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After optimism, OPEC deal leaves questions unanswered

By Mella McEwen
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OPEC's announcement that it will cut 1.2 million barrels of oil a day beginning in January was greeted with a surge in crude prices and hopes for a rebound in the nation's oil industry.

As analysts, researchers and industry digest the Wednesday announcement, there remains a number of unanswered questions.

"I'm still skeptical," Martin Stuermer, research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, told the Reporter-Telegram in a telephone interview.

Skeptical for two reasons

"I'm skeptical for two reasons. First, it seems the agreement with non-OPEC countries is still vague. As I understand, OPEC representatives will meet Dec. 9 to reach an agreement with non-OPEC producers," he explained.

Stuermer noted that OPEC's Secretary General, Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo of Nigeria sidestepped questions at the follow-up press conference on whether or not failure to reach agreement with non-OPEC members would scuttle the accord.

Secondly, he pointed out that the member nations of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have a poor record of complying with quotas, OPEC having exceeded its stated limit by about 10 percent over the last decade.

"This time around you have quotas per country, which are more specific than prior to 2014," he said. "But you still need member countries to follow through."

Not until mid-February, at the earliest, will data be available to indicate how closely member countries are complying, Stuermer said. Until then, he expects oil prices will remain around current levels.

"Price levels will very much depend on that incoming data," he said. "If the data shows member countries are not complying, that will put downward pressure on prices. If it shows they are complying, that will lead to modest upward pressure on prices."

The two-year veteran of the Dallas bank said "It's important to note that the Saudi commitment is not as steep as their agreed cuts suggest. I believe half their amount is what they would have done anyway due to seasonal reasons."

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THE DRIVE FOR LITERATURE

County library to hold book drive, host book signing

From staff reports

The Midland County public Library is embarking on a children's book drive benefiting Casa de Amigos and High Sky Children's Ranch. The goal is to collect 5,000 books between today and Dec. 17.

Residents may bring new or gently used children's books to the children's department at either the downtown or Centennial branch. The libraries are open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The downtown branch is at 301 W. Missouri Ave.; the Centennial branch is at 2503 W Loop 250 S.

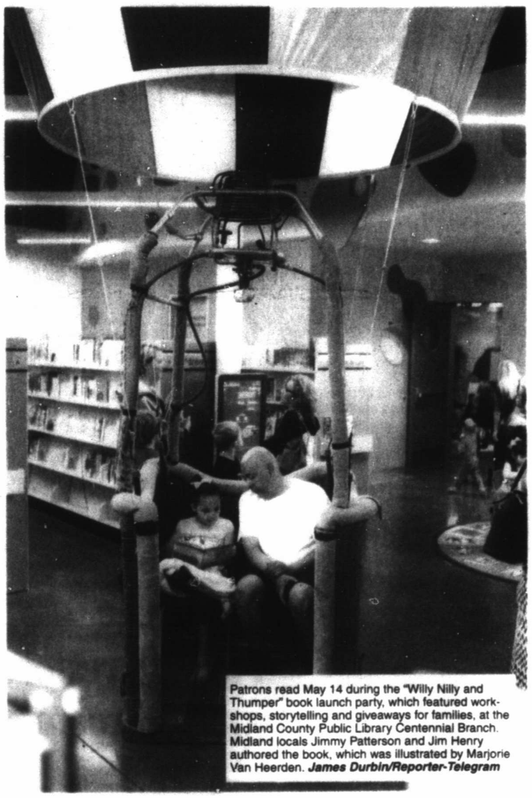
JIM HENRY BOOK

Centennial branch will host one of three book signings for the latest in the children's books released by Midland businessman Jim Henry.

A release event for the "The Adventures of Willy Nilly & Thumper and Stella Star" is set for 5 p.m. Thursday at Centennial's Holiday Open House. The book marks the third installment in the series about the adventures of a dog and rabbit who are best friends in the fictional land of Choco.

Other events are planned for 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers and 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at Susie's South Forty downtown location.

Henry and co-author Jimmy Patterson will appear at the events.



Patrons read May 14 during the "Willy Nilly and Thumper" book launch party, which featured workshops, storytelling and giveaways for families, at the Midland County Public Library Centennial Branch. Midland locals Jimmy Patterson and Jim Henry authored the book, which was illustrated by Marjorie Van Heerden. ***James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram***

Debate over schools, bathrooms may trump guns, pot

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Austin and Washington should be far more simpatico under soon-to-be Republican President Donald Trump than the White House's current occupant, but there's still room for potential policy clashes when Texas' GOP-controlled Legislature heads back to work.

Immigration, schools, no-longer-so-flush state coffers and fights over which bathrooms transgender Texans can use will likely drive debate, while guns and marijuana policy may take a backseat. The wild card: abortion policy, because of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against Texas' 2013 restrictions.

Here are key issues to watch — and what might get overshadowed — when lawmakers begin their 140-day session on Jan. 10:

Immigration

The Department of Public Safety wants more than $1 billion to help secure the Texas-Mexico border, but Trump's promises to build a towering wall and impose an immigration crackdown could spare the state from spending so much.

Trump's victory also may spur approval of two contentious immigration initiatives that stalled in previous sessions: A would-be ban on "sanctuary cities" requiring police officers to enforce federal immigration laws and the repeal of a 2001 law offering cheaper in-state tuition at public universities to some high school graduates who came to the U.S. illegally.

Education

There are bipartisan calls to spend more on K-12 classrooms but lawmakers won't be compelled to do so because the Texas Supreme Court declared the

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Two cheerleaders, sponsor remain hospitalized

From staff and wire reports

BIG SPRING — Authorities say a Iraan-Sheffield ISD cheerleader sponsor and two cheerleaders remained hospitalized Sunday after a semitrailer hit their bus in a crash that killed another cheerleader sponsor.

Eric Finley, spokesman for University Medical Center in Lubbock, said the three who remained hospitalized Sunday were in satisfactory condition.

Officials say a small activity bus carrying six cheerleaders and two cheerleader sponsors from Iraan-Sheffield was headed

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Gun-rights backers vow to **'go on offense'** during Trump's presidency in the next four years. Page 7A

The big number
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New Mexico Finance and Administration Secretary Duffy Rodriguez, from left, Taxation and Revenue Secretary Demesia Padilla and Legislative Finance Committee Director David Abbey give testimony to lawmakers about state budget shortfalls Oct. 24 in Red River, N.M.

New Mexico budget crisis rears its head in courts, colleges

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico's grinding budget crisis is taking a toll in courtrooms where overburdened attorneys have denied legal counsel to poor defendants, at museums reeling from layoffs and admission hikes, and at state universities and colleges grappling with steep spending cuts.

A prolonged downturn in oil and natural gas markets continued to ripple through New Mexico's economy over the summer and into the fall, undermining state tax revenues.

Employers across the state have shed thousands of jobs since October 2015, as more than a third of New Mexico's oil rigs shut down.

Fossil fuel prices are squeezing budgets in several states that rely heavily on severance taxes, such as Alaska, North Dakota, Wyoming and Oklahoma — even as OPEC nations consider cutting production to boost prices.

"They've had cuts, significant cuts," said John Hicks, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers. "That's very notable in comparison with the rest of the country to have an actual decrease in general fund taxes and general fund spending. I can't say it's bottomed out — it's kind of a lower-revenue hit that is sustaining."

The effects are evident in New Mexico's Lea County, an area known for its oil production. Public defenders there have declined or asked to withdraw from representing hundreds of indigent criminal defendants. They say swelling caseloads and limited funding threaten their ability to provide effective legal assistance.

The actions prompted a standoff this week as District Court Judge Gary Clingman held the state's chief public defender in contempt of court, and the local district attorney petitioned the New Mexico Supreme Court to intervene.

Chief Public Defender Bennett Baur insists on his agency's obligation to speak out when attorneys and budgets are strained.

"We can't continue to spread our attorneys so thin that they don't have time to read police reports, to meet with a client, to do legal research if necessary," he said. "This is a systemic problem."

The dispute threatens to taint cases that lead to convictions since defendants can argue they lacked effective representation.

An October special legislative session culminated in budget cuts of 3 percent across the judiciary, where court-employee furloughs are under consideration and travel reimbursements have been reduced for jurors and court-ordered witnesses.

Most state agencies are grappling with spending cuts of 5.5 percent, and they're bracing for more belt tightening as state economists prepare to release reduced revenue estimates for the current and coming fiscal year.

The forecast, due Monday, sets the benchmark when legislators meet in January to write a state budget for the coming fiscal year and fix shortfalls from the current year.

Amid hiring freezes, the state workforce dwindled to 21,905 full-time positions in October, down 18 percent from mid-2008.

Sen. Peter Wirth, the Democratic majority leader, worried cuts to the Taxation and Revenue and Cultural Affairs department would be counterproductive — limiting the state's ability to collect money and attract tourists.

"Here in Santa Fe — the arts, tourism — these are huge economic development drivers," Wirth said. "We are impacting a big portion of our economy."

Cultural Affairs Secretary Veronica Gonzales has warned legislators the agency might have to reduce the days of operation at the state's world-renowned network of museums and historic sites. Her agency already laid off a dozen employees this year, raised entry prices and discontinued some free Sundays at Santa Fe museums as attendance numbers dipped.

Gov. Susana Martinez has steadfastly opposed any new taxes to close the gap. Democrats who are pushing for new revenue sources — including a gasoline tax increase — will have some new leverage come January after winning back a majority control of the Legislature.

The Las Cruces-based New Mexico State University last summer cut nearly 40 active staff positions and scuttled the school's equestrian team, an employee health center and a small engineering program in response to spending reductions and enrollment declines.

University President Garrey Carruthers said a $10 million state funding cut in October has added urgency to a top-to-bottom review for new efficiencies. Academic programs could be merged and investments delayed indefinitely for student facilities and services.

"We're going to be more involved in surviving the cuts rather than making some strategic investments, simply because of the depth of the cuts," he said.

Even as revenues falter, finance officials have placed a priority on replenishing depleted operating reserves to protect the state's credit rating. Adding to budget pressures, New Mexico is struggling to cover its annual obligation to Medicaid health care for the poor and disabled.

Obituaries

Celia Mary Pender

Celia Mary Pender (Pookie), 84, of Midland, Texas passed away Saturday, December 3, 2016 in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jan Reed of St. Luke's Methodist Church officiating. Family visitation will be held after the service at the funeral home. Private family interment will follow.

Celia was born in Monahans, Texas to Charles and Celia Morgette on June 16, 1932. She was raised in Kermit, Texas where she graduated from high school in 1950 and caught the eye of a young Jal New Mexico man, Barry Pender. They were married for 66 years on November 24.

Celia was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Phillip, Charles, Ralph, C.B., and Fred; sister, Jessie May. She is survived by her loving husband, Barry Pender of Midland; three sons Dan (Teri) Pender of Midland, Dennis Pender of Midland, and David (Cindy) Pender of The Woodlands; grandchildren, Daniel (Jennifer) Pender of Lantana, Alan (Lane) Pender of Dallas, Lyndsay (Tyler) Kelly of Fort Worth, and Brandon Pender of The Woodlands; great grandsons, Layne, Landon and Lance Pender of Lantana; a great granddaughter, Pender to be born in March; sister, Janie Barnes of Odessa; brother, Jimmy Morgette of Greenwood; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Celia was always the life of the party and loved everyone who knew her. Her passion was to help people and she showed this by teaching Sunday school, working at senior citizen organizations and she was always available to care for her family and friends. She shared the love of golf and fishing with her husband and boys. She will be missed immensely.

The family thanks her many caregivers at Manor Park and Midland Memorial Hospital. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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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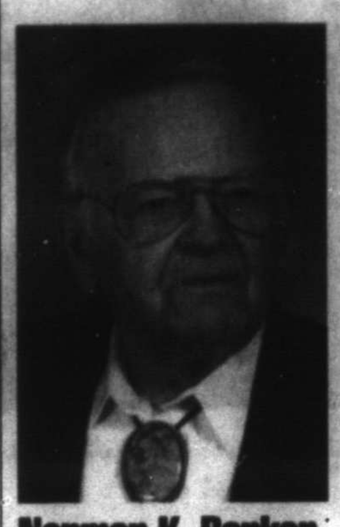

Norman K. Barker

Norman K. Barker, 87, of Midland passed away December 2, 2016 peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and family. Services will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas.

Norm was born in Morris, Illinois to parents Ernest C. and Thelma Windsor Barker. He grew up in Morris and graduated from Mazon High School. He graduated from Monmouth College with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Geology and was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity. While at Monmouth College, Norm met and married the love of his life Dorothy J. Froehlich. They were married in Highland Park, Illinois and this month will have been married for 64 years. Norm then received his Master's of Science degree in Petroleum Geology from the University of Iowa where he was also a member of the Gamma Alpha Scientific Fraternity. Following his graduation, he was drafted into the United States Army, spending two years in South Korea and Japan in Engineering Intelligence.

Norm began his career as a Petroleum Geologist in Roswell, New Mexico in 1955, with Ohio Oil Company, now Marathon Oil Company. While in Roswell he was a deacon and Sunday school teacher in the First Presbyterian Church and was active in the Roswell Geological Society, New Mexico Geological Society, and the Boy Scouts of America. In 1968, Norm moved his family to Albuquerque, New Mexico where he was employed by Pubco Petroleum Company. In 1971, he became a consulting geologist in oil, gas, and uranium with offices in Albuquerque and Roswell. In 1977, Norm and his family moved to Midland, TX where he opened a new exploration office for Harper Oil Company. In 1980, he left Harper Oil Company and opened a new office for Chapman Exploration. In 1984, he left Chapman and became an independent geologist and oil producer. He was a deacon, elder, and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church in Midland. He was a member of the Exchange Club, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, West Texas Geological Society, Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists, Midland Wildcatters Committee, The Petroleum Club of Midland, and Green Tree Country Club and Golf Association.

Norm enjoyed each summer vacationing in Pagosa Springs, Colorado with family and friends. Some of his favorite memories were teaching his grandchildren to fly fish in the San Juan River. He especially liked playing golf with his Wednesday golf group. Norm and Dottie enjoyed many years traveling extensively with family and friends.

Norm is survived by his wife, Dottie; son, Gary and wife Linda; and daughter, Susan South and husband Jan. He is also survived by grandchildren, Jason and Laura South, and their children Margo, Robert, and Hallie; Brandon and Megan South, and their children Jude and Clara; Tanner and Alexa Wolf, and their son Paxton; Kendall Barker and her son Thomas; and Ethan, Carly and Isabella Barker, all of Midland, TX. He is also survived by his sister, Marilyn Hinton of Joliet, IL and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dr. Gregory Bartha's Uganda Mission Fund through First Presbyterian Church of Midland, to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, or to the charity of your choice.

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Death Notices

Wayne R. Adams

Visitation will be on Tuesday December 6, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Whelchel Grace Funeral Home, Forsyth, MO., Funeral Service will be on Wednesday December 7th, at the Whelchel Grace Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Springfield National Cemetery at 12:00 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Gideons International P.O. Box 1111, Forsyth, MO 65653.

Plans to restore NASA mission control room remain in limbo

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Plans to restore the NASA mission control room that served as the nerve center for the Apollo missions, when man first reached the moon, have been discussed for more than 20 years, but its restoration and preservation remain in limbo with no set date for work to begin.

Officials at Johnson Space Center in Houston say the restoration of Mission Operation Control Room 2 is a priority, but note that NASA has other priorities, too — including the space flights managed in the large, active building where the control room is located. The room was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1985 and retired seven years later.

The Houston Chronicle reported that in the room that had its glory days during the decades of Gemini and Apollo and the shuttle programs, many of the carpet squares are stained and taped together. Behind the glass in the visitor area — where dignitaries and media observed mission control at work — the seats are worn. Ash-tray covers have been pried loose and pieces of upholstery cut away for souvenirs.

Gene Kranz, a flight director during NASA's Gemini and Apollo missions who was portrayed by Ed Harris in the film "Apollo 13," told a group of preservationists touring the room last month, "This is a place of history. But what I see is a tired Mission Control, worn of its heart and soul. It's time to start the battle for its restoration."

Like others from NASA, Kranz usually refers to the room by its acronym, MOCR2 — pronounced "Mo-ker Two."

The most recent proposal to restore the room, released last year, would cost about $3 million and require about 18 months of work. That would restore the room to the way it was for Apollo missions 11 through 17 — right down to the headsets, pencil holders and amber glass ash trays. The result would make MOCR2 — already a popular attraction — the crown jewel of Space Center Houston, the Johnson Space Center's visitor center.

"We are certainly excited about the whole restoration project. And we're also committed to doing it in time for the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11."

Johnson Space Center Director Ellen Ochoa

To be ready by July 16, 2019, in time for the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, the room's restoration would have to start by the end of 2017.

"We are certainly excited about the whole restoration project," said Johnson Space Center Director Ellen Ochoa. "And we're also committed to doing it in time for the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11."

She also notes though that they "have to make sure we concentrate on the current work and the future as well." MOCR2 is just one room in a building where NASA still does classified work. The Christopher C. Kraft Jr. Mission Control Center still manages space flights from there.

Because it's a historic landmark, the National Park Service and the Texas State Historical Association are both interested parties in the room's restoration, but it remains the property of Johnson Space Center.

The National Historic Preservation Act requires a consultation meeting to advance the project, but it hasn't taken place. Tom Keohan of the Park Service said his organization responded to an invitation for that consultation in February, but since then hasn't heard from NASA.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Prominent personal injury attorney found dead

A prominent Dallas personal injury attorney has been found dead, about a week after the suicide of his 16-year-old daughter.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office says Brian Loncar died Sunday but that a cause of death has not yet been determined. Police said he'd been taken to a hospital overnight.

The 56-year-old was well-known in Texas for his television advertisements, in which he branded himself the "strong arm." His firm has offices across Texas.

A statement from Brian Loncar's family on Sunday said they were filled with "enormous sadness and profound grief" following his death. It also said they were "hurting and struggling to understand."

Grace Loncar's funeral was held Friday. According to her obituary, she'd long battled depression.

GALVESTON

Bacon found on restaurant owned by Muslim

A Muslim restaurant owner in Galveston says that in the past week he found the front of his business covered in bacon on one day and the front door handles smeared with bacon grease on another.

Asad Khan, who adheres to the religion's prohibition against pork, says he's worried about the safety of his employees at ZaZa Bar & Bites.

He found the bacon Nov. 27 and the bacon grease on the door handles Thursday.

Khan, who emigrated from Pakistan to the U.S. in 1993, tells the Houston Chronicle though that he doesn't have a "victim mentality" and feels blessed to live in the U.S.

Galveston police Lt. Joshua Schirard tells the Galveston County Daily News that with no security camera footage "there are very few solvability factors."

NEW MEXICO

Man dead, 2 children among 3 hurt in rollover

HOBBS — Authorities say a Hobbs man is dead and a woman and two young children are injured after a rollover crash.

New Mexico State Police say officers were dispatched to the scene south of Hobbs around 3 a.m. Sunday.

They say it appears that 42-year-old Jesus Piedra-Martinez lost control of the vehicle he was driving and it overturned in a median.

Police say Piedra-Martinez wasn't wearing a seatbelt. He was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

They say 38-year-old Priscilla Herrera, of Hobbs, sustained minor injuries and was treated and released from hospital. So were 1-year-old Dayannara Enriquez and 1-year-old Aiden Mendoza, both from Hobbs.

It's unclear if the two are the children of either Piedra-Martinez or Herrera.

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sonorous
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2. giving out or capable of giving out a sound,especially a deep, resonant sound, as a thingor place: a *sonorous cavern.*
3. loud, deep, or resonant, as a sound.

Richard Tsong-Taatarii/Star Tribune via AP

Katibunny Roberts and her husband, Lance King, of Kyle, S.D., celebrate the Army Corps' denial of an easement to bury a section of the Dakota Access pipeline under the Missouri River on Sunday in Cannon Ball, N.D. King recently moved back to his ancestral Lakota homeland. He is a descendant of Chief Matthew King, Noble Redman. On the right is Lazaro Tinoco of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Washington.

Federal government blocks Dakota Access oil pipeline route

By James MacPherson
Associated Press

CANNON BALL, N.D. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Sunday that it won't grant an easement for the Dakota Access oil pipeline in southern North Dakota, handing a victory to the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and its supporters, who argued the project would threaten the tribe's water source and cultural sites.

North Dakota's leaders criticized the decision, with Gov. Jack Dalrymple calling it a "serious mistake" that "prolongs the dangerous situation" of having several hundred protesters who are camped out on federal land during cold, wintry weather. U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer said it's a "very chilling signal" for the future of infrastructure in the United States.

The four-state, $3.8 billion project is largely complete except for the now-blocked segment underneath Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir. Assistant Secretary for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy said in a news release that her decision was based on the need to "explore alternate routes" for the pipeline's crossing. Her full decision doesn't rule out that it could cross under the reservoir or north of Bismarck.

"Although we have had continuing discussion and exchanges of new information with the Standing Rock Sioux and Dakota Access, it's clear that there's more work to do," Darcy said. "The best way to complete that work responsibly and expeditiously is to explore alternate routes for the pipeline crossing."

The company constructing the pipeline, Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, had said it was unwilling to reroute the project. It had no immediate comment Sunday.

The decision came a day before the government's deadline for the several hundred people at the Oceti Sakowin, or Seven Council Fires, encampment to leave the federal land. But demonstrators say they're prepared to stay, and authorities say they won't forcibly remove them.

As the news spread Sunday, cheers and chants of "mni wichoni" — "water is life" in Lakota Sioux — broke out among the protesters. Some in the crowd banged drums. Miles Allard, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux, said he was pleased but remained cautious, saying, "We don't know what Trump is going to do."

"The whole world is watching," Allard added. "I'm telling all our people to stand up and not to leave until this is over."

Attorney General Loretta Lynch said Sunday that the Department of Justice will "continue to monitor the situation" and stands "ready to provide resources to help all those who can play a constructive role in easing tensions."

David Goldman/Associated Press

A Native American drum procession moves through the Oceti Sakowin camp after it was announced that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers won't grant easement for the Dakota Access oil pipeline in Cannon Ball, N.D., on Sunday.

"The safety of everyone in the area - law enforcement officers, residents and protesters alike - continues to be our foremost concern," she added.

Carla Youngbear of the Meskwaki Potawatomi tribe made her third trip from central Kansas to be at the protest site.

"I have grandchildren, and I'm going to have great grandchildren," she said. "They need water. Water is why I'm here."

Standing Rock Sioux tribal chairman Dave Archambault didn't immediately respond to messages left seeking comment.

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier, whose department has done much of the policing for the protests, said that "local law enforcement does not have an opinion" on the easement and that his department will continue to "enforce the law."

U.S. Secretary for the Interior Sally Jewell said in a statement that the Corps' "thoughtful approach ... ensures that there will be an in-depth evaluation of alternative routes for the pipeline and a closer look at potential impacts."

Earlier Sunday, an organizer with Veterans Stand for Standing Rock said tribal elders had asked the military veterans not to have confrontations with law enforcement officials, adding the group is there to help out those who've dug in against the project.

About 250 veterans gathered about a mile from the main camp for a meeting with organizer Wes Clark Jr., the son of former Democratic presidential candidate Gen. Wesley Clark. The group had said about 2,000 veterans were coming, but it wasn't clear how many actually arrived.

"We have been asked by the elders not to do direct action," Wes Clark Jr. said. He added that the National Guard and law enforcement have armored vehicles and are armed, warning: "If we come forward, they will attack us."

Instead, he told the veterans, "If you see someone who needs help, help them out."

Authorities moved a blockade from the north end of the Backwater Bridge with the conditions that protesters stay south of it and come there only if there is a prearranged meeting. Authorities also asked protesters not to remove barriers on the bridge, which they have said was damaged in the late October conflict that led to several people being hurt, including a serious arm injury.

"That heavy presence is gone now and I really hope in this de-escalation they'll see that, and in good faith . the leadership in those camps will start squashing the violent factions," Cass County Sheriff Paul Laney said in a statement, reiterating that any violation will "will result in their arrest."

Veterans Stand for Standing Rock's GoFundMe.com page had raised more than $1 million of its $1.2 million goal by Sunday — money due to go toward food, transportation and supplies. Cars waiting to get into the camp Sunday afternoon were backed up for more than a half-mile.

"People are fighting for something, and I thought they could use my help," said Navy veteran and Harvard graduate student Art Grayson. The 29-year-old from Cambridge, Massachusetts, flew the first leg of the journey, then rode from Bismarck in the back of a pickup truck. He has finals this week, but told professors, "I'll see you when I get back."

Steven Perry, a 66-year-old Vietnam veteran who's a member of the Little Traverse Bay band of Odawa Indians in Michigan, spoke of one of the protesters' main concerns: that the pipeline could pollute drinking water. "This is not just a native issue," he said. "This is an issue for everyone."

Art Woodson and two other veterans drove 17 hours straight from Flint, Michigan, a city whose lead-tainted water crisis parallels with the tribe's fight over water, he said.

"We know in Flint that water is in dire need," the 49-year-old disabled Gulf War Army veteran said. "In North Dakota, they're trying to force pipes on people. We're trying to get pipes in Flint for safe water."

Some veterans will take part in a prayer ceremony today, during which they'll apologize for historical detrimental conduct by the military toward Native Americans and ask for forgiveness, Clark said. He also called the veterans' presence "about right and wrong and peace and love."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

This date in Midland

On Dec. 5, 1929, the Yucca Theatre, the dream of oilman T.S. Hogan and architect Wyatt C. Hedrick of Fort Worth, opened. A vaudeville show was presented on stage, and on screen was Bebe Daniels and John Boles in "Rio Rita."

Source: cinematreasures.org

Things to do

■ Pretend and Play provides a structured environment for caregivers and their children. For ages 2-6. 10:30 a.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

■ 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 schedule

Midland Development Corp.
■ 9 a.m.
■ City Hall basement,
■ 300 N. Loraine Ave.

Planning and Zoning Commission
■ 3:30 p.m.
■ City Council Chambers, City Hall
■ 300 N. Loraine Ave.

