year. Attendees came from 150 countries. The show is not open to the general public.

New at CES this year is a section dedicated to Smart Cities technologies, with more than 40 exhibitors featured. In addition, a new Sports Zone highlights technologies for athletes, arenas and e-sports, with 18 exhibitors.

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Roku to chime in with voice-controlled assistant.

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Here is a look at some trends expected this year:

■ 8K TVs: Not long ago, ultra-high definition 4K TVs were considered the biggest thing on a small screen. But this year, 4K could make way for an even sharper resolution — 8K screens.

"I think we will probably see at CES the first concrete product announcements around 8K," said Paul Gagnon, a display technology analyst with IHS Markit. "They will be pricey. There won't be many of them. But I expect to see them."

TV makers are pushing 8K to combat falling prices for 4K.

"I am impressed by the fact that a 55-inch (4K) OLED TV is on sale right now for around $1,500, and that was a $4,000 product not too many years ago," Gagnon said.

While there isn't 8K content available right now, there are 8K cameras on the market, and some movie studios have begun shooting content using the technology. Moreover, the next generation of broadcast television standards supports 8K.

The higher resolution means consumers can sit closer to very large screens — 65 inches and larger — without seeing pixels, creating a cinematic experience at home, Gagnon said.

"The trend has been significantly shifting toward larger screen sizes for the past few years," he said. "So 65 inches is about the smallest screen size we'll see in 8K TVs."

■ Artificial intelligence: Amazon's Alexa platform signals that many more devices will tap artificial intelligence.

"In the end, it is hard to image that not being a key trend — artificial intelligence and voice commands being embedded in all kinds of devices," said Ignacio Contreras, director of communications at Qualcomm.

How many such devices will be ready at this year's CES is not clear, as is whether consumers will embrace the idea that their refrigerator, TV or other gadgets are listening to them, or think the technology is creepy.

Vizio, for example, paid a fine to regulators last year for installing software on 11 million internet-connected TVs that tracked viewing habits, which the company subsequently sold to marketers.

"The idea of a TV always listening to you waiting for voice commands scares some people," Gagnon said. "When you buy an Amazon Echo or Google Home, you buy it very intentionally. You know that this device is listening to you. But when you buy a smart TV, you may not want that."

■ Wearables: The market for smart watches and activity trackers has become very competitive over the past couple years, and that's not expected to change. The top remaining players — Apple, Fitbit, Garmin, Samsung and fashion watchmaker Fossil — are adding capabilities to lure buyers.

"A lot of what is coming out, particularly from Fitbit and Apple, is releasing the most robust health and fitness software

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## In rare showing, Google arrives at CES to battle Amazon's Alexa and Apple's Siri

**By Hayley Tsukayama**
*Washington Post*

LAS VEGAS — More than 3,900 companies are on hand to show off their latest technologies at CES this week, but there's one giant name that stands out from the pack: Google.

This is the first time in several years that the Mountain View, California, titan has had a big, stand-alone booth at the show and its presence not only reflects the changing dynamic of the show, but also serves as a declaration of war on the battlefield of digital assistants.

CES is changing from a show where you show up with the flashiest gadget. Now there's a greater focus on creating partnerships between small and large companies to make each product work within a constellation of others to help people get through the day more efficiently, said Gary Shapiro, chief executive of the Consumer Technology Association, which hosts CES. Tech giants want their assistants to be the glue of that life-operating system — the voice that helps you turn on your lights, power your car's dashboard and control everything from your shower head to your bed.

Having an official booth at CES, especially when its chief rival Amazon doesn't, lets Google show off to potential buyers and signal that it's ready to work with the world's top brands and interesting start-ups, analysts said.

"Google's presence at CES is equally designed to reach not only consumers but also developer ecosystems, as well," said Werner Goertz, analyst at Forrester Research.

The competition to be the first assistant to get into people's homes is fierce. It's a market that's expected to grow considerably within the next few years, with the analysis firm Gartner predicting that a quarter of all household requests will be made through voice assistants by 2019. Currently, Amazon's Echo devices have 67 percent of the smart speaker market, to Google's 25 percent, according to Strategy Analytics. And both Google and Amazon offered drastic holiday price cuts to get ahead of Apple's HomePod. That speaker, expected later this year, will give Apple's Siri voice assistant its own perch in the home — though the company's HomeKit software already lets Siri control lightbulbs, smart locks and other products, including some exhibiting at the show.

Google's goal is to be the only assistant a person uses every day. "You should have the same assistant helping you across all the contexts of your life," said Scott Huffman, vice president for Google Assistant. Google Assistant is currently in 400 million devices worldwide, up from 100 million in July 2017.

Google has some key advantages over Amazon when it comes to AI, analysts said. Its deep knowledge of search gives it important background knowledge of what people want to know and, critically, how they make requests. Google's services give it a built-in audience. Most importantly, because Google Assistant is built into the mobile Android operating system, it isn't as housebound as Alexa.

"There are certain spaces open to challengers such as Google and maybe even the other guys," Goertz said.

But it will be hard-fought battle. CES will provide a huge showcase for this battle as it plays out. Last year, Amazon didn't have an official presence at the show, but its Alexa assistant showed up in everything from speakers to ceiling fans. That's expected to be the case this year too. Analysts expect Google Assistant to have a similar showing, in products ranging from kitchen appliances to autos, which will extend Google's reach far beyond its own booth.

And Google and Amazon assistants will have other players at CES snapping at their heels, such as Roku. The video streaming service has announced that it has developed its own voice assistant, which is custom-built to work with its service. Say, for example, "Hey Roku, find Meryl Streep movies" into a remote control or compatible speaker, and it will pull up a list on the TV.

Why put in the time and money to take on the titans here? "There are companies like Google and Amazon that are creating general-purpose assistants. But we feel over time these sorts of assistants will specialize," says Mark Ely, Roku's vice president of product

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*Washington Post*

## *New battery will make iPhone seem new again*

Rarely is tech advice this cut-and-dry: If you bought an iPhone in 2016 or earlier, make an appointment at a Genius Bar as soon as possible. Apple just started a program that can make old iPhones feel new again — for just $29.

An Apple store or repair shop will pop the hood of your iPhone 6, 6s, SE or 7 and swap out the battery. Like a jalopy after a Jiffy Lube, a 3-year-old iPhone with a fresh battery will not only run longer, chances are it will also run faster.

Just hurry up and do it. When I showed up with an appointment at my closest Apple store on Jan. 3, there were so many others also trying to replace their batteries that I had to join a weekslong waiting list. Your local shop might have more supply, but battling hordes for repair (rather than a sexy new phone) is an unusual experience at an Apple store.

What's the big deal? Apple shaved $50 off its standard battery fee in an extraordinary — but limited-time — effort to get back in our good graces. It got caught in December slowing iPhones with worn-out batteries — a move, it says, that keeps the phones from unexpectedly shutting down. If you always suspected your old iPhone was getting slower, you were right.

But now there's a fix. While most of us were in a holidaze last week, Apple published a mea culpa and promised to make replacing the battery on an iPhone less expensive through the end of 2018. It made the move, it said, "to address our customers' concerns, to recognize their loyalty and to regain the trust of anyone who may have doubted Apple's intentions." On Dec. 30, Apple said it would begin honoring a $29 price immediately.

This is going to cost Apple a lot more than just overtime at the Genius Bar. Once your phone gets a fresh battery and the processor kicks back to 100 percent, there's a chance you might not feel the

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## Apple says all Macs, iPhones, iPads exposed to chip flaw

**By Mark Gurma**
*Bloomberg*

Apple said all Mac computers and iOS devices, like iPhones and iPads, are affected by chip security flaws unearthed last week, but the company stressed there are no known exploits impacting users.

The Cupertino, California-based company said recent software updates for iPads, iPhones, iPod touches, Mac desktops and laptops, and the Apple TV set-top-box mitigate one of the vulnerabilities known as Meltdown. The Apple Watch, which runs a derivative of the iPhone's operating system is not affected, according to the company.

Despite concern that fixes may slow down devices, Apple said, its steps to address the Meltdown issue haven't dented performance. The company will release an update to its Safari web browser in coming days to defend against another form of the security flaw known as Spectre. These steps could slow the speed of the browser by less than 2.5 percent, Apple said in a statement posted on its website.

Intel on Wednesday confirmed a report stating that its semiconductors contain a vulnerability based around a chip-processing technique called speculative execution. Intel said its chips, which power Macs and devices from other manufacturers, contain the flaw as well as processors based on ARM Holdings architecture, which is used in iOS devices and Android smartphones.

In December, Apple came under fire for iPhone software changes that reduced the performance of some older models of its smartphone. Alongside an apology and an explanation that a software change was implemented to balance out the effect of aging batteries, the company reduced the cost of replacing the power units from $79 to $29 through the end of 2018.

Security experts have said highly regulated sectors of industry, such as government offices and public health institutions, are most at risk of compromise as a result of the chip security vulnerability.

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| | MSNBC | 47 | 53 | | 49 | 73 | Hardball (N) | | All in (N) | | Rachel Maddow (N) | | The Last Word (N) | | The 11th Hour (N) | | Rachel Maddow | |
| | NBCSN | 38 | 43 | | | | Super High Roller | | Super High Roller | | Super High Roller | | Super High Roller | | Rally (N) | Winter Dew Tour | | |
| | NICK | 55 | - | 39 | 34 | •7 | Paradise | Thunder | F.House | F.House | F.House | F.House | Fresh P. | Fresh P. | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends |
| | SPIKE | 30 | - | 55 | 53 | 58 | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops |
| | SYFY | 66 | 82 | 41 | 57 | 67 | (4:30) The Goonies | | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama |
| | TBS | 25 | 33 | 44 | 66 | 41 | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | American Dad! | American Dad! | Conan Kristen Bell, Frank Grillo | | Brooklyn 99 | Conan |
| | TCM | 41 | 75 | 24 | 63 | 66 | (5:00) Huckleberr... | | ★★★ In Cold Blood ('67, Cri) Robert Blake. | | | | | ★★★ 10 Rillington Place | | | | Movie |
| | TELE | 20 | - | 10 | 20 | | Caso cerrado (N) | | Hasta Que Te Conoci | | Sangre de mi Tie (N) | | Señora acero (N) | | Al rojo | Titulares | Sangre de mi Tierra | |
| | TLC | 51 | 61 | 32 | 38 | 52 | My 600-lb Life "Ashley D's Story" | | My 600-lb Life "Teretha's Story" | | My 600-lb Life "Cynthia's Story" Cynthia is a 610-lb single mother raising five kids. | | | | My 600-lb Life "Teretha's Story" | | My 600-lb Life "Cynthia's Story" | |
| | TNT | 24 | 34 | 40 | 26 | 50 | (5:00) ★★★ I Am Legend Will Smith. | | ★★★ Avatar (2009, Fantasy) Sam Worthington, Giovanni Ribisi, Zoe Saldana. A marine is torn between following orders or protecting a planet he feels is his home. | | | | | | (:40) ★★ Tron: Legacy ('10, Adv) Garrett Hedlund, Jeff Bridges. | | | |
| | TVLAND | 49 | - | 35 | 54 | 35 | MASH | M*A*S*H | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Mom | Mom | Queens | Queens | Queens | Queens |
| | USA | 26 | 55 | 42 | 27 | 49 | Modern Family | Modern Family | WWE Monday Night Raw | | | | | | (:05) NFL Fanatic | (:35) NFL Fanatic | (:20) CSI: Crime "Viva Las Vegas" | |
| | WGN | 19 | 85 | | | | M*A*S* H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S* H | M*A*S* H | M*A*S* H | M*A*S* H | M*A*S* H | M*A*S* H | M*A*S* H | M*A*S* H | Rules of Engage. | Rules of Engage. |

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# Eighth-grader issues warning after friend shares nude photo

## Dear Abby

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm writing to you about an experience I had that might be useful to girls my age and older. I'm in eighth grade and I'm friends with more boys than girls. Because I'm a tomboy, fitting in with them is easier.

Today in manufacturing class, I was hanging out with my friend "Ian." We were in a larger group of boys and he started bragging about how this girl had sent him a topless photo. He then proceeded to pull up the photo and pass it around.

I was a little shocked, but I realize people my age don't always make smart decisions (sharing a nude photo). Adults around us always tell us not to send photos to people you don't know and never to send inappropriate pictures. That lesson sure hit home with me when Ian showed around the one he has.

I want to caution other girls not to do this. Pictures don't stay as private as you might think. I feel bad for that poor girl! — SAW TOO MUCH IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR SAW TOO MUCH:** Thanks for a great letter. Nobody likes to be lectured to, and adults already do enough of that. I hope your message will resonate with other young women because it's an important one.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a question about etiquette. I recently encountered a counselor I had gone to for many years. We exchanged the normal social amenities, and nothing was said about any therapy issues.

Abby, she holds a special place in my heart. I hadn't seen her in five years. She didn't look well at all. In fact, she looked awful. I was shocked.

Although I was concerned, I said nothing because I didn't know the correct way to handle the situation. What can I say to her to let her know I care? — APPROACHING IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR APPROACHING:** Drop your former therapist a note, telling her what a difference she has made in your life and that she will always hold a special place in your heart. Explain that you were concerned when you saw her — and ask if there is any way you can be helpful, because you would very much like to be. Do not go into detail about how awful she looked, and don't expect her to start a social relationship with you. If she's well enough to practice her profession, doing so might be considered unethical.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband's older brother comes over every few weeks to do his laundry. While he's here, he helps himself to my snacks. My husband's younger cousin also comes over every now and then to do his laundry and eat (at our expense or my labor).

We are better off financially than both of them, but I think the way they mooch off us is inconsiderate. My husband says it's normal and that's how family is. But we don't do that in MY family, nor do we arrive anywhere empty-handed. Are his family using us, or is this normal? — TIRED OF IT

**DEAR TIRED:** It's normal for your husband's family. Make an attempt to schedule these clothes-washing sessions at your convenience, and stash your snacks someplace you know the relatives won't find them.

# Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

## Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠K Q 8 7 4 ♡K 3 2 ◊K Q 5 2 ♣A

With the opponents passing, you open one spade and partner raises to two spades. What call would you make?

A — This hand is too good to make an invitation. Bid four spades.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠A 10 8 5 ♡A J ◊K J 2 ♣A K 6 2

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2NT | Pass | 3♡* | Pass |

*Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

A — Any bid you make, other than three spades, shows a hand that loves spades. This hand loves spades! Bid four clubs.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠A ♡A 10 7 6 4 2 ◊A 6 5 ♣K 8 5

| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♡ | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | ? | |

What call would you make?

A — In modern bridge, three hearts would be invitational and four hearts would be a sign-off. Slam is possible, so bid two diamonds, the "new" minor, looking for three-card heart support.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠Q 2 ♡Q 6 5 ◊A 9 8 6 4 ♣K 8 6

Right-hand opponent opens one heart. What call would you make?

A — Overcalling at the two level in a five-card minor suit and a poor overall hand is losing tactics. Pass.