Holiday events

■ Starlight Village is a walk or drive experience to see more than 75 displays of holiday lights. Nightly through Jan. 1 at McKinney Park, 625 W Pool Road, Odessa.

■ Winter Wonderland: Betenbough Homes Christmas Event, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Betenbough New Home Center, 6718 N. State Highway 349.

■ "Elf: The Musical," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Broadwayinthebasin.com.

■ Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays Christmas Luncheon. Noon Thursday, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $35 per person, $250 per table of eight. Museumsw.org.

■ Christmas the Cowboy Way with Riders in the Sky, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $27-$57. Wagnernoel.com.

■ Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays tea party. 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. Friday, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free but advance reservations required. Museumsw.org.

■ Yuletide at the Yucca, Friday and Saturday. Featuring Absolute Dance, Ballet Folklórico, Pickwick Players and Aloha O Hawaii Dance Group at Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

■ The Rockin' Christmas Parade featuring 1950s- and 1960s-themed floats, 6:30 p.m., Saturday. The parade will follow "A" Street from Ventura Avenue near Windlands Park and conclude near Midland High School.

Carver students' presentations

Fifth-grade students at Carver Center will present their poems and short stories this week at a writing celebration. The free public event is 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. Over the two days, about 90 students will stand in front of an audience to share their writing samples.

The event intends to instill the importance of writing and improve public speaking skills, according to teacher Tracy Gomez.

What's on the radio

News talk KCRS (AM 550)
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark & Kurt Verlei
■ 5-6 p.m. Local News with KOSA

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 5-7 p.m. The West Texas Round-Up of News and Talk

Other options
■ Sport talk: KMND (AM 1510)
■ Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
■ NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room or just at home.

Today in history

Today is Monday, Dec. 5, the 340th day of 2016. There are 26 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1945, five U.S. Navy torpedo bombers mysteriously disappeared after taking off from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a training mission with the loss of all 14 crew members; "The Lost Squadron" contributed to the legend of the Bermuda Triangle.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1994, Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades.

Experts warn of mental health woes as wildfires ravage South

By Jeff Martin
Associated Press

AP file photo

Smoke rises from destroyed homes, many burned down to the foundation, the day after a wildfire that hit Gatlinburg, Tenn., on Nov. 29. Experts said that escaping a fire-filled forest, as thousands did Nov. 28 in the Great Smoky Mountains, can be more traumatic than disasters such as hurricanes, floods or earthquakes. One reason: Flames that scorched neighborhoods in the Gatlinburg, Tenn., area spread so rapidly that people had no time to brace for it.

ATLANTA — When U.S. Forest Ranger Jody Bandy confronted the man in the Pisgah National Forest, he said he'd been at the nearby wildfire and "couldn't take it anymore."

Then he ran from the officer, tumbling head-over-head down the mountainside, into the river below and slamming into boulders in the water, Bandy said in a court affidavit.

After an ambulance took the bleeding man to a hospital, Bandy peered through the front windshield of his pickup and saw what appeared to be a suicide note on the dash, the affidavit says.

The Nov. 19 encounter in western North Carolina underscores the toll these wildfires can take on people who live through them.

Many survivors need help to cope, and signs of problems such as nightmares, depression and anxiety might not show up for months, said Valerie Cole of the American Red Cross. In some ways, escaping a fire-filled forest as thousands did recently in and around Gatlinburg, Tennessee, can be more traumatic than hurricanes, floods or earthquakes, experts say. One reason: Flames spread so rapidly that people had no time to prepare.

"To have your life turned upside down is much more difficult than if you had time to brace for it, and in this case I don't think people had time to brace for it," said Becky Stoll, vice president of crisis and disaster management at Centerstone, one of the nation's largest behavioral health care providers.

Then, as residents raced from the woods, they saw orange and red ribbons of fire draped over homes, rolling across mountains.

"If you can see the flames nearby, that's going to be a visual image that's going to stay with you," said Cole, who helped victims of a devastating 2011 wildfire in Alberta, Canada. Those kinds of images may have long-term consequences, she said.

Until Nov. 28, people in and around Gatlinburg went about their daily lives, even as the wildfire burned several miles away in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Then, in one night, everything changed.

"All of the sudden, it's gone. You can't go home. Your home's not there. Your car may not be there. Your health may not be there," said Marie Williams, commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

After an earthquake or even a tornado, survivors can often salvage a few things from damaged homes. "But when it has burned and there are only ashes left, you can't," Cole said.

In the first few days after a disaster, survivors often go into operational mode and focus on basic needs, "so that kind of carries people for a few days," Stoll said. People tend to be thankful they're alive and grateful for help putting their lives back together, Cole said.

"Later on — six months, nine months down the road — that's when people get pretty frustrated, disillusioned," said Cole, who saw this process unfold as she worked with wildfire survivors in Slave Lake, Alberta, slightly larger than Gatlinburg.

In May 2011 strong winds from a northern Canadian wildfire suddenly sent flames into Slave Lake, forcing nearly 7,000 people to flee on roads sometimes blocked by smoke and fast-moving fire.

"The town was basically destroyed, so there was a lot of rebuilding that was going on, but it was taking forever," Cole recalled.

"People were starting to fight with each other," she said. "People were depressed, anxiety levels were high ... That will show up six to nine months later."

Experts also know that suicide rates increase after disasters.

"People might have post-traumatic stress, symptoms like anger, substance abuse, hopelessness," Williams said. "All these reactions are normal."

After the forest ranger's encounter with the distraught man from Hendersonville, North Carolina, he was charged in federal court with threatening, intimidating, resisting or interfering with a forest officer, and with driving while impaired.

He eventually surrendered to Bandy but was bleeding profusely from a head wound, court records show. Bandy arrived at the hospital later and asked to speak with the man. He told Bandy he had planned to end his life with a knife, but the ranger had startled him.

Jewish family battles museum in Spain over art looted by Nazis

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In the epic, 16-year battle over a priceless painting looted by the Nazis, there is one point on which all sides agree: When Lilly Cassirer and her husband fled Germany ahead of the Holocaust, they surrendered their Camille Pissarro masterpiece in exchange for their lives.

The Jewish couple traded the work for the exit visas that allowed them to flee to the safety of England in 1939. When they did so, they set Pissarro's stunning 1897 oil-on-canvas Paris street scene on an incredible journey of its own.

It was an odyssey that would take "Rue St.-Honore, Apres-Midi, Effet de Pluie" from Germany to the United States, through the hands of several wealthy collectors and prominent art dealers and, finally, to Spain's Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, where it has resided since 1993.

Since 2000, Lilly Cassirer's heirs have been trying to get it back.

They may get one of their last best chances Monday when their lawyer, David Boies, argues before a federal appeals court that under state law and international treaties, the painting appraised at more than $30 million belongs to Cassirer's great-grandchildren.

"This is an issue that is critically important not only in terms of trying to right terrible wrongs that had their origin in the Nazi persecution of the Jews but also to establish principles that are very important to what's happening now in the world," Boies said earlier this week.

"Month after month, you see reports of ISIS looting art in Muslim countries and selling it to raise money," he continued. Allowing Spain to keep the painting, he said, would tell the world that buying looted art has no consequences.

The museum's attorney, Thaddeus J. Stauber, argues the issue is no longer about looted art but simply well-documented ownership rights to a painting purchased in good faith.

What's more, Stauber says, Cassirer forfeited her ownership rights when she accepted $13,000 from the German government in 1958 for the painting's loss.

"There's no dispute about the painting's complete history. The court examined all the evidence and determined that the museum is the rightful owner of the painting," Stauber said, referencing a federal judge's ruling in Los Angeles last year.

OPEC

From 1A

More drilling, more production

Surveys of the region's oil and gas companies conducted by the bank indicates a price range of $55 to $65 "gives incentives to more drilling and more production. It depends on what range prices settle in the coming weeks. Within that range, I see more drilling and more production coming down the road," Stuermer said.

Medium-term, that gain in output could offset OPEC's moves, he said, but that won't happen before the second half of 2017.

If OPEC holds to its agreement and non-OPEC countries join in with their anticipated 600,000 barrel a day cuts, "then it will lead to a market where you will see some inventory drawdowns in the first half of 2017," he said.

A very big if

But that development is a very big if, he said. "I rather see a market about in balance in the first half of 2017 if some parts of the agreement are met. I anticipate some cuts will be made, but members will not fully cut that 1.2 million barrels."

Member nations Libya and Nigeria are two important wild cards in the scenario, Stuermer said.

Libya, which has been destabilized in the aftermath of Gadhafi's overthrow, appears to be stabilizing, which could result in that country increasing its oil output, he said. Nigeria, on the other hand, has apparently abandoned peace negotiations with militants in its oil-rich Niger Delta and make take a military approach to the conflict, he said. "I expect that could lead to more outages," he said.

There is also uncertainty around Russia and whether or not it will follow through with its pledge to cut 300,000 barrels of production per day, he noted.

"I see a lot of uncertainty around the price path and around supplies," he summed up.

WRECK

From 1A

home Friday night after an away football game when it was hit by a semitrailer on Interstate 20 near Big Spring.

Cheerleader sponsor Elizabeth Pope, 52, of Iraan was killed in the wreck that sent the other seven occupants to hospitals. Four were released Saturday.

Three of the cheerleaders are 17, two are 15 and one is 14, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Iraan-Sheffield ISD has about 550 students.

The truck tractor towing a semi-trailer was traveling eastbound on I-20 in the outside lane behind a black passenger car. The driver of the car slammed on the brakes and the rig veered to the right to avoid colliding with the car, according to the previous article. The driver of the truck lost control, crossed the center median and entered the westbound lanes of I-20. The rig then hit the school bus.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Oscar Villarreal said Sunday the crash is still under investigation.

LEGISLATURE

From 1A

school finance system constitutional in May, ending a lengthy legal fight.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a tea party favorite who heads the Texas Senate, is again championing school vouchers, which give families public money to pay for private and religious schools. He could have a powerful ally in Betsy DeVos, a "school choice" advocate tapped to be Trump's education secretary.

But for years, the issue's been stymied in the Texas House by Democrats and by rural Republicans wary of hurting public schools that are the lifeblood of their small districts.

Transgender bathrooms

Texas already led a multistate lawsuit that has temporarily blocked President Barack Obama's directive allowing transgender students to use the public school bathrooms of their choice. Now, Patrick and other top Republicans are backing proposals banning transgender people from doing the same in all Texas bathrooms — mimicking a law that North Carolina passed last year to national outcry, boycotts and the loss of lucrative sporting events.

Democrats and business leaders are opposed, as is Republican House Speaker Joe Straus, who says the issue isn't urgent and worries about North Carolina-like backlash.

State budget

Oil prices staying so low for so long have cooled the Texas economy. Lawmakers finished their last session in 2015 with about $4 billion in projected budget surpluses, but much of that may evaporate because projected state tax revenues declined. Oil and natural gas now accounts for about 8.5 percent of Texas' overall economic output, according to the comptroller's office.

There's still $10-plus billion in the rainy day fund — money top Republicans have vowed to mostly preserve. Yet, doing so will make it tougher to cover rising Medicaid expenses and pay for costly fixes to a troubled foster care system while also delivering on GOP promises to expand property tax cuts that have already lost the state billions.

Foster care

A federal judge is overseeing the foster care system overhaul, needed because hundreds of at-risk children are going unseen by caseworkers because of understaffing at the Child Protective Services agency so acute that some youngsters have slept in state offices.

Gov. Greg Abbott is clamoring for faster improvements, but they won't come cheap. Lawmakers have already approved nearly $150 million in special emergency funding — and that's just the start.

Abortion

Lawmakers may strike back after the U.S. Supreme Court dismantled key portions of the state's 2013 abortion restrictions.

One untouched policy was a ban on abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy; legislators could try to move that ban up by a few weeks. Some Republicans also want to prohibit abortion in the case of severe fetal abnormalities, meaning the procedure could be available in Texas only if the mother's health is threatened.

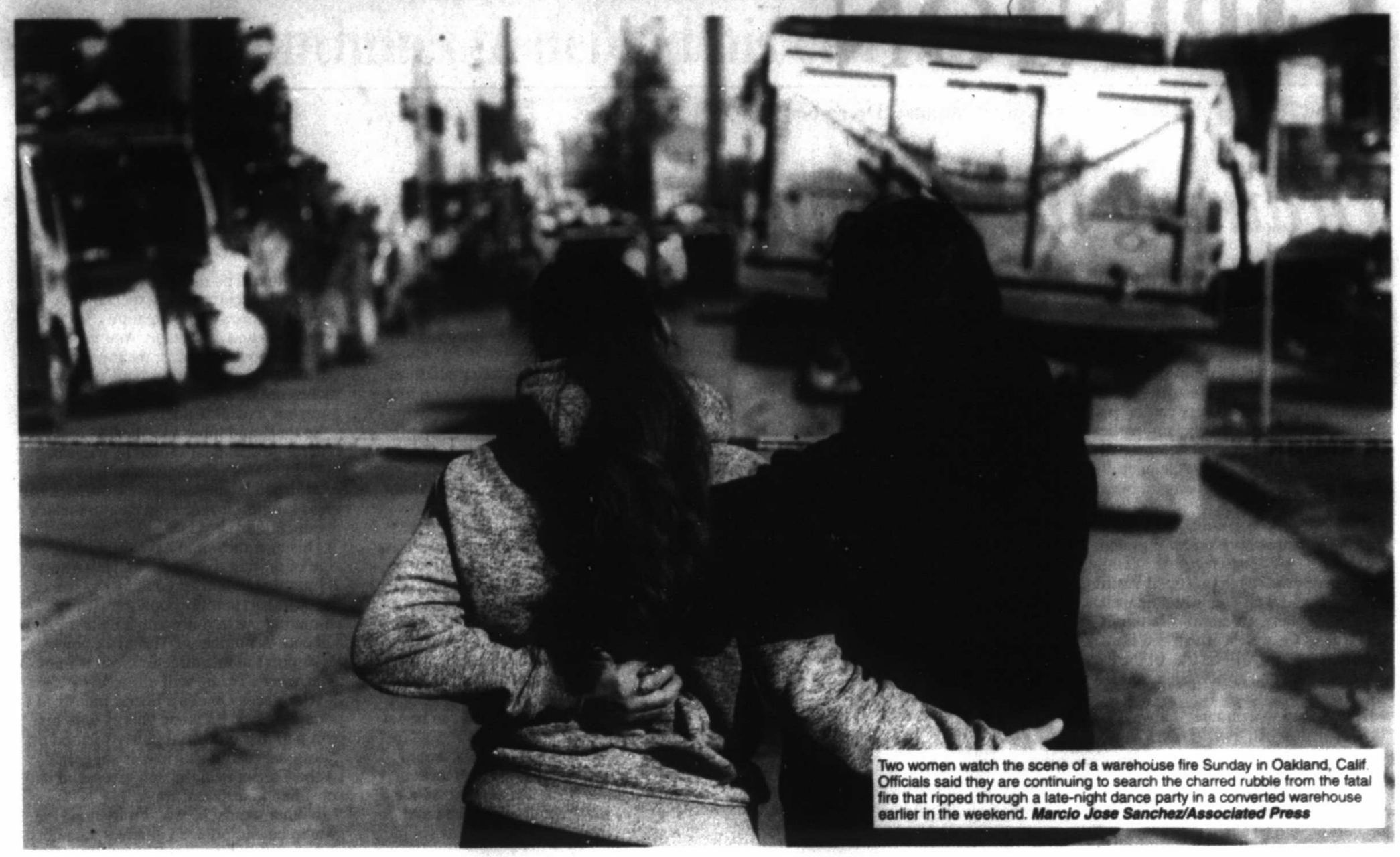
Guns

"The Year of the Gun" during the 2015 session allowed license holders to carry handguns in plain sight and bring them onto college campuses. Now, conservatives could tweak those laws to ensure there are fewer zones where authorities have kept gun bans, such as zoos and some public buildings.

But firearm policy may otherwise take a backseat since there appears little appetite for "constitutional carry," or letting non-license holders — virtually anyone in Texas — openly carry guns.

Marijuana

Relaxed marijuana laws for legal and medicinal use have even come to more conservative states like Arkansas, but don't count on Texas to follow suit. After the Legislature took the baby step of legalizing cannabis oil to treat epilepsy in 2015, Abbott declared that the state would go no further, likely dooming bills for broader legalization.



Two women watch the scene of a warehouse fire Sunday in Oakland, Calif. Officials said they are continuing to search the charred rubble from the fatal fire that ripped through a late-night dance party in a converted warehouse earlier in the weekend. *Marcio Jose Sanchez/Associated Press*

Warehouse fire death toll climbs to 33 and includes teens

By Kristin J. Bender and Brian Melley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The death toll from a fire that tore through a warehouse hosting a late-night dance party climbed to 33 on Sunday as firefighters painstakingly combed through rubble for others believed to still be missing.

Less than half of the charred remains of the partly collapsed structure had been searched, and crews clearing debris were expected to find more bodies as they advanced, Alameda County Sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly said.

Officials said they have identified seven people who were killed.

Among them is Donna Kellogg, according to her father, Keith Slocum. He declined additional comment.

Kelly said those killed range in age from teenagers to 30-plus years old.

Anxious family members who feared the worst gathered at the sheriff's office to await word on their loved ones. They were told they may have to provide DNA samples to help identify remains.

The building known as the "Ghost Ship" had been carved into artist studios and was an illegal home for a rotating cast of a dozen or more people, according to former denizens who said it was a cluttered death trap with few exits, piles of wood and a mess of snaking electric cords.

"If you were going there for a party, you wouldn't be aware of the maze that you have to go through to get out," said Danielle Boudreaux, a former friend of the couple who ran the warehouse.

As many as 100 people were there for a party Friday night when the fire brokvve out just before midnight. Fire officials were still investigating the cause of the blaze, but they said clutter fueled the flames, there were no sprinklers inside and few exits to escape.

Boudreaux identified the operators of the Satya Yuga collective as Derick Ion Almena and Micah Allison. She had a falling out with Almena when she convinced Allison's parents and sister about a year ago that the warehouse was a dangerous place for the couple's three children to live.

The couple rented out five recreational vehicles and other nooks on the ground floor as living spaces. A rickety makeshift staircase led to a second floor where concerts were held. Former residents said there frequently was no electricity or running water.

Oakland planning officials opened an investigation last month after repeated complaints from neighbors who said trash was piling up and people were illegally living in the building zoned as a warehouse. An inspector who went to the premises couldn't get inside, said Darin Ranelletti, of the Oakland Planning Department.

The city had not confirmed people lived there, but a former resident said she had been lured in part by reasonable rents in a region beset with a housing shortage and exorbitant leases driven by the tech boom.

Shelley Mack said she wasn't told the residence was illegal until after she moved in a couple years ago and stayed for four to five months, paying about $700 a month. She said she was instructed to tell visitors it was a 24-hour workspace for artists and when outsiders or inspectors planned to visit, residents would scurry to hide clothes and bedding.

"It's like a horror house. Just horrors in there," she said.

To a first-time visitor, though, the labyrinth of uniquely designed spaces was "stunning," said Alastair Boone, a University of California, Berkeley student who arrived at the party with five friends around 11 p.m.

Photographs from before the fire showed that the Bohemian community of musicians, painters, woodworkers, dancers and other artists had decorated the scene with Tibetan prayer flags, Christmas lights and scores of wooden statues of Buddha, the virgin Mary, Jesus Christ, elephants and dragons that sat atop pianos and turntables. Tapestries hung from the walls, mannequin legs and arms stuck out from the ceiling and a small wooden spot of floor was used for art performances.

"It was obvious to me everyone who lives there cared about each other and were invested in a space they made a home," Boone said.

Almena did not immediately respond to emails or phone numbers associated with him. Authorities declined to talk about the manager, saying they were focused on recovering the bodies and consoling families.

A man identified as Derick Ion posted a Facebook message early Saturday, saying, "Everything I worked so hard for is gone. Blessed that my children and Micah were at a hotel safe and sound." He drew rebukes online from others who said he was warned the building was unsafe.

Almena, 46, has lived in California since at least 1990, mostly in Los Angeles, where public records show he was evicted from a North Hollywood apartment in Los Angeles in 1993.

Allison, 40, spent much of her life residing in Northern California, although she had also lived in Southern California, where she filed for a fictitious business name, Sacred Image, at a Los Angeles address.

Online records listed the building's owner as Nar Siu Chor. The Associated Press could not locate a telephone number for her Saturday. Efforts to reach her at other Oakland addresses associated with her were not successful.

Boone said she had just received a tour of the property and stepped outside when someone yelled, "Fire!"

"In a couple of minutes there were flames coming out of the windows and black smoke was just billowing out of the house," she said.

Ex-tenant: Oakland warehouse was often frigid, lacked water

OAKLAND, Calif. — Shelley Mack says she didn't know the converted Oakland warehouse known as the "Ghost Ship" was an illegal residence until after she moved in, when she was instructed to tell visitors it was a 24-hour workspace for artists.

The building was often freezing cold. Water and power were sometimes stolen from neighbors, who would get angry and shut them off. Once, a generator blew up, and residents quickly doused the flames, she said.

Mack, a 56-year-old tech sales worker and jewelry maker, lived in the warehouse for four or five months about two years ago. On Friday night, fire ripped through the cluttered space during a dance party, killing at least 33 people. Oakland officials say the death toll is expected to rise.

The building was crammed with rugs, old sofas and a garage-sale-like collection of pianos, paintings, turntables, statues and other items that quickly fed the flames.

"All kinds of electrical cords running through there illegally. Massive extension cords. Heavy musical equipment," Mack said. "That place was just a death trap. I didn't think it was going to last this long before it went up or somebody shut it down."

When inspectors or other outsiders came to visit, she and other residents scurried to hide clothes, bedding and other evidence anyone was living there.

Mack found the rental in a Facebook ad and paid about $700 a month to live there, along with a security deposit of the same amount and a one-time contribution of about $700 to a fund meant to go toward improvements. She said none were ever made.

"It's a good example of people taking advantage of people because they had no other options," Mack said. "People make businesses off scamming people online when they're looking for a place."

One doorway was blocked, she said, because it led to the property of a neighbor who'd been in a dispute with the operators, whom she and other former tenants and friends identified as 46-year-old Derick Ion and his 40-year-old wife, Micah Allison.

"They lure you in with all these promises about what they're going to do with your deposit and your rent," she said. "They don't do any of it. They just party with it."

Public records show Ion's full name is Derick Ion Almena and that he has lived in California since at least 1990, mostly in Los Angeles, before moving to Oakland in 2006. Allison spent much of her life in Northern California.

The Satya Yuga Collective, one of two groups affiliated with the space, advertised it as a location for anyone with an open mind.

"Seeking all shamanic rattlesnake sexy jungle jazz hobo gunslingers looking for a space to house gear, use studio, develop next level Shaolin discipline after driving your taxi cab late at night, build fusion earth home bomb bunker spelunker shelters, and plant herbaceous colonies in the sun & air," its Facebook page advertised.

Neither Almena nor Allison answered telephone calls placed to numbers associated with them. They did not respond to email messages from The Associated Press.

Danielle Boudreaux, a 40-year-old hairdresser, said she became fast friends with the couple when they met eight years ago before a falling out about a year ago over conditions at the warehouse.

Access to the second floor — where there was a room for concerts and a home for the couple and their children — was a rickety, homemade staircase, she said.

"Calling it a staircase gives you the idea that it was a set of stairs. It was not," Boudreaux said. "It was random pieces of wood put together to create something that you could get up to the top floor on. But it was not what most people would consider a staircase. It was like a jimmy-rigged makeshift staircase. As soon as you stepped on it, it wobbled all over the place."

Boudreaux said the couple was constantly trying to keep enough tenants to cover the warehouse rent, renting out recreational vehicles that were parked on the first floor as well as other living spaces, and charging for the parties that were held there.

But Alastair Boone, a 22-year-old University of California, Berkeley student who went to the party Friday night with five friends, described what she called a stunning scene that included a larger-than-life wood carving of a Thai god or goddess, when she walked in around 11 p.m.

"It was obvious to me everyone who lives there cared about each other and were invested in a space they made a home," she said.

Boudreaux said she had a falling out with Almena after telling Allison's parents and sister a year ago that the warehouse was a dangerous place for the couple's three children to live.

"I had told her parents explicitly that the warehouse conditions were not safe," Boudreaux said. "Half the time they didn't even have running water, let alone heated water. They were using little electric heaters. There was cat (feces) everywhere. Piles and piles of random driftwood that had nails sticking out of it."

She said Almena continually moved pieces of wood around the space.

"Two weeks later it could be a completely different configuration," she said. "Even people who knew the building would have a hard time getting out."

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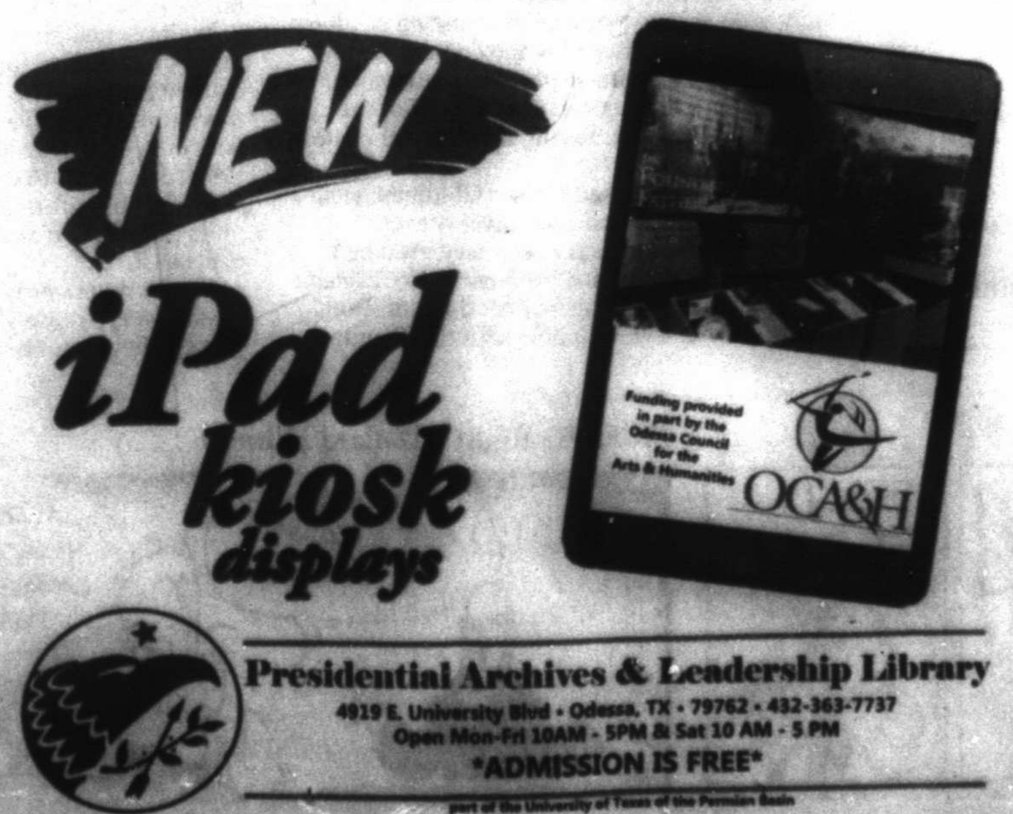

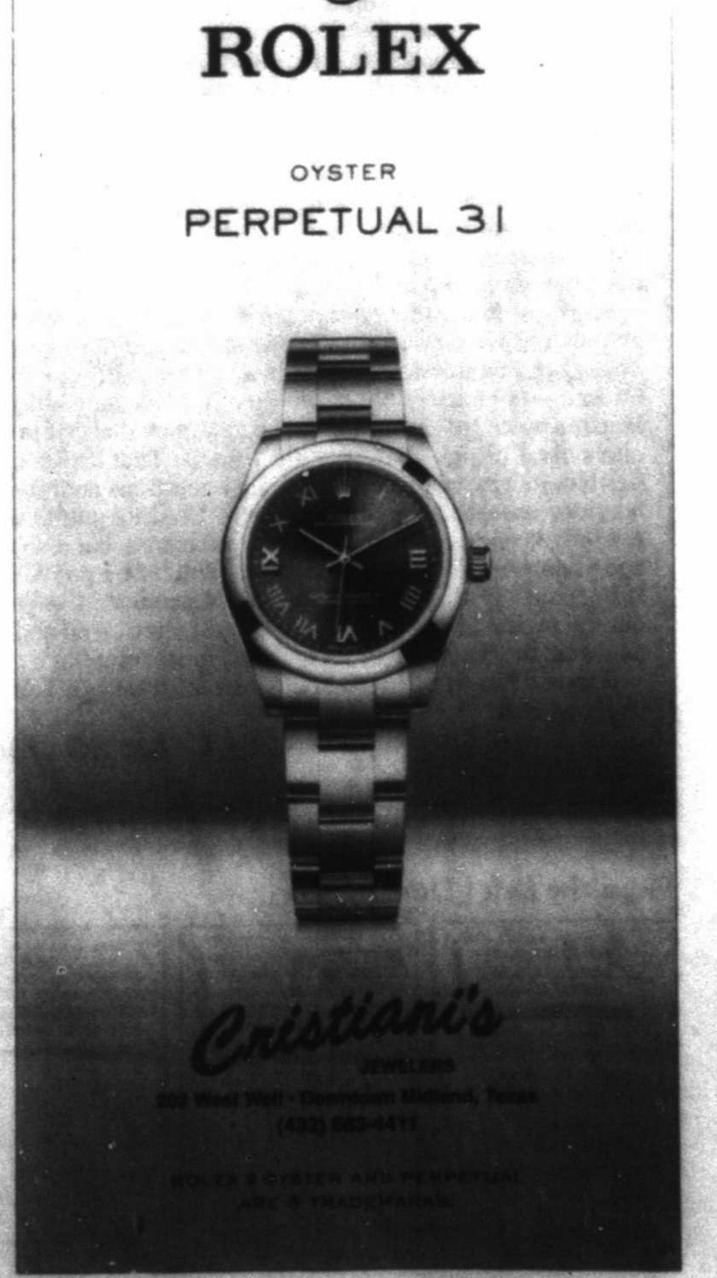

OPINION

Draining the swamp won't be easy for Trump

■ Trump will just spend and subsidize in different ways

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

It wasn't quite "build the wall" or "lock her up," but "drain the swamp" was a signature Donald Trump slogan.

It evoked visions of pinstripe-suit-wearing influence peddlers getting pulled from their Georgetown cocktail parties en masse and tossed into the Potomac River, as Washington returned to the once-sleepy burg it was 100 years ago, a humbled and more righteous town.

This was always a fantasy. The oldest story in Washington is a new president elected on a pledge to clean up Washington, who then turns to practiced Washington hands and well-connected financiers to help shepherd his administration. It was true of George W. Bush and Barack Obama, and now will be true of the even more populist and anti-Washington Donald Trump.

The swamp will endure; it always does. This doesn't mean that a Trump administration can't make the swamp a little less important.

The meaning of "drain the swamp" is pleasingly inexact (Ronald Reagan used the phrase, and so has Nancy Pelosi). The left has, absurdly, chosen to read Trump's use of the slogan as an implicit pledge not to hire anyone who is wealthy. So the nominations of Steven Mnuchin as treasury secretary, Wilbur Ross as commerce secretary and Betsy DeVos as education secretary are criticized as proof Trump never meant it.

But Trump obviously didn't intend to impose a wealth test on his administration, or he would have failed it himself. He is proof that a fortune isn't necessarily an obstacle to being a champion of an agenda of populist reform.

(Although the charge against Mnuchin, who worked for Goldman Sachs for 17 years, has more force. The job of treasury secretary almost seems to be the endowed Goldman Sachs chair of the U.S. government. And you could be forgiven for thinking candidate Trump had a dim view of anyone associated with Goldman, given how he excoriated Ted Cruz — "puppet!" — for his connections to the institution.)

Trump's formal anti-swamp platform consists of a few more strictures on lobbyists. These proposed rules may be salutary, but they are typical of restrictions periodically imposed in Washington and that lobbyists are expert at getting around and surviving. (What are lobbyists for, if not finding loopholes?)

The fact is that in a country with an enormous federal government and a First Amendment that guarantees the right to petition the government, the swamp is always going to be extensive and miasmic. As long as there is so much power and money in D.C., the lobbyists, the consultants, the associations, the media poohbahs, the contractors and the courtiers will gather and jockey for influence here. There is no neutron bomb that can be set off to vaporize them.

A proper anti-swamp agenda should consist of two things. First, and most fundamentally, it should seek to reduce the size of the federal government and cut regulations and make them as simple as possible. The more government does, the more incentive every special interest has to hire swamp creatures, for both protection and advantage. And the more complex government is, the more opportunity those creatures have to thrive in niches unknown or poorly understood by everyone except insiders.

Second, and more specifically, the federal government should be wrenched out of its cozy relationship with large, established businesses and institutions in areas ranging from health care to finance to education.

This agenda would have the advantage of uniting the conservatives (whose animating passion is reducing the size of government) and the populists (whose animating passion is combating a "rigged" system). A number of Trump's Cabinet picks point in this direction. But it's not clear where Trump will ultimately go. If he replaces Obama's liberal industrial policy focused on green energy with his own populist industrial policy focused on traditional manufacturing, as suggested by the Carrier deal, he will just spend and subsidize in different ways.

In other words, he won't truly drain the swamp but simply feed different alligators.

OPINION EXTRA

Perhaps Trump will bail out Rust Belt cities and states

Trade and immigration restrictions won't bring back the Rust Belt. What might? Consider the transformation of the Sun Belt.

The South used to be the nation's Rust Belt. The devastation of the Civil War rightly gets the headlines, but the devastation didn't end when Sherman marched out of Atlanta. Industrial agriculture had the same impact on the Southern economy that automation and outsourcing have had on the manufacturing economy of the Midwest. In the late 19th century, much of the South consisted of an increasingly uncompetitive agricultural economy and woefully inadequate infrastructure. Those who could, left for other parts of the country, like factory jobs in what we now call the Rust Belt.

Many parts of the South continue to struggle to this day, but those that are thriving embraced two things — infrastructure and recruitment. Much of the infrastructure was courtesy of the federal government — programs like the Tennessee Valley Authority during the Great Depression, military bases during World War II and interstate highways later on. But the recruitment was an attitude the New South adopted on its own. By seeking out talent and businesses from the rest of the country and the world, the major metro areas of today's South generated some of the strongest economic growth and most promising labor trends in the country.

The Rust Belt has two main challenges to address: poor demographics and legacy obligations in the form of pension costs and physical infrastructure that needs maintaining. The demographic component is the part it most needs to solve on its own.

One type of institution has figured this out: the region's universities. Last week, in college football, the University of Michigan played Ohio State University in their annual rivalry game. But in some ways it wasn't a clash between Rust Belt foes. Michigan's coach, Jim Harbaugh, was hired from the West Coast. Ohio State's coach, Urban Meyer, was hired from Florida. Both teams have rosters full of increasing numbers of players from regions other than the Midwest. The reason is simple. Youth populations are shrinking in the Midwest, and increasingly the best high school football players are in other parts of the country like the South and the West that still have growing populations. Both universities hired coaches from elsewhere, and both coaches are using the prestige of their universities to recruit the best players in the country, no matter where they're from.

This recruitment isn't just happening on the football field. To address enrollment shortfalls due to dwindling numbers of homegrown students, Midwest universities are recruiting students from all over the world. Two of the eight universities in the U.S. with more than 10,000 international students are in the Midwest: Purdue University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

As a recruitment pitch, the Midwest needs to figure out its message and sell it to the world. As Midwest urbanist and blogger Pete Saunders noted in a tweetstorm recently, the resurgence of coastal cities began with assets that the cities had all along. Wall Street and media for New York, higher educational institutions for Boston, the federal government for Washington, a unique topography and culture in San Francisco. Similarly, the Midwest has great educational and medical institutions, an incredibly affordable lifestyle that becomes more compelling as housing costs rise on the coasts and in the Sun Belt, plentiful water that could become a competitive advantage because of climate change, and a sense of rootedness that many find compelling.

The most influential policy change the federal government could employ to save the Midwest is one that would have been unthinkable when congressional Republicans were battling President Obama — a huge bailout of the Rust Belt's legacy obligations. Pension costs are eating a higher and higher share of tax revenue in cities like Chicago and states like Illinois. That leaves municipalities less money to spend on ongoing operations and maintenance, let alone infrastructure improvements. Eroding public services not only keep people from moving to the area, but also encourage young people to leave for places with better public services. If President-Elect Donald Trump could persuade Congress to bail out the region, that could wipe the fiscal slate clean and give the Midwest the breathing room to invest in its future.

It took a Nixon to go to China. Perhaps it takes a Trump to save the Rust Belt.

— By Conor Sen, Bloomberg

What happened to the 'populist'?

■ Even Mitt Romney has a hard time competing with those Trump is lining up in his cabinet

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That's what President-elect Donald Trump and Mitt Romney ate when the billionaire met Tuesday night with Mr. Forty-Seven Percent to discuss a job in the incoming administration. Compared with the billionaire Trump, Romney is a relative piker, with a net worth of a mere quarter billion.

Romney's wealth would be dwarfed by at least three billionaires in Trump's Cabinet and subcabinet, in addition to Trump himself: would-be education secretary Betsy DeVos, whose family worth is $5.1 billion, commerce secretary pick Wilbur Ross ($2.9 billion), and deputy commerce choice Todd Ricketts, whose family fortune is also in the billions. Harold Hamm, a possible energy secretary, is worth $15 billion.

Remember Trump's talk about taking on the elites and the well-connected? Well, you can stick a sterling-silver fork in it.

The Trump campaign, a revolution of sans-culottes, has yielded to a Trump transition that feels more like Mel Brooks's "History of the World, Part I."

Count de Monet: It is said that the people are revolting.
King Louis XVI: You said it. They stink on ice!

If you feared that Trump would destabilize markets and impose reckless protectionism, his early appointments are reassuring. If you wanted him to shake up the system and depose the coastal elites — well, early signs are that you've been had.

Goldman Sachs was a bete noire of the Trump campaign, figuring prominently in his closing ad, widely seen as anti-Semitic, denouncing a "global power structure" controlling the country. Trump blasted Hillary Clinton's speeches to the investment bank and highlighted it as a pillar of the corrupt establishment, saying it had "total control" over his opponents.

But Trump just named former Goldman Sachs partner (and Hollywood executive) Steven Mnuchin to be his treasury secretary. And he's reportedly in talks to hire Goldman's No. 2 executive, Gary Cohn, to be his budget director. Both men are Jewish — a welcome sign that Trump is dropping the sinister themes of his campaign, but no doubt a disappointment to the bigoted alt-right, who cheered Trump's rise. (Alt-right ally Stephen K. Bannon, to be Trump's White House strategist, also used to work at Goldman.)

Mnuchin, worth about $40 million, and Cohn, who according to Bloomberg News owns at least $175 million in Goldman stock, are lightweights on Trump's Team of Oligarchs. But they are ahead of Trump's pick for transportation secretary (Elaine Chao and her husband, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, are worth a paltry $22 million) and Health and Human Services (Tom Price is a pauper at $14 million). Possible Labor pick Andrew Puzder, who earns only $4 million a year as a restaurant-chain executive, might need food stamps to afford Cabinet lunches.

These must be who Trump had in mind when he promised to help the "forgotten men and women." They will profit hugely from his plan to reduce the top income tax rate to 33 percent from 39.6 percent.

Remember Trump's vow to "drain the swamp," and his boast that he's too rich to be bought by donors?

Those who funded Trump are getting a good return on their investments: As The Washington Post's Matea Gold reported, Mnuchin, Ross, Ricketts and their families gave hundreds of thousands to help Trump win. And foreign diplomats are flocking to the new Trump International Hotel in Washington to curry favor.

Trump made a core issue of Clinton's conflicts of interest because of the Clinton Foundation. But his transition has been full of such entanglements, as he and his children mix affairs of state and business interests with Indian, Japanese and Turkish counterparts, Trump remains vague about whether and how he will separate his presidency from the business ties he has to two dozen countries.

Trump's inaugural extravaganza is shaping up to be a new standard for the pay-to-play politics he campaigned against. Those giving $1 million or more toward the $75 million party weekend will get perks including an "intimate dinner" with Vice President-elect Mike Pence and his wife. Those who can only afford $250,000 get an "intimate policy discussion and dinner with select Cabinet officials."

No word yet on the menu for when these high rollers meet Trump's billionaire appointees. But you can bet it will be rich.

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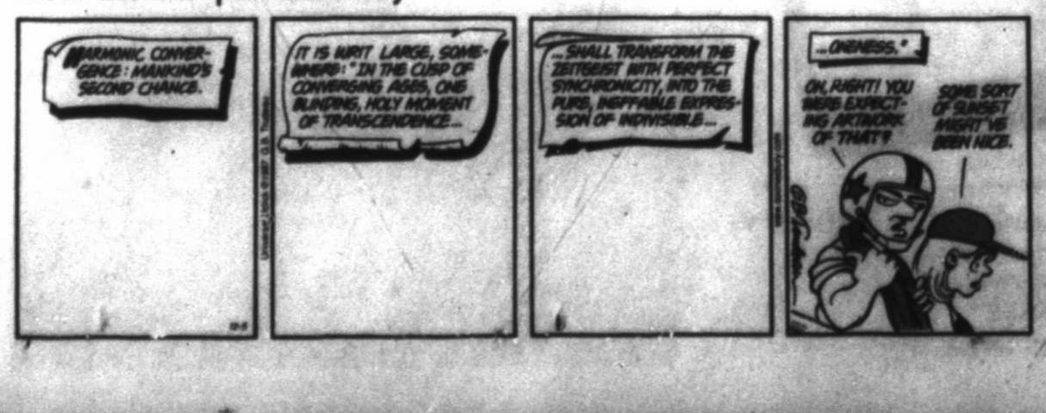

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Trump continues to defend his call with Taiwan's leader

By Jonathan Lemire and Gillian Wong
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President-elect Donald Trump continued to use Twitter Sunday to defend his engagement with the leader of Taiwan, a breach of diplomatic protocol as the U.S. shifted recognition from Taiwan to China nearly 40 years ago.

In a series of evening tweets, Trump groused about criticism that he didn't work with China ahead of the contact. China considers Taiwan a rogue province.

"Did China ask us if it was OK to carry out a number of actions such as build up disputed islands in the South China Sea or take economic measures hurtful to the United States," Trump tweeted.

The Taiwanese leader, Tsai Ing-Wen, called Trump Friday to congratulate him on the election in a call set up by an American third party. Taiwan's official Central News Agency, citing anonymous sources on Saturday, said that Edwin Feulner, founder of the Washington-based Heritage Foundation, was a "crucial figure" in setting up communication channels between the sides.

The call prompted an understated complaint from China to the U.S. government. Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Saturday that the contact was "just a small trick by Taiwan" that he believed would not change U.S. policy toward China, according to Hong Kong's Phoenix TV.

"The one-China policy is the cornerstone of the healthy development of China-U.S. relations and we hope this political foundation will not be interfered with or damaged," Wang was quoted as saying. Chinese officials said they lodged a complaint with the U.S. and reiterated a commitment to seeking "reunification" with the island, which they consider a renegade province.

The call was the starkest example yet of how Trump has flouted diplomatic conventions since he won the Nov. 8 election. He has apparently undertaken calls with foreign leaders without guidance customarily given by the State Department, which oversees U.S. diplomacy.

"President-elect Trump is just shooting from the hip, trying to take phone calls of congratulatory messages from leaders around

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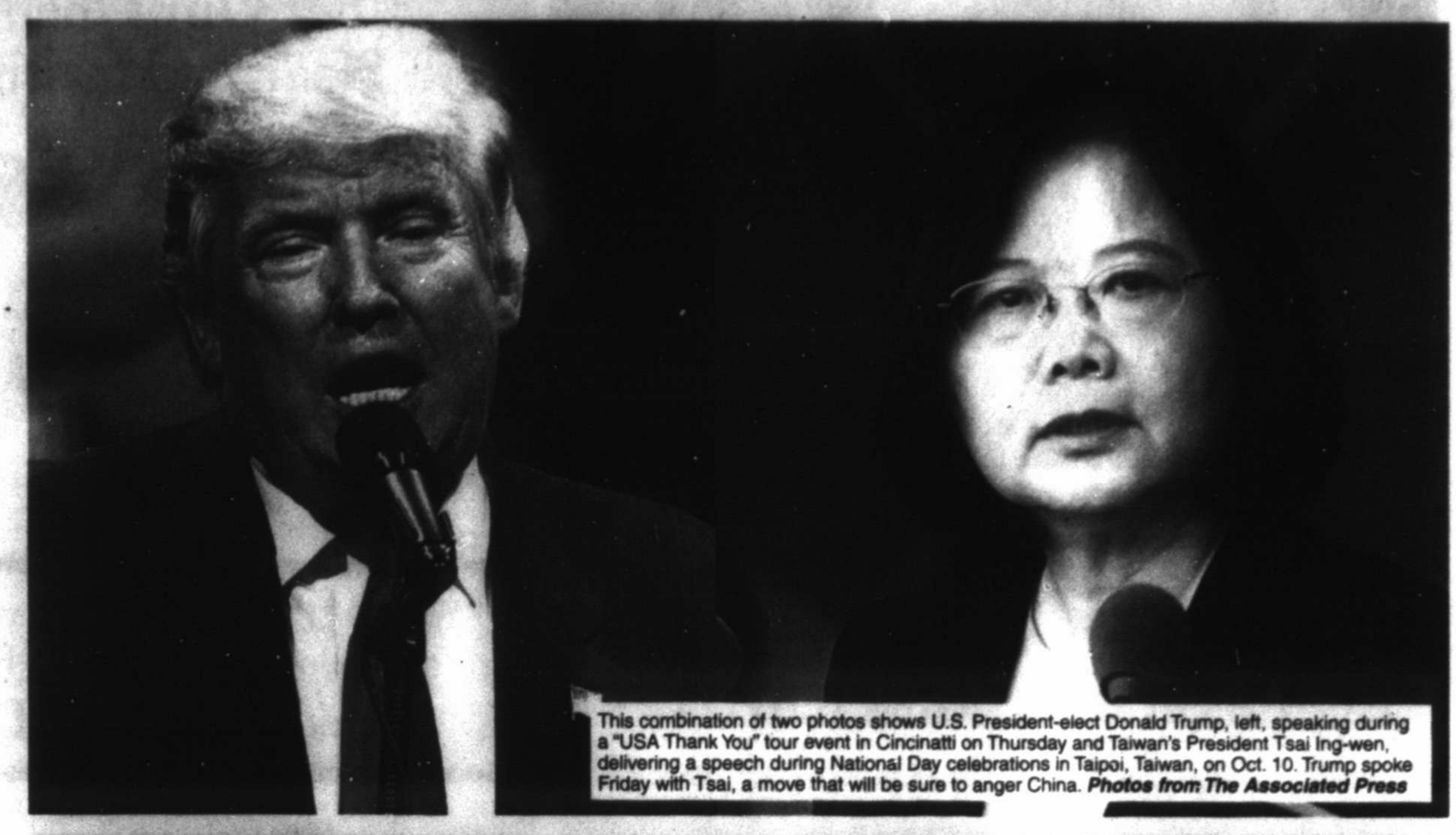

This combination of two photos shows U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, left, speaking during a "USA Thank You" tour event in Cincinatti on Thursday and Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen, delivering a speech during National Day celebrations in Taipoi, Taiwan, on Oct. 10. Trump spoke Friday with Tsai, a move that will be sure to anger China. *Photos from The Associated Press*

Trump's call inspires hope in Taiwan, concern in Beijing

TAIPEI, Taiwan — With a 10-minute phone call and two tweets, Donald Trump inspired banner headlines and renewed hopes across Taiwan for a stronger partnership with the United States, while also inflaming the complex relationships between the U.S., mainland China, and the self-governing island China regards as a renegade province.

Whether the U.S. president-elect meant to jump into the generational fight between China and Taiwan remains an open question. But by speaking to Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, Trump upended four decades of American foreign policy and engaged China directly on the issue of Taiwan, which Beijing has threatened to reclaim by force if necessary. No American president or president-elect has publicly spoken to Taiwan's leader since the U.S. ended their formal diplomatic relationship in 1979.

Four of his words drew particular attention in Taiwanese newspapers: Trump's reference, in a follow-up tweet, to Tsai being "the President of Taiwan."

The phrase is far from benign for China, which regards any reference to a Taiwanese president as an unacceptable acknowledgement of Taiwan's statehood. Official Chinese pronouncements typically refer to the Taiwanese president as "the Taiwan regional leader."

Chinese leaders have indicated they dislike Tsai, who was elected in January from a pro-Taiwan independence party and became the island's first female president. An editorial from the state-run China Daily newspaper admonished Tsai and said the call would "bring nothing substantial but illusionary pride."

As for Trump, the newspaper said the incident "came as a striking move," but was not as important as "it seems to be."

Taiwanese are generally considered to support independence or the status quo, in which China and Taiwan maintain robust social and economic exchanges while the island retains its democracy and de facto independence, over unification with China. Chinese President Xi Jinping, however, has warned that the issue of unification cannot be put off indefinitely.

Yang Chih-kai, a 22-year-old university student at Taiwan's Tamkang University, said Saturday that the call raised Taiwanese hopes for a stronger relationship with the United States.

"People will think that the U.S. will keep on helping Taiwan protect itself against China's threat," Yang said.

Chen Chun-hao, a 43-year-old designer, said Trump might "bring more help" to Taiwan now that both sides had opened a dialogue.

"I believe that this could help Taiwan in its international status and its global situation," Chen said.

Kao-cheng Wang, dean of Tamkang University's college of international studies, said he believes Trump might increase American military exports to Taiwan, over Beijing's vociferous opposition, and try to strengthen economic ties between the two sides.

"Trump will not be restricted by the established foreign policy," Wang said. "The diplomatic policy may be flexible after he takes office."

China cut off diplomatic contact with Taiwan in June, one month after Tsai took office, accusing her of refusing to endorse the concept that Taiwan is a part of China. Last month, Xi met with Taiwan's opposition leader, Nationalist Party Chairwoman Hung Hsiu-chu.

Zhou Qinfen, a retiree from China's eastern Jiangsu province visiting Beijing on Sunday, echoed several other Chinese interviewed who said they consider Taiwan to be an inextricable part of China.

"If an American president who has only been recently elected starts opposing the unity of China, the people of China will never agree with that," she said.

The Taiwanese presidential office said Trump and Tsai discussed issues affecting Asia and the future of U.S. relations with Taiwan. Tsai also told Trump that she hoped the U.S. would support Taiwan in its participation in international affairs, the office said, in an apparent reference to China's efforts to isolate Taiwan from global institutions such as the United Nations.

Taiwan's presidential office spokesman Alex Huang said separately that Taiwan's relations with China and "healthy" Taiwan-U.S. relations can proceed in parallel. "There is no conflict (in that)," he told reporters in Taipei on Saturday.

After Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi blamed Taiwanese leaders Saturday for playing a "small trick," China said it would issue a diplomatic complaint with Washington.

That is likely only the beginning of China's response, said Douglas Paal, a former director of the American Institute in Taiwan, which unofficially represents U.S. interests in Taipei.

Wang's comment "is intended to give time for Trump to back away from or desist from moves to elevate treatment of Taiwan," said Paal, now vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "China will watch carefully to see what he does. But Taiwan will be seen as in need of some form of punishment."

One potential move for China is to apply new pressure to the 22 states that have formal diplomatic ties with Taipei, Paal said. Most of the world and the United Nations already recognize Beijing as the official government of China.

What happens next will hinge on whether the call is seen as a "complicated accident" or an intentional signal of new policy, Paal said.

"Beijing will watch closely to see which it is," he said. "But until someone from Trump Tower explains further, it is unknowable."