# Roku to chime in with voice-controlled assistant

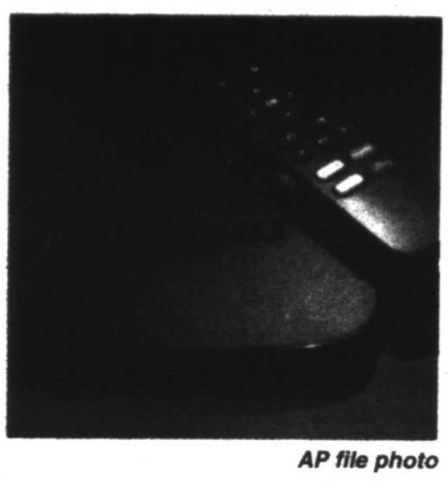
*Associated Press*

SAN FRANCISCO — Roku plans to add a voice-controlled digital assistant to its streaming TV players in an attempt to catch up with Google, Apple and Amazon.

Roku's voice capabilities are currently limited to performing search requests and launching apps. The assistant will be able to field broader requests about video, music and other tasks tied to entertainment.

Still, that's a much narrower scope than the assistants already available from its bigger rivals in the battle to build digital command centers in people's homes. Google's Assistant, Apple's Siri and Amazon's Alexa can perform tasks and control appliances that have nothing do with entertainment.

Roku could fall even further behind before its assistant reaches homes. Although it was announced Wednesday, the assistant won't be released until this fall as part of a software update.



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The Roku Premiere streaming TV device is shown. Roku plans to add a voice-controlled digital assistant to its expanding lineup of online video players in an attempt to catch up with Google, Apple and Amazon.

By the time that its assistant comes out, Roku hopes to have an array of agreements to license its software to the manufacturers of smart speakers, sound bars and other audio devices.

Roku also announced its plans to wirelessly connect its video players with sound systems Wednesday, expanding upon the partnerships that it already has forged with television manufacturers during the past five years.

TCL will be the first manufacturer to design a sound system tied to Roku's video players. More details about that device will be released (this) week when Roku and other technology companies gather for a major electronics show in Las Vegas.

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## Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Dec. 31

**Top Paid iPhone Apps:**
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3. NBA 2K18, 2K
4. The Game of Life, Marmalade Game Studio
5. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
6. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
7. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
8. Getting Over It, Bennett Foddy
9. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd.
10. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.

**Top Free iPhone Apps:**
1. YouTube - Watch, Listen, Stream, Google Inc.
2. Amazon Alexa, AMZN Mobile LLC
3. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
4. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
5. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
6. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
7. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
8. Bitmoji, Bitstrips
9. Run Sausage Run!, Crazy Labs
10. Twisty Road!, Voodoo

**Top Paid iPad Apps:**
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
3. Toca Life: Pets, Toca Boca AB
4. The Game of Life, Marmalade Game Studio
5. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
6. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
7. NBA 2K18, 2K
8. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd.
9. Sonic Runners Adventure, Gameloft
10. Goat Simulator, Coffee Stain Studios AB

**Top Free iPad Apps:**
1. YouTube - Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
2. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
3. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
4. Amazon Alexa, AMZN Mobile LLC
5. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
6. Pixel Art - Color by Number, Easybrain
7. Subway Surfers, Kiloo
8. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
9. YouTube Kids, Google, Inc.
10. UNICORN - Number Coloring Book, AppsYouLove

"Blade Runner 2049"

## Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Dec. 31

**iTunes Movies US Charts:**
1. Blade Runner 2049
2. Dunkirk (2017)
3. The Mountain Between Us
4. Kingsman: The Golden Circle
5. American Made
6. Baywatch
7. It (2017)
8. The Foreigner (2017)
9. Home Again (2017)
10. Wonder Woman (2017)

**iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:**
1. Home Again (2017)
2. Wind River (2017)
3. The Killing of a Sacred Deer
4. Stronger
5. Brawl In Cell Block 99
6. The Layover
7. Marshall
8. Brad's Status
9. Beyond Skyline
10. Jeepers Creepers 3 (Theatrical Edition)

*Source: Apple Inc.*

# FOWLER

From 2B

need to upgrade your iPhone for a while. One analyst, Mark Moskowitz of Barclays, expects the battery offer could cause Apple to sell 16 million fewer new iPhones. (And you definitely shouldn't buy a phone you don't need.)

Still, inexpensive battery replacement is the right thing for Apple to do. A good reputation is its best selling point in an era where smartphone features are reaching parity. Battery life is most people's No. 1 complaint about their phones, and maintenance is a long-overdue part to smartphone ownership. When Apple makes repairing phones as easy buying new ones, it saves us money and it's better for the environment.

How do you know if you'd benefit from a new battery? Apple has promised a software update soon that gives us more visibility into battery health. For now, though, if your phone is really bad off, there might be a warning message when you dig into the settings menu. Or, here's a yardstick: If your iPhone can't last from morning coffee to happy hour on a single charge, it's time.

Anyone with an iPhone 6 or newer is eligible for the $29 replacement, regardless of what Apple's battery tests report. (If you paid for AppleCare+ coverage, it might even be free.) Remember, this isn't just about improving battery life; some tests have found replacing the battery can result in speed improvements of over 100 percent.

To get a new battery, log on to Apple's support site, and then select iPhone, then Battery, then Battery replacement. If you live near an Apple store or authorized repair shop such as Best Buy, select one and make an appointment. (Call ahead to third-party shops to make sure they'll honor the $29 offer.)

Then be prepared to wait. Most of my local stores are booked for days. And just because you have an appointment doesn't mean you'll get your replacement right away. I went in to Apple's San Francisco flagship five days after its announcement and my store Genius reported he was already out of stock of iPhone 6 batteries - and there were thousands of other customers ahead of me to get one. They'll email me when there's a battery in stock, at which point I have to go back to the store.

Apple could improve this process. As my Genius explained it, you can't get in the queue for a replacement battery until a Genius has signed off on your order - so there's no way to avoid two trips. And there's also no way to easily check stock supplies; when I tried calling another store, I couldn't get a straight answer. If Apple can't meet customer demand for replacements, it ought to at least help set our expectations.

There are a few other options. If you live far away from a store and have a backup phone handy, you could mail your iPhone to Apple to replace the battery, via the same Apple support site. (There's also a $7 shipping fee.)

You could take the unofficial route. A service called iCracked will send a repair person to you to replace a battery for between $20 and $50. Some mom-and-pop repair shops will replace an iPhone battery for less than $30.

Or, there is the hands-on approach: Buy a battery replacement kit, like the $25 one sold by iFixit. This isn't for the clumsy or fainthearted, but there's a special satisfaction to opening up a gadget and seeing what makes it tick … and then ripping it out and replacing it with something better.

# CES

From 2B

and feature packages," said Jackson Somes, an analyst at San Diego market research firm Gap Intelligence.

Development work continues on other wearable technologies, such as connected clothing and running shoes, Somes said.

"The trend of gathering data, viewing it on a platform and being able to refine workouts from data you collect from what you wear is not going away," he said. "So we're going to keep throwing the internet and tracking into whatever we can."

■ 5G: No products will be announced at this year's CES with 5G technology, which promises fiber-optic-like wireless download speeds, capacity for billions of connected gadgets and imperceptible transmission delays.

But 5G, with products expected next year, will be a hot topic at this year's show because it has the potential to be game-changing.

"The way 5G is designed to be not only mobile broadband but to be able to connect multiple devices and have extreme low latency and high reliability really sets the stage for a broader impact of cellular across all these different industries," said Pete Lancia, a spokesman for Qualcomm, which has been working on 5G technology for a decade.

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# GOOGLE

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management. "Our focus is entertainment, and we believe we can make a demonstrably better experience for customers."

Not every home device maker is declaring war or even picking sides in the war. They'll be playing Switzerland in the voice fight by showing off several different systems - so its customers don't feel boxed in. Sonos, for example, recently launched a speaker that prominently features Alexa in its advertising. But it's also confirmed that it will bring Google Assistant to the same speaker this year

LG said that its 2018 TVs contain artificial intelligence capabilities (dubbed ThinQ) that allow customers to command TV functions by speaking into the remote control. Basic TV control functions will be completed by LG's own software, but when customers ask broader questions, it switches to Google's Assistant for answers. People who own Alexa devices will also be able control certain LG TV commands by calling out to Amazon's voice assistant.

LG is trying to take an "agnostic approach," said Tim Alessi, a vice president of marketing at LG. "We want to take the opposite approach" of other TV makers focused on just one system, Alessi said. "We want to cast the widest net," he said. When asked if that included letting Siri command its TVs, Alessi said, "Nothing is off the table."

Samsung is still working hard on Bixby, its voice assistant, and is expected to showcase its AI at the show. So is Chinese tech firm Baidu.

So where does that leave Google's quest to be the one and only? If CES is any indication, the dream of a unified system is a ways off. The giants have taken an early lead, but the breadth of their ambition means that they'll need to work with other companies - such as Roku and LG - to make specialized voice commands work. As the field shakes out, consumers will have many choices of which assistant they want and which fits their needs the best.

Like many wars, it's going to be messy for a while, analysts said.

"When you look at these assistants, they operate well in their own universe but they don't do interstellar travel well," said Frank Gillette, of Forrester Research. Until that problem gets worked out, he said, "that's going to drive us all nuts for the next five years."

# healthy living

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## At your wit's end over weight gain? Here's the help you need to lose weight and feel great in 2018

**It's about more than January**, right? Nobody writes, "I resolve to get better at (insert resolution) in January, then blow it off the rest of the year."

But, deep down, you do want to have more energy, to fit into smaller clothes and to know you're on a healthy track. The question is, how do you start and how do you stay on track?

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For most people, weight loss centers around eating healthy, getting some exercise and getting a head start with some carefully selected medications.

But the main thing is education. Chrissy points out that we're all more likely to stay with a program when we understand how it works and how we're going to get the results we want. "Whatever treatment we use, we want you to understand how the things you eat affect your weight, and what kind of exercise works best for you," she says.

There are two tracks, depending on how fast you want to start, but both will get you the results you want.

If you're most motivated by quick drops in the numbers you see on the scale, the HCG program could be for you. This hormone instructs your body to burn fat, which can jumpstart your weight loss. Imagine seeing smaller and smaller numbers on the scale from the first few days!

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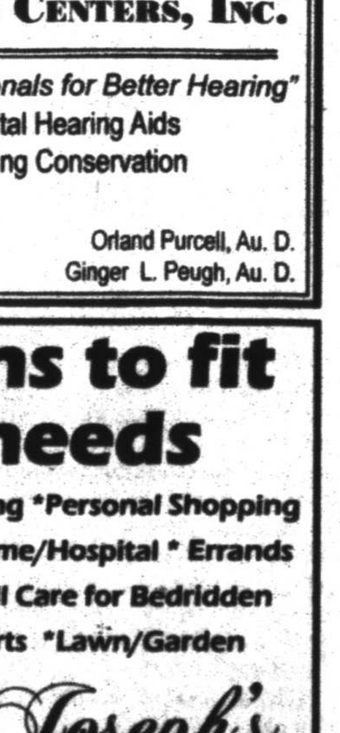

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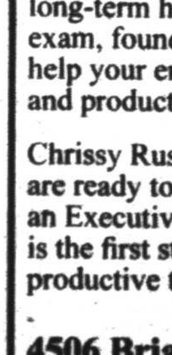

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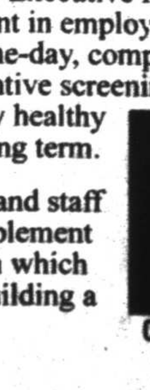

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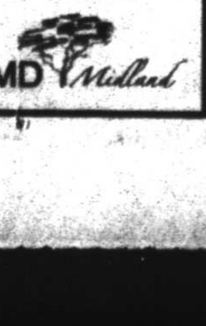

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# Brees, defensive stand, help Saints survive Panthers

**By Brett Martel**
*Associated Press*

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees passed for 376 yards and two touchdowns, and the New Orleans Saints held off Carolina's late comeback bid to seal a 31-26 victory in their NFC wild-card game on Sunday.

The Panthers had a first down on the Saints 26-yard line with 58 seconds left, but heavy pressure by All-Pro defensive end Cameron Jordan a couple plays later induced an intentional grounding penalty on Carolina quarterback Cam Newton, making it third-and-25 on the Saints 34 and a required 10-second run-off left 22 seconds on the clock.

After an incompletion in the end zone on third down, Vonn Bell sacked Newton on a safety blitz, ensuring the Saints (12-5) swept all three meetings with Carolina (11-6) this season, in addition to winning their first playoff game in four seasons.

"We wanted it more," Jordan said. "I mean they've been to their Super Bowl, let 'em go to another one next year. We want our run."

Brees' touchdowns went for 80-yards to Ted Ginn and 9 yards to tight end Josh Hill. Fullback Zach line and running back Alvin Kamara each ran for short touchdowns, the latter set up by Michael Thomas 46-yard reception.

Thomas caught eight passes for 131 yards on a day when the Saints needed the passing game to compensate for a ground game that struggled to get going.

Helped by the presence of tight end Greg Olsen — who did not play in the teams' previous two meetings — Newton marched Carolina into Saints territory more often than not. But the Panthers stalled four times from inside the New Orleans 25, settling for four field goal attempts on those drives, one of which kicker Graham Gano surprisingly missed.

Olsen had eight catches for

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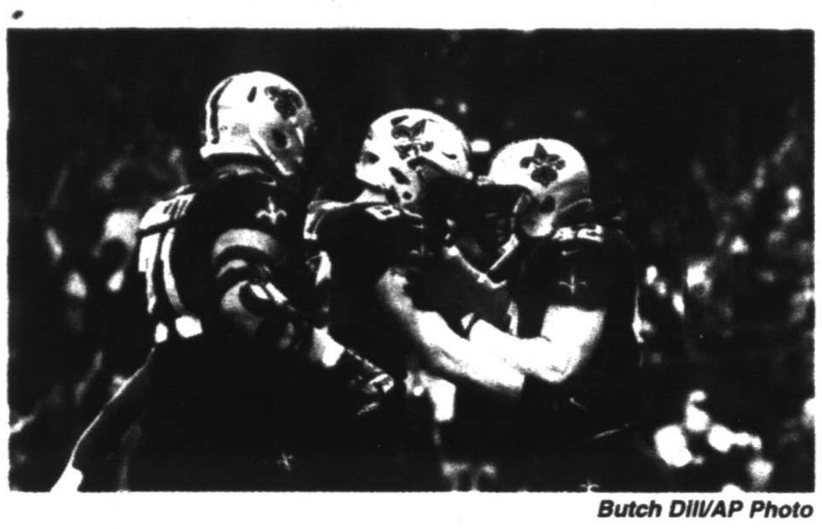

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New Orleans Saints running back Zach Line (42) celebrates his touchdown with tight end Josh Hill (89) and offensive tackle Ryan Ramczyk (71) in the first half against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday in New Orleans.

# No experience required

*Gerald Herbert/Associated Press*

Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts (2) holds up his most valuable offensive player trophy after defeating Clemson in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1 in New Orleans. Alabama won 24-6 to advance to the national championship game.