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Gun-rights backers vow to 'go on offense' during Trump's presidency

By Ryan J. Foley
Associated Press

"Baby, those are going into the shredder."

Former Executive Director of Gun Owners of America Larry Pratt, on Obama's executive actions

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Firearms enthusiasts who embraced Donald Trump's campaign and his full-throated support of the Second Amendment are expecting a sweeping expansion of gun rights under his administration and a Congress firmly in Republican hands.

Among their priorities: eliminating gun-free zones at schools, reducing requirements for background checks and ensuring that concealed carry handgun permits from one state are recognized everywhere in the U.S.

"This is our historic moment to go on offense and to defeat the forces that have aligned against our freedom once and for all," Wayne LaPierre, chief executive of the National Rifle Association, said in a video after the Nov. 8 election. "The individual right to carry a firearm in defense of our lives and our families does not and should not end at any state line."

In pursuing their agenda, the gun lobby and its GOP supporters could find themselves at odds with two other tenets of Republican orthodoxy: states' rights and local control.

"It would be ironic to see conservatives who long have professed a belief in states' rights override states' choices in this area," said Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the University of California Irvine School of Law.

One of the NRA's paramount goals is getting Congress to pass a law requiring all states to recognize concealed-carry handgun permits issued by any other state. Currently, many permit holders must leave their weapons at home when traveling or risk violating other states' laws. NRA supporters say permits should be treated like driver's licenses.

Trump endorsed the idea during the campaign, but it is likely to face intense opposition from Democrats in states with tight gun restrictions, including California and the president-elect's home state of New York.

States make their own judgments on who should be allowed to have a concealed carry permit, and their eligibility requirements vary based on an applicant's criminal history, age and training.

Many law enforcement organizations warn the change would mean encountering more guns during traffic stops and in tourist areas. They also say there is no way to easily check the validity of an out-of-state firearm permit because there is no nationwide database.

The trend among states to expand the right to carry guns is already "creating enormous challenges on the streets for police officers who must figure out whether or not the people they encounter are legally entitled to have a firearm," said Darrel Stephens, executive director of the Major Cities Chiefs Association.

Chemerinsky and another expert who studies gun law, UCLA professor Eugene Volokh, said Congress probably doesn't have the constitutional authority to order states to recognize concealed carry permits from elsewhere. But they said Congress could encourage states to do so by threatening to withhold law enforcement and homeland security funding.

The NRA, which spent more than $30 million supporting Trump and opposing Hillary Clinton, also is calling for an end to gun-free zones around the country, including at schools. The organization has argued that such areas become targets for mass killers.

Trump pledged during the campaign to eliminate gun-free zones. To do that, Congress would have to repeal the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1996, which limits carrying and bans the discharge of guns within 1,000 feet of schools.

Even then, Lindsay Nichols, senior attorney with the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence in San Francisco, said she believes states and municipalities would be able to create gun-free areas locally.

Nichols said that any push to repeal the federal law would draw opposition from gun control advocates, who are better organized than they have been in years and made gains of their own at the ballot box last month. Voters in California, Nevada and Washington state tightened firearm laws, with California enacting the nation's first background check requirement for buying ammunition.

Even without Congress, Trump can immediately undo President Barack Obama's executive actions on guns. Among other things, Obama put sellers on notice last year that they have to conduct background checks even when doing business at gun shows or through the internet — and that failing to do so routinely would be a crime.

Another Obama rule that Trump could jettison would make it easier for some health care providers to share information about mental illness with the federal background check system. Critics worry that sharing such details could unfairly deny gun rights to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress.

Larry Pratt, a former executive director of Gun Owners of America, said he is eager to see Trump overturn Obama's executive actions.

"Baby, those are going into the shredder," he said.

Green Party taking bid for election recount to federal court

By Marc Levy
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein is taking her bid for a statewide recount of Pennsylvania's Nov. 8 presidential election to federal court.

After announcing Stein and recount supporters were dropping their case in state court, lawyer Jonathan Abady said they will seek an emergency federal court order today.

"Make no mistake — the Stein campaign will continue to fight for a statewide recount in Pennsylvania," Abady said in a statement Saturday night. "We are committed to this fight to protect the civil and voting rights of all Americans."

He said barriers to a recount in Pennsylvania are pervasive and the state court system is ill-equipped to address the problem.

Stein has spearheaded a recount effort in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, three states with a history of backing Democrats for president that were narrowly and unexpectedly won by Republican Donald Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Stein has framed the campaign as an effort to explore whether voting machines and systems had been hacked and the election result manipulated. Stein's lawyers, however, have offered no evidence of hacking in Pennsylvania's election, and the state Republican Party and Trump had asked the court to dismiss the state court case.

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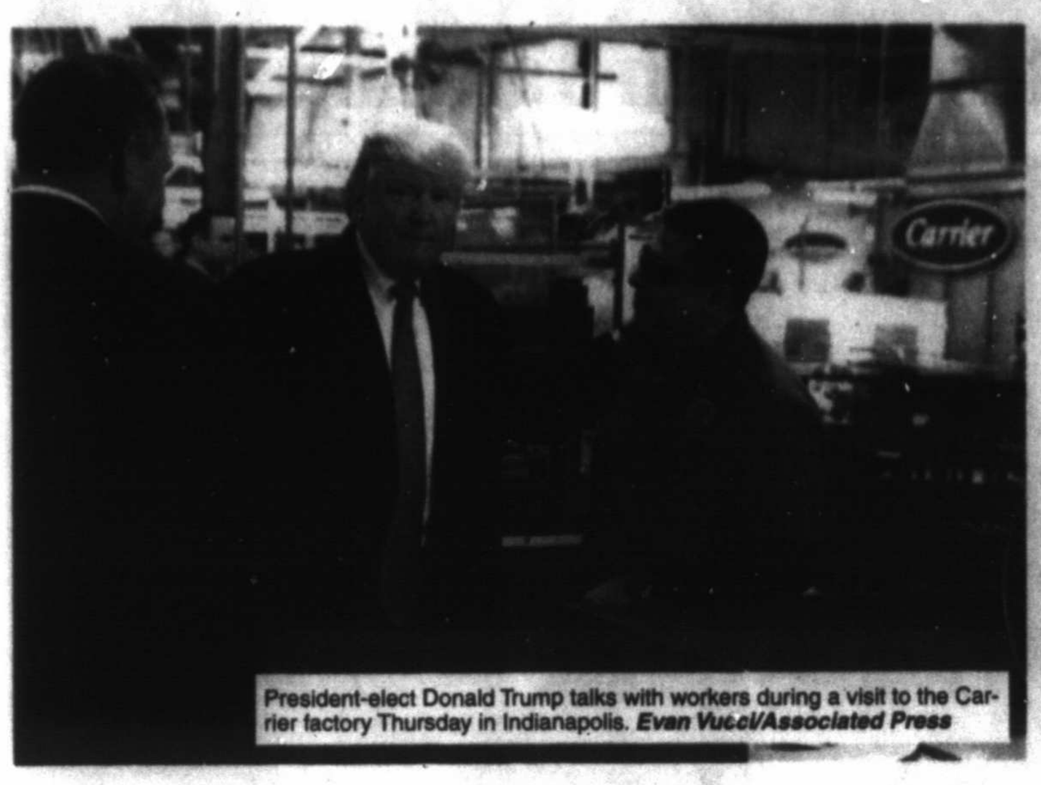

President-elect Donald Trump talks with workers during a visit to the Carrier factory Thursday in Indianapolis. *Evan Vucci/Associated Press*

AP explains: How Trump plans to punish firms that leave US

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump threatened in a series of early-morning tweets Sunday to punish American companies that move plants and jobs to other countries.

The proposal — along with Trump's negotiation to get appliance maker Carrier to keep 800 jobs from going to Mexico — suggests the incoming president will put unprecedented pressure on U.S. companies to keep jobs in the United States.

A look at what Trump is doing and how it might work out:

What would Trump do?

Trump said he'd impose a 35 percent tax, called a tariff, on companies that close U.S. factories, cut American jobs, then relocate abroad and try to sell their products back to the United States.

"Please be forewarned prior to making a very expensive mistake," the president-elect tweeted.

Would that be legal?

Trump would likely need congressional approval to impose tariffs on a specific company or a group of companies, says Gary Hufbauer, an expert on trade law at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. He suspects that courts would block any such move if the president tried to do it himself. The president has broad authority to impose tariffs on specific categories of imported goods, but not to single out specific companies that make them, Hufbauer says.

What would tariffs mean to consumers?

Higher prices, most likely. Tariffs are charged at the border, and most importers likely would try to pass along as much of the higher cost as possible.

Capital Economics estimates that tariffs of 45 percent Trump has threatened to impose on Chinese imports would raise the price of those products an average 10 percent. The Peterson Institute calculates that a 2009 tax on Chinese tires cost American consumers $1.1 billion in higher tire prices — equal to more than $900,000 for every job saved in the domestic tire industry.

Tariffs can cause collateral damage, too. When the George W. Bush administration slapped tariffs on steel imports in 2002, U.S. steel makers took advantage by raising their own prices. Companies that buy steel said the higher costs meant they had to cut thousands of jobs.

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the world without consideration for the implications," said Bonnie Glaser, senior adviser for Asia at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Vice President-elect Mike Pence said Sunday that the phone call shouldn't necessarily be interpreted as a shift in U.S. policy. He shrugged off the attention to the incident as media hype.

"It was a courtesy call," Pence told NBC's "Meet the Press."

Over the decades, the status of Taiwan has been one of the most sensitive issues in U.S.-China relations. China regards Taiwan as part of its territory to be retaken by force, if necessary, if it seeks independence. It would regard any recognition of a Taiwanese leader as a head of state as unacceptable.

Taiwan split from the Chinese mainland in 1949. The U.S. policy acknowledges the Chinese view over sovereignty, but considers Taiwan's status as unsettled.

Ned Price, a spokesman for the White House National Security Council, said Trump's conversation does not signal any change to long-standing U.S. policy on cross-strait issues. Yet the phone conversation prompted mixed reactions.

Yang Chih-kai, a 22-year-old university student in New Taipei City, said the call raised Taiwanese hopes for a stronger relationship with the United States.

"People will think that the U.S. will keep on helping Taiwan protect itself against China's threat," Yang said.

Taiwanese newspapers ran banner headlines Sunday about the call, and two noted on their front pages Sunday that Trump referred to Tsai as "the president of Taiwan," a formulation that would be a huge shift in American policy and infuriate China.

Douglas Paal, a former director of the American Institute in Taiwan, which unofficially represents U.S. interests in Taipei, said it was too soon to judge whether Trump was going to lead that shift, or if the incident was just a "complicated accident."

"Beijing will watch closely to see which it is," said Paal, now vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "But until someone from Trump Tower explains further, it is unknowable."

The U.S. shifted diplomatic recognition to China from Taiwan in 1979. But the governments in Washington and Taipei have maintained close unofficial ties and deep economic and defense relations. The U.S. is required by law to provide Taiwan with weapons to maintain its defense, and since 2009, the Obama administration has approved $14 billion in arms sales to Taiwan.

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China's foreign ministry said Beijing lodged "solemn representations" with the U.S. over the call.

"It must be pointed out that there is only one China in the world and Taiwan is an inseparable part of Chinese territory," Geng Shuang, a ministry spokesman, said in a statement. "The government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legitimate government representing China."

RECOUNT

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The recount-campaign decision came two days before a state court hearing was scheduled in the case. Saturday's court filing to withdraw the case said the Green Party-backed voters who filed it "are regular citizens of ordinary means" and cannot afford the $1 million bond ordered by the court by 5 p.m. today.

Meanwhile, Green Party-backed efforts to force recounts and analyze election software in scattered precincts were continuing.

A recount began Thursday in Wisconsin, while a recount could begin this week in Michigan.

Trump's victory in Pennsylvania was particularly stunning: the state's fifth-most electoral votes are a key stepping stone to the White House, and no Republican presidential candidate had captured the state since 1988.

In seeking the recount, Stein has noted hackers' probing of election targets in other states and hackers' accessing the emails of the Democratic National Committee and several Clinton staffers. U.S. security officials have said they believe Russian hackers orchestrated the email hacks, something Russia has denied.

Lawyers for Trump and the Pennsylvania Republican Party argued there was no evidence, or even an allegation, that tampering with the state's voting systems had occurred. Further, Pennsylvania law does not allow a court-ordered recount, they said.

The state case also had threatened Pennsylvania's ability to certify its presidential electors by the Dec. 13 federal deadline, Republican lawyers argued.

GOP lawyer Lawrence Tabas said Saturday the case had been meant "solely for purposes to delay the Electoral College vote in Pennsylvania for President-Elect Trump."

The state's top elections official, Secretary of State Pedro Cortes, a Democrat, has said there was no evidence of any cyberattacks or irregularities in the election. And any recount would change few votes, Cortes predicted.

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Snapchat maker expands in London ahead of IPO

By Adam Satariano
Bloomberg

The maker of Snapchat is taking some of its biggest steps to expand outside the U.S.

Snap Inc. recently posted nearly 20 job openings in London in areas including advertising, software engineering and legal, according to its website. The vacancies come after the company in February signed a 10-year lease on a four-story, 12,570-square-foot property in the U.K. capital. In October, Snap also opened an office in Paris for staff working on advertising and partnerships with French-language media organizations.

International expansion is a natural next step for the five-year-old startup as co-founder and Chief Executive Officer Evan Spiegel preps for the company's expected initial public offering.

Claire Valoti, Facebook's former head of agency relations in London, took over as Snap's general manager for U.K. sales. More than 40 currently work in the London office. The France office is led by Emmanuel Durand, a former senior vice president at Warner Bros. Entertainment.

Several other alumni from Facebook, Twitter Inc. and Google also have joined in recent months. Snap, which recently began selling picture-taking sunglasses called Spectacles, is adding engineering staff in London, led by Ricky Leatham, a former Amazon.com Inc. development manager.

A spokeswoman for Snap confirmed the new hires.

The growing popularity of Snap's photo-sharing app makes it one of the most anticipated technology IPOs in years. The listing, which can come as early as March, could value the social-media platform at $20 billion to $25 billion, people familiar with the offering have said.

The company's 150 million daily active users are predominantly located in the U.S., but it's gaining popularity globally. A spokeswoman for Snap said it has 50 million daily active users in Europe, including more than 10 million in the U.K. and more than 8 million in France.

The expansions in London and Paris are part of a broader hiring binge. Snap has more than 150 job vacancies listed on its website, the majority at its Los Angeles headquarters.

London is a global hub for advertising, the main source of Snap's revenue. The company initially attempted to maintain a small footprint outside the U.S., relying on partners to sell ads, according to Rob Norman, the chief digital officer of GroupM, which works with many California technology companies. Now the company is adding staff to take on more responsibilities internally, he said.

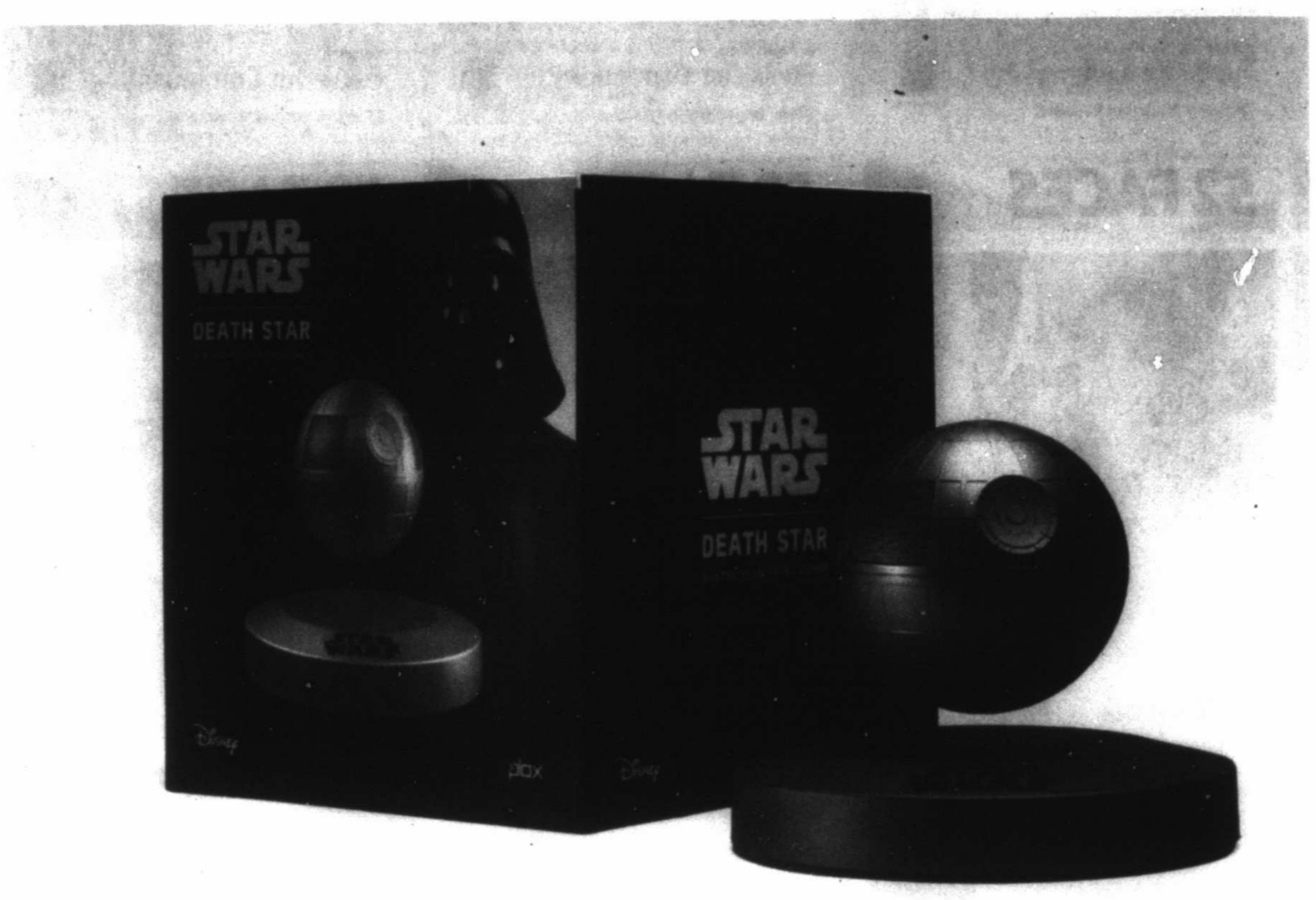
"They have made a decision to get more hands on in terms of controlling the sales of their product," Norman said. "They are hiring aggressively in London."

Snap's global advertising revenue will reach an estimated $366.7 million this year, and jump to $935.5 million in 2017, according to eMarketer Inc.

Snap has most of its non-U.S. job listings in London, which is often the first port of call for American technology companies expanding in Europe. Snap is paying roughly $1.2 million (925,000 pounds) per month for its office in London's Soho neighborhood, according to Edward Charles & Partners, the property agent. The lease includes the provision of a two-bedroom apartment.

Snap's growth plans are a vote of confidence for the London tech scene, where policy makers, venture capitalists and startup entrepreneurs have voiced concerns the city's standing would diminish after the U.K.'s vote in June to leave the European Union. Google, Facebook and Apple Inc. also are expanding in the city.

TECH CHRISTMAS TOYS



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This photo provided by Plox shows the "Star Wars" Death Star levitating bluetooth speaker. It's a little tricky to set up, but once you get the Death Star positioned correctly over its base, it floats in the air thanks to well-placed magnets and a little help from "The Force." The Death Star rotates with a tap. The sound quality is pretty good, and the rechargeable battery will give you five hours of sound.

There are wacky tech gifts for geek who has everything

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The latest tech can make for an easy holiday gift, but when it comes to the ultra-tech-savvy people in your life, finding a cool technology they don't already own can be tough.

Fear not! From "Star Wars"-themed speakers to radiation-blocking boxer briefs, there's a lot to pick from for all the super geeks in your life.

Death Star speaker

That's no moon. It's a $180 wireless speaker shaped like the Death Star from "Star Wars."

It's a little tricky to set up, but once you get the Death Star positioned correctly over its base, it floats in the air thanks to well-placed magnets and a little help from the Force. The Death Star rotates with a tap. The sound quality is pretty good, and the rechargeable battery will give you five hours of sound.

Just keep it away from rebel fighter pilots.

Anti-radiation underware

It's a Faraday cage for your, um, crown jewels.

Silver fibers woven into Spartan's boxer briefs are designed to block radiation from electronics. That's good news for men who might be worried about their laptops spending too much time on their laps. But while recent research has pointed to a possible link between radiation from wireless devices and decreased sperm count, studies are far from conclusive, so there's no reason to panic just yet.

Until January, the underwear is available only on Spartan's website for about $45.

3-D imaging

Got a friend with mice or termites in their house?

WalabotDIY is a 3-D-imaging tool that lets you see deep into your walls. The device attaches to an Android phone (sorry, iPhone users) and lets you see up to four inches through drywall, cement and other materials, just like Superman's X-ray vision.

Richard Drew/AP

A Walabot, a handheld 3-D imaging system by Vayyar, senses two mice during a demonstration at Pepcom in New York. Walabot's sensor technology can look through walls to detect structural foundations, track a person's location and vital signs as they move through a Smart Home, measure the speed of a fast-moving ball, and help drones and cars avoid collisions.

How? Sensors pick up heat from mice motion and termite nests. At a recent demonstration, heat from hiding rodents could easily be seen in glowing red on a device screen.

The sensors also will let you know the depth and location of pipes, wires and other objects to avoid if your next home improvement project calls for drilling into your walls.

The WalabotDIY is available online for $200.

Lego phone cases

Ever wish your smartphone or tablet could keep your fussy children entertained long after it runs out of battery?

Belkin's Lego cases offer hands-on play, bringing new meaning to the term "screen time." The back sides are covered with those familiar Lego dots, giving kids something to attach their creations to during long road trips and painful visits to grandma's house with no Wi-Fi. Of course, they help protect the devices when dropped, too.

Cases are available for the iPhone 6 and 6S ($45), 6 Plus and 6S Plus ($50), and the iPad Mini ($60). There's no version yet for the iPhone 7 or Android. Belkin makes these under license from Lego, so they should work fine with standard Lego bricks.

Retro video games

The $60 NES Classic Edition includes all your childhood favorites, assuming you came of age in the late 1980s or 1990s. If not, think of them as the horribly dated, super-pixellated games you sometimes see in the back of dive bars.

To amp up the nostalgia even more, the system looks just like a miniature version of the one you remember, complete with a cord-connected black and grey controller. But there's no stack of cartridges to clutter your room. All 30 games are stored in the system.

Before you get too excited about getting on your "Donkey Kong" or finally saving Princess Zelda, be warned that these systems are very hard to find. They're selling on eBay and other sites for well over their retail price.

You're probably going to have to collect a lot of gold coins if you want to land one of these for your favorite child — or more likely, the adult child in your life.

Hacker gives away code that turns cars into self-driving machines

By Elizabeth Dwoskin
Washington Post

Here is a strategy for start-ups dealing with regulators who might shut down your product: Make it free.

Scrappy self-driving car start-up Comma.ai released a free software kit on Wednesday to help developers learn to build a device that can turn any car into an autonomous vehicle. The year-old company, which is founded by a well-known hacker and backed by prominent Silicon Valley investors, hopes to accelerate the development of self-driving cars while skirting the ire of Washington.

The move raises questions of how the United States should foster innovation for promising technologies that also carry great risks. Experts say self-driving cars have the potential to dramatically reduce the number of accidents of the roadway, most of which are caused by human errors. But Comma's self-driving kit has only logged about 5,000 miles of road time, a number that is effectively a useless barometer for judging safety, said John Simpson, of the safety advocacy group Consumer Watchdog.

The announcement also reflects the types of maneuvering start-ups are increasingly engaging in as they chart a path in heavily regulated sectors of the economy. A wave of companies in areas such as housing, DNA testing and aerospace is weighing whether to work with officials or to follow the playbook of companies such as Uber and Airbnb — asking forgiveness, but not permission, and seeing where the chips fall.

In Comma's case, the strategy was an end run around the rulemakers.

When Comma.ai's founder, George Hotz, announced his plan to sell a do-it-yourself self-driving software and hardware kit for $999 at a large industry conference this fall, the tech world was giddy with excitement. While large automakers and technology giants have poured billions into autonomous vehicles, Comma's tech would have dramatically lowered the bar for entry.

Washington was skeptical: Shortly after the announcement at the Techcrunch Disrupt conference, Hotz was slapped with a warning letter from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The 27-year-old Hotz — who was the first person to jailbreak an iPhone and whose hacking capabilities earned him a New Yorker profile and an offer from Elon Musk to build Tesla's automated systems — tweeted out the letter. It asked for detailed information about the safety of the product he said he intended to launch before the end of the year.

Within hours of getting the NHTSA letter, Hotz canceled the product launch. He didn't have the money to hire lawyers required to get government approval, he said in an interview with The Post this week. Hotz added he had been receiving unnerving, unsolicited house calls from California officials, who stopped by to review what he was building.

He decided that a workaround would be to offer up the code to his kit — for free.

"We want to be the Android operating system for self-driving cars," Hotz said at a news conference Wednesday, held in the company's garage in San Francisco's Potrero Hill neighborhood. Hotz was referring to the open-source smartphone operating system, which has become

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can (N)	Man With a Plan (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Big Bang Theory	The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Larcenous Lady"	Twilight Zone
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Roadshow "Austin (Hour Three)"		Antiques Roadshow "Bismarck (Hour One)"		Dead Reckoning "The General's Ghost"		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	575			165	(3:05) ★ Things You...		★★★ Notting Hill ('99, Rom) Hugh Grant.				(:05) ★★ Punch-Drunk Love			(:40) ★★ Happy Endings	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	The Trans List (N)		★★★★ Deadpool			(:50) Westworld			T.Ullman	Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(3:25) ★ Old School		WWorld "The Bicameral Mind" (N) Divorce				T. Ullman	★ Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice Ben Affleck.				
HBO5	304	552	16	102		★ Black Sea ('14, Thril) Jude Law.				★ The Danish Girl ('15, Bio) Eddie Redmayne.				★ Youth ('15, Dra) Michael Caine.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(3:15) ★ Lady in the...		(:05) ★ San Andreas Dwayne Johnson.				★★ Resident Evil			(:40) ★ The Last Witch Hunter		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(3:45) ★★ American Sniper Bradley Cooper.				★★★★ Unbreakable			(:50) ★ The Gallows			(:15) ★ Vigilante D...	
PLEX			96			(3:20) ★★ Matinee		★★ Big Trouble Tim Allen.				★★ D.E.B.S. Shanti Lowry.		(:05) ★★ Company Business		Movie	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	The Affair		Shame. "Ride or Die"		The Affair		Shame. "Ride or Die"		The Affair		TonyRobertsMotor	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:30) ★ Black Haw...		★★★ Born on the Fourth of July Tom Cruise.					★★★★ The Boondock Saints			Movie	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48 "Senior Year"		48: Confessions "The Ties That Bind" (N)		Confessions "Family Affair / The Hustler"		(:05) Live PD: Rap Sheet (N)	(:05) The First 48 "Senior Year"		
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Miss Cong...		★★★ Enchanted ('07, Adv) Julie Andrews.					★★ Yes Man ('08, Com) Zooey Deschanel, Jim Carrey.				
BET	58	-		40		Browns	Browns	Martin	Martin	★ Why Did I Get Married Too? ('10, Com) Janet Jackson.						Payne	Payne
BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump R. (N)		Timber Creek (N)		Watch (N)	Vanderpump Rules	Timber	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Profit "Flex Watches"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Billion Dollar Buyer	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
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DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Friends	Bunk'd	Bizaard.	Cali Style	Girl M.	Underc.	Jessie	Cali Style	Babysit.	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(5:00) Countdown (L)		(:15) NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at New York Jets (L)						(:20) SportsCenter			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Syracuse vs. Connecticut (L)				Fitness				30/30 "Hit It Hard"		Tonight	30Shorts
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FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation				★★★ Scrooged ('88, Fant) Bill Murray.				The 700 Club		★★ Snowglobe	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Golf Life	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Charlotte Hornets at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Maverick's Live (L)	Cowboys/ Conf.	Texans Press	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ The Twilligh...		★★ Snow White and the Huntsman ('12, Act) Kristen Stewart.						★★ Snow White and the Huntsman			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	CMas Tree (N)		★ Merry Matrimony Jessica Lowndes.				★ Christmas Incorporated Shenae Grimes.				★ A Christmas De...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		H.Hunt	House	House	House	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Amer. Pickers	
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MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Match of the Week				Premier Review		Blazers	Premier League		Premier Review		Blazers
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:00) ★ The Lost ...		★★ Quantum of Solace ('08, Act) Daniel Craig.					★★ I, Frankenstein Yvonne Strahovski.				Movie
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad (N)	People of Earth (N)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Frontal (N)	Conan Luke Wilson, Robert Kirkman		People of Earth	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Short Films		Short Films				(:45) Short Films			★★★ Why Be Good?		Movie
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Silvana Sin Lana		La Doña		Señora acero		Al rojo	(:25) Titular.	La Doña	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Extreme Couponing "Biggest Hauls"		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) ★★ Sleeping With the Enemy		★★★★ The Hunger Games: Catching Fire As the districts begin to rebel, Katniss and Peeta have large targets on their backs.						★ Sleeping With the Enemy ('91, Thril) Patrick Bergin, Kevin Anderson, Julia Roberts.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) ★ A Madea Christmas (2013, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Tika Sumpter, Chad Michael Murray.			
WGN	19	85				★★★ Apollo 13 ('95, Doc/Dra) Tom Hanks. The true story of how the crew of the ill-fated Apollo 13 moon mission averted tragedy.						★★★ Apollo 13 ('95, Doc/Dra) Tom Hanks. The true story of how the crew of the ill-fated Apollo 13 moon mission averted tragedy.					

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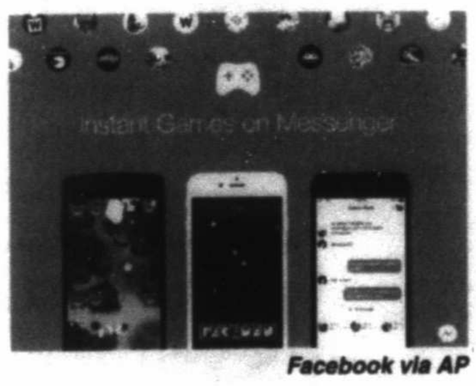
Facebook adds free games like 'Pac-Man' to Messenger app

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — You can now play "Pac-Man" with your Facebook Messenger buddies.

Facebook is adding the option to play games with your contacts on the messaging app beginning Tuesday. You can access the feature in the latest version of the app by tapping a game controller icon.

Games available include classics such as "Pac-Man," "Space Invaders" and "Galaga," as well as newer titles like "Words With Friends." It's the latest effort by the world's biggest social network to get people to spend even more time on its properties.



Facebook via AP

This image provided by Facebook shows a demonstration of Facebook's new option to play games with contacts on Facebook Messenger. Games include classics such as "Pac-Man," "Space Invaders" and "Galaga," as well as newer titles.

Messenger has a billion users. The app will recommend games based on whether your friends play. Currently there is no way to play with people who are not your Messenger contacts, so if your friends don't like to play games, you are out of luck.

Called "Instant Games," the feature will begin in 30 countries, with 17 titles, though more will come. In addition to Messenger, users can also play solo games in their Facebook news feed.

Facebook tested the waters with two simple Messenger games earlier this year — soccer and basketball, both of which involved flicking balls on the screen with your finger. They proved popular.

Facebook has a long history with gaming, which began with "FarmVille" years ago when people logged in using desktop computers. But since then, Facebook gaming has sort of fallen by the wayside, even as mobile games from "Candy Crush" to "Pokemon Go" have remained popular. Facebook hopes to change that with its Instant Games.

The games themselves are simple to play, and like the earlier soccer and basketball games, load inside Messenger and don't open in a separate app.

Amazon Prime to offer HBO, Cinemax subscriptions

By Brian Fung
Washington Post

Amazon is continuing its push into online streaming video by letting its Prime customers purchase monthly subscriptions to HBO and Cinemax right from their Amazon accounts.

HBO will be available on Prime for $15 a month, while the Cinemax add-on will cost $10 a month, Amazon said in a release.

Both channels were also recently announced as add-ons to AT&T's new streaming service, DirecTV Now, highlighting HBO and Cinemax's attempts to reach beyond their traditional audience of cable subscribers. As many as 20 million U.S. households lack cable TV, AT&T estimates, either because they canceled their plans or because they never had one to begin with.

Although it may seem odd for Amazon to offer yet another way to get HBO when consumers can already get it directly through HBO's own streaming app, HBO Now, for exactly the same price, being able to consolidate your bills a little could be useful. For Amazon, the premium channel serves as another incentive for Americans to sign onto Prime, the company's lucrative membership service.

And because Amazon's HBO viewers will be watching "Westworld," "Game of Thrones" and other hit shows through Amazon Channels, the online retailer's video portal, Amazon could get credit for all that streaming when analysts compare it to the likes of Netflix and Hulu. Numbers from Sandvine show Amazon Video accounts for 4.26 percent of all Internet traffic consumed in North America during peak hours, versus 35 percent for Netflix.

If more people start streaming "Silicon Valley" and "The Night Of" through Amazon, those numbers could rise. And that would be good for Amazon.

Editor's note: Amazon founder Jeffrey P. Bezos owns The Washington Post.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Nov. 27:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
3. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
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5. MONOPOLY Game, Electronic Arts
6. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
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8. Amazon Mobile, AMZN Mobile LLC
9. Google Maps - Navigation & Transit, Google, Inc.
10. 8 Ball Pool, Miniclip.com

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3. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
4. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
5. Bloons TD 5 HD, Ninja Kiwi
6. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.
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10. Moana: Rhythm Run, Disney

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5. Rolling Sky, Cheetah Technology Corporation Limited
6. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
7. Roll the Ball - slide puzzle, BitMango
8. Minecraft: Story Mode, Telltale Inc
9. Amazon Mobile, AMZN Mobile LLC
10. Google Chrome - The Fast and Secure Web Browser, Google, Inc.

Music

iTunes' Official Music Charts for the week ending Dec. 1:

Top Songs
1. Starboy (feat. Daft Punk), The Weeknd
2. Black Beatles (feat. Gucci Mane), Rae Sremmurd
3. Don't Wanna Know (feat. Kendrick Lamar), Maroon 5
4. 24K Magic, Bruno Mars
5. Starving (feat. Zedd), Hailee Steinfeld & Grey
6. Closer (feat. Halsey), The Chainsmokers
7. Bad Things, Machine Gun Kelly & Camila Cabello
8. Side To Side (feat. Nicki Minaj), Ariana Grande
9. Fake Love, Drake
10. How Far I'll Go, Auli'i Cravalho

Top Albums
1. The Hamilton Mixtape, Various Artists
2. Starboy, The Weeknd
3. A Pentatonix Christmas,Pentatonix
4. Moana (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
5. Awaken, My Love!, Childish Gambino
6. Perfectly Imperfect - EP, Grace VanderWaal
7. 'Tis the Season, Jordan Smith
8. Trolls (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
9. 24K Magic, Bruno Mars
10. Kane Brown, Kane Brown

Movies

By The Associated Press
iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Nov. 27:

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. The Secret Life of Pets
2. War Dogs (2016)
3. Finding Dory
4. Hell or High Water
5. Star Trek Beyond
6. Bad Moms
7. Money Monster
8. Suicide Squad (2016)
9. Jason Bourne
10. Mechanic Resurrection

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. The Take (2016)
2. The Infiltrator
3. Captain Fantastic
4. The Man Who Knew Infinity
5. Hunt for the Wilderpeople
6. Eye In the Sky
7. Don't Think Twice
8. It Had to Be You
9. Blood Father
10. The Lobster

Source: Apple Inc.

Stanford class challenges grads to pick defense over Google

■ H4D class described as "21st century-tech version of ROTC

By Sangwon Yoon
Bloomberg

Sam Gussman arrived four years ago at Stanford University hoping to eventually parlay an engineering degree into a product manager job at Google or Facebook.

Working for the National Security Agency or other intelligence bureaus never crossed his mind. For Gussman, the government didn't seem like the the place for the most exciting, cutting-edge research in human computer interaction — his area of interest. Plus, it did no on-campus recruiting, unlike the many tech startups that e-mailed him daily about job opportunities and happy hours.

That career plan changed dramatically after Gussman took a new graduate class at Stanford's engineering school called Hacking for Defense, or H4D, where he got to tackle real-life national security challenges. There he met with U.S. military officers and studied the mental duress soldiers face during combat and then worked on software that distinguishes insurgents from civilians in video feeds from drones. Suddenly government work was "super cool."

The course, which debuted in spring 2016, aims to harness the speed and flexibility of Silicon Valley innovation to help solve some of the most urgent and complex challenges confronting the country's defense and intelligence agencies.

As the U.S. faces increasingly tech-savvy adversaries like the Islamic State and Russian hackers, a group of retired military officers and Steve Blank, an academic and entrepreneur, saw an opportunity to link millennials' desire for a sense of purpose in their work with the government's struggle to innovate quickly.

"The U.S. government doesn't have dog-friendly offices or competitive pay, but they have an endless list of interesting problems that no tech company can match," said Blank, 63, who founded eight startups and took four public.

The class is limited to about 30 students, separated into eight groups of four. The teams each pick a current national security challenge from a list shared by the Department of Defense and intelligence agencies. Some recent examples: The U.S. Special Operations Command wanted improved wearable sensors and apps for divers. The U.S. Army Cyber Command wanted better data mining and machine learning techniques to defeat enemy use of social media. The 75th Ranger Regiment sought new ways to spot explosives in potentially booby-trapped areas.

Students follow Blank's Lean LaunchPad methodology to find technological solutions that people — preferably both military and civilian — would pay to use.

For Pete Newell, a retired U.S. Army colonel and a co-developer of H4D, the course is about changing the military's mindset and the ability to quickly apply technology to warfare.

The fact that the military and the government use public funds reduces room for experimentation and trial and error, a critical part of innovation, said Newell, whose last military job was investing $1.4 billion in combat technology.

"Nobody has been called on by Congress for failing to be innovative enough, but for spending too much of taxpayer dollars."

As part of the class, dozens of government officials, military officers, defense contractors, and intelligence agents served as sponsors and made themselves available to students who collectively conducted more than 800 interviews with them.

Gabriele Fisher, a computer science major, said her nightly homework "was to basically play 20 questions with NSA agents" on the group messaging app Slack. Fisher said she quickly learned to avoid asking open-ended questions, for example about the merits of tracking emoji use on Twitter to verify accounts associated with Islamic State. Tight-lipped operatives answered yes-or-no questions and ignored her team's request for the NSA's classified dataset on Islamic State's online presence, she said.

In the end, all of the student teams helped their sponsor agencies move closer to a better solution for their problems, mostly by devising tools that better integrate existing technologies, rather than creating entirely new systems. One team developed a small geolocator buoy for Navy Seal divers. Another coded a web-based tool for the NSA that detects fake accounts on Twitter.

"There's no company or startup that works on problems as interesting as those that the government wrestles with," said Gussman, who graduated in June and is applying for grants to continue work with the Defense Department on how drones, computer vision, and augmented reality can be used to solve national defense challenges. "Plus with the government, my input can directly help save lives."

At least half of the students from that inaugural class continue to work on their projects or with the government. One group built a company called Capella Space, and secured $200,000 in angel funding to manufacture small cube satellites that can monitor activity on the ground through bad, cloudy weather. The company is scheduled to put the first U.S. commercial synthetic radar satellite in orbit late next year.

Blank describes H4D as the "21st-century tech" version of the Reserve Officers Training Corps., a college-based officer training program for the U.S. Armed Forces. His goal is to have at least 50 other universities offering the course within three years, turning H4D into a form of national service. H4D is currently also taught at Georgetown University and the University of California, San Diego and a handful more will offer the course next spring.

In September, Stanford began offering a sister course called Hacking for Diplomacy, which is sponsored by the State Department and asks students to come up with tech solutions to foreign policy challenges. Secretary of State John Kerry and former foreign ministers from Australia, New Zealand, Portugal and Ukraine have met with the class throughout this academic quarter.

Blank, a former college dropout, said the biggest hurdle to innovation in government or defense is the scrutiny of public spending that leaves too little room for failure.

"You know what they call failure in Silicon Valley? Experience," Blank said. "In Washington, one would have to take his or her uniform off."

Apple plans to fly drones to improve maps data, catch Google

By Mark Gurman and Alan Levin
Bloomberg

Apple plans to use drones and new indoor navigation features to improve its Maps service and catch longtime leader Google, according to people familiar with the matter.

The Cupertino, California-based company is assembling a team of robotics and data-collection experts that will use drones to capture and update map information faster than its existing fleet of camera-and-sensor ladened minivans, one of the people said.

Apple wants to fly drones around to do things like examine street signs, track changes to roads and monitor if areas are under construction, the person said. The data collected would be sent to Apple teams that rapidly update the Maps app to provide fresh information to users, the person added.

Apple is also developing new features for Maps, including views inside buildings and improvements to car navigation, another person familiar with the efforts said. The people asked not to be identified talking about private projects. An Apple spokeswoman declined to comment.

Five years after Google Maps launched on the iPhone, Apple's mapping app was introduced in 2012 with glaring errors like a grocery store marked as a hospital and an incorrect airport address. Apple lacked the technology needed to quickly suck in data from many different sources to evaluate and change the digital maps.

"There's a huge data-quality issue there, and I don't think we initially appreciated all the kinds of technology we would need to do that on an ongoing basis," Craig Federighi, Apple's senior vice president of software engineering, told Fast Company earlier this year.

Digital maps are crucial tools for Apple and Google to attract developers that build popular travel, ride-sharing, and retail apps and services that integrate with the companies' mobile operating systems. Collecting accurate data is the most important part of digital map building and Apple's latest moves could help it match the prodigious capabilities of Google in this field.

Since Apple Maps launched, the company has improved the app by more quickly updating data, adding a mode for navigating public transit systems, improving search results, and opening the platform to outside services such as Uber ride-hailing and OpenTable restaurant reservations. The drone initiative is a continuation of this effort and is unlikely to be related to a commercial Apple drone product.

Apple filed for an exemption on Sept. 21, 2015, from the Federal Aviation Administration to fly drones for commercial purposes, according to documents obtained by Bloomberg News. At that time, exemptions were required to commercially operate drones. In a response dated March 22, 2016, the FAA granted Apple approval to "operate an unmanned aircraft system to conduct data collection, photography, and videography," according to one of the documents.

Apple's application told the FAA that it would use a range of drones sold by companies such as SZ DJI Technology Co. and Aibotix to collect the data.

Official guidelines for commercial drone operation were instated in August, restricting flying to mostly daytime hours and requiring licensed pilots to operate the equipment while keeping the drones in their line of sight. Apple committed to these guidelines, according to the FAA documents.

The current rules restrict commercial drones from flying over people and buildings, potentially limiting Apple's initiative for the time being. Apple could meanwhile fly the drones in the U.S. within FAA guidelines and fly without restriction in countries without commercial drone regulations.

Apple has hired at least one person from Amazon.com Inc.'s Prime Air division to help run the drone team, one of the people said. Prime Air is Amazon's initiative to quickly deliver packages via drones. The Apple team is being assembled in Seattle, the same city as Amazon's headquarters, the person said.

Beyond better data collection, Apple is developing an indoor mapping view that would allow users to navigate airports, and other high-traffic buildings like museums using iPhones, according to another person.

Apple acquired startup Indoor.io last year to help bring its indoor mapping project to market, according to another person familiar with the matter. Apple confirmed the purchase, but declined to say why it did the deal. The company also bought WiFiSlam in 2013, another startup with indoor navigation expertise.

Indoor location tracking is achieved via a combination of technologies inside the latest iPhones, including pressure sensors, GPS, Wi-Fi, and Bluetooth. Apple is also working on a feature that provides better guidance for changing lanes while driving, one of the people said. Both features are planned for release next year but could be held back, the person said.

SELF-DRIVING

From 2B

ubiquitous because it is free and developers can easily innovate on it.

The code, which is available on the open-source collaboration platform GitHub, allows anyone (but really, hardcore hackers) to build a dashcam-like device that they can set up in their car. The device plugs into a port in the car called a controller area network, or BUS (in most cars built after 2006). Users must build the device with a 3-D printer and have an Android OnePlus 3 phone to run the code and provide the camera that can scan the road.

Technically, Hotz's software isn't a fully autonomous car such as the ones being tested by Google or GM. Hotz says it is an open-source alternative to Tesla's autopilot, which is considered semi-autonomous. When a user switches it on, the car goes into an autopilot mode enabling the driver to take their hands off the wheel and the gas pedal. The car can also stay in its lane and brake for the driver. Currently, the software works only with some Hondas and Acuras.

For safety, Hotz said his self-driving software is designed to shut down and decelerate the vehicle after six minutes if the driver doesn't actively keep it on.

Because NHTSA regulates commercial vehicles, Hotz said he is exempt from regulatory scrutiny because he is not selling anything.

NHTSA spokesman Bryan Thomas said the agency had no comment.

Simpson, the Consumer Watchdog advocate, said he was skeptical of Hotz's regulatory hack. He said that NHTSA has the authority to pull any car off the road that has features that make it an imminent danger, and that the agency has the authority to review free add-on features to cars. "Comma is a clear threat to highway safety, and attempting to release it like this is absolutely outrageous," he said.

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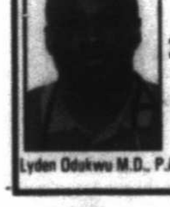
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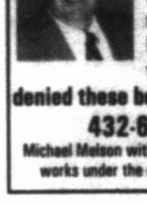
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Playoff Pairs: 'Bama-Washington, Ohio St.-Clemson

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

In the end, true chaos never came to college football this season. Four teams that started near the top of the College Football Playoff rankings will play for the national championship.

Alabama will face Washington in one semifinal and Clemson meets Ohio State in the other. None of them were ranked any lower than sixth since the selection committee started ranking teams in early November.

Even after a wild finish to championship Saturday, selection Sunday went pretty much as expected.

The committee stayed with the same top four it picked going into championship weekend, leaving out No. 5 Penn State even though the Nittany Lions won the Big Ten title game and beat Ohio State earlier in the season.

The Buckeyes (11-1) are the first team to reach the playoff in its three-year history without winning their conference.

The unbeaten Crimson Tide (13-0) is in the playoff for the third straight season and is the top seed for the second time. They will play the fourth-ranked Huskies (12-1) in the Peach Bowl in Atlanta on Dec. 31. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. ET.

Alabama has played Washington four times previously, twice in bowls and not since 1986. Huskies fans were holding up signs at games late in the season, proclaiming "We want Bama."

"Sometimes you got to be careful what you wish for," Washington coach Chris Petersen said on ESPN. "I didn't hold up that sign."

Saban and Alabama will be trying to win their fifth national championship in eight seasons, and second straight.

Washington's last national title came in 1991, when the Huskies were No. 1 in the final coaches' poll.

Petersen, the former Boise State coach in his third season with Washington, has never faced Saban and said he does not know him well.

"I feel like I know him, I see him on TV so much," Petersen said.

No. 3 Ohio State is making its second playoff appearance and No. 2 Clemson (12-1) is in for the second consecutive season. The Buckeyes and Tigers will meet at the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Arizona, on Dec.

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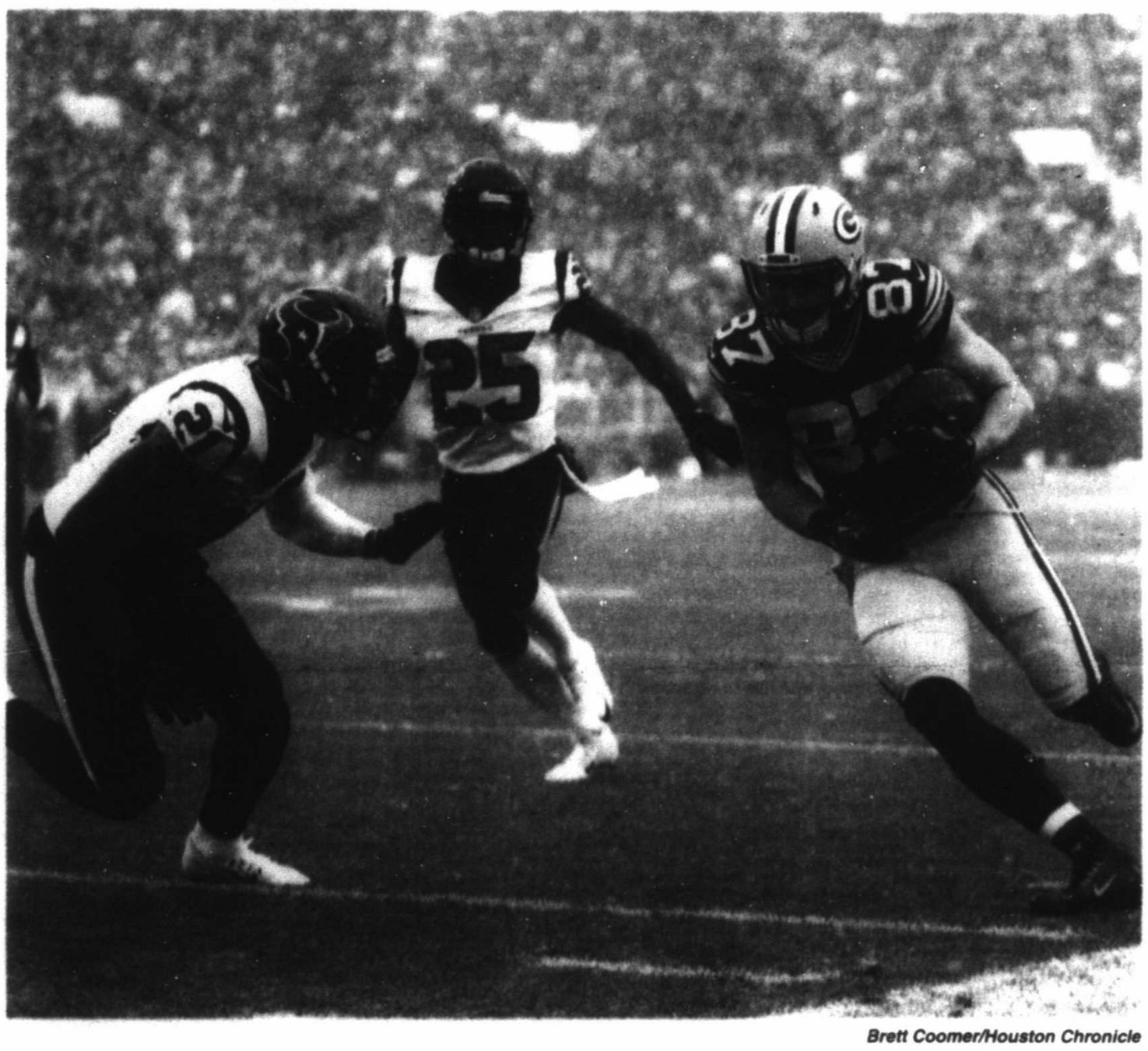
Jay LaPreta/Associated Press

Ohio State running back Mike Weber, center, celebrates his touchdown against Michigan with teammates Jamarco Jones, left, and Luke Farrell during the second half of an NCAA football game Nov. 26 in Columbus, Ohio. Alabama will play Washington and Ohio State is set to face Clemson in the College Football Playoff semifinals, announced Sunday.

Losing streak continues



Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle

Green Bay Packers wide receiver Jordy Nelson (87) runs up the sideline before being pushed out of bounds by Houston Texans cornerback A.J. Bouye (21) near the goal line during the first quarter of an NFL game at Lambeau Field on Sunday in Green Bay.