# Young QBs make immediate impact

**By Paul Newberry**
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — No experience required.

Jalen Hurts came within a single second of leading Alabama to a national championship in his freshman season. Now, Jake Fromm is on the cusp of a title in his first year at Georgia.

Long gone are the days when a young quarterback needed to ride the bench for a season or two, getting up to speed on a college system much more intricate than what he ran in high school. Even the most successful programs in the land are willing to turn their offense over to an 18-year-old as soon as he steps on campus.

Hurts and Fromm are the most prominent examples of the potential rewards far outweighing the ever-dwindling risks.

"There's a completely different mindset now about playing young players," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

Jamelle Holieway remains the only true freshman quarterback to lead a team to the national title in the modern era, taking over at Oklahoma in 1985 after Troy Aikman was injured.

Hurts came achingly close a year ago, when Alabama lost to Clemson 35-31 on a last-second touchdown pass in the championship game. Fromm has a chance to match Holieway's feat on Monday night, but he'll have to get by Hurts — a grizzled ol' sophomore this time around — when the Bulldogs (13-1) meet the Crimson Tide (12-1) in an all-Southeastern Conference title game .

Saban points to an increased emphasis on passing games and spread offenses at the high school level, which has fast-forwarded the development of top quarterback prospects.

"They're not coming up in some hand-the-ball-off I-formation," he said. "Their knowledge and experience is a lot greater than maybe in old-fashioned football."

Fromm threw for 12,745 yards and 116 touchdowns during his four years at Houston County High School in central Georgia, a football hotbed that prepared him well for what he would face with the Bulldogs.

"We would throw it 30, 40 times, even 50 times, as many times as it took," he remembered. "The college offense is a little more wordy. But the passing schemes and the coverages and all that, it's just about all the same. At the end of the day, one guy's running a route, if he's open, you throw it to him. It's not too hard."

Of course, that's overlooking all the hard work Fromm put in — Hurts, too — to get to this moment.

"He came in early most mornings during the offseason to throw in quarterback drills," said Von Lassiter, who was Fromm's high school coach. "In season, he came in and went to class, but after lunch he was with the football coaches for the rest of the day. He would watch video, lift weights, we fed 'em, and then we practiced. Then he watched video afterward."

During the summers, Fromm and his teammates traveled around the state to compete in highly competitive 7-on-7 leagues, a mostly passing version of touch football that had become increasingly popular, allowing prep quarterbacks to further hone their passing skills.

"The way we ran our program in high school was a lot like a college situation, and we really have more time with them than the colleges can have," Lassiter said. "So he's used to sitting in the film room, used to being in the weight room, used to handling all that stuff along with class. It helped to prepares him for college."

Hurts and Fromm have clearly benefited from playing on teams with stellar defenses, stout running games and standout special teams . They have settled into the role of game managers, going to the air when necessary but always very cognizant of avoiding the big mistake.

In a way, that demonstrates their maturity even better than some gaudy numbers.

"You've got be a good decision-maker," said Brian Daboll, the third offensive coordinator Hurts has worked with during

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# Jaguars beat Bills 10-3 in ugly, sometimes unwatchable game

**By Mark Long**
*Associated Press*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Blake Bortles put together one decent drive all day, doing as much with his legs as his arm, and the defensive-minded Jacksonville Jaguars eked out an ugly and sometimes unwatchable 10-3 victory against the Buffalo Bills in an AFC wild-card game Sunday.

In the postseason for the first time since January 2008, the third-seeded Jaguars (11-6) advanced to play at No. 2 seed Pittsburgh next week.

The sixth-seeded Bills (9-8) will head home after ending the longest, current playoff drought in North American professional sports.

Bortles was a big reason Jacksonville won the game and a big reason it was so close.

This was far from a passing clinic. It was more like a painful exercise in overcoming poor passing.

Bortles was off most of the day, misfiring short and long, but made up for it with 88 yards rushing. He scrambled for a long first down run after fumbling the ball late, prompting a Bills assistant to slam a clipboard and eliciting a huge grin from Bortles.

"We weren't sharp, we made some bad plays and did some stupid stuff, but we found a way to win and that's all that matters," Bortles said.

He completed 12 of 23 passes for 87 yards, with a touchdown. His TD pass to backup tight end Ben Koyack late in the third quarter was his best throw of the game. It also was a gutsy call on fourth-and-goal from the 1.

Bortles did the rest on the ground, scrambling for first downs and helping Jacksonville win its first playoff game at home since the 1997 season.

"You know, when we got beat last week at Tennessee, I didn't run at all, so I thought we got beat without kind of shooting all of our shots, so I said it made it difficult, so let's find some ways to move the ball and do some different stuff," Bortles said.

The Bills had plenty of chances down the stretch, but a huge penalty against Charles Clay and then a tackle that knocked quarterback Tyrod Taylor out of the game ended any threat of a comeback.

Taylor slammed his helmet hard against the ground after getting thrown down by Dante Fowler Jr. He had to be helped off the field and forced backup Nathan Peterman into the game with 1:27 remaining. All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey tipped and then intercepted Peterman's third pass, and the Jaguars ran out the clock.

"We prepare hard and we study a lot of tape, we practice hard," Jaguars

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*Stephen B. Morton*

Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles (5) throws a pass in front of Buffalo Bills outside linebacker Ramon Humber, left, on Sunday in Jacksonville, Fla.

# Texas uses second-half surge to beat Kansas St 75-64

**By Andrew Hammond**
*Associated Press*

MANHATTAN, Kan. — For the first 15 minutes, Kansas State gave Texas all the No.8 Longhorns could handle.

Then Lashann Higgs knocked down a three from the corner to give Texas the lead and the Longhorns never looked back.

Higgs scored 26 points and No. 8 Texas used a big run to start the second half to beat Kansas State 75-64 on Sunday. Even with leading scorer Brooke McCarty having a rough shooting day as she scored just nine points, the Longhorns (13-1, 4-0 Big 12) had enough to beat the Wildcats.

"Credit to K-State's defense that made us play off balance," Texas head coach Karen Aston said. "Definitely wasn't one of our better performances, I thought we did a pretty good job on their key offensive players."

Kansas State (9-6, 1-3) took the early advantage holding the Longhorns to 12 points on 26 percent shooting in the first quarter.

Texas would have many chances to take the lead, but didn't take advantage until Higgs hit a corner three at the 2:23 mark of the second quarter to give the Longhorns their first lead of the ballgame. On the next possession, Rellah Boothe would come back and surprise everybody with a three-pointer of her own.

"It kind of gave us the breathing room we needed," Aston said. "It gave us a chance to regroup at halftime and talk about some things that were open against their zone. I thought we were better on the boards in the second half. I felt like we stood around too much in the second half."

Meanwhile, the Wildcats struggled to generate offense as they went scoreless in the last 3:19 of the 1st half.

For a team that was trying to pull off their second straight upset in conference play, that

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# DAILYRUNDOWN

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## ON THE AIR

**College Football**
CFP Championship:
Alabama vs. Georgia, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPNews, SEC

**Men's Soccer**
Liga NOS: Pacos de Ferreira vs. Portimonense, 1 p.m., GolTV
FA Cup: Brighton & Hove Albion vs. Crystal Palace, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

**National Basketball Association**
Milwaukee at Indiana, 6 p.m., NBAtv
San Antonio at Sacramento, 9 p.m., FSSW+

**National Hockey League**
Columbus at Toronto, 6 p.m., NHL

**Tennis**
WTA: Sydney International, 8 p.m., beIN

## WHAT'S ON DECK

**JC Women's Basketball**
Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.

**JC Men's basketball**
Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Recalled G Thomas Bryant from South Bay (NBAGL).
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Waived G DeAndre Liggins. Recalled F D.J. Wilson from Wisconsin (NBAGL).

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned F A.J. Greer and D Andrei Mironov to San Antonio (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled G Jared Coreau from Grand Rapids (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned F Jonny Brodzinski and D Kevin Gravel to Ontario (AHL).
National Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned F Michael Joly to Colorado (ECHL).

ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Orlando's Sam Jardice one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Jan. 6 game at Jacksonville. Suspended Greenville's Bretton Cameron three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Jan. 6 game against Atlanta.

COLLEGE
CLEMSON — WR Ray-Ray McCloud will enter the NFL draft.
FLORIDA STATE — Named Harlon Barnett defensive coordinator.

## NHL GLANCE

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Atlantic Division** | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
| Tampa Bay | 42 | 30 | 9 | 3 | 63 | 155 | 103 |
| Boston | 40 | 23 | 10 | 7 | 53 | 131 | 102 |
| Toronto | 43 | 25 | 16 | 2 | 52 | 141 | 124 |
| Detroit | 41 | 17 | 17 | 7 | 41 | 112 | 127 |
| Florida | 41 | 17 | 18 | 6 | 40 | 113 | 133 |
| Montreal | 42 | 18 | 20 | 4 | 40 | 108 | 129 |
| Ottawa | 40 | 14 | 17 | 9 | 37 | 111 | 138 |
| Buffalo | 42 | 10 | 23 | 9 | 29 | 92 | 143 |
| **Metropolitan Division** | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
| Washington | 42 | 26 | 13 | 3 | 55 | 132 | 120 |
| New Jersey | 41 | 22 | 11 | 8 | 52 | 130 | 125 |
| Columbus | 43 | 24 | 16 | 3 | 51 | 118 | 119 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 41 | 22 | 14 | 5 | 49 | 127 | 115 |
| Pittsburgh | 44 | 22 | 19 | 3 | 47 | 126 | 138 |
| Carolina | 41 | 19 | 14 | 8 | 46 | 115 | 126 |
| Philadelphia | 42 | 19 | 15 | 8 | 46 | 123 | 122 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 43 | 21 | 18 | 4 | 46 | 146 | 158 |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | |
| **Central Division** | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
| Winnipeg | 43 | 25 | 11 | 7 | 57 | 144 | 117 |
| St. Louis | 45 | 26 | 16 | 3 | 55 | 130 | 115 |
| Nashville | 41 | 24 | 11 | 6 | 54 | 129 | 113 |
| Dallas | 43 | 24 | 16 | 3 | 51 | 132 | 118 |
| Colorado | 41 | 22 | 16 | 3 | 47 | 135 | 124 |
| Minnesota | 42 | 22 | 17 | 3 | 47 | 123 | 123 |
| Chicago | 41 | 20 | 15 | 6 | 46 | 125 | 114 |
| **Pacific Division** | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
| Vegas | 40 | 28 | 10 | 2 | 58 | 141 | 112 |
| Los Angeles | 42 | 24 | 13 | 5 | 53 | 126 | 99 |
| San Jose | 40 | 21 | 13 | 6 | 48 | 110 | 106 |
| Anaheim | 43 | 19 | 15 | 9 | 47 | 117 | 120 |
| Calgary | 41 | 21 | 16 | 4 | 46 | 115 | 119 |
| Edmonton | 43 | 18 | 22 | 3 | 39 | 118 | 141 |
| Vancouver | 42 | 16 | 20 | 6 | 38 | 110 | 140 |
| Arizona | 43 | 10 | 27 | 6 | 26 | 98 | 150 |

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

**Sunday's Games**
Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 1
N.Y. Islanders 1, New Jersey 4, SO
Winnipeg 4, San Jose 1
Chicago 4, Edmonton 1
Washington 4, St. Louis 3, OT
Columbus 3, Florida 2, SO
Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 2
Montreal 5, Vancouver 2
Pittsburgh 6, Boston 5, OT
N.Y. Rangers at Vegas, late.

**Today's Game**
Columbus at Toronto, 6 p.m.

## NBA GLANCE

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Atlantic Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Boston | 33 | 10 | .767 | — |
| Toronto | 27 | 10 | .730 | 3 |
| Philadelphia | 19 | 19 | .500 | 11½ |
| New York | 19 | 21 | .475 | 12½ |
| Brooklyn | 15 | 24 | .385 | 16 |
| **Southeast Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Washington | 23 | 17 | .575 | — |
| Miami | 22 | 17 | .564 | ½ |
| Charlotte | 15 | 23 | .395 | 7 |
| Orlando | 12 | 28 | .300 | 11 |
| Atlanta | 10 | 28 | .263 | 12 |
| **Central Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Cleveland | 26 | 13 | .667 | — |
| Detroit | 21 | 17 | .553 | 4½ |
| Milwaukee | 21 | 17 | .553 | 4½ |
| Indiana | 20 | 19 | .513 | 6 |
| Chicago | 14 | 26 | .350 | 12½ |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE | | | | |
| **Southwest Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Houston | 27 | 11 | .711 | — |
| San Antonio | 27 | 14 | .659 | 1½ |
| New Orleans | 19 | 19 | .500 | 8 |
| Dallas | 13 | 28 | .317 | 15½ |
| Memphis | 12 | 27 | .308 | 15½ |
| **Northwest Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Minnesota | 25 | 16 | .610 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 22 | 18 | .550 | 2½ |
| Portland | 21 | 18 | .538 | 3 |
| Denver | 21 | 18 | .538 | 3 |
| Utah | 16 | 24 | .400 | 8½ |
| **Pacific Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Golden State | 32 | 8 | .800 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 17 | 21 | .447 | 14 |
| Phoenix | 16 | 26 | .381 | 17 |
| Sacramento | 13 | 25 | .342 | 18 |
| L.A. Lakers | 11 | 27 | .289 | 20 |

**Sunday's Games**
Miami 103, Utah 102
New York 100, Dallas 96
Phoenix 114, Oklahoma City 100
Portland 111, San Antonio 110
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, late

**Today's Games**
Milwaukee at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

### Men's

SOUTH
Davidson 86, George Mason 59
Maryland 91, Iowa 73
Miami 80, Florida St. 74
UCF 60, Temple 39

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 80, Utah 77
UC Santa Barbara 65, UC Riverside 57

MIDWEST
Cincinnati 76, SMU 56
Illinois St. 72, Missouri St. 68
Loyola of Chicago 56, N. Iowa 50
N. Kentucky 56, Detroit 54
Ohio St. 80, Michigan St. 64
Wichita St. 95, South Florida 57
Wright St. 86, Oakland 81, OT

EAST
Delaware 96, UNC-Wilmington 76
Elon 89, Hofstra 76
Iona 84, Fairfield 65
Niagara 86, Marist 70
Northeastern 80, James Madison 67
Rider 82, Manhattan 76
Siena 65, Canisius 62
FIU 87, Marshall 54
Georgia 56, Kentucky 42
Hofstra 69, UNC-Wilmington 61
James Madison 56, Drexel 48
Louisville 67, Virginia Tech 56
Mississippi 78, Florida 75
Mississippi St. 83, LSU 70
North Carolina 68, Pittsburgh 67
Notre Dame 77, Georgia Tech 54
Tennessee 86, Vanderbilt 73
Texas A&M 82, Auburn 73
Towson 67, William & Mary 66
Virginia 70, Clemson 41
Wake Forest 61, Miami 50

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 73, Stanford 66
California 53, Arizona 51
Colorado 66, Washington 61
Oregon 70, UCLA 61
Southern Cal 65, Oregon St. 61
Utah 81, Washington St. 79

MIDWEST
Bradley 88, Valparaiso 69
Butler 66, Seton Hall 48
Drake 75, S. Illinois 64
Iowa 84, Illinois 71
Loyola of Chicago 62, Illinois St. 59
Marquette 92, Creighton 77
Maryland 71, Wisconsin 44
Minnesota 83, Michigan St. 77
Missouri 83, South Carolina 74
Missouri St. 62, N. Iowa 52
Nebraska 69, Northwestern 59
Ohio St. 78, Michigan 71
St. John's 67, Xavier 63
Texas 75, Kansas St. 64

EAST
Dayton 65, Saint Joseph's 59
DePaul 71, Providence 48
George Washington 62, George Mason 52
Monmouth (NJ) 51, St. Peter's 44

### Top 25 Fared

1. Michigan State (15-2) lost to Ohio State 80-64. Next: vs. Rutgers, Wednesday.
2. Duke (13-2) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Wednesday.
3. Villanova (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Xavier, Wednesday.
4. Arizona State (13-2) beat Utah 80-77. Next: vs. Oregon, Thursday.
5. Xavier (15-2) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Villanova, Wednesday.
6. West Virginia (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Tuesday.
7. Oklahoma (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Texas Tech, Tuesday.
8. Virginia (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Tuesday.
9. Wichita State (13-2) beat South Florida 95-57. Next: at East Carolina, Thursday.
10. Kansas (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Tuesday.
11. Texas A&M (11-4) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Kentucky, Tuesday.
12. North Carolina (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Tuesday.
13. Purdue (15-2) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Tuesday.
14. Arizona (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.
15. Miami (13-2) beat No. 24 Florida State 80-74. Next: at No. 25 Clemson, Saturday.
16. TCU (13-2) did not play. Next: at Texas, Wednesday.
17. Kentucky (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Texas A&M, Tuesday.
18. Texas Tech (14-1) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Oklahoma, Tuesday.
19. Cincinnati (14-2) beat SMU 76-56. Next: at South Florida, Saturday.
21. Gonzaga (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Portland, Thursday.
21. Seton Hall (14-2) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Tuesday.
22. Arkansas (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Wednesday.
23. Tennessee (10-4) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Tuesday.
24. Florida State (12-3) lost to No. 15 Miami 80-74. Next: vs. Louisville, Wednesday.
25. Clemson (14-1) did not play. Next: at NC State, Thursday.

### Women's

SOUTHWEST
Alabama 83, Arkansas 76
Oklahoma St. 98, Oklahoma 82
Rice 83, UTSA 52
TCU 93, Texas Tech 72

SOUTH
Davidson 77, Rhode Island 67
Delaware 68, Coll. of Charleston 59
Duke 69, NC State 56
Duquesne 70, VCU 51
Elon 76, Northeastern 71
FIU 72, UTEP 66

### Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Tuesday.
2. Notre Dame (15-1) beat Georgia Tech 77-54. Next: at No. 3 Louisville, Thursday.
3. Louisville (18-0) beat Virginia Tech 67-56. Next: vs. No. 2 Notre Dame, Thursday.
4. South Carolina (13-2) lost to No. 15 Missouri 83-74. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
5. Mississippi State (17-0) beat LSU 83-70. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
6. Baylor (14-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Sunday, Jan. 14.
7. Tennessee (15-0) beat Vanderbilt 86-73. Next: at No. 19 Texas A&M, Thursday.
8. Texas (13-1) beat Kansas State 75-64. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
9. Oregon (15-2) beat No. 14 UCLA 70-61. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
10. Ohio State (15-2) beat No. 22 Michigan 78-71, OT. Next: at Indiana, Saturday.
11. Florida State (14-2) lost to Syracuse 76-69. Next: vs. Miami, Thursday.
12. West Virginia (14-2) beat Iowa State 57-49. Next: at Kansas, Wednesday.
13. Maryland (15-2) beat Wisconsin 71-44. Next: vs. Michigan State, Thursday.
14. UCLA (11-4) lost to No. 9 Oregon 70-61. Next: at Utah, Friday.
15. Missouri (14-2) beat No. 4 South Carolina 83-74. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
16. Oregon State (11-4) lost to Southern Cal 65-61. Next: vs. No. 25 Arizona State, Friday.
17. Duke (12-4) beat N.C. State 69-56. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
18. Iowa (15-2) beat Illinois 84-71. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
19. Texas A&M (13-4) beat Auburn 82-73. Next: vs. No. 7 Tennessee, Thursday.
20. Oklahoma State (12-3) beat Oklahoma 98-82. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
21. Villanova (12-3) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Wednesday.
22. Michigan (13-4) lost to No. 10 Ohio State 78-71, OT. Next: vs. Indiana, Wednesday.
23. California (11-4) beat Arizona 53-51. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
24. Stanford (9-7) lost to No. 25 Arizona State 73-66. Next: vs. Washington State, Friday.
25. Arizona State (13-3) beat No. 24 Stanford 73-66. Next: at No. 16 Oregon State, Friday.

# MIDLAND COLLEGE VS FRANK PHILLIPS PREVIEW

**WOMEN**
**NO. 13 FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE**
**When/where:** 5:45 p.m., Chaparral Center
**Records:** Midland College 9-6, 2-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips College, 12-1, 2-0
**Notes:** The Lady Chaparrals resume WJCAC play today for the first time since a 92-77 win at Clarendon College on Dec. 2. … The Lady Chaps are coming off back-to-back non-conference wins at home against Connors State College (67-48) and Weatherford College (68-53). In the win over Weatherford, the Lady Chaps leaned on their guards for the win as Alexandrea Washington led MC with a game-high 22 points, Bianca Thacker had 20 and Bethany Theodore added 12. … Frank Phillips brings its best team in years as the Lady Plainsmen have wins against Odessa College (75-65) and South Plains (68-58) in WJCAC play. "They've got a bunch of sophomores and they've got some athletic players that do a lot of scoring for them," said MC coach Ron Jones about FPC.
"We're going to have to work hard to contain what they like to do and they really spread the floor, which is always challenging when you have a lot of posts." … Sophomore forward Kiara Shoals leads FPC with 20.7 ppg, while sophomore guard Kinsley Choate is averaging 17.0 ppg.
**Next:** Midland College at Odessa College, 5:45 p.m.; Frank Phillips College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

| | Conference W | Conference L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Phillips | 2 | 0 | 12 | 1 |
| **Midland College** | 2 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| New Mexico JC | 1 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Western Texas | 1 | 0 | 9 | 5 |
| Clarendon College | 0 | 1 | 16 | 1 |
| Odessa College | 0 | 1 | 12 | 4 |
| South Plains | 0 | 2 | 13 | 5 |
| Howard College | 0 | 2 | 10 | 8 |

**Monday's Games**
Frank Phillips College at Midland College; South Plains College at Howard College; Clarendon College at Western Texas College; Odessa College and New Mexico JC are open

**MEN**
**FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE**
**When/where:** 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center
**Records:** Midland College 4-12 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips College 8-8, 0-2
**Notes:** Both Midland College and Frank Phillips come into this game searching for their first WJCAC win of the season, so something has to give tonight. … The Chaparrals are slumping as they have lost three straight games and nine of their last 10. … MC is coming off a 94-81 loss to Weatherford College on Friday in which WC shot 59 percent for the game, including 52 percent from 3-point range. MC shot 53 percent and was led by Kevin Kangu with 21 points, Kayo Goncalves added 14 and Michael Hillebrand added 13 in the loss. … MC coach Pat Rafferty said he would like to see his team play harder, especially on the defensive end. He added that getting his team to play hard and together on a consistent level has been a challenge this season, and until that happen, MC is going to continue to struggle. … Frank Phillips has won three straight games. Kent Thomas, a 6-foot-6 sophomore G/F, leads FPC with 14.1 ppg, while 6-7 sophomore forward Knowledge Darby is averaging 11.4 ppg.
**Next:** Midland College at Odessa College, 7:30 p.m.; Frank Phillips College at Howard College, 7:30 p.m.

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

| | Conference W | Conference L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clarendon College | 2 | 0 | 12 | 4 |
| South Plains | 2 | 0 | 10 | 4 |
| Odessa College | 1 | 0 | 12 | 2 |
| Western Texas | 1 | 0 | 12 | 2 |
| Howard College | 1 | 1 | 13 | 3 |
| New Mexico JC | 1 | 1 | 11 | 4 |
| New Mexico Military | 0 | 2 | 9 | 6 |
| Frank Phillips | 0 | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Midland College | 0 | 2 | 4 | 12 |

**Today's Games**
Frank Phillips College at Midland College; South Plains College at Howard College; Odessa College at New Mexico Military Institute; Clarendon College at Western College College; New Mexico JC at Eastfield College (non-conference)

*-Compiled by Oscar LeRoy*

# NBA ROUNDUP

**KNICKS 100**
**MAVERICKS 96**
DALLAS — Kristaps Porzingis scored 29 points and Jarrett Jack made the tiebreaking basket with 31.2 seconds left as New York beat Dallas.
Kyle O'Quinn had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Enes Kanter added 13 points and 18 boards for the Knicks, who ended a three-game losing streak and sent the Mavericks to their third straight loss — all at home.
Harrison Barnes scored 25 points and Devin Harris had nine of his 11 in the fourth quarter as the Mavericks made yet another rally on the night they honored their long-time point guard Derek Harper by retiring his jersey.

**TRAILBLAZERS 111**
**SPURS 110**
PORTLAND, Ore. — CJ McCollum hit a floater with 5.9 seconds left to give the Portland Trail Blazers a 111-110 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday night with both teams short-handed.
McCollum finished with 25 points and Maurice Harkless added 19 off the bench for the Blazers, who were without starter Damian Lillard. It was Portland's fifth win in seven games, and third straight victory at home.
Former Blazer LaMarcus Aldridge had 30 points and 14 rebounds, while Manu Ginobili added 26 points, including six 3-pointers, for the Spurs.

**SUNS 114**
**THUNDER 100**
PHOENIX — Dragan Bender scored 17 of his career-high 20 points in the second half, rookie Josh Jackson had 17 points and 10 rebounds in his first career double-double, and the Phoenix reserves helped the Suns beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 114-100 on Sunday night.
Bender made a career-best six 3-pointers, going 5 of 6 in the second half. The Suns beat the Thunder for the third straight time dating to last season, with all three wins coming in Phoenix.
Russell Westbrook had his 14th triple-double of the season and second in a row with 26 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, but Oklahoma City never led after the first quarter. Paul George added 19 points and Steven Adams 18 for the Thunder.
Devin Booker scored 26 and T.J. Warren 23 for Phoenix.

**HEAT 103**
**JAZZ 102**
MIAMI — Josh Richardson's layup with 5.1 seconds left capped a Miami rally from eight points down in the fourth, Donovan Mitchell missed what would have been the winner at the buzzer and the Heat beat Utah.
Tyler Johnson and Goran Dragic each scored 16 points for Miami, which has won four straight — all by single digits, the Heat's longest stretch of such games since November 2012.
Richardson and Hassan Whiteside each had 14 points, and Kelly Olynyk had 12.

# Dustin Johnson powers his way to win at Kapalua

**By Doug Ferguson**
*Associated Press*

KAPALUA, Hawaii — A new year brought out the best in Dustin Johnson, who powered his way to an 8-under 65 and an eight-shot victory Sunday in the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

In a field that featured the top five players in the world, Johnson made a strong opening statement that the No. 1 ranking he has held for nearly a year might be difficult to take away.

Johnson stretched a two-shot lead to six strokes at the turn, then delivered the biggest moment of the week with a drive on the par-4 12th hole that stopped 6 inches from the cup for a tap-in eagle.

He finished at 24-under 268 for his 17th career victory.

Jon Rahm closed with a 69 to finish second and move to No. 3 in the world.

PGA-Tournament of Champions Scores
Sunday
At Kapalua Resort (Plantation Course)
Kapalua, Hawaii
Purse: $6.3 million
Yardage: 7,452; Par: 73
Final

| | |
|---|---|
| Dustin Johnson $1,260,000 | 69-68-65-65—268 |
| Jon Rahm $735,000 | 71-70-66-69—276 |
| Brian Harman $461,000 | 68-68-69-72—277 |
| Rickie Fowler $296,000 | 69-71-68-70—278 |
| Hideki Matsuyama $296,000 | 70-70-72-66—278 |
| Pat Perez $296,000 | 72-66-71-69—278 |
| Marc Leishman $204,000 | 67-69-76-67—279 |
| Jhonattan Vegas $204,000 | 68-70-71-70—279 |
| Jordan Spieth $185,000 | 75-66-70-69—280 |
| Si Woo Kim $174,000 | 69-71-72-69—281 |
| Daniel Berger $148,000 | 73-70-68-71—282 |
| Jason Dufner $148,000 | 71-66-69-74—282 |
| Billy Horschel $148,000 | 70-71-70-71—282 |
| Chris Stroud $148,000 | 72-66-72-72—282 |
| Patrick Cantlay $118,000 | 70-70-72-71—283 |
| Patton Kizzire $118,000 | 72-72-69-70—283 |
| Russell Henley $99,333 | 74-69-72-69—284 |
| Kevin Kisner $99,333 | 70-70-72-72—284 |
| Cameron Smith $99,333 | 75-70-68-71—284 |
| Ryan Armour $89,000 | 71-73-70-71—285 |
| Kevin Chappell $85,000 | 74-70-70-72—286 |
| Austin Cook $76,750 | 74-74-70-70—288 |
| Grayson Murray $76,750 | 74-74-69-71—288 |
| Xander Schauffele $76,750 | 72-72-70-74—288 |
| Justin Thomas $76,750 | 71-75-75-67—288 |
| Bryson DeChambeau $71,000 | 73-73-71-72—289 |
| Wesley Bryan $68,000 | 74-70-76-70—290 |
| Hudson Swafford $68,000 | 72-72-76-70—290 |
| Brendan Steele $65,000 | 71-74-74-72—291 |
| Kyle Stanley $64,000 | 70-75-73-74—292 |
| Jones Bibb $63,000 | 77-71-75-70—293 |
| Adam Hadwin $62,000 | 75-75-74-72—294 |
| D.A. Points $61,000 | 76-78-74-73—299 |
| Brooks Koepka $60,000 | 78-74-78-75—305 |

# TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

**Men**

**CINCINNATI 76, SMU 56**
HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. — Cincinnati showed that in a matchup of stingy defensive teams, a lot of effort overcomes a lot of missed shots.
Jacob Evans III scored 18 points, and Gary Clark had a big second half as the 19th-ranked Bearcats pulled away to a 76-56 victory over SMU on Sunday, extending the longest active home-court winning streak in the country.
The game matched the American Athletic Conference's top defensive teams, and it showed in the first half as they went a combined 15-for-52 from the field and the Bearcats led 34-20.
"We're not always pretty at times, but our effort's tremendous and as a coach, you appreciate that," Cincinnati's Mick Cronin said.
Cincinnati (14-2, 3-0) broke it open with a 12-point run late in the first half featuring Evans' 3-pointer. Clark scored 13 of his 18 points in the second half as the Bearcats finally got the ball inside and pushed the lead to 20. Instead of allowing SMU to double-team him, Clark started heading for the basket as soon as he got the ball.
"It was more me taking too long," Clark said. "I'm allowing them to come and trap. In the second half once they got it to me, I was going."
SMU (12-5, 2-2) shot only 35.7 percent from the field and had 18 turnovers that set up 26 of Cincinnati's points. Jarrey Foster led the Mustangs with 16 points.
"Beyond frustrating," SMU coach Tim Jankovich said. "It was as frustrating as any game I can remember in a number of years. Whenever you turn the ball over that many times and just play so sloppy, it's just really hard."
The Bearcats have won 35 straight home games on two courts. They've gone 9-0 while playing this season at BB&T Arena at Northern Kentucky University while their on-campus arena is renovated. They went 18-0 at Fifth Third Arena last season.