Packers get back to .500, beat Texans 21-13

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers threw for 209 yards and two touchdowns, and the Green Bay Packers pulled away from the Houston Texans with two fourth-quarter touchdowns for a 21-13 win Sunday to get back to .500.

The Packers (6-6) weathered snowy conditions at Lambeau Field, making just enough plays on the cold turf to even their record for the first time since they were 4-4 after losing to Indianapolis on Nov. 6.

"Well, that was a good bad-weather win. A lot of fun to play in that type of atmosphere in Lambeau Field," coach Mike McCarthy said.

Brock Osweiler connected with DeAndre Hopkins for a 44-yard touchdown pass with 1:51 left to get within eight for Houston. Nick Novak missed the extra point, with footing slippery at Lambeau.

The Texans (6-6) had one last shot after the Packers failed to run out the clock. But Osweiler's last-ditch pass-and-lateral play from Houston's 12 with 4 seconds left failed, handing Houston its third straight loss.

The Texans are tied with idle Tennessee and a half-game ahead of Indianapolis, which plays the New York Jets on Monday night, for the AFC South lead.

"We're at a tough stretch right now, three in a row," Texans coach Bill O'Brien said. "Played OK at times, but obviously not good enough to win."

The Packers broke a 7-all tie when Rodgers found Jordy Nelson open in the end zone for a 32-yard touchdown pass with 12:42 left after Texans cornerback Charles James slipped on the turf.

Nelson, who missed last season with a knee injury, finished with eight catches for 118 yards.

"I don't know how much more Jordy needs to prove," McCarthy said. "He's going through what every great player goes through in that first year back from major injury."

Aaron Ripkowski's 3-yard touchdown run with 4:11 left proved to be the decisive score for Green Bay, which has won two straight following a four-game losing streak.

Hopkins finished with just two catches for 55 yards for the Texans.

QB comparison

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Sunday's Week 13 NFL Scoreboard

Chiefs	29	Bears	26
Falcons	28	49ers	6
Patriots	26	Raiders	38
Rams	10	Bills	24
Bengals	32	Cardinals	31
Eagles	14	Redskins	23
Ravens	38	Buccaneers	28
Dolphins	6	Chargers	21
Broncos	20	Steelers	24
Jaguars	10	Giants	14
Lions	28	Seahawks	40
Saints	13	Panthers	7

Selig, Schuerholz elected to baseball Hall of Fame

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — Bud Selig oversaw baseball during a time of transformation and turmoil — wild cards and a ballpark boom, the cancellation of a World Series and the Steroids Era. For much of his reign, though, there was one constant: those first-place Atlanta Braves, built by John Schuerholz.

The former commissioner and the longtime general manager met up again Sunday, both elected by an overwhelming margin to the Hall of Fame.

Even so, Selig didn't see it as a sure thing.

"It reminded me of many a ninth inning when I used to pace around," the one-time owner of the Milwaukee Brewers said on a conference call.

Schuerholz was picked by all 16 voters on a veterans committee at the winter meetings in suburban Washington. Selig was listed 15 times.

"The ultimate of honors," Schuerholz said.

It took 12 votes for election, and former player and manager Lou Piniella was third with seven. Harold Baines, Albert Belle, Will Clark, Orel Hershiser, Davey Johnson, Mark McGwire and George Steinbrenner also were on the ballot considered by the Today's Game Era panel, and none of them got more than five votes.

Selig became the fifth of 10 commissioners to reach the Hall. He will be enshrined July 30 in Cooperstown, New York — on his 83rd birthday.

His election was sure to draw fire from fans who link him to some of the game's darkest moments.

He called off the 1994 World Series during a players' strike. He was in charge when illegal steroids left a cloud of performance-enhancing drugs that still lingers — and that might prompt some to wonder whether power hitters and power pitchers who benefited from PEDs should now be welcomed to the Hall, too.

"Sometimes in life you have to go through certain things to maybe solve the problem," Selig said.

Under Selig, the playoffs expanded from four teams to eight to 10 and the leagues were split into three divisions. Video replay was added to review umpire calls, revenue sharing was put in place and 20 new stadiums opened across the majors.

"We were a sport resistant to change,"

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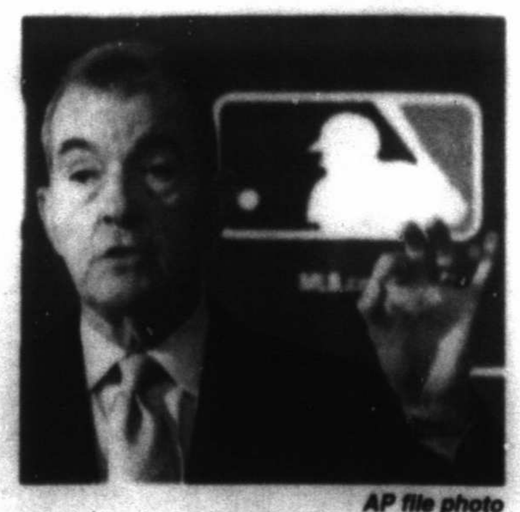

AP file photo

Atlanta Braves president John Schuerholz speaks during a news conference following Major League Baseball meetings at the Otesaga Hotel on Aug. 15, 2013 in Cooperstown, N.Y. Former commissioner Bud Selig and longtime general manager Schuerholz have been elected to the baseball Hall of Fame. Schuerholz was picked by all 16 voters Sunday on a veterans committee at the winter meetings. Selig was listed 15 times.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Men's College Basketball
Cal State Northridge at St. John's, 5:30 p.m., FS1
Syracuse vs. Connecticut, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Stetson at Iowa, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Texas A&M, 7 p.m., SEC+
Cal State Bakersfield at Northern Arizona, 7:30 p.m., FCSP
UTRGV at Portland, 9 p.m., Campus Insiders

Men's Soccer
FA Cup: Oldham Athletic AFC vs. Lincoln City FC, 1:40 p.m., FSP
PL: Middlesbrough vs. Hull City, 2 p.m., NBCSN

National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., FSSW+
Boston at Houston, 7 p.m., NBAtv
Charlotte at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Indiana at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Football League
Indianapolis at NY Jets, 7:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

RADIO

National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Charlotte at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLLS

Amway

The Amway Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 19, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (58)	13-0	1450	1
2. Ohio State	11-1	1354	2
3. Clemson	12-1	1347	3
4. Washington	12-1	1283	4
5. Penn State	11-2	1186	8
6. Michigan	10-2	1181	6
7. Oklahoma	10-2	1128	7
8. Wisconsin	10-3	992	5
9. Southern California	9-3	981	11
10. Florida State	9-3	898	12
11. Colorado	10-3	828	9
12. West Virginia	10-2	806	13
13. Oklahoma State	9-3	754	10
14. Western Michigan	13-0	635	14
15. Louisville	9-3	631	15
16. Stanford	9-3	542	17
17. Auburn	8-4	504	19
18. Florida	8-4	421	16
19. Virginia Tech	9-4	374	18
20. LSU	7-4	359	21
21. Nebraska	9-3	241	22
22. South Florida	10-2	197	23
23. Utah	8-4	170	24
24. Temple	10-3	126	NR
25. Iowa	8-4	97	25

Others receiving votes: Pittsburgh 61; Boise State 50; Houston 43; Navy 42; Washington State 39; San Diego State 36; Tennessee 33; Texas A&M 22; Miami (Fla.) 14; Western Kentucky 14; North Carolina 7; Appalachian State 2; Kentucky 2.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Big 12 Conference

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Oklahoma	9	0	430	261	10	2	536	356
West Virginia	7	2	292	217	10	2	391	281
Oklahoma St.	7	2	331	262	9	3	464	337
Kansas St.	6	3	275	229	8	4	386	262
TCU	4	5	250	248	6	6	380	333
Baylor	3	6	286	335	6	6	419	365
Texas	3	6	249	274	5	7	383	378
Texas Tech	3	6	341	392	5	7	524	522
Iowa St.	2	7	265	299	3	9	332	376
Kansas	1	8	160	362	2	10	243	448

Southeastern Conference

East	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Florida	4	2	196	123	8	4	281	215
Tennessee	4	4	267	295	8	4	435	351
Georgia	4	4	167	192	7	5	288	289
Kentucky	4	4	185	237	7	5	372	374
South Carolina	3	5	126	168	6	6	231	298
Vanderbilt	3	5	162	162	6	6	282	271
Missouri	2	6	181	280	4	8	367	378

West	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Alabama	8	0	304	118	13	0	527	153
Auburn	5	3	210	147	8	4	387	187
LSU	5	3	218	141	7	4	211	180
Texas A&M	4	4	252	242	8	4	425	296
Arkansas	3	5	214	298	7	5	370	369
Mississippi St	3	5	234	272	5	7	378	397
Mississippi	2	6	234	295	5	7	391	408

American Athletic Conference

East Division	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Temple	8	1	301	142	10	3	427	224
South Florida	7	1	339	265	10	2	523	372
UCF	4	4	232	194	6	6	361	289
Cincinnati	1	7	136	256	4	8	232	323
East Carolina	1	7	207	322	3	9	324	433
UConn	1	7	117	245	3	9	178	337

West Division	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Navy	7	2	375	294	9	3	469	365
Tulsa	6	2	343	258	10	3	497	378
Houston	5	3	281	235	9	3	456	271
Memphis	5	3	291	249	8	4	474	324
SMU	3	5	253	327	5	7	332	435
Tulane	1	7	148	241	4	8	289	332

Conference USA

East Division	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
W Kentucky	7	1	407	173	10	3	586	313
Old Dominion	6	2	299	231	8	4	418	348
Middle Tenn	5	3	310	300	8	4	481	413
FIU	5	3	248	255	5	7	302	404
Charlotte	3	5	202	246	4	8	302	415
FAU	2	6	286	315	3	9	317	477
Marshall	2	6	162	256	3	9	317	423

West Division	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Louisiana Tech	6	2	354	235	8	5	572	425
UTSA	5	3	281	249	6	6	359	340
Southern Miss	4	4	258	246	6	6	399	363
North Texas	3	5	194	282	5	7	291	386
UTEP	2	6	215	280	4	8	316	419
Rice	2	6	197	294	3	9	303	448

PRO GOLF

Alfred Dunhill Leading Scores
Sunday
At Leopard Creek Country Club
Malelane, South Africa
Purse: $1.275 million
Yardage: 6,951; Par: 72
Final

Brandon Stone, South Africa	67-66-66-67—266
Richard Sterne, South Africa	68-70-68-67—273
Thomas Detry, Belgium	69-71-67-68—275
Thomas Aiken, South Africa	69-67-71-69—276
Benjamin Hebert, France	70-66-68-72—276
Scott Jamieson, Scotland	67-71-69-69—276
Carlos Pigem, Spain	68-69-70-69—276
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	66-68-68-74—276
Graeme Storm, England	73-67-68-68—276
Bryce Easton, South Africa	70-69-67-71—277
Jaco Ahlers, South Africa	68-70-74-66—278
David Drysdale, Scotland	70-71-64-73—278
Chris Hanson, England	69-68-68-76—281
Keith Horne, South Africa	69-66-67-76—278
Paul Maddy, England	74-69-70-65—278
Bernd Ritthammer, Germany	72-69-69-68—278

LATE HS BASKETBALL

GARDEN CITY WINS MILES TOURNAMENT

MILES — Kortney Halfmann scored 26 points to lead the No. 9-ranked Garden City girls basketball team to a 53-22 win over Miles in the Miles Tournament championship game Saturday.

Madison Hastings added 15 points for Lady Kats (8-1).

SATURDAY'S LATE BOX
GARDEN CITY 53, MILES 22

Garden City (8-1) — Kortney Halfmann 26, Madison Hastings 15, Lyndee Walker 10, Kalli Sotelo 2

Miles — unavailable

Garden City .....9 11 20 11—53
Miles.....7 9 0 6—22

Free throws — Garden City 13-20, Miles 5-8. 3-point goals — Garden City 6 (Halfmann 4, Hastings 2), Miles 1. Total fouls — Garden City 13, Miles 14. Fouled out — None.

Next: Water Valley at Garden City, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with LHP Jacob Lindgren on a one-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Signed coach Jeff Fisher to a two-year contract extension through 2018.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned C Laurent Dauphin and D Anthony DeAngelo to Tucson (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled G Lars Johansson from Rockford (AHL). Assigned F Nick Schmaltz to Rockford.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned F Rocco Grimaldi to San Antonio (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned F Teddy Purcell to Ontario (AHL). Activated C Andy Andreoff from injured reserve.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Assigned F Mike Liambas to Milwaukee (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Manitoba D Brenden Kichton two games for an illegal check to the head of an opponent during a Dec. 3 game against Texas.
COLLEGE
CINCINNATI — Announced the resignation of football coach Tommy Tuberville.
SOUTH CAROLINA — Suspended men's senior basketball G Sindarius Thornwell indefinitely for violating an athletic department policy.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	25	17	6	2	36	74	56
Ottawa	25	15	8	2	32	69	59
Tampa Bay	27	14	11	2	30	77	72
Boston	25	14	10	1	29	59	55
Detroit	26	12	11	3	27	65	69
Florida	25	12	11	2	26	60	63
Toronto	24	10	9	5	25	72	77
Buffalo	24	9	10	5	23	49	62

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	26	17	8	1	35	85	65
Pittsburgh	25	15	7	3	33	80	75
Columbus	23	14	5	4	32	73	52
Philadelphia	27	14	9	3	31	87	85
Washington	23	13	7	3	29	58	53
New Jersey	24	11	7	6	28	53	56
Carolina	25	10	10	5	25	59	65
N.Y. Islanders	24	9	10	5	23	62	71

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	27	16	8	3	35	74	68
St. Louis	25	14	7	4	32	69	70
Winnipeg	26	13	7	6	32	74	61
Minnesota	23	11	8	4	26	64	50
Nashville	24	11	9	4	26	71	66
Dallas	26	10	10	6	26	66	65
Colorado	23	12	13	1	25	49	69

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	25	15	7	3	33	80	62
Edmonton	26	14	10	2	30	79	68
Anaheim	25	12	8	5	29	64	59
Los Angeles	25	13	10	2	28	66	66
Calgary	27	12	13	2	26	63	79
Vancouver	25	11	12	2	24	58	75
Arizona	23	8	11	4	20	56	72

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's Scores
Montreal 5, Los Angeles 4, SO
Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 0, OT
Philadelphia 4, Nashville 2
Detroit 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Winnipeg 2, Chicago 1
Anaheim at Calgary, late
Minnesota at Edmonton, late

Today's Games
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.
Buffalo at Washington, 6 p.m.
Florida at Boston, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Columbus, 6 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Montreal at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Carolina at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

THUNDER 101, PELICANS 92

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook became the first player with five consecutive triple-doubles since Michael Jordan had seven straight in 1989 and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the New Orleans Pelicans 101-92 on Sunday night.

Westbrook finished with 28 points, 17 rebounds and 12 assists. The Thunder have won all five games during Westbrook's triple-double stretch. It was Westbrook's 10th triple-double of the season and the 47th of his career.

Enes Kanter had 17 points and 10 rebounds and Victor Oladipo added 15 points for the Thunder.

Anthony Davis, the NBA's leading scorer, had 37 points and 15 rebounds for the Pelicans. Buddy Hield, who led nearby Oklahoma to the Final Four last season, scored 16 points in his first game back in the state.

MAGIC 98, PISTONS 92

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Serge Ibaka scored 21 points and blocked four shots, helping the Orlando Magic beat the Detroit Pistons 98-92 on Sunday night.

Nikola Vucevic added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Magic.

Pistons guard Reggie Jackson made his season debut after missing Detroit's first 21 games with knee tendinitis.

He had 18 points in 23 minutes. Marcus Morris led Detroit with 21 points.

Orlando won for the third time in four games while Detroit had its three-game winning streak snapped.

On Jackson's first possession, the Pistons went to their bread-and-butter play — he and Andre Drummond running a high pick and roll. Jackson came off the screen and hit a 3-pointer, bringing a cheer from the small crowd. Jackson played the first 5:50 of the quarter as Detroit built a 16-10 lead.

Seth Wenig/Associated Press

New York Knicks' Derrick Rose, left, pushes past Sacramento Kings' Garrett Temple during the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday in New York. The Knicks won, 106-98.

KNICKS 106, KINGS 98

NEW YORK — Derrick Rose and Carmelo Anthony each scored 20 points and the New York Knicks held off the Sacramento Kings 106-98 on Sunday night for their eighth win in 11 games.

The Knicks took a 21-point lead in the first half, gave up 18 consecutive points in the third quarter but outplayed the Kings down the stretch to win their third straight overall and improve to 9-3 at home.

Brandon Jennings added 19 points for New York and Kristaps Porzingis finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

DeMarcus Cousins had 36 points and 12 rebounds for the Kings, but shot just 9 for 30 and looked fatigued while struggling late while playing the entire second half.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	14	5	.700	—
Boston	12	8	.600	2
New York	11	9	.550	3
Brooklyn	5	14	.263	8½
Philadelphia	4	16	.200	10
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	11	9	.550	—
Atlanta	10	11	.476	1½
Orlando	9	12	.429	2½
Miami	7	13	.350	4
Washington	6	12	.333	4
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	5	.722	—
Chicago	11	8	.579	2½
Milwaukee	10	8	.556	3
Detroit	11	11	.500	4
Indiana	9	10	.474	4½
WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	4	.800	—
Houston	13	7	.650	3
Memphis	13	8	.619	3½
New Orleans	7	14	.333	9½
Dallas	4	15	.211	11½
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	13	6	.619	—
Utah	12	9	.571	1
Portland	11	10	.524	2
Denver	7	13	.350	5½
Minnesota	6	14	.300	6½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	17	3	.850	—
L.A. Clippers	16	5	.762	1½
L.A. Lakers	10	12	.455	8
Sacramento	7	13	.350	10
Phoenix	6	14	.300	11

Sunday's Scores
Orlando 98, Detroit 92
Oklahoma City 101, New Orleans 92
New York 106, Sacramento 98
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 6:30 p.m.

Today's Games
Denver at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TEXAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

NO. 2 UCONN 72, NO. 14 TEXAS 54

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Napheesa Collier scored 24 points and UConn won its 82nd consecutive game, routing Texas in the Jimmy V Classic.

Kia Nurse added 15 points for the Huskies (7-0). The have the second-longest winning streak in women's basketball history, trailing only their 90-game run from 2008-10. Next up for UConn is a trip to No. 1 Notre Dame on Wednesday.

Brooke McCarty led Texas (2-4) with 15 points.

No. 4 BAYLOR 88, No. 22 TENNESSEE 66

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Alexis Jones had a career-high 30 points and added 10 assists and nine rebounds for Baylor in the Bears' seventh straight victory.

Nina Davis added 20 points and nine rebounds for Baylor (9-1).

Mercedes Russell had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Tennessee (4-3).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST
SMU 74, Delaware St. 60
SOUTH
Campbell 97, The Citadel 91
Clemson 85, Coppin St. 43
Coll. of Charleston 76, Davidson 61
ETSU 85, Limestone 57
Florida Gulf Coast 85, Georgia Southern 82
Jackson St. 75, Southern Miss. 64
Marquette 89, Georgia 79
Mississippi St. 82, Georgia St. 60
North Carolina 95, Radford 50
Samford 81, Jacksonville St. 77
South Carolina 70, FIU 54
Tennessee Tech 98, Crowley's Ridge 51
Troy 83, Alabama St. 65
UT Martin 108, Bryce College 64
MIDWEST
E. Illinois 90, Ill.-Chicago 76
Indiana 83, SE Missouri 55
Notre Dame 107, NC A&T 53
EAST
Florida St. 67, George Washington 48
Georgetown 77, Elon 74
Monmouth (NJ) 94, Canisius 88
Niagara 74, Iona 58
Quinnipiac 77, Marist 63
SC-Upstate 71, Colgate 65
St. Peter's 84, Manhattan 70
FAR WEST
E. Washington 93, Seattle 86

Top 25 fared

1. Kentucky (7-1) beat Arizona State 115-69; lost to No. 11 UCLA 97-92.
2. Villanova (8-0) beat Pennsylvania 82-57; beat Saint Joseph's 88-57.
3. North Carolina (8-1) lost to No. 13 Indiana 76-67; beat Radford 95-50.
4. Kansas (7-1) beat Long Beach State 91-61; beat Stanford 89-74.
5. Duke (8-1) beat Michigan State 78-69; beat Maine 84-55.
6. Virginia (7-1) beat Ohio State 63-61; lost to No. 25 West Virginia 66-57.
7. Xavier (7-1) beat North Dakota State 85-55; lost to No. 9 Baylor 76-61.
8. Gonzaga (8-0) beat MVSU 97-63; beat No. 16 Arizona 89-62.
9. Baylor (7-0) beat Sam Houston State 79-45; beat No. 7 Xavier 76-61.
10. Creighton (8-0) beat Buffalo 93-72; beat Akron 82-70.
11. UCLA (9-0) beat UC Riverside 98-56; beat No. 1 Kentucky 97-92.
12. Saint Mary's (Cal) (6-0) beat Stanford 66-51.
13. Indiana (7-1) beat No. 3 North Carolina 76-67; beat SIU Edwardsville 83-60; beat Southeast Missouri State 83-55.
14. Louisville (7-1) beat No. 15 Purdue 71-64; beat Grand Canyon 79-70.
15. Purdue (6-2) lost to No. 14 Louisville 71-64; beat Morehead State 90-56.
16. Arizona (6-2) beat Texas Southern 85-63; lost to No. 8 Gonzaga 89-62.
17. Wisconsin (7-2) beat No. 22 Syracuse 77-60; beat Oklahoma 90-70.
18. Butler (8-0) beat Utah 68-59; beat Central Arkansas 82-58.
19. Iowa State (5-2) lost to Cincinnati 55-54, OT.
20. South Carolina (8-0) beat Vermont 68-50; beat FIU 70-54.
21. Rhode Island (5-3) lost to Valparaiso 65-62; lost to Providence 63-60.
22. Syracuse (5-2) lost to No. 17 Wisconsin 77-60; beat North Florida 77-71.
23. Oregon (7-2) beat Boise State 68-63; beat Western Oregon 93-54; beat Savannah State 128-59.
24. Florida (7-1) beat North Florida 91-60.
25. West Virginia (6-1) beat Manhattan 108-61; beat No. 6 Virginia 66-57.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Houston 79, Coll. of Charleston 63
Lamar 87, Southwestern (TX) 41
Oral Roberts 74, Oklahoma 67
Texas Southern 50, Houston Baptist 34
SOUTH
Alabama 71, Kansas 65
Arizona St. 69, Florida 63
Baylor 88, Tennessee 66
Charleston Southern 67, SC State 62
Duke 74, South Carolina 63
East Carolina 66, Md.-Eastern Shore 58
Evansville 82, Murray St. 77
Florida Gulf Coast 101, Ave Maria 34
Florida St. 90, W. Carolina 41
LSU 87, TCU 61
Louisiana Tech 66, McNeese St. 56
Louisville 69, Kentucky 67
Maryland 92, UMBC 42
Miami 66, Old Dominion 56
NC State 78, North Florida 52
Navy 67, Liberty 66
North Carolina 78, Elon 73
Northwestern St. 67, Louisiana-Monroe 65
Radford 97, Appalachian St. 54
Southern Miss. 57, South Alabama 48
Tennessee Tech 55, N. Kentucky 40
Troy 85, Alabama St. 66
UALR 54, Memphis 44
UCF 70, Bethune-Cookman 43
MIDWEST
Ball St. 74, Butler 50
California 86, Nebraska 65
Cleveland St. 69, Richmond 65
IUPUI 73, Missouri 46
Iowa 86, N. Iowa 39
Iowa St. 100, New Orleans 63
Kansas St. 70, Nebraska-Omaha 57
La Salle 54, Dayton 51
Northwestern 75, Chicago St. 42
Notre Dame 114, Valparaiso 54
Ohio St. 80, Cincinnati 38
Purdue 71, Colgate 51
SE Missouri 107, Stephens 59
Toledo 97, Medaille 47
Virginia 67, Bowling Green 47
Wisconsin 84, Illinois St. 46
EAST
Brown 77, Providence 70
Bryant 82, Rhode Island 56
Buffalo 74, Hofstra 50
Canisius 74, Monmouth (NJ) 54
Charlotte 70, Pittsburgh 63
Fairfield 68, Iona 59
Fordham 58, Boston College 49
George Mason 66, UMass 55
George Washington 72, Illinois 56
Georgetown 54, Delaware 46
Hartford 81, Sacred Heart 64
Harvard 59, NJIT 38
LIU Brooklyn 58, Stony Brook 48
Rider 78, Niagara 58
Robert Morris 59, Howard 42
Seton Hall 70, Wake Forest 63
St. Peter's 73, Marist 69
Syracuse 85, CCSU 53
Temple 53, Vermont 39
UConn 72, Texas 54
West Virginia 66, Mississippi 61
FAR WEST
Arizona 74, New Mexico St. 63
Boise St. 77, Washington St. 73
Colorado St. 58, N. Colorado 47
Grand Canyon 81, FAU 60
Long Beach St. 61, Boston U. 48
Loyola Marymount 77, Cal St.-Fullerton 62
Montana St. 75, Seattle 56
Oregon 95, Vanguard 55
Pacific 91, CS Bakersfield 61
Stanford 68, UC Davis 42
UCLA 72, Hawaii 49
Washington 85, Fresno St. 54
Wyoming 69, South Dakota 62

Top 25 fared

1. Notre Dame (8-0) beat Iowa 73-58; beat Valparaiso 114-54.
2. UConn (7-0) beat Chattanooga 80-43; beat No. 15 DePaul 91-46; beat No. 14 Texas 72-54.
3. South Carolina (8-1) beat No. 14 Texas 76-67; lost to Duke 74-63.
4. Baylor (9-1) beat Abilene Christian 79-34; beat No. 22 Tennessee 88-66.
5. Maryland (8-0) beat No. 7 Louisville 78-72; beat UMBC 92-42.
6. Mississippi State (8-3) beat Iowa State 85-81.
7. Louisville (7-2) lost to No. 5 Maryland 78-72; beat No. 17 Kentucky 69-67, OT.
8. Florida State (8-1) beat Minnesota 75-61; beat Western Carolina 90-41.
9. Ohio State (6-3) lost to No. 18 Miami 94-89, OT; beat Cincinnati 80-38.
10. UCLA (8-1) beat Hawaii 72-49.
11. Stanford (8-1) beat Cal State Bakersfield 77-56; beat UC Davis 68-42.
12. Oklahoma (5-2) lost to No. 17 Kentucky 82-68; lost to Oral Roberts 74-67.
13. Washington (8-1) beat Grand Canyon 101-69; beat Fresno State 85-54.
14. Texas (2-4) lost to No. 3 South Carolina 76-67; lost to No. 2 UConn 72-54.
15. DePaul (5-2) lost to No. 2 UConn 91-46.
16. West Virginia (9-0) beat Morehead State 94-52; beat Mississippi 66-61.
17. Kentucky (6-1) beat No. 12 Oklahoma 82-68; lost to No. 7 Louisville 69-67, OT.
18. Miami (7-1) beat No. 9 Ohio State 94-89, OT; beat Old Dominion 66-56.
19. Florida (9-2) beat Wofford 74-51; beat Long Beach State 93-53; lost to Arizona State 69-63.
20. Syracuse (6-3) beat Michigan State 75-64; beat CCSU 95-68.
21. Colorado (8-0) beat Southeastern Louisiana 112-54; beat Idaho State 85-58.
22. Tennessee (4-3) beat Tennessee State 86-38; lost to No. 4 Baylor 88-66.
23. Auburn (6-2) lost to Kansas State 71-68.
24. Oregon State (5-1) beat Idaho 80-49; beat BYU 65-58.
25. Texas A&M (5-1) lost to Southern Cal 66-62.