**Women**

**No. 19 TEXAS A&M 82, AUBURN 73**
AUBURN, Ala. — Khaalia Hillsman scored a career-high 31 points and Chennedy Carter added 22, combining for 19 points in the fourth quarter, and Texas A&M turned back Auburn.
Danni Williams had 16 points for the Aggies (13-4, 3-0 Southeastern Conference), who handed the Tigers (10-5, 1-2) their first home loss of the 2017-18 athletic year in women's and men's basketball and football combined.
McKay was 11 of 11 from the foul line and had 25 points for Auburn, which set a school record by making 16 of 16 free throws. Unique Thompson added 22 points.

# TEXAS

From 1C

Kansas State's undoing.
"Their pressure defense got into us during that stretch," Kansas State head coach Jeff Mittie said after the game. "They got some run-outs in that stretch while our offense got bogged down and then we missed some shots that we normally make I think that's that's due to a team that plays physical on you and you've got a do a job better handling that.
Or decision making in that stretch was not good, that's part of what Texas does.
They speed you up and play physical and we've got to do a better job handling that pressure."
Kayla Goth scored 17 points on 6 of 17 shooting in the loss for the Wildcats.

**Big picture**

Kansas State could not pick up back-to-back victories against ranked opponents but do manage to frustrate the Longhorns with their zone defense in the 1st half. However, the second half of the ball-game saw the Longhorns show their resolve and toughness as they put away the Wildcats with turnovers and athletic fast-break of-fense. A win like this is a good sign for the Longhorns as they have even tougher opponents like Texas and Baylor down the road.

**Up next**

**Texas:** The Longhorns travel to face TCU on Wednesday.
**Kansas State:** The Wildcats travel to face Iowa State on Wednesday.


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# The Patriots are rested, recharged and rankled

By Arnie Stapleton
*Associated Press*

*Elise Amendola/AP file photo*

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds up a Super Bowl trophy along with head coach Bill Belichick, right, and team owner Robert Kraft, left, during a rally celebrate their Super Bowl win, in 2017 in Boston.

Recharged and rekindled are the New England Patriots, who await a visit from the Tennessee Titans in the AFC divisional playoffs next weekend.

The Titans (10-7) are coming off their first playoff win in 14 seasons, a 22-21 thriller at Kansas City in the wild-card round Saturday that left the Chiefs winless at Arrowhead in the postseason since 1994.

The Patriots (13-3) are fresh off their eighth consecutive first-round bye as they seek their third title in four years.

They're not only refreshed but fired up after a report suggesting a fractured relationship that could break up the franchise's three most important pieces in QB Tom Brady, coach Bill Belichick and owner Robert Kraft.

Jacksonville (11-6), coming off its first playoff win in a decade, a 10-3 snoozer over Buffalo on Sunday, visits Pittsburgh (13-3) in the other AFC divisional playoff game (1:05 p.m. ET Sunday on CBS).

The Steelers are hoping the weekend off helps Antonio Brown return from a torn calf he sustained on Dec. 17 against New England.

The NFC's top seed, Philadelphia (13-3), hosts the defending conference champion Atlanta Falcons (11-6) on Saturday (4:35 p.m. ET on NBC) and the Minnesota Vikings (13-3) host the New Orleans Saints (4:40 p.m. ET Sunday on FOX).

The Saints (12-5) edged Carolina 31-26 Sunday night in the wild-card weekend finale.

The Falcons throttled the upstart Los Angeles Rams 26-13 Saturday night, sending the league's best comeback story of 2017 to a premature end.

The Patriots have won 11 of 12 after stumbling to a 2-2 start but the buzz around Boston isn't about their usual dominance but whether that excellence could be coming to an end soon.

Brady, Belichick and Kraft released a joint statement this weekend dismissing as "flat-out inaccurate" an ESPN report detailing an array of tension in New England between the triumphant triumvirate responsible for decorating team headquarters with five championship trophies.

One of the many things the Patriots are good at is navigating negativity.

Last year they overcame the loss of tight end Rob Gronkowski to win it all and they're trying to do the same this year without receiver Julian Edelman and linebacker Dont'a Hightower, two of their biggest stars.

The Titans came back from a 21-3 halftime deficit Saturday at Kansas City and in the process probably saved coach Mike Mularkey's job .

Team owner Amy Adams Strunk on Sunday said her coach isn't going anywhere after helping change the Titans' culture and leading them to their first playoff victory in 14 years.

The Titans opened as 13-point underdogs to the Patriots (8:15 p.m. ET on CBS).

"This is a good test for our football team," Mularkey said, "but these are the type of games you have to win."

Or go home.

The Titans needed an amazing comeback to get their latest win, which tied for the second-largest rally by a road team in the playoffs. Dallas also overcame an 18-point deficit in 1972 in the divisional round to beat San Francisco.

Only Detroit's rally from 20 points down in 1957 to beat the 49ers in the divisional round was bigger than Tennessee's comeback.

The other AFC game is a rematch of Week 5, when the Jaguars beat Pittsburgh 30-9 . Ben Roethlisberger, who threw five interceptions in that game, has led Pittsburgh to 10 wins in 11 games since then with the lone loss coming against the Patriots, 24-21 last month when Brown got hurt and missed most of the showdown in Pittsburgh.

In Blake Bortles, the Steelers will face a quarterback who ran for more yards (88) than he threw for (87) Sunday and who put together one decent drive all day.

"We weren't sharp, we made some bad plays and did some stupid stuff, but we found a way to win and that's all that matters," said Bortles, whose TD pass to backup tight end Ben Koyack late in the third quarter was his best throw of the game and a gutsy call on fourth-and-goal from the 1.

Although they're the sixth seed, the Falcons are the only NFC team to make it back to the playoffs this year, and that edge in experience showed Saturday night in the Rams' first playoff game at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum since 1979.

One year after advancing to the Super Bowl, the Falcons are "a battle-tested brotherhood," suggested coach Dan Quinn, who added Sunday "That kind of experience I thought certainly showed up last night."

After showing impressive poise against the Rams, it's on to Philadelphia, which is the NFC's top seed for the first time since 2004 but is led by backup quarterback Nick Foles following a season-ending knee injury to MVP hopeful Carson Wentz.

So, it's no surprise the Falcons opened as 2-point favorites on the road.

The Vikings are coming off a first-round playoff bye for the first time since 2000 and they'll face a Saints team that features Mark Ingram and rookie Alvin Kamara, who combined for 1,852 yards rushing and 26 touchdowns during the regular season but were quiet Sunday, managing just 45 yards on 19 carries but one of them was a 2-yard TD by Kamara.

The Vikings beat the Saints 29-19 on opening weekend when Sam Bradford and not Case Keenum was under center for Minnesota.

# Playoff experience gives 'battle-tested' Falcons edge

By Charles Odum
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — Experience could be the Atlanta Falcons' big edge as the only team in the NFC playoffs for the second straight year.

Coach Dan Quinn says that advantage was a factor in Saturday night's 26-13 wild-card win over the Los Angeles Rams.

One year after advancing to the Super Bowl, the Falcons are "a battle-tested brotherhood," according to Quinn, who added Sunday "That kind of experience I thought certainly showed up last night."

After showing impressive poise against the Rams, Atlanta will play next Saturday's divisional round game at Philadelphia.

"We're not here just to get here," quarterback Matt Ryan said after the game. "We want to make noise while we're here, so this is what it's all about. It's about giving yourself the opportunity this time of the year to compete and play in games like this and win games like this."

The Falcons are only the No. 6 seed, making the playoffs on the final weekend of the regular season with a home win over Carolina. Even so, Quinn senses his team, boosted by last year's long postseason run, is peaking at the right time.

"It helps because the guys who were in (last year's playoffs) have this experience and know how to separate your preparation and make sure the only battle you're in is this one," he said, adding that one-game focus "doesn't allow you to look too far back ... and we're certainly not thinking about anything past this week."

Quinn said the win over the Rams, who lacked the Falcons' playoff experience , may have been Atlanta's most complete game of the season.

Atlanta's improved defense held the NFL's highest-scoring offense to one touchdown. Matt Bryant kicked four field goals — giving him nine without a miss in his last two weeks.

The Falcons' only touchdowns came on a 4-yard run by Devonta Freeman and a late 8-yard pass from Ryan to Julio Jones. But holding the ball for more than 37 minutes kept the Rams' offense off the field, and that dominance made up for a lack of big plays.

"We're equipped to play however we need to win that game and I do love that about this group," Quinn said. "For this game, what was required was to have more run attempts. I thought it would be a difference in the second half and certainly it was."

Quinn compared his current "battle tested" team to a time early in last year's playoffs when he stopped practice because he thought "the guys were tight."

"We kind of loosened up after that," he said, adding he believes this year's team "started our push" following a loss to New Orleans on Dec. 7.

"There's been a shift that's taken place with our team, their readiness, their mindset, their belief, their support of one another is really at a strong point for this 2017 team and we'll need that kind of mindset again this week."

# Chiefs, Smith head into offseason with even more questions

By Dave Skretta
*Associated Press*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The final pass Alex Smith threw this season was an incompletion over the middle on fourth down, one that would have given the Kansas City Chiefs a chance to kick a winning field goal had he completed it.

It may ultimately be his final pass with the Chiefs, too.

Smith is under contract next season, but the cash-strapped Chiefs are expected to trade or release the veteran quarterback and turn the franchise over to first-round pick Patrick Mahomes II. And if that is the case, Smith's career in Kansas City will be summed up by that errant throw over the middle.

He was good enough to lead the Chiefs to the playoffs.

He wasn't good enough to lead them much farther.

"I'll get into all that in the next couple of weeks," said Smith, who did say that he wants to remain with Kansas City, but ultimately knows the decision is out of his hands.

"I'm under contract for another year," he said. "Like I said, I'm not thinking about anything else. Right now, I'm obviously disappointed. Like I said, I felt like we had a good chance. It's gone. It's over."

As the Chiefs head into the offseason after a 22-21 loss to the Tennessee Titans on Saturday, a game in which they blew a 21-3 halftime lead, the biggest question mark becomes their quarterback situation.

Smith certainly made it a tougher decision than most had expected.

He threw for more than 4,000 yards for the first time, and he had 26 touchdown passes with just five interceptions during the regular season. He led the Chiefs to back-to-back AFC West titles for the first time in franchise history, made the playoffs for the fourth time in five seasons and set all kinds of club records along the way, including pass attempts and postseason touchdown passes.

Reid has professed his admiration for Smith countless times over the years, and he was in favor of the trade that brought him to Kansas City from San Francisco. But the coach is also aware that the NFL is a business, and sometimes finances dictate difficult decisions.

"I can't get into all that right now," Reid said. "I don't know. We've got to go back and go through all of that. It's a long process and surely after that game isn't where you go with that."

As the Chiefs head into the offseason, Smith isn't the only topic of conversation:

**RETIREMENT QUESTIONS:** Chiefs linebackers Derrick Johnson and Tamba Hali could consider hanging it up after another letdown. Johnson still played at a reasonably high level, and said he'll head home to Texas and ponder his future, while Hali was reduced to a part-time role because of his ailing knees. If he does not retire, the Chiefs will almost certainly release him.

**PROMISING YOUNGSTERS:** The Chiefs have reason for optimism in that most of their biggest stars are young. Tyreek Hill had a breakout second season as a wide receiver, Kareem Hunt led the league in rushing as a rookie and defensive tackle Chris Jones is an emerging star on the other side of the ball.

**COACHING CHANGES:** Chiefs offensive coordinator Matt Nagy and special teams coach Dave Toub are expected to interview for head coaching vacancies in Indianapolis and possibly Chicago. Nagy has become a hot target after taking over play-calling with great success midway through the season, while Toub had interviews last season for head coaching vacancies.

**DRAFT DEARTH:** The Chiefs have traded away many of their future picks to acquire talent, including their first-round selection this year as part of the deal that landed Mahomes last year. So, they have only a second, third, fourth and sixth in the upcoming draft, putting new general manager Brett Veach in quite a predicament as he tries to bolster a roster that was not quite good enough.

**SNAKE-BIT FRANCHISE:** Despite all the good that came of this season, the Chiefs still must feel like they're a bit cursed. What would have happened had star safety Eric Berry not been lost for the season in their opener? Or if star tight end Travis Kelce didn't go down in the first half against Tennessee with a concussion? "The tendency is to look back and say, "What happened?' I don't think that's the way to go about it," offensive lineman Mitchell Schwartz said. "We just have to figure out how to play better."

# NFL GLANCE

**Wild-card Playoffs**
**Saturday, Jan. 6**
Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21
Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13

**Sunday**
Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3
New Orleans 31, Carolina 26

**Divisional Playoffs**
**Saturday**
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
Tennessee at New England, 7:15 p.m. (CBS)

**Sunday, Jan. 14**
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
New Orleans at Minnesota, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)

**Conference Championships**
**Sunday, Jan. 21**
**AFC**
TBD, 2:05 p.m. (CBS)
**NFC**
TBD, 5:40 p.m. (FOX)

**Pro Bowl**
**Sunday, Jan. 28**
**At Orlando, Fla.**
AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

**Super Bowl**
**Sunday, Feb. 4**
**At Minneapolis, Minn.**
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

# SAINTS

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107 yards and a touchdown. Newton finished 24 of 40 passing for 349 yards and two touchdowns, the other a 56-yard scoring strike to Christian McCaffrey that pulled the Panthers within a touchdown with 4:09 left.

But Newton was also sacked four times, once each by Bell, Jordan, Jonathan Freeney, and David Onyemata. The sack by Onyemata came as Newton tried to spin away from Tyeler Davison and slammed his head into Onyemata's chest. Newton was checked for a concussion, but missed only one play before returning to the game.

"We had to finish out the game and put it on our defense, put it on me, put it on our secondary, our D-line," Jordan said. "I mean, everybody responded the way we were supposed to."

Still, the Panthers were in striking distance for the win after a failed gamble by Saints coach Sean Payton, who elected to keep the offense on the field on fourth-and-short with two minutes remaining. He hoped to run out the clock on Carolina, which was out of timeouts. It backfired when Brees' pass as he scrambled to his right was intercepted by Adams, giving Carolina the ball at its 31 with 1:51 to go.

"This win is special," Jordan said. "They came back late in the fourth quarter, made this a game."