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Allen 42, Duncanville 23
The Woodlands 41, Round Rock 18
Humble Atascocita 33, Galena Park North Shore 27, OT
Lake Travis 51, Austin Westlake 3
State Semifinals
Allen (14-0) vs. The Woodlands (14-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Austin's DKR Texas Memorial Stadium
Humble Atascocita (12-1) vs. Lake Travis (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
DeSoto 55, Cedar Hill 41
Klein Collins 21, Spring Westfield 18
Katy Cinco Ranch 34, Cypress Ridge 17
Cibolo Steele 38, SA Churchill 7
State Semifinals
DeSoto (14-0) vs. Klein Collins (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium
Katy Cinco Ranch (11-3) vs. Cibolo Steele (13-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Denton Ryan 24, Colleyville Heritage 10
Dallas Highland Park 14, Mansfield Lubbock 7
Temple 24, Manvel 23
Richmond Foster 51, Dripping Springs 28
State Semifinals
Denton Ryan (14-0) vs. Dallas Highland Park (12-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center
Temple (11-3) vs. Richmond Foster (14-0), TBD

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Aledo 42, Saginaw Boswell 14
Mesquite Poteet 34, Lancaster 27
College Station 31, Fort Bend Marshall 27
CC Calallen 31, Victoria East 14
State Quarterfinals
Aledo (14-0) vs. Mesquite Poteet (11-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center
College Station (14-0) vs. CC Calallen (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Abilene Wylie 49, Levelland 14
Kennedale 34, Van 28
Carthage 27, Stafford 26
China Spring 21, Waco La Vega 10
State Semifinals
Abilene Wylie (12-1) vs. Kennedale (11-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, NRH's Birdville Fine Arts Complex
Carthage (11-2) vs. China Spring (13-1), TBD

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Sweetwater 38, Seminole 14
Gilmer 43, Celina 17
West Orange-Stark 48, Giddings 5
Geronimo Navarro 35, Cuero 21
State Semifinals
Sweetwater (12-1) vs. Gilmer (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium
West Orange-Stark (14-0) vs. Geronimo Navarro (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Wall 28, Brock 17
Mineola 46, Pottsboro 3
Malakoff 37, Cameron Yoe 34, OT
Yoakum 27, Hallettsville 23
State Semifinals
Wall (11-3) vs. Mineola (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium
Malakoff (14-0) vs. Yoakum (10-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Austin's DKR Texas Memorial Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Canadian 27, Sonora 21, OT
Gunter 45, Winona 22
Arp 13, Newton 6
Boling 34, Lexington 29
State Semifinals
Canadian (12-2) vs. Gunter (14-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Arp (12-2) vs. Boling (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Caney

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Abernathy 21, Anson 18
Crawford 41, De Leon 14
Centerville 23, Price Carlisle 17
Refugio 28, Mason 7
State Semifinals
Abernathy (12-2) vs. Crawford (13-1), 7 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium
Centerville (11-3) vs. Refugio (13-1), 6 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Rattler Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Wellington 51, Seagraves 0
Iraan 40, Munday 12
Bremond 31, Teneha 7
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State Semifinals
Wellington (13-1) vs. Iraan (14-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Bremond (14-0) vs. Burton (13-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Bryan's Green Stadium

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Gail Borden County 92, Happy 58
Jonesboro 50, Gilmer Union Hill 46
State Championship
Gail Borden County (13-1) vs. Jonesboro (14-0), 7 p.m. Dec. 14, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Balmorhea 74, Turkey Valley 52
Richland Springs 92, Crowell 62
State Championship
Balmorhea (14-0) vs. Richland Springs (14-0), 4 p.m. Dec. 14, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

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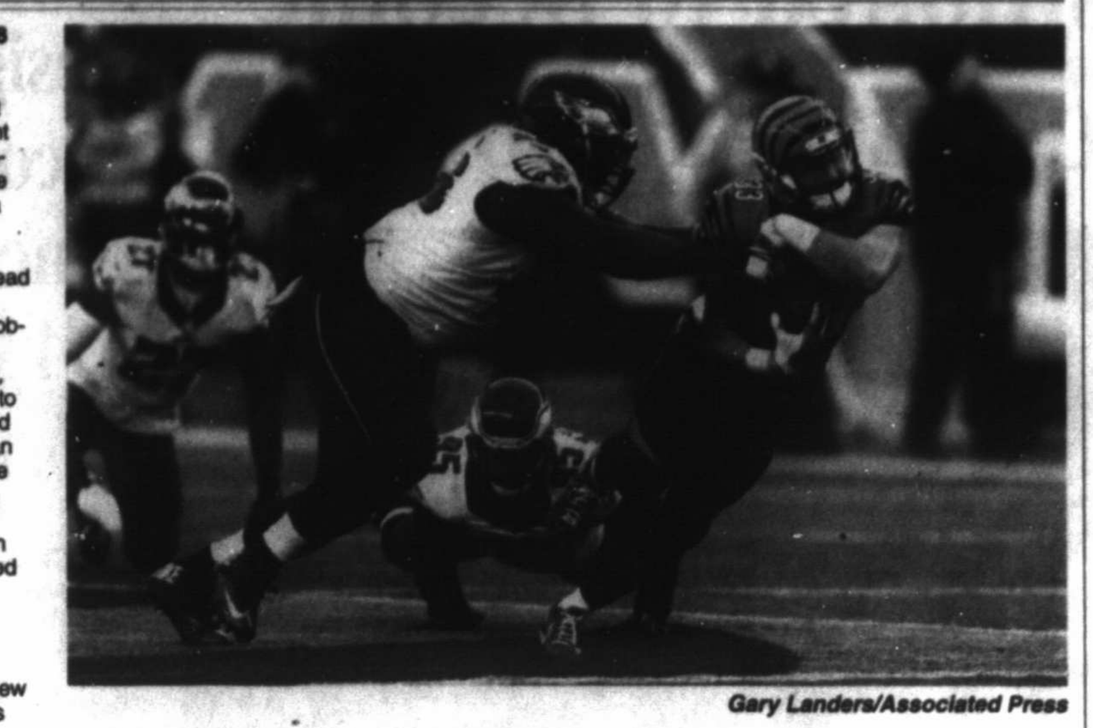

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Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Bennie Logan, left, forces a fumble from Cincinnati Bengals running back Rex Burkhead (33) in the second half of an NFL game Sunday in Cincinnati.

CHIEFS 29, FALCONS 28

ATLANTA — Eric Berry returned an interception for a touchdown, and then brought back another pick for a 2-point conversion that gave the Kansas City Chiefs an improbable 29-28 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday.

The Falcons (7-5), rallying from a 27-16 deficit, went ahead 28-27 on Matt Ryan's 5-yard touchdown pass to Aldrick Robinson with 4:32 remaining.

Atlanta decided to go for 2, looking to stretch the margin to a field goal. But Berry stepped in front of Ryan's pass and ran 99 yards the other way to give the Chiefs (9-3) their winning margin. It came after Denver won a game in similar fashion last month, returning a blocked PAT for the winning points at New Orleans.

LIONS 28, SAINTS 13

NEW ORLEANS — Matthew Stafford passed for 341 yards and two touchdowns.

Golden Tate exploited a coverage breakdown on third-and-long for a 66-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter when Detroit (8-4) was clinging to a six-point lead. The Lions, who've won seven of eight, dominated statistically, but four opportunities inside the New Orleans 20 ended with Matt Prater field goals, allowing the Saints (5-7) to stay close until the fourth quarter.

This time, however, the Lions pulled away for their most comfortable victory of the season after seven previous victory margins of one to seven points.

RAVENS 38, DOLPHINS 6

BALTIMORE — Joe Flacco threw for 381 yards and four touchdowns, and the Ravens overwhelmed the Dolphins in the first half to end Miami's six-game winning streak.

Baltimore (7-5) led 24-0 at halftime behind Flacco and a dominant performance from the league's second-ranked defense. Flacco went 27 for 34 for 256 yards and three scores over the first 30 minutes, and the Ravens yielded only 115 yards and intercepted a Ryan Tannehill pass.

That was enough to provide the Ravens with their fourth win in five games. Miami also is 7-5.

PATRIOTS 26, RAMS 10

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady became the NFL's career leader in victories by a quarterback, earning his 201st by throwing for 269 yards and a touchdown. Brady, who was 33 of 46, had tied Peyton Manning last week in a win over the New York Jets.

His lone touchdown came on a 14-yard pass to Chris Hogan in the first quarter. LeGarrette Blount scored the game's first touchdown , rumbling for a 43-yard, ankle-breaking score in the first quarter while spinning around safety Maurice Alexander in the process. He finished with 88 yards on 18 carries.

The Patriots (10-2) have won seven of their last eight.

BRONCOS 20, JAGUARS 10

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Bradley Roby returned an interception 51 yards for a touchdown, helping the Broncos gain ground in the AFC playoff picture.

Roby picked off Blake Bortles' wobbler across the middle in the third quarter and went untouched the other way. Star linebacker Von Miller hit Bortles as he released the ball.

It was the 11th pick-6 of Bortles' three-year career and his third in the last four games. Houston and Detroit also returned interceptions for touchdowns in games the Jaguars lost by less than seven points.

The latest one resulted in a seventh consecutive loss for Jacksonville (2-10) and secured another miserable milestone for the small-market franchise. The Jaguars became the fifth team in NFL history to post double-digit losses in six consecutive seasons, joining Tampa Bay (1983-94), Detroit (2001-06), Oakland (2003-09) and Cleveland (2008-13).

BENGALS 32, EAGLES 14

CINCINNATI — Andy Dalton threw a pair of touchdown passes and Cincinnati finally got its depleted offense moving without receiver A.J. Green.

The Bengals (4-7-1) got their first win since Oct. 23, beating a team that's in a swoon of its own. The Eagles (5-7) opened the season with three straight wins, but have dropped seven of nine.

Dalton had completions of 50, 44, 29, 23 and 21 yards. The Bengals scored on each of their first six possessions for a 29-0 lead, reinventing themselves with Green and running back Giovani Bernard sidelined by injuries. The previous time they scored on their first six possessions was 2009 against the Bears.

BEARS 26, 49ERS 6

CHICAGO — Jordan Howard ran for 117 yards and a career-high three touchdowns and the Bears handed San Francisco its 11th straight loss.

The 49ers (1-11) extended their franchise-record losing streak and set a club low with 6 yards net passing on a day when Colin Kaepernick got lifted for Blaine Gabbert.

The Bears (3-9) finished with a season high in points and picked up a rare win in a matchup between two of the NFL's worst teams.

CARDINALS 31, REDSKINS 23

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Carson Palmer threw for 300 yards and three touchdowns and David Johnson scored twice.

The loss by the Redskins (6-5-1) clinched a playoff spot for the 11-1 Dallas Cowboys.

Palmer's 25-yard touchdown pass to Johnson with 11:09 to play put Arizona ahead 24-20, the fourth lead change of the second half.

After a Washington field goal, Palmer's 42-yard pass to J.J. Nelson with 1:56 padded gave the Cardinals (5-6-1) a 31-23 lead.

Washington drove to the Arizona 28-yard line before Patrick Peterson's interception of Kirk Cousins' pass with 41 seconds left sealed the victory.

RAIDERS 38, BILLS 24

OAKLAND, Calif. — Derek Carr threw for 260 yards and two touchdowns to rally the Raiders to their biggest comeback in 16 years.

After falling behind 24-9 following touchdowns on the first two drives of the second half for Buffalo (6-6), the Raiders (10-2) took the game over with 29 straight points. They won their sixth straight to remain one game ahead of Kansas City in the tough AFC West.

Oakland scored touchdowns on three straight drives, including scoring strikes from Carr to Michael Crabtree and Amari Cooper for his sixth fourth-quarter comeback of the season. This was the biggest comeback for the Raiders since overcoming a 21-point deficit to Indianapolis to win 38-31 on Sept. 10, 2000.

STEELERS 24, GIANTS 14

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger passed for 289 yards and two touchdowns, Le'Veon Bell rolled up 182 yards of total offense, and Pittsburgh's resurgent defense harassed Eli Manning into a flurry of mistakes.

Antonio Brown edged good buddy Odell Beckham Jr. in their personal showdown, catching six passes for 54 yards and an acrobatic scoring grab at the back of the end zone. Tight end Ladarius Green added six receptions for 110 yards, both career highs, and a touchdown as the Steelers (7-5) won their third straight to keep pace with Baltimore atop the AFC North.

Manning completed just 24 of 39 passes for 195 yards with two touchdowns and two picks in the red zone for the Giants (8-4), whose six-game run ended with a thud. Beckham was largely a non-factor despite a game-high 10 receptions for 100 yards.

BUCCANEERS 28, CHARGERS 21

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jameis Winston threw a go-ahead, 12-yard touchdown pass to Cameron Brate midway through the fourth quarter and Keith Tandy intercepted Philip Rivers in the end zone with 2:56 left to give the Buccaneers their fourth straight victory.

Rivers had the Chargers on the move in the final minutes before Tandy got in front of a pass to Dontrelle Inman and picked it off. Tandy's momentum carried him into the end zone, giving the Bucs the ball on their 20. They ran out the clock.

The Bucs (7-5) pulled into a tie with Atlanta atop the NFC South.

Rivers threw two second-half interceptions, including Lavonte David's pick-6.

The Chargers (5-7) were trying to get back to .500 for the first time since Week 2.

SEAHAWKS 40, PANTHERS 7

SEATTLE — Thomas Rawls ran for 103 yards and two touchdowns in the first half, Tyler Lockett took a reverse 75 yards for a score to open the second half and the Seattle Seahawks routed the Carolina Panthers 40-7 on Sunday night.

Another prime-time game in Seattle was clouded with odd story lines right from the outset when Carolina quarterback Cam Newton was benched for the first plays, only to watch backup Derek Anderson throw an interception . It was the start of miserable night for Carolina and a laugher that moved Seattle one step closer to the NFC West title.

Rawls and the run game set the tone for Seattle, gashing the second-best run defense in the NFL for 240 yards. Carolina entered the week giving up less than 80 yards per game on the ground.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	319	207
Miami	7	5	0	.583	255	278
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	305	274
N.Y.Jets	3	8	0	.273	195	268
South						
Houston	6	6	0	.500	207	257
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	308	296
Indianapolis	5	6	0	.455	270	301
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	224	313
North						
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	256	207
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	290	236
Cincinnati	4	7	1	.375	245	259
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	197	352
West						
Oakland	10	2	0	.833	345	299
Kansas City	9	3	0	.750	281	242
Denver	8	4	0	.667	286	229
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	334	319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Dallas	11	1	0	.917	333	228
N.Y.Giants	8	4	0	.667	245	237
Washington	6	5	1	.542	303	295
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	268	245
South						
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	386	331
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	277	285
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	347	335
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	283	321
North						
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	275	251
Green Bay	6	6	0	.500	295	302
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	233	209
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	204	270
West						
Seattle	8	3	1	.708	264	194
Arizona	5	6	1	.458	276	251
Los Angeles	4	8	0	.333	180	282
San Francisco	1	11	0	.083	234	370

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Scores

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Detroit 28, New Orleans 13
Green Bay 21, Houston 13
Oakland 38, Buffalo 24
Tampa Bay 28, San Diego 21
Pittsburgh 24, N.Y. Giants 14
Arizona 31, Washington 23
Seattle 40, Carolina 7
Open: Tennessee, Cleveland

Today's Games

Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Game

Oakland at Kansas City, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games (Dec. 11)

Denver at Tennessee, noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon
Minnesota at Jacksonville, noon
Arizona at Miami, noon
Houston at Indianapolis, noon
Washington at Philadelphia, noon
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, noon
San Diego at Carolina, noon
Chicago at Detroit, noon
N.Y. Jets at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Seattle at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.

TEXANS

From 1C

Rodgers was 20 of 30. He looked OK after being limited in practice with a left hamstring injury, taking off for a couple runs, though he didn't seem to have his usual mobility on the slippery turf.

Rodgers didn't face much pressure in the first half against a Houston defense minus injured end Jadeveon Clowney. The Texans started getting more pressure on Rodgers in the second half.

On a snowy day, Rodgers didn't eclipse 100-yards passing until late in the third quarter.

Osweiler has faced heat for the Texans' offensive struggles this season. He was composed in the second half in leading Houston on 10-play, 63-yard drive that ended with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Griffin on fourth-and-1 to tie it at 7 with 7:32 left in the third quarter.

Osweiler finished 21 of 34 for 213 yards.

Snow day

Randall Cobb had fun in the snow. The wide receiver did a snow angel in the end zone after a sliding, 9-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter that gave the Packers a 7-0 lead.

Go fourth

The Texans came up with two big fourth-down plays, one on each side of the ball. Linebacker Brian Cushing stopped Ripkowski on fourth-and-2 from the Texans 48 for a 2-yard gain with 6:09 left.

On the previous series, Griffin did a Lambeau Leap into the waiting arms of a group of Texans fans after his 6-yard touchdown catch on fourth-and-1 finished a 10-play, 63-yard drive

Still going

Julius Peppers still packs a pass-rushing punch for the Packers. A sack of Osweiler on second-and-1 at the Houston 41 with 56 seconds left in the second quarter gave the 15-year veteran 142 1/2 for his career, snapping a tie for fifth on the career list with Michael Strahan. Chris Doleman is fourth on that list with 150 1/2.

Peppers has sacks in three straight games. The Packers have been trying to limit his snaps this season, at least when their once-deep pool of pass rushers hasn't been depleted by injuries.

PACKERS 21, TEXANS 13

Houston	0	0	7	6—13
Green Bay	0	7	0	14—21

Second Quarter

GB—Cobb 9 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 8:02

Third Quarter

Hou—Griffin 6 pass from Osweiler (Novak kick), 7:32

Fourth Quarter

GB—J.Nelson 32 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 12:42

GB—Ripkowski 2 run (Crosby kick), 4:11

Hou—Hopkins 44 pass from Osweiler (Kick failed), 1:51

A—[illegible]

	Hou	GB
First downs	[illegible]	14
Total Net Yards	[illegible]	305
Rushes-yards	[illegible]	25-109
Passing	264	200
Punt Returns	[illegible]	3-44
Kickoff Returns	3-66	2-61
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-int	22-35-0	20-30-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-19	1-9
Punts	5-41	1-43
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	[illegible]	4-35
Time of Possession	[illegible]	28:29

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Houston, Grimes 1-43, Blue 1-38, Miller 14-22, Osweiler 3-20. Green Bay, Montgomery 6-46, Janis 1-19, Michael 1-11, A.Rodgers 1-16, Ripkowski 3-14, Starks 4.

PASSING—Houston, Osweiler 22-35-0-264. Green Bay, A.Rodgers 20-30-0-209.

RECEIVING—Houston, Fiedorowicz 5-44, Fuller 5-59, Griffin 4-35, Hopkins 3-58, Blue 2-23, Grimes 1-15, Miller 1-mmus 4. Green Bay, J.Nelson 6-118, Cobb 3-19, Cobb 3-19, R.Rodgers 2-16, Montgomery 2-16, Adams 1-17, Ripkowski 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NFL BOX SCORES AND STANDINGS

CHIEFS 29, FALCONS 28

Kansas City	6	14	7	2—29
Atlanta	10	6	0	12—28

First Quarter

Atl—Freeman 1 run (Bryant kick), 10:02
KC—Ware 3 run (kick blocked), 8:00
Atl—FG Bryant 22, 5:11

Second Quarter

Atl—FG Bryant 22, 13:25
KC—Ware 3 pass from A.Smith (Santos kick), 7:05
KC—Berry 37 interception return (Santos kick), 3:7
Atl—FG Bryant 59, :00

Third Quarter

KC—A.Wilson 55 run (Santos kick), 12:52

Fourth Quarter

Atl—Freeman 1 run (pass failed), 11:57
Atl—A.Robinson 5 pass from Ryan (pass failed), 4:32
A—69,879.

	KC	Atl
First downs	17	32
Total Net Yards	389	418
Rushes-yards	22-123	30-128
Passing	266	290
Comp-Att-int	21-25-0	22-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-4	2-7
Punts	3-50.0	1-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	13-128	5-30
Time of Possession	28:08	31:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Kansas City, A.Wilson 1-55, Ware 14-29, Thomas 1-23, Hill 2-19, West 1-0, A.Smith 3-(minus 3). Atlanta, Freeman 15-56, Coleman 12-49, Ryan 3-23.

PASSING—Kansas City, A.Smith 21-25-0-270. Atlanta, Ryan 22-34-1-297.

RECEIVING—Kansas City, Kelce 8-140, Hill 5-53, A.Wilson 4-48, Ware 3-23, D.Harris 1-6. Atlanta, J.Jones 7-113, Gabriel 5-44, Freeman 4-49, Sanu 2-26, A.Robinson 2-18, Toilolo 1-42, Hardy 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PATRIOTS 26, RAMS 10

Los Angeles	0	0	3	7—10
New England	7	10	6	3—26

First Quarter

NE—Blount 43 run (Gostkowski kick), 10:38.

Second Quarter

NE—Hogan 14 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 13:04.
NE—FG Gostkowski 28, :11.

Third Quarter

LA—FG Zuerlein 44, 7:50.
NE—FG Gostkowski 48, 5:08.
NE—FG Gostkowski 45, 3:06.

Fourth Quarter

NE—FG Gostkowski 45, 10:48.
LA—Britt 1 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 1:15.
A—66,829.

	LA	NE
First downs	7	20
Total Net Yards	162	402
Rushes-yards	13-36	29-133
Passing	126	269
Comp-Att-int	14-32-2	33-46-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-35	0-0
Punts	8-53.8	6-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	8-48
Time of Possession	22:03	37:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Los Angeles, Gurley 11-58, Cunningham 1-(minus 1), Goff 1-(minus 1). New England, Blount 18-88, Lewis 5-27, White 3-17, Brady 3-1.

RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Goff 14-32-0-161. New England, Brady 33-46-0-269.

RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Quick 5-48, Britt 2-67, Higbee 2-18, Kendricks 2-13, Kupp 2-8, Cooper 1-8. New England, Edelman 8-101, Mitchell 8-62, Hogan 4-23, White 4-18, Lewis 4-11, Amendola 3-30, Bennett 2-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BENGALS 32, EAGLES 14

Philadelphia	0	0	7	7—14
Cincinnati	10	9	10	3—32

First Quarter

Cin—FG Nugent 32, 10:22.
Cin—Hill 2 run (Nugent kick), 1:32

Second Quarter

Cin—FG Nugent 33, 6:23.
Cin—Elliott 13 pass from Dalton (kick failed), :07

Third Quarter

Cin—LaFell 8 pass from Dalton (Nugent kick), 11:21
Cin—FG Nugent 26, 4:07.
Phi—Ertz 13 pass from Wentz (Sturgis kick), 2:30

Fourth Quarter

Phi—Sproles 2 run (Sturgis kick), 6:53.
Cin—FG Nugent 38, 2:50.
A—55,456.

	Phi	Cin
First Downs	22	21
Total Net Yards	359	412
Rushes-yards	19-53	33-80
Passing	306	332
Comp-Att-int	36-60-3	23-31-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2	0-0
Punts	3-38.3	1-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-88	3-23
Time of Possession	31:58	28:02

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Philadelphia, Smallwood 8-15, Wentz 3-16, Sproles 7-14, Agholor 1-4. Cincinnati, Burkhead 8-36, Hill 23-33, Dalton 2-9.

PASSING—Philadelphia, Wentz 36-60-3-308. Cincinnati, Dalton 23-31-0-332.

RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Ertz 9-79, Turner 6-80, Sproles 6-35, Burton 5-53, Green-Beckham 4-29, Agholor 4-23, Wentz 1-7, Barner 1-2. Cincinnati, LaFell 5-95, Boyd 4-66, Burkhead 4-28, Core 2-58, Eifert 2-25, Wright 2-20, Hill 2-12, Erickson 1-16, Fisher 1-12.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Philadelphia, Sturgis 51.

RAVENS 38, DOLPHINS 6

Miami	0	0	0	6—6
Baltimore	14	10	0	14—38

First Quarter

Bal—West 3 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 10:57
Bal—Pitta 13 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 3:17

Second Quarter

Bal—Pitta 9 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 2:10.
Bal—FG Tucker 55, :00.