## Injuries

**Panthers:** Newton missed one play — a failed third-and-long — while being evaluated for a concussion after Onyemata's sack. Cornerback Daryl Worley briefly was placed in the concussion protocol but also cleared to return during the game.

**Saints:** Starting left guard Andrus Peat was carted off the field with a left shin injury. His replacement, Senio Kelemete, later needed help off the field for an undisclosed injury.

## Up next

**Panthers:** Begin their offseason.

**Saints:** Move on to play at Minnesota in the NFC Divisional playoffs.

**SAINTS 31, PANTHERS 26**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carolina | 0 | 9 | 3 | 14 | —26 |
| New Orleans | 7 | 14 | 3 | 7 | —31 |

**First Quarter**
NO—Ginn 60 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 1:49.

**Second Quarter**
Car—FG Gano 27, 14:12.
NO—J.Hill 9 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 9:04.
Car—FG Gano 39, 2:47.
NO—Lee 1 run (Lutz kick), .43.
Car—FG Gano 58, .00.

**Third Quarter**
Car—FG Gano 29, 10:58.
NO—FG Lutz 57, 6:05.

**Fourth Quarter**
Car—Olsen 14 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 12:47.
NO—Kamara 2 run (Lutz kick), 5:08.
Car—McCaffrey 56 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 4:09.

| | Car | NO |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 24 | 21 |
| Total Net Yards | 413 | 410 |
| Rushes-yards | 26-107 | 22-41 |
| Passing | 306 | 369 |
| Punt Returns | 2-11 | 2-17 |
| Kickoff Returns | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 24-41-0 | 23-33-1 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 4-43 | 1-7 |
| Punts | 3-48.3 | 4-45.8 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 2-18 | 7-96 |
| Time of Possession | 33:49 | 26:11 |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING—Carolina, Stewart 11-51, Newton 8-37, McCaffrey 6-16, Whitaker 1-3. New Orleans, Kamara 10-23, Ingram 9-22, Line 1-1, Brees 1-(minus 1), Lewis 1-(minus 4).

PASSING—Carolina, Newton 24-40-0-349, Anderson 0-1-0-0. New Orleans, Brees 23-33-1-376.

RECEIVING—Carolina, Olsen 8-107, McCaffrey 6-101, Funchess 4-79, Clay 3-32, Benjamin 2-27, Dickson 1-3. New Orleans, Thomas 8-131, Ginn 4-115, B.Coleman 4-44, J.Hill 3-49, Ingram 1-13, Kamara 1-10, Snead 1-7, Line 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Carolina, Gano 25.

# JAGUARS

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defensive lineman Calais Campbell said.

"We're battle-tested, so we know that if we just keep playing ball, good things will happen."

The Bills finished with 263 yards, with 119 of those coming from hobbled running back LeSean McCoy (ankle).

The Jags had a measly 230 yards. Leonard Fournette ran 21 times for 57 yards.

## Running passers

Bortles is the second starting quarterback in the past 25 seasons to win a playoff game with more rushing yards than passing yards (88 rushing, 87 passing). The other was Atlanta's Michael Vick in the 2004 divisional round against the Rams (119 rushing, 82 passing).

## Huge swing

Trailing 10-3 with about six minutes to play, the Bills looked as if they picked up a first down on an 11-yard pass from Tyrod Taylor to Clay. Jacksonville players standing on the sideline pointed to Clay's feet, and coach Doug Marrone threw the challenge flag. Officials overturned the completion, saying Clay was out of bounds and setting up a third-and-10 play from the Jacksonville 48-yard line. Linebacker Myles Jack sacked Taylor on the next play, forcing a punt.

## Injuries

**Bills:** Safety Micah Hyde left the game in the third quarter and was being evaluated for a concussion. Cornerback Tre'Davious White went to the locker room in the fourth to be treated for cramps. Safety Colt Anderson injured his right shoulder in the fourth trying to make a diving interception. Guard Richie Incognito (shoulder) and Clay (hamstring) left briefly in the first half but returned.

**Jaguars:** Linebacker Paul Posluszny left the game with a hip injury, tried to return and then headed to the locker room for further evaluation. He was listed as questionable and returned to the sideline after halftime. Receiver/punt returner Jaydon Mickens left with a hamstring injury and did not return.

## Up next

The Jaguars will play at second-seeded Pittsburgh next Sunday, a rematch from Week 5. Ben Roethlisberger threw five interceptions, and Jacksonville won 30-9. The Steelers have won 10 of 11 since, the lone loss coming against New England.

**JAGUARS 10, BILLS 3**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Buffalo | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | —3 |
| Jacksonville | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | —10 |

**Second Quarter**
Buf—FG Hauschka 31, 1:49.
Jac—FG Lambo 44, :02.

**Third Quarter**
Jac—Koyack 1 pass from Bortles (Lambo kick), :42.

| | Buf | Jac |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 20 | 15 |
| Total Net Yards | 263 | 230 |
| Rushes-yards | 32-130 | 34-155 |
| Passing | 133 | 75 |
| Punt Returns | 5-21 | 2-2 |
| Kickoff Returns | 1-10 | 0-0 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 18-40-2 | 12-23-0 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 2-15 | 2-12 |
| Punts | 8-43.4 | 9-44.3 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 3-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-52 | 5-34 |
| Time of Possession | 32:37 | 27:23 |

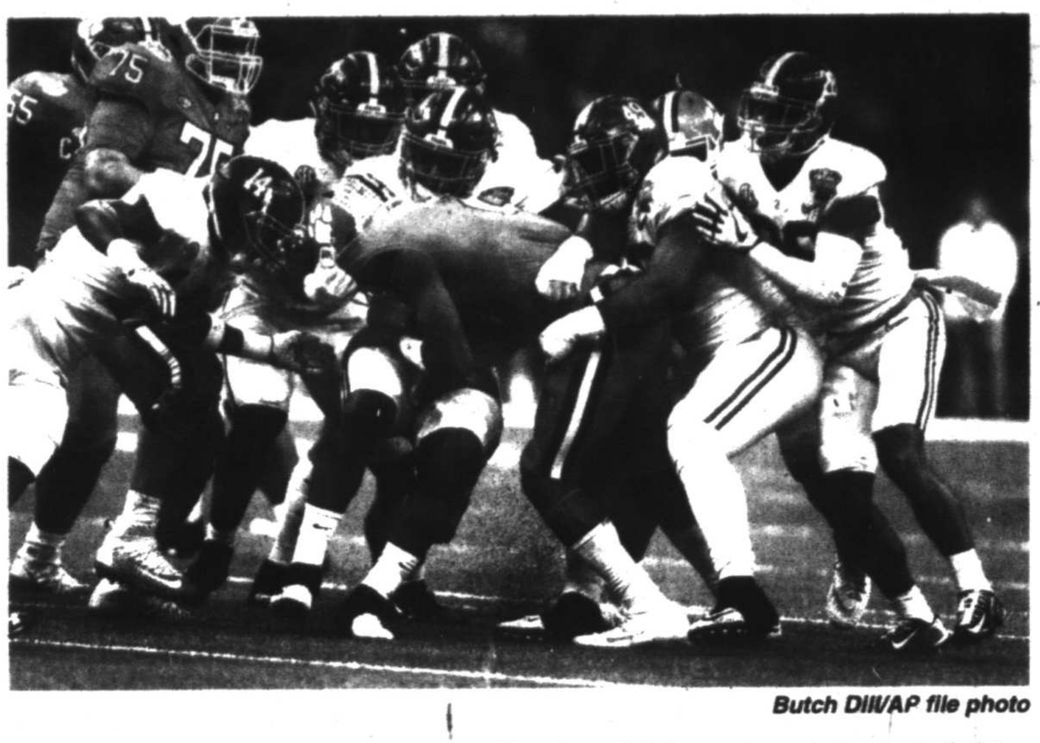
**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING—Buffalo, McCoy 19-75, Taylor 7-27, Tolbert 4-15, D.Thompson 1-9, Peterman 1-4. Jacksonville, Bortles 10-88, Fournette 21-57, M.Lee 1-5, Grant 1-3, Ivory 1-2.

PASSING—Buffalo, Taylor 17-38-2-134, Peterman 1-2-0-14. Jacksonville, Bortles 12-23-0-87.

RECEIVING—Buffalo, McCoy 6-44, Clay 3-15, D.Thompson 2-23, O'Leary 2-22, Z.Jones 2-20, Tolbert 1-10, Benjamin 1-6, L.Thomas 1-5. Jacksonville, Westbrook 5-48, Fournette 3-21, Lewis 3-17, Koyack 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



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Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) is stopped by a host of Alabama players in the first half of the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1 in New Orleans.

Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution via AP

Georgia tailbacks Nick Chubb, left, and Sony Michel celebrate on the sidelines during the fourth quarter of a 41-0 shutout over Tennessee on Sept. 30, in Knoxville.

# Strong run defense could power Alabama past Georgia

**By John Zenor**
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — Alabama's vaunted defense is about to face perhaps college football's best running back duo.

Those kinds of matchups tend to work out pretty well for the fourth-ranked Crimson Tide, which shuts down opposing ground games better than anybody.

Only Auburn in the regular season meeting has truly contained Nick Chubb and Sony Michel. With the nation's top defense, Alabama is well equipped to at least defend them well enough to win Monday night's national championship game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

Leading that charge will be linebacker Rashaan Evans, safety Minkah Fitzpatrick and defensive tackle Da'Ron Payne. Payne is ready to get back to doing what he does best after a Sugar Bowl interception and touchdown catch.

"I've just been trying to focus on being dominant up front, for real," Payne said.

Being dominant up front, on both sides of the ball, has been a big part of Alabama's success under coach Nick Saban. This team's no different.

Alabama also has a veteran secondary to contend with the passing of Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm. Fromm has had a terrific freshman season, but he struggled when Auburn's defense held Chubb and Michel to a combined 48 rushing yards.

The Tide does have to replace yet another starting linebacker with Anfernee Jennings out with a knee injury sustained in the Sugar Bowl win over Clemson. That leaves probably Terrell Lewis or Jamey Mosley to start.

Linebacker Mack Wilson was already a first-time starter in the Sugar Bowl and had a pick six and a career-high six tackles.

"Once we lose one man, it's the next man up," Tide defensive lineman Isaiah Buggs said. "Alabama recruits the best of the best so you always have to be locked in and ready to go, because you never know when it's your time. Having Mack Wilson step up and have a bigtime game, everybody on the defense trusts him and I think he's going to have another big game."

Offensively, Alabama has playmakers like quarterback Jalen Hurts, tailback Damien Harris and wide receiver Calvin Ridley. The Tide does have to replace guard Lester Cotton, who suffered a knee injury in the semifinal game.

If history holds up, Alabama will have an edge in another regard. Saban has a perfect track record against former assistants like Georgia coach Kirby Smart. He's 11-0 and none of them have come closer than 17 points against his Tide teams.

Saban has also had a full year to emphasize to his team "Don't waste a failure" since a title game loss to Clemson. Alabama is a slight favorite for this game, just like in the semifinals, but can summon up a little extra motivation from critics of the Tide's choice over Big Ten champion Ohio State for the final playoff spot.

It all worked to the tune of a 24-6 win in the playoff rematch with the Tigers.

"The real challenge will be, can we duplicate that kind of energy in this game," Saban said.

**Prediction:** Alabama 31, Georgia 17

# Running game will be difference for Georgia win over Tide

**By Charles Odum**
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — To win national championships the old-school, SEC way, you must have a smothering defense packed with big plays and a strong kicking game.

Most importantly, you must run the ball. Then run it some more.

Georgia's running game is deeper and better than Alabama's, by only a slight margin. That'll be the difference in Monday night's national championship game.

In 1980, Herschel Walker's decision to sign with Georgia laid the groundwork for a national title that year. Similarly, the 2017 Bulldogs' hopes turned on the decisions by tailbacks Nick Chubb and Sony Michel to put their NFL dreams on hold for a year and return for their senior seasons.

The decisions by Chubb and Michel, as well as outside linebackers Lorenzo Carter and Davin Bellamy, all announced on the same December day in 2016, were crucial for coach Kirby Smart's second season. Carter blocked a field goal and Michel had the winning touchdown run in the second overtime of last week's 54-48 Rose Bowl playoff semifinal win over Oklahoma.

Chubb and Michel combined to run for 326 yards against Oklahoma to become the most productive tandem in NCAA FBS history, passing SMU's Eric Dickerson and Craig James.

In 1980, Walker was a one-man running game. Chubb trails only Walker on the SEC's career rushing list, yet he has far more help than Walker every dreamed of.

Chubb and Michel each topped 1,000 yards this season — a first for Georgia — but to fully appreciate the depth of Georgia's attack, look below the seniors on the season stats. Freshman D'Andre Swift has 603 yards rushing. Elijah Holyfield and Brian Herrien combined for 558.

But this is not a one-dimensional team. Freshman quarterback Jake Fromm is far more than just a game manager. He has passed for 23 touchdowns and almost 2,400 yards and he rarely makes mistakes.

Fromm won his first start at Notre Dame, immediately supporting reviews from coaches and teammates that he has unusual poise, especially for a first-year player. That poise helped him throw two touchdown passes without an interception in the Southeastern Conference championship game, and he threw two more in the Rose Bowl.

Georgia's running game creates man-to-man matchups for play-action passes, and receivers Javon Wims, Terry Godwin and Mecole Hardman have the skills to turn short passes into big gains.

"They've got two great running backs, do a really good job with the play-action passes," Alabama coach Nick Saban said. "Their quarterback has been very efficient and effective. So the combination of the balance that they create with the running game and their ability to throw the ball down the field ... makes them very difficult to defend."

The defense is packed with NFL-bound talent, led by linebacker Roquan Smith. Rodrigo Blankenship has made 17 of 20 field goals, including an important 55-yarder to close the first half at the Rose Bowl.

But it's the running game that will deliver the championship. Michel ran for 181 yards and three touchdowns and Chubb added 145 yards and two touchdowns against Oklahoma.

**Prediction:** Georgia 26, Alabama 24.

# Alabama's Ridley, UGA receivers overshadowed in title game

**By John Zenor**
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA (AP) — Alabama receiver Calvin Ridley is likely a first-round NFL draft pick regarded as one of the nation's best at his position, but you might not have noticed watching the fourth-ranked Crimson Tide's last couple of games.

A run-oriented offense with a scrambling quarterback doesn't always throw the ball his way with the same regularity that other offenses target their best receivers going into the national championship game Monday night at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

Georgia's Javon Wims and Terry Godwin are in a similar situation, even if they're not as heralded.

And none are complaining.

"I play for a championship every year," Ridley said. "I'm very happy at this school. I know what I'm capable of and once I do get those touches I'll make it happen."

The three receivers enter the title game with two 100-yard receiving games between them, both courtesy of Ridley. Thirty FBS players have 1,000 receiving yards, and none of them will be in this game.

Butch Dill/AP file photo

Alabama wide receiver Calvin Ridley (3) is tackled by Clemson linebacker James Skalski (47) in the first half of the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1 in New Orleans.

Ridley is one deep ball away from joining them with 935 yards and four touchdowns. He's regarded by some analysts as the top receiving prospect in the upcoming NFL draft.

"He's a great receiver," Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts said. "He makes plays, he knows how to get open, and he's a really good player and a really hard player to stop."

But Ridley hasn't been targeted much in the past two games, tallying just seven catches for 77 yards and no touchdowns.

Still, he's the unquestioned go-to guy when Alabama's passing game is clicking. Ridley leads the team with 59 catches, while no other wide out has more than 13.

The other top options are mostly a trio of freshmen, Jerry Jeudy, Henry Ruggs III and DeVonta Smith.

Ridley still has the confident mind-set of any star receiver.

"You just want to make plays and be able to dominate the game," he said. "I want to make it look good, do good and go out there and put fear in people's heart to be scared to guard me."

Georgia defensive coordinator Mel Tucker, a former Alabama assistant, is well aware of what Ridley can do when given the chance.

"He's very explosive," Tucker said. "He's gotten better and better every season. So he runs excellent routes, he's got great balance and body control, he can stop and start, he can make all the catches He can win outside, he can go across the middle, he can go deep, he does a really good job blocking, he's very competitive as a blocker ... And we show our players that. So we know what he's capable of doing and he's a great player."

Georgia has a more balanced passing attack among its receiving corps, though the biggest offensive weapons for quarterback Jake Fromm are the tailbacks. Wims, a junior college transfer who has gone from 17 catches as a junior to 44 this season, leads the way with 704 yards but Godwin isn't far behind with 591. Mecole Hardman has 338.

"They both want to catch more balls as all of our wide receivers do," Georgia offensive coordinator Jim Chaney said of Wims and Godwin. "When called upon they make plays, clutch plays."

Wims said he's not worried about trying to match Ridley in the game.

"I understand that's a very good football player," he said. "He's deserving of all the hype he gets. I'm more concerned with the team and if we're winning that makes me happier than all the hype in the world."

Georgia relies heavily on the nation's eighth-ranked running game led by Nick Chubb and Sony Michel.

Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick said the Tide defenders aren't forgetting about Fromm and Georgia's receivers, though.

"They set you up with the run game," Fitzpatrick said. "A lot of people sleep on ... Jake Fromm, his arm. But he has a really talented arm and he doesn't turn the ball over a whole lot.

"He does his job and he gets the ball to his receivers downfield. And he has great receivers on the outside. So, we're not sleeping on it at all ... they make a whole lot of plays."

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his two seasons at Alabama. "What am I going to gain from this play versus what can it cost us? He's a good risk-reward manager with the football, does a good job of protecting it in the pocket with two hands. He's a runner, too, so that there's some times where he's running through the line of scrimmage around the perimeter.

"But obviously a huge component in terms of offensive football is doing a good job protecting the football."

With a pair of 1,100-yard rushers, Nick Chubb and Sony Michel, lining up behind him, Fromm has averaged just 18.5 passes per game. He's made the most of his chances, however, completing nearly 64 percent for 2,383 yards, with 23 touchdowns, only five interceptions and the SEC's top quarterback rating .

Hurts is more of a dual threat than Fromm, ranking second on the Tide with 808 yards rushing and eight TDs, but he hasn't been quite as efficient through the air. The Tide has relied heavily on one receiver (Calvin Ridley) and Hurts struggled a bit with his accuracy down the stretch.

But, even though there's been some grumbling from Alabama fans, it's hard to complain about a quarterback who's thrown only one interception all season and has a career record of 26-2 with a pair of championship game appearances .

"I think my overall game has improved," Hurts said. "I think it's helped this team."

It seems inevitable that a freshman quarterback will be celebrating a national championship sometime in the very near future.

It almost happened last season. It could happen Monday night.

If not then, surely in the next few seasons.

## COLLEGE BOWL GLANCE

Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
Middle Tennessee 35, Arkansas State 30

Dec. 19
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
FAU 50, Akron 3

Dec. 20
Frisco Bowl
Louisiana Tech 51, SMU 10

Dec. 21
Gasparilla Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Temple 28, FIU 3

Dec. 22
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau
Ohio 41, UAB 6

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Boise
Wyoming 37, Central Michigan 14

Dec. 23
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
South Florida 38, Texas Tech 34

Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth
Army 42, San Diego State 35

Dollar General Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Appalachian State 34, Toledo 0

Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu
Fresno State 33, Houston 27

Dec. 26
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Utah 30, West Virginia 14

Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Duke 36, Northern Illinois 14

Cactus Bowl
Phoenix
Kansas State 35, UCLA 17

Dec. 27
Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
Florida State 42, Southern Mississippi 13

Pinstripe Bowl
Bronx, N.Y.
Iowa 27, Boston College 20

Foster Farms Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
Purdue 38, Arizona 35

Texas Bowl
Houston
Texas 33, Missouri 16

Dec. 28
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
Navy 49, Virginia 7

Camping World Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Oklahoma State 30, Virginia Tech 21

Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
TCU 39, Stanford 37

Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Michigan State 42, Washington State 17

Dec. 29
Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
Wake Forest 55, Texas A&M 52

Sun Bowl
El Paso
North Carolina State 52, Arizona State 31

Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Northwestern 34, Kentucky 23

Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
New Mexico State 28, Utah State 20, OT

Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington
Ohio State 24, Southern Cal 7

Dec. 30
TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Mississippi State 34, Louisville 27

Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State 21, Memphis 20

Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
Penn State 35, Washington 28

Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Wisconsin 34, Miami 24

Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
South Carolina 26, Michigan 19

Peach Bowl
Atlanta
UCF 34, Auburn 27

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Notre Dame 21, LSU 17

Rose Bowl (CFP Semifinal)
Pasadena, Calif.
Georgia 54, Oklahoma 48, 2OT

Sugar Bowl (CFP Semifinal)
New Orleans
Alabama 24, Clemson 6

Today
College Football Championship
Atlanta
Georgia (13-1) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 20
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 2 p.m. (NFLN)

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
American vs. National, 3 p.m. (FS1)

Saturday, Jan. 27
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (NFLN)

# Hubbell, Donohue pull off ice dancing upset over Shibutanis

**By Janie Mccauley**
*Associated Press*

SAN JOSE, Calif. — With no time to return to the hotel after Sunday morning's practice, Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue found a quiet spot at a Whole Foods market near SAP Center to visualize and discuss their free dance for one of the final times.

"Be present." Do not notice the animated crowd. Just skate beautifully together.

So when the music stopped hours later, they could finally release all of the emotions from years of hard work — and then, they had an upset national championship to show for it.

A flower bouquet cradled in her left arm, beaming as she stood atop the podium, Hubbell glanced down for a quick look at the gold medal around her neck.

She might not have seen this surprising U.S. title coming a couple of days ago.

With an entertaining and seductive performance that could practically have melted the ice, Hubbell and partner Donohue pulled off an ice dancing spoiler to close the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on Sunday.

*Tony Avelar/Associated Press*

Madison Hubbell, bottom, and Zachary Donahue perform during the free dance event at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in on Sunday in San Jose, Calif.

The team beat out two-time defending champion sibling tandem Maia and Alex Shibutani with a score of 197.12, edging the Shibutanis' 196.93.

Long afterward, an emotional Hubbell patted her red cheeks as a sign of just how much this means.

She and Donohue, each 26, should be headed to their first Olympics. Later Sunday, a federation committee was set to decide the three duos named to the team going to South Korea.

"Before the free dance, Zach and I made an agreement that despite any marks, our win tonight would be to be present and not be distracted by the audience and all of their amazing support and just keep it in our control," Hubbell said, fighting tears. "So as soon as the music finished, we realized we already won in our mind, so that was kind of our moment to let in everything and thank the audience for their support."

Striking in dark evening-wear costumes, Hubbell and Donohue skated to the bluesy "Across the Sky" in which their lifts were both lovely and sultry for a 118.02 score. They came into the free dance in second place after the short program Friday.

"Six years of life experience goes a long way. ... The steamy quality is something that just kind of happens," Hubbell said. "We don't try to be steamy, it's just our connection."

After the awards ceremony, Hubbell took her victory lap around the ice waving her flowers and showing off her championship hardware.

The Shibutanis floated across the ice so light on their feet they appeared to not touch it at all, but didn't receive marks from the judges high enough to make it three straight U.S. championships. Still, the brother-sister team all but locked up a trip to a second consecutive Olympics next month in Pyeongchang. In four delightful minutes, 23-year-old Maia and Alex, 26, proved to be a potential contender for the Olympic podium. As did Hubbell and Donohue.

"Today we had a mistake in the diagonal," Maia said. "We are going to keep working hard, we have the time do so."

With an elegant performance exceptionally synchronized and skated to "Paradise," the siblings clad in garnet red were so spot-on they appeared to be shadows of each other whenever separate across the ice at SAP Center. Their rotational lifts were an exceptional combination of speed and intricate step sequences that highlight a variety of twizzles in perfect unison.

Despite posting the highest score in the free dance at 118.99, Madison Chock and Evan Bates were third overall at 196.60. They skated to "Imagine" and also figure to make the Olympic squad.

"I wouldn't say frustration as much as knowing what we need to work on," Bates said of spending more time focused on the short dance over the next four weeks ahead of the Olympics. "The free dance in the last two competitions has been good and the results have been good. The short is where we are putting ourselves at a deficit and it was too much to overcome today."

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Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
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**Bowling**

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When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
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**Edith McKinnon Three-Person League**
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

**Reed's Super Bowl**
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

**Rock n' Bowl**
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
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Where: MOH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

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For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
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Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
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For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

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Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
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What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest /rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
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For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

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**Permian Basin Soccer Association**
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gail and Terrell
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When: Early morning, morning and evening
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**Central YMCA Swimming Lessons**
Who: All ages and ability
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For: Ages 6 and up
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What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade: freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call, 620-8180

**USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues**
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 520-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

**Midland College Tennis**
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

**Midland College Tennis Club**
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

**Midland Women's Tennis Association**
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email jmalcomtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

**Ultimate Frisbee**

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
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For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
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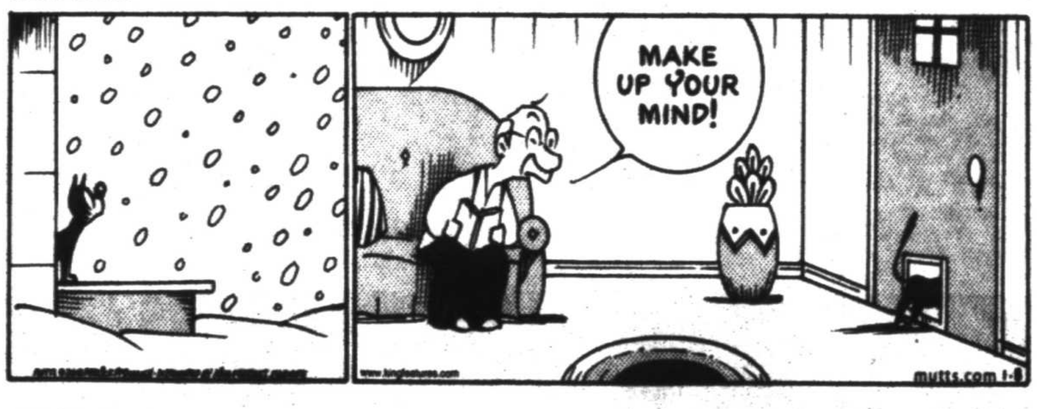


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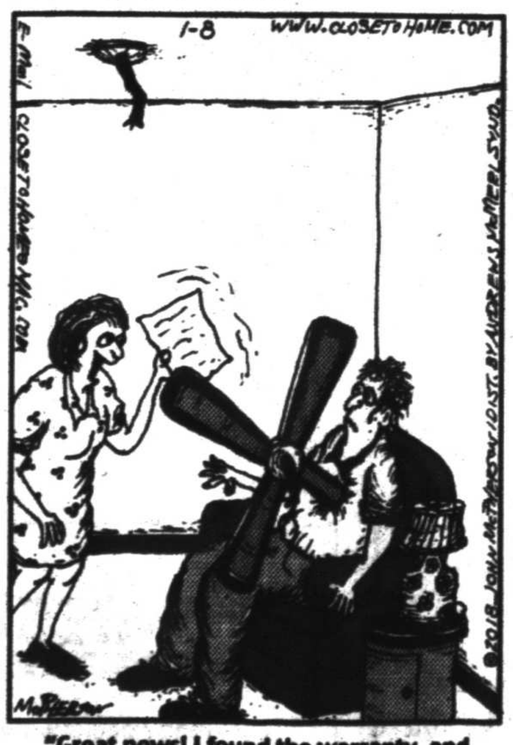


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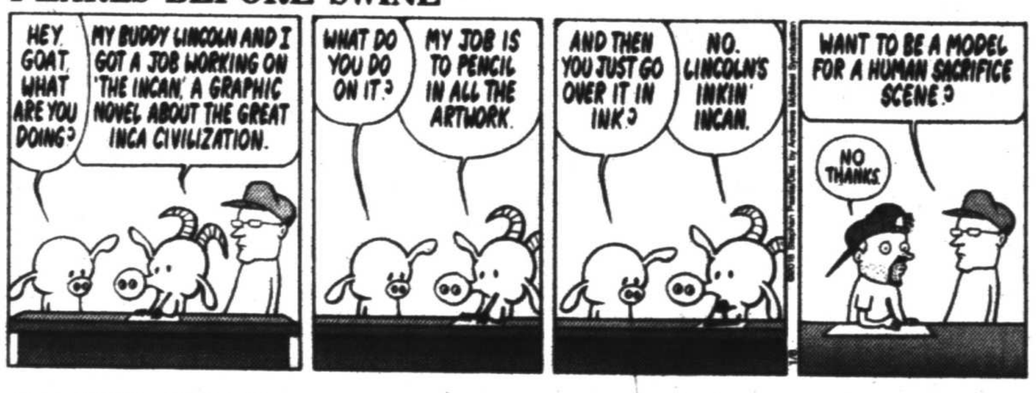


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*Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit* ***www.sudoku.org.uk***

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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# JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CUTEKB

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: VOCAL RURAL FONDLY HAGGLE
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# JUMBLE® CROSSWORDS™

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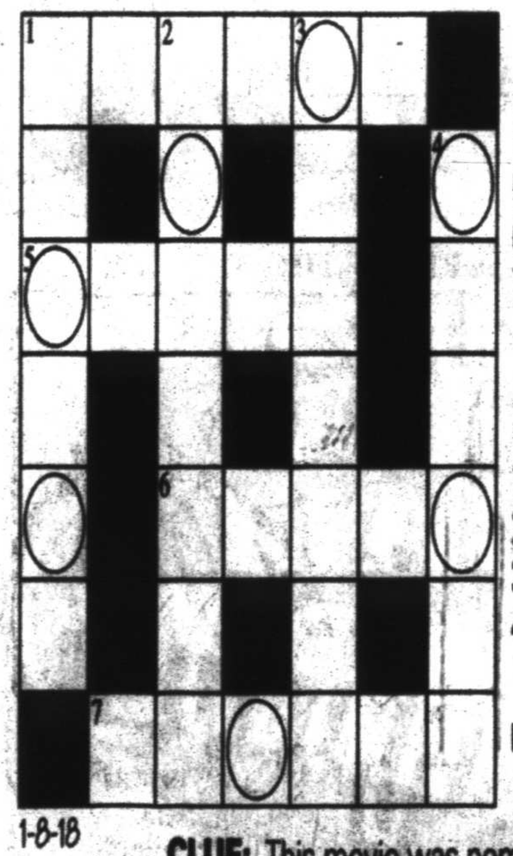

**ACROSS**

| CLUE | ANSWER |
|---|---|
| 1. Make | AETCRE |
| 5. Block of metal | GONTI |
| 6. Divvy up | TLAOL |
| 7. Person in front | DREEAL |

**DOWN**

| CLUE | ANSWER |
|---|---|
| 1. Reviewer | CIICRT |
| 2. Etch | VNGEAER |
| 3. Summed | DTOETAL |
| 4. ___ Lake | ERCART |

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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CLUE: This movie was nominated for 14 Academy Awards.