Fourth Quarter

Mia—Parker 8 pass from Tannehill (pass failed), 14:42.
Bal—Perriman 53 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 12:49.
Bal—West 9 run (Tucker kick), 5:55.
A—70,916.

	Mia	Bal
First downs	16	28
Total Net Yards	277	496
Rushes-yards	16-62	20-110
Passing	215	386
Comp-Att-int	29-40-3	37-50-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-11	0-0
Punts	6-37.0	3-31.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-57	7-68
Time of Possession	30:46	29:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Miami, Ajayi 12-61, Drake 1-1, D.Williams 1-1, Tannehill 1-0, Landry 1-(minus 1). Baltimore, Dixon 6-56, West 10-50, C.Moore 1-7, Bailey 3-1.

RECEIVING—Miami, Tannehill 29-40-3-226. Baltimore, Flacco 36-47-1-381, Mallett 1-3-0-5.

RECEIVING—Miami, Landry 11-87, Ajayi 6-26, Sims 3-39, Parker 3-34, Stills 2-21, D.Williams 2-8, Jones 1-7, Drake 1-4, Bohanon, Pitts 8-90, Wallace 6-59, S.Smith 6-63, Dixon 4-21, Aiken 5-41, West 3-18, Perriman 2-69, Boyle 2-24, Waller 1-15, Juszczyk 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Miami, Franks 46.

BRONCOS 20, JAGUARS 10

Denver	0	10	7	3—20
Jacksonville	0	3	0	7—10

Second Quarter

Jac—FG Myers 47, 11:01
Den—Booker 6 run (McManus kick), 6:54
Den—FG McManus 32, :01

Third Quarter

Den—Roby 51 interception return (McManus kick), 7:34

Fourth Quarter

Jac—Bortles 22 run (Myers kick), 14:03
Den—FG McManus 41, :29
A—63,075.

	Den	Jac
First downs	10	19
Total Net Yards	206	333
Rushes-yards	28-104	38-154
Passing	102	179
Comp-Att-Int	12-24-0	19-42-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-2	1-2
Punts	11-46.0	8-46.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-32	6-65
Time of Possession	25:26	34:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Denver, Bibbs 5-49, Booker 18-35, Lynch 2-11, J.Thompson 2-5, Sanders 1-4. Jacksonville, Yeldon 14-55, D.Robinson *7-53, Bortles 2-29, Lee 2-10, Wynn 2-5, Grant -2.

PASSING—Denver, Lynch 12-24-0-104. Jacksonville, Bortles 19-42-2-181.

RECEIVING—Denver, D.Thomas 6-61, Sanders 3-28, Latimer 1-10, Derby 1-3, Booker 1-2. Jacksonville, Sterling 5-43, Lee 3-34, A.Robinson 3-31, Walters 3-31, Yeldon 3-27, D.Robinson 1-11, Koyack 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

LIONS 28, SAINTS 13

Detroit	3	10	6	9—28
New Orleans	0	6	0	7—13

First Quarter

Det—FG Prater 27, 8:14.

Second Quarter

Det—Riddick 1 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 13:03.
NO—FG Lutz 40, 5:05.
Det—FG Prater 29, :56.
NO—FG Lutz 32, :00.

Third Quarter

Det—FG Prater 32, 8:57.
Det—FG Prater 27, 1:42.

Fourth Quarter

NO—Kuhn 1 run (Lutz kick), 13:32.
Det—Tate 66 pass from Stafford (pass failed), 11:38.
Det—FG Prater 52, 7:10.
A—73,137.

	Det	NO
First downs	24	20
Total Net Yards	422	369
Rushes-yards	23-85	12-50
Passing	337	319
Comp-Att-int	30-42-0	31-44-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-4	1-7
Punts	2-42.5	4-40.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-39	10-83
Time of Possession	30:52	29:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Detroit, Zenner 9-40, Stafford 3-22. Washington 7-21, Riddick 4-2. New Orleans, Ingram 7-37, Hightower 2-6, Cooks 1-4, Kuhn 2-4.

PASSING—Detroit, Stafford 30-42-0-341. New Orleans, Brees 31-44-3-326.

RECEIVING—Detroit, Tate 8-145, Riddick 5-15, Smith 4-40, Ebron 3-28, Roberts 4-35, T.Jones 3-49, Washington 2-19. New Orleans, Cooks 7-73, Fleener 5-86, Cadet 5-53, Ingram 5-16, Thomas 4-42, Sheard 2-38, Kuhn 1-11, Hightower 1-4, Hill 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

49ERS 6, BEARS 26

San Francisco	0	6	0	0—6
Chicago	0	7	14	5—26

Second Quarter

SF—FG Dawson 31, 6:55.
SF—FG Dawson 28, 1:58.
Chi—Howard 1 run (Barth kick), :31.

Third Quarter

Chi—Howard 2 run (Barth kick), 9:32.
Chi—Howard 5 run (Barth kick), 6:19

Fourth Quarter

Chi—FG Barth 45, 12:55.
Chi—safety, 1:55.
A—59,792.

	SF	Chi
First downs	10	19
Total Net Yards	147	326
Rushes-yards	34-141	40-142
Passing	6	184
Comp-Att-int	5-15-0	11-18-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-33	1-8
Punts	8-38.5	6-38.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	11-106	5-40
Time of Possession	28:42	31:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Francisco, Hyde 20-92, Draughn 5-20, Kaepernick 6-20, Harris 2-8, Gabbert 1-1. Chicago, Howard 32-117, Bellamy 1-12, Carey 2-8, Barkley 4-3, Langford 1-2.

PASSING—San Francisco, Kaepernick 1-5-0-4, Gabbert 4-10-0-35. Chicago, Barkley 11-18-0-192.

RECEIVING—San Francisco, McDonald 2-9, Kerley 1-18, Hyde 1-6, Harper 1-6. Chicago, Bellamy 4-65, Meredith 3-67, Thompson 2-19, D.Brown 2-13.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

RAIDERS 38, BILLS 24

Buffalo	3	7	14	0—24
Oakland	3	6	14	15—38

First Quarter

Buf—FG Carpenter 27, 8:02
Oak—FG Janikowski 47, 4:35

Second Quarter

Buf—Gillislee 1 run (Carpenter kick), 13:28
Oak—FG Janikowski 41, 2:56
Oak—FG Janikowski 47, :00

Third Quarter

Buf—Taylor 12 run (Carpenter kick), 14:03
Buf—Gillislee 2 run (Carpenter kick), 9:01
Oak—Crabtree 3 pass from Carr (Janikowski kick), 5:17
Oak—Murray 1 run (Janikowski kick), :57

Fourth Quarter

Oak—Cooper 37 pass from Carr (Janikowski kick), 14:08.
Oak—Murray 3 run (Roberts pass from Carr), 8:34.
A—54,759

	Buf	Oak
First downs	24	24
Total Net Yards	382	399
Rushes-yards	30-212	32-139
Passing	170	260
Comp-Att-int	18-35-1	19-35-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-21	0-0
Punts	5-39.8	5-44.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-73	7-65
Time of Possession	30:15	29:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Buffalo, McCoy 17-130, Gillislee 8-49, Taylor 3-30, Bush 1-3, Felton 1-0. Oakland, Murray 20-82, Richard 9-53, Carr 2-4, Cooper 1-0.

PASSING—Buffalo, Taylor 18-35-1-191. Oakland, Carr 19-35-0-260.

RECEIVING—Buffalo, McCoy 7-61, Goodwin 4-35, Watkins 3-38, Hunter 1-22, Christian 1-14, Tate 1-13, O'Leary 1-6. Oakland, Crabtree 7-74, Rivers 3-57, Murray 3-23, Cooper 2-59, Roberts 2-18, Walford 1-18, T.Jones 1-11.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

CARDINALS 31, REDSKINS 23

Washington	0	6	14	3—23
Arizona	7	3	7	14—31

First Quarter

Ari—Johnson 1 run (Catanzaro kick), 6:43.

Second Quarter

Was—FG Hopkins 47, 9:49.
Was—FG Hopkins 20, 1:52.
Ari—FG Catanzaro 28, :07.

Third Quarter

Was—Cousins 1 run (Hopkins kick), 12:36.
Ari—Floyd 6 pass from Palmer (Catanzaro kick), 4:10.
Was—Crowder 26 pass from Cousins (Hopkins kick), 1:06.

Fourth Quarter

Ari—Johnson 25 pass from Palmer (Catanzaro kick), 11:09.
Was—FG Hopkins 53, 6:01.
Ari—Nelson 42 pass from Palmer (Catanzaro kick), 1:56.
A—64,939.

	Was	Ari
First downs	19	24
Total Net Yards	333	369
Rushes-yards	18-87	24-88
Passing	246	281
Comp-Att-int	21-37-1	30-46-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-25	2-15
Punts	2-44.5	3-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-35	6-51
Time of Possession	26:14	33:46

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Washington, Kelley 14-63, Thompson 2-24. Cousins 2-0. Arizona, Johnson 18-84, Ellington 5-5, Palmer 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Washington, Cousins 21-37-1-271. Arizona, Palmer 30-46-0-300.

RECEIVING—Washington, Garcon 7-78, Davis 5-47, Crowder 3-42, Grant 2-20, Jackson 1-59, Thompson 1-21, Carrier 1-6, Harris 1-(minus 2). Arizona, Fitzgerald 10-78, Johnson 9-91, Gresham 5-52, Floyd 3-18, Nelson 1-42, Ellington 1-10, Fells 1-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Arizona, Catanzaro 53.

BUCCANEERS 28, CHARGERS 21

Tampa Bay	7	0	11	—28
San Diego	7	7	7	0—21

First Quarter

SD—Inman 35 pass from Rivers (Lambo kick), 10:53.
TB—Martin 2 run (Aguayo kick), 1:08

Second Quarter

SD—Gordon 2 run (Lambo kick), 10:04

Third Quarter

TB—FG Aguayo 27, 8:25
TB—David 15 interception return (Aguayo kick), 4:25
SD—Ty Williams 40 pass from Rivers (Lambo kick), 1:33

Fourth Quarter

TB—FG Aguayo 35, 13:03
TB—Brate 12 pass from Winston (Evans pass from Winston), 9:01
A—53,832

	TB	SD
First downs	20	18
Total Net Yards	349	330
Rushes-yards	30-81	25-119
Passing	268	211
Comp-Att-int	20-30-1	15-26-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-12	2-14
Punts	2-54.0	3-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-35	6-45
Time of Possession	31:41	28:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Martin 17-45, Rodgers 7-29, Barber 2-6, Winston 4-1. San Diego, Gordon 17-84, Rivers 3-18, Farrow 4-15, Watt 1-2.

PASSING—Tampa Bay, Winston 20-30-1-280. San Diego, Rivers 15-26-2-225.

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Brate 6-86, Martino 4-56, Evans 3-38, Humphries 2-19, Martin 1-23, Rodgers 1-21, Shepard 1-15, Shorts 1-14, Cross 1-8. San Diego, Gordon 4-54, Gates 4-37, Inman 2-49, Ty Williams 2-47, Benjamin 2-24, Henry 1-14.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Tampa Bay, Aguayo 31. San Diego, Lambo 53.

STEELERS 24, GIANTS 14

N.Y. Giants	0	0	7	7—14
Pittsburgh	6	9	7	3—24

First Quarter

Pit—safety, 3:04.
Pit—FG Bullock 44, :04.

Second Quarter

Pit—Brown 22 pass from Roethlisberger (pass failed), 7:18.
Pit—FG Bullock 34, :24.

Third Quarter

NYG—Jennings

Alabama positioned to become 3rd wire-to-wire AP No. 1

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Alabama heads into the postseason with a chance to become the third wire-to-wire champion in the history of The Associated Press college football poll.

The Crimson Tide was No. 1 in the final AP Top 25 of the regular season Sunday, just as it has been since the preseason. Ohio State is No. 2, Clemson is No. 3 and Washington is No. 4.

The College Football Playoff pairings were to be released later Sunday.

Penn State was fifth, followed by Michigan, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

The Crimson Tide enters the postseason looking to win back-to-back championships and to join Florida State in 1999 and Southern California in 2004 as the only teams to be AP No. 1 from start to finish.

Alabama would be the 12th team to win two straight AP championships.

Poll points

Up

With so few teams playing on championship weekend, there was not much movement in the rankings.

- Penn State jumped three spots by winning the Big Ten title game.
- No. 7 Oklahoma moved up two after beating Oklahoma State to win the Big 12.
- No. 18 Virginia Tech lost 42-35 to Clemson in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game and moved up one spot.

Down

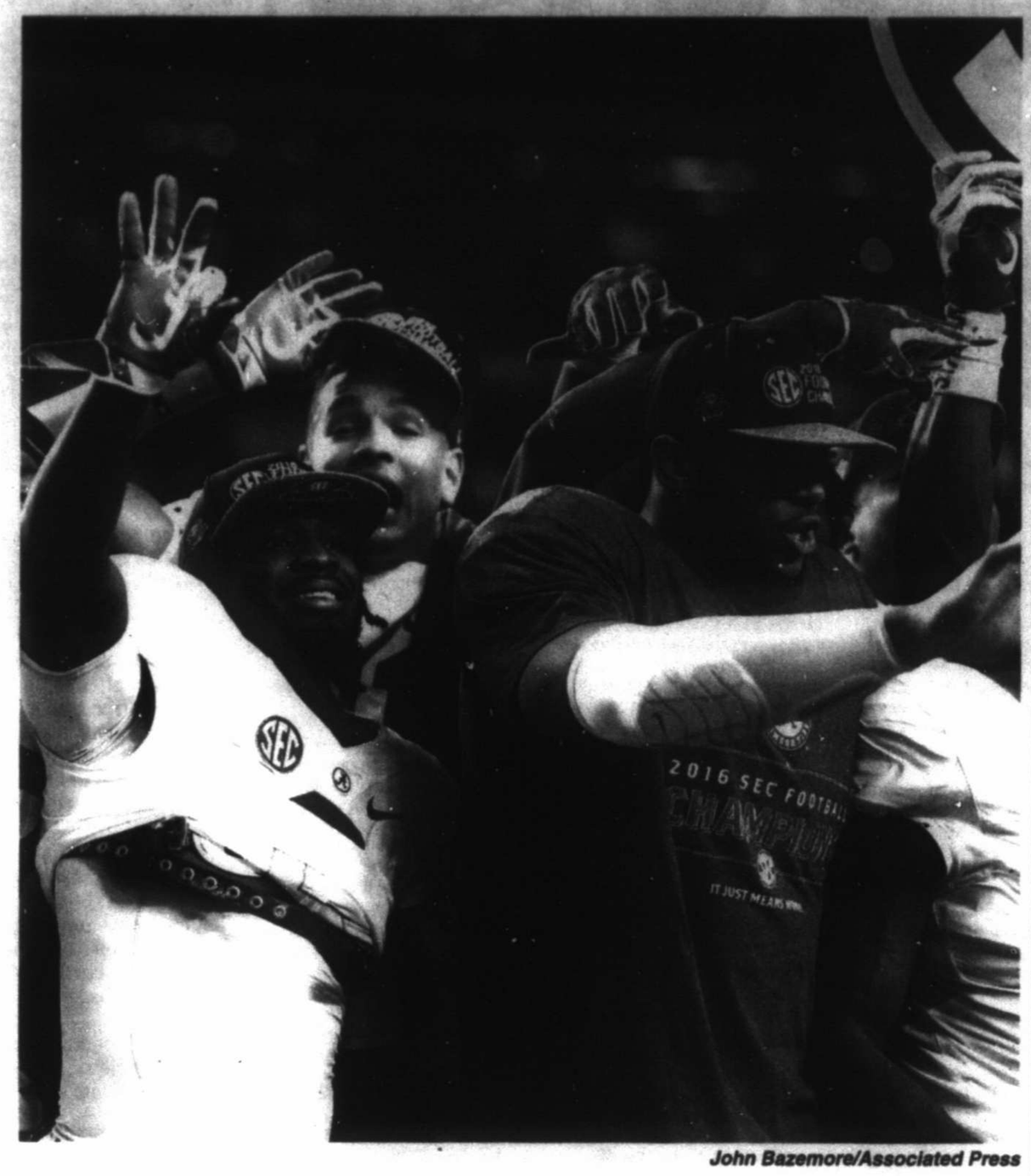
No. 20 Florida dropped five spots after getting blown out by Alabama in the Southeastern Conference title game.

In

No. 23 Temple beat Navy for the American Athletic Conference championship and moved into the rankings for the first time this season.

Out

Navy dropped out.



John Bazemore/Associated Press

Alabama players celebrate victory against Florida after the Southeastern Conference championship NCAA football game Saturday in Atlanta. Alabama won 54-16.

Conference call

Big Ten — 6
ACC — 5
Pac-12 — 4
SEC — 4
Big 12 — 3
American — 2
MAC — 1

Associated Press Top 25 Poll

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 19, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Alabama (61)	13-0	1525	1
2. Ohio St	11-1	1444	2
3. Clemson	12-1	1396	3
4. Washington	12-1	1329	4
5. Penn St	11-2	1252	8
6. Michigan	10-2	1249	5
7. Oklahoma	10-2	1173	7
8. Wisconsin	10-3	1054	6
9. Southern Cal	9-3	1040	10
10. Florida St	9-3	889	12
11. Colorado	10-3	886	9
12. W. Michigan	13-0	871	13
13. Oklahoma St	9-3	800	11
14. West Virginia	10-2	788	14
15. Louisville	9-3	542	16
16. Stanford	9-3	508	17
17. Auburn	8-4	493	18
18. Virginia Tech	9-4	372	19
19. LSU	7-4	351	21
20. Florida	8-4	331	15
21. Iowa	8-4	272	22
22. Pittsburgh	8-4	237	24
23. Temple	10-3	229	NR
24. Nebraska	9-3	196	23
25. South Florida	10-2	173	24

Others receiving votes: Houston 101, Utah 99, Boise St. 95, Washington St. 31, Texas A&M 26, Air Force 20, Navy 15, Tennessee 12, San Diego St. 8, W. Kentucky 7, Miami 6, Georgia Tech 3, Kansas St. 2.

Tuberville resigns after coaching Cincinnati for 4 seasons

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Tommy Tuberville resigned as Cincinnati's coach on Sunday after his first losing season in four years with the Bearcats.

Cincinnati ended the season with five straight losses and a 4-8 record, missing out on a bowl appearance for the first time in Tuberville's tenure. Before the season, the Bearcats gave Tuberville a two-year extension that took him through 2019.

"I am not done coaching, and I look forward to my next challenge," he said in a statement.

It would have cost the school $2.4 million to fire Tuberville.

The coaching change comes at the end of a season that was disappointing in many ways, including the Big 12's decision not to expand.

The Bearcats are hoping to move out of the American Athletic Conference.

The 62-year-old Tuberville left Texas Tech in December 2012 to take over a Cincinnati program that had reached its high mark under previous coaches Brian Kelly and Butch Jones. Tuberville led Cincinnati to 9-4 finishes in each of his first two seasons, sharing the American Athletic championship with a 7-1 mark in 2014.

The Bearcats slipped to 7-6 the following year and then fell apart on offense this year, going through three quarterbacks without success.

They were outscored 112-26 during a four-game stretch late in the season, leaving them out of bowl consideration for the first time since 2010. They fell to Tulsa 40-37 in overtime in their final game.

During Tuberville's tenure, the Bearcats lost all three of their bowl games in blowouts — 39-17 to North Carolina in the Belk Bowl, 33-17 to Virginia Tech in the Military Bowl and 42-7 to San Diego State in the Hawaii Bowl.

Tuberville also has been coach at Mississippi and Auburn.

No conference title? No problem. It's happened before

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

Ohio State didn't win the Big Ten, but the Buckeyes will play for a much bigger prize. Their national title hopes are still very much intact.

That's rare, but not unprecedented.

Ranked second by the AP and third by the playoff committee, the Buckeyes will take on Clemson in a national semifinal.

Ohio State is the first team in the playoff's three-year history to be included despite failing to win its conference.

During the Bowl Championship Series era, however, three teams made it to the title game after falling short within their conferences. Here's a look at how it happened:

Nebraska Cornhuskers (2001)

Why They Didn't Win Their Conference: The Cornhuskers were undefeated heading into their regular-season finale at Colorado, but the Buffaloes drubbed Nebraska 62-36.

That prevented the Cornhuskers from even playing in the Big 12 championship game.

"We really had a big dream," Nebraska QB Eric Crouch said after the game. "Those are over with now. This is going to be a tough one to swallow."

What Happened Next: Nebraska fell from first to fourth in the BCS standings after the loss, trailing Miami, Florida and Texas. Florida lost to Tennessee the following week, and Texas fell to Colorado in the Big 12 title game.

Tennessee briefly held the No. 2 BCS slot before losing to LSU in the SEC championship game.

Nebraska, which hadn't played at all since being routed by Colorado, ended up back at No. 2 in the BCS standings, just ahead of Colorado and Oregon. Both major polls had Oregon No. 2.

What Happened In The End: Nebraska was ranked No. 4 in the AP poll when it took the field for the BCS title game at the Rose Bowl.

The Cornhuskers were overmatched. Miami led 34-0 at halftime and went on to win 37-14.

Oklahoma Sooners (2003)

Why They Didn't Win Their Conference: The Sooners went unbeaten during the regular season but were routed 35-7 by Kansas State in the Big 12 title game.

"I'm not going to sit here and lobby for any bowl," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said afterward. "We just got whipped. They outplayed us in every part of the game."

What Happened Next: Stoops didn't need to lobby. Oklahoma was No. 1 in the BCS standings before it lost to Kansas State — and still No. 1 afterward.

The Sooners ended up facing LSU in the BCS title game. Southern California was left out despite being No. 1 in both polls.

The Final Result: Playing in its home state at the Sugar Bowl, LSU held off Oklahoma 21-14 to take the BCS title. USC, which beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl, won the AP national title.

Alabama Crimson Tide (2011)

Why They Didn't Win Their Conference: Alabama hosted LSU in a matchup of unbeatens on Nov. 5, with the Tigers prevailing 9-6 in overtime. Neither team lost for the rest of the regular season, so it was the Tigers who represented the SEC West in the league title game.

"I'd be honored to face that team again," LSU coach Les Miles said after the victory over the Crimson Tide.

What Happened Next: Alabama fell only one spot to No. 3 in the BCS standings after losing to LSU, but there were a few undefeated teams still to contend with — Oklahoma State at No. 2, Stanford at No. 4 and even Boise State at No. 5. Stanford and Boise State lost the following weekend, and Oklahoma State's double-overtime loss to Iowa State on Nov. 18 opened the door for an LSU-Alabama rematch in the BCS title game.

The Final Result: In another defensive struggle, Alabama held LSU to five first downs, beating the Tigers 21-0 to claim the national title.

PLAYOFF

From 1C

31. Kickoff is set for 6.

Ohio State won the first College Football Playoff after the 2014 season and Clemson lost to Alabama in last season's championship game.

Ohio State and Clemson have played twice before, both in bowl games. The last time was after the 2013 season.

The one difference from last week's top four and the final one was Clemson and Ohio State switched spots. So the Tigers will wear the home jerseys in University of Phoenix stadium instead of the Buckeyes.

Selection committee chairman Kirby Hocutt said the decision came down not to Penn State and Ohio State, but the Nittany Lions (11-2) and Pac-12 champion Washington.

The Huskies' only loss was to Southern California and its nonconference schedule featured FCS Portland State, Rutgers and Idaho. Penn State played Pitt, Temple and Kent State in the conference and lost to the Panthers. The Nittany Lions also were beaten by 39 at Michigan in their last loss.

Penn State finished the season on a nine-game winning streak to make a strong closing statement.

"Had Washington had a stronger strength of schedule I do not think that conversation would have been as difficult," said Hocutt, who is also the Texas tech athletic director.

The selection protocol does not require the committee to pick conference champions or the winner of head-to-head matchups.

"You can make arguments for and against so many teams," Penn State coach James Franklin said on ESPN, adding his team was appreciative of the Rose Bowl bid it will receive.

The rest of the New Year's Six bowls were also announced:

- Florida State (9-3) will play Michigan (10-2) in the Orange Bowl on Dec. 30.
- Southern California (9-3) will play Penn State (11-2) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 2.
- Auburn (8-4) will play Oklahoma (10-2) in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2.
- Western Michigan (13-0) will play Wisconsin (10-3) in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 2.

BOWL GLANCE

2016-17 Bowl Glance
By The Associated Press
Saturday, Dec. 17
Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
NC Central (9-2) vs. Grambling State (11-1), 11 a.m. (ABC)
New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
UTSA (6-6) vs. New Mexico (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Las Vegas Bowl
San Diego State (10-3) vs. Houston (9-3), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
Toledo (9-3) vs. Appalachian State (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
UCF (6-6) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 6 p.m. (CBSSN)
New Orleans Bowl
Southern Miss. (6-6) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Dec. 19
Miami Beach Bowl
Tulsa (9-3) vs. Central Michigan (6-6), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Dec. 20
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
Memphis (8-4) vs. Western Kentucky (10-3), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 21
Poinsettia Bowl
San Diego
BYU (8-4) vs. Wyoming (8-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 22
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Boise
Idaho (8-4) vs. Colorado State (7-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Dec. 23
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau
Eastern Michigan (7-5) vs. Old Dominion (8-4), Noon (ESPN)
Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth
Navy (9-3) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dollar General Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Ohio (8-5) vs. Troy (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu
Middle Tennessee (8-4) vs. Hawaii (6-7), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Dec. 26
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl
Mississippi State (5-7) vs. Miami (Ohio) (6-6), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Boston College (8-6) vs. Maryland (6-6), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
NC State (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6), 4 p.m. (ESPN2)
Tuesday, Dec. 27
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Army (6-5) vs. North Texas (5-7), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
Wake Forest (6-6) vs. Temple (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Minnesota (8-4) vs. Washington State (8-4), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Cactus Bowl
Phoenix
Boise State (10-2) vs. Baylor (6-6), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 28
Pinstripe Bowl
Bronx, N.Y