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ANSWERS: 1A-Crane 5A-Huge 6A-Alot 7A-Leader 1D-Cube 2D-Engine 3D-Tornado 4D-Crater 5-Titanic

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# DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 Green gem
5 Actress Greta
10 Ponzi scheme, for one
14 Boy in "The Kite Runner"
15 Toward the back
16 When tripled, a 1970 WWII film
17 Spanish "nothing"
18 Free, in France
19 Reddish-brown horse
20 Israeli submachine gun
21 Admit to wrongdoing in court
23 Embark from a dock
25 Spaniel's welcome
26 Indian-born storekeeper on "The Simpsons"
27 Bening of "American Beauty"
31 Location-based smartphone game release of 2016
35 Half a bray
36 Radio knob
37 1998 biopic about model Carangi
38 Travelocity ad figure
40 Ctrl-__-Delete: PC reboot combo
41 Similar set of individuals
43 Reveal
46 Help
47 Negative connection
48 Climbing plant
52 Inland sea between Iran and Saudi Arabia
57 Dockworkers' gp.
58 Soothing plant extract
59 Pageant headgear
60 Prefix with lateral
61 Arctic seabird
62 No __ sight
63 Bugs Bunny adversary Elmer
64 Smartphone message
65 Gave medicine to
66 Golf ball supports

**DOWN**

1 Two-faced god
2 Fill with wonder
3 Completed the task
4 Significant period
5 Steel-gray metallic element
6 Disney mermaid
7 Country star McEntire
8 The __: Shakespeare
9 Pizza herb
10 Conflict
11 Like much fall weather
12 "I smell __!"
13 Lots of
21 Daily news source
22 Coffee vessel
24 Japanese alcoholic beverage
27 Ice cream thickener
28 Old-style you
29 Pack (down) firmly
30 Sheep girl
31 Sheepdog from Hungary
32 Being aired
33 S-shaped molding
34 Never, in Dortmund
36 Little bit
38 Bereavement
39 Bump on a branch
41 Like many animated films ... and a hint to 21-, 31-, 41- and 52-Across
42 Floral wreath
44 Remove from office
45 Law, in Lille
48 Madame of physics
49 Arouse, as interest
50 Avoid capture by
51 Surprise attacks
52 Good old days
53 Actress Sommer
54 Gumbo thickener
55 El __: weather phenomenon
56 Wanders restlessly
60 Baby newt

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| V | A | R | I | E | T | Y | A | C | T | | E | S | T | A |
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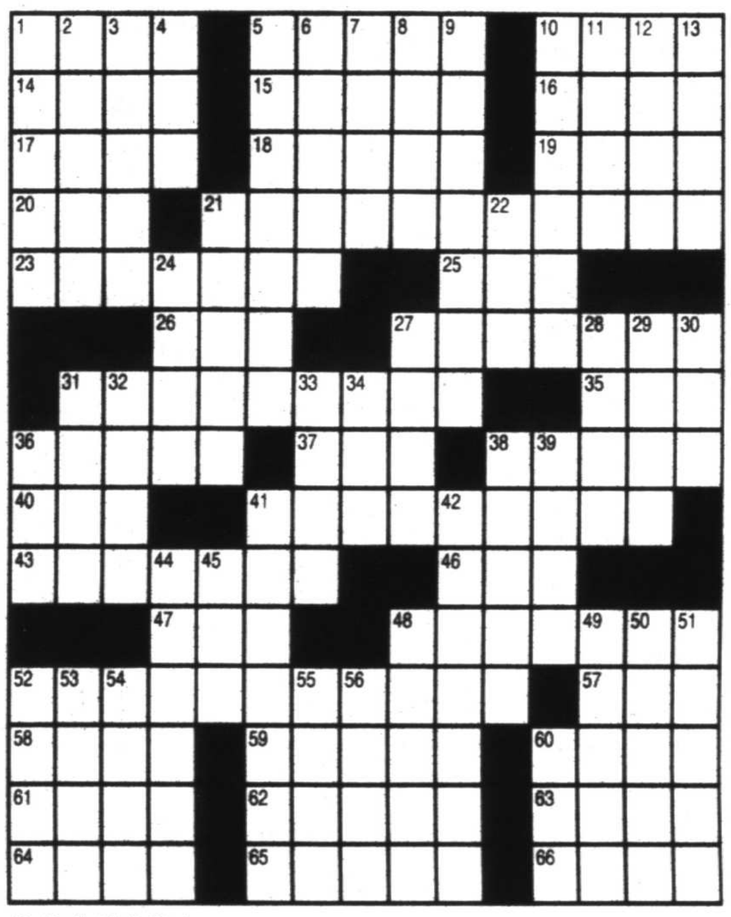

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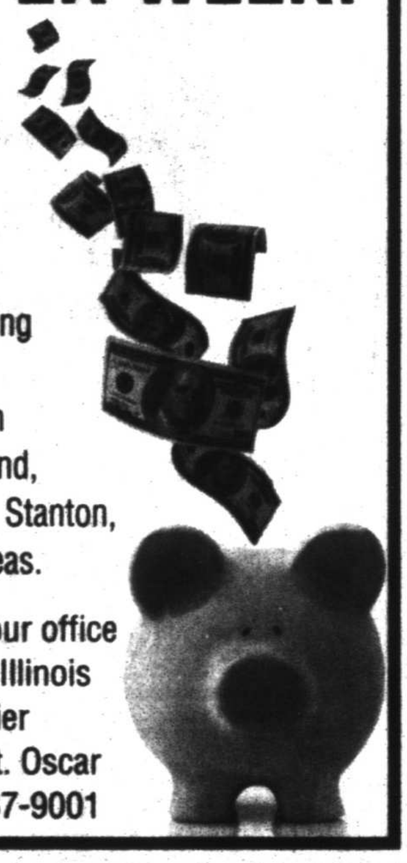

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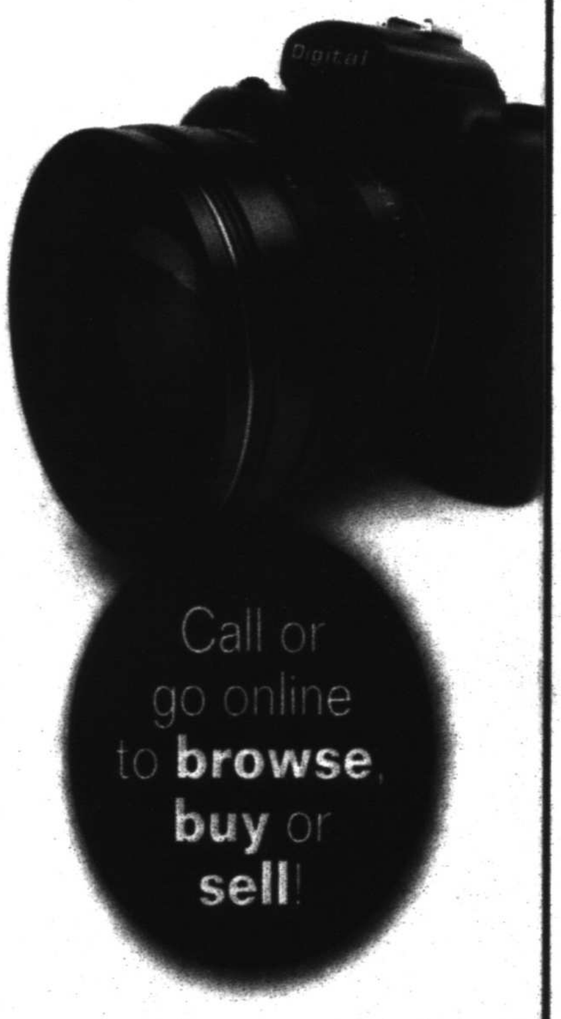


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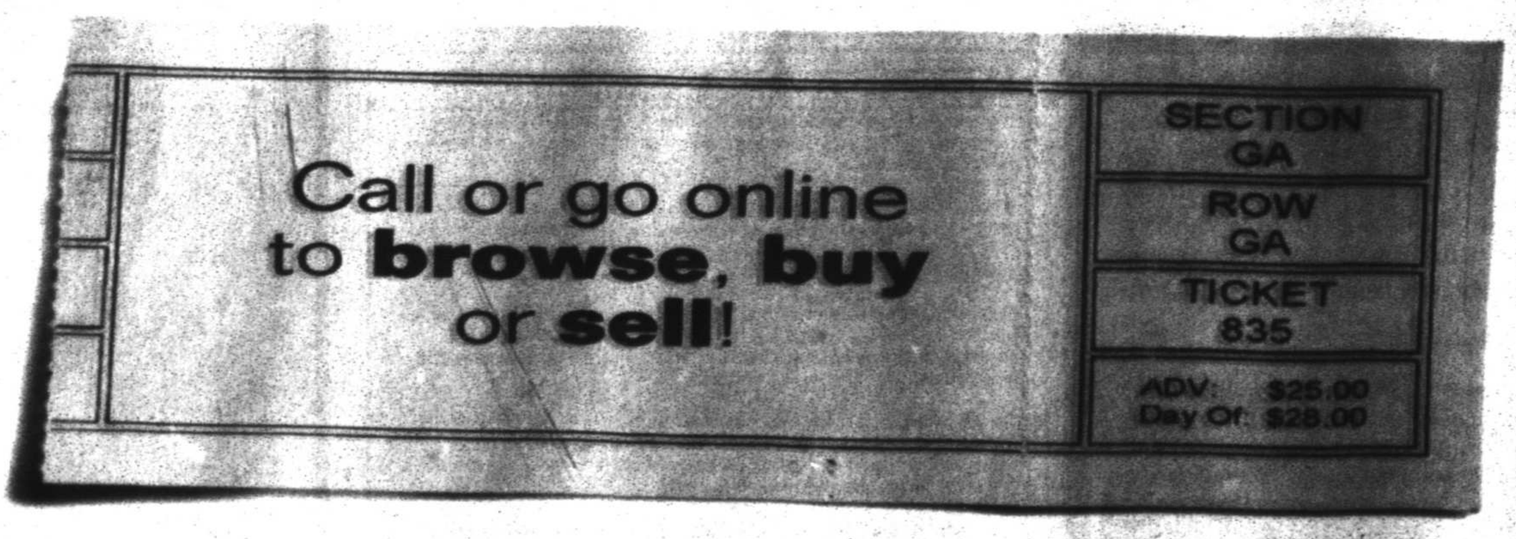


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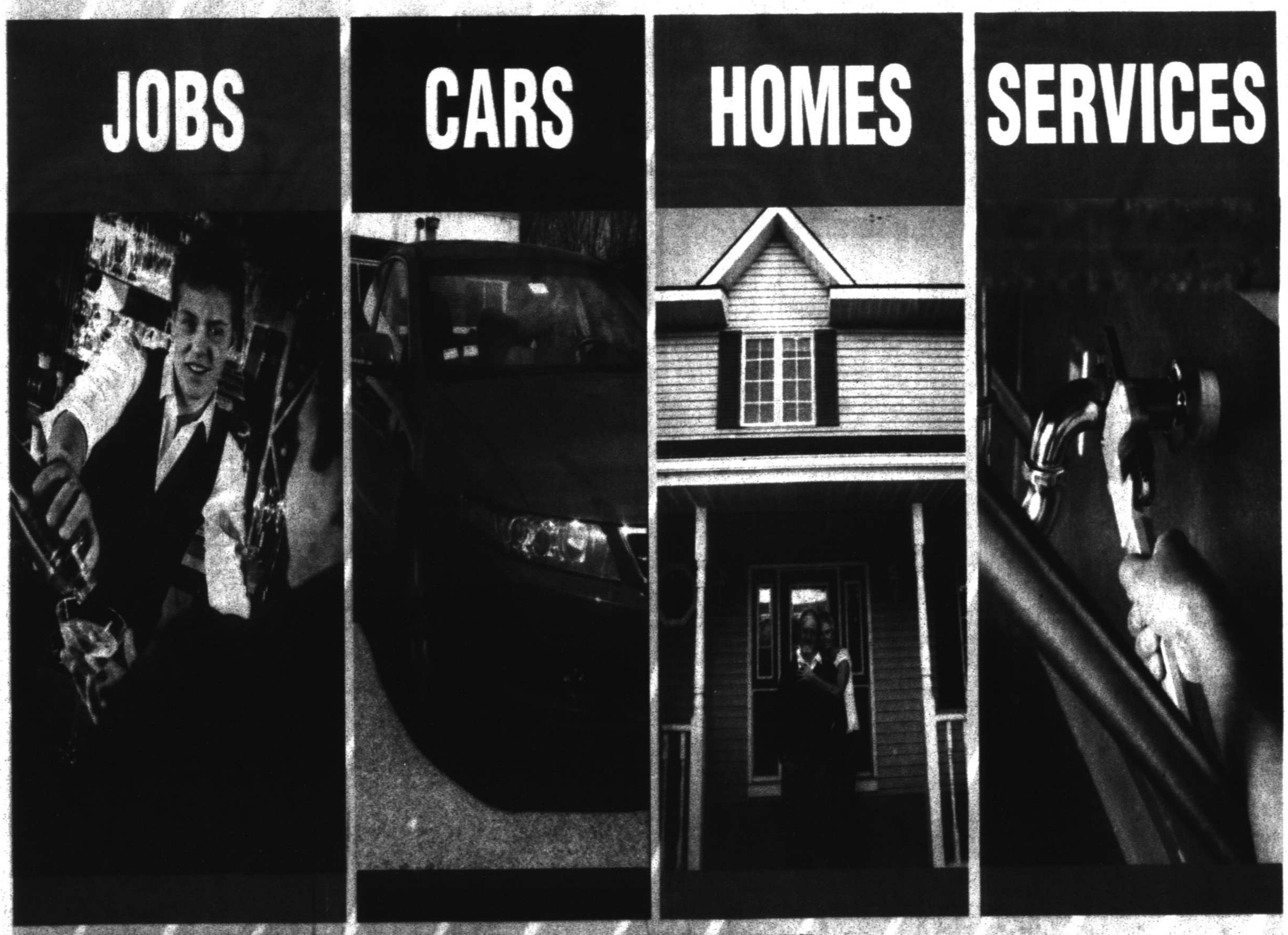

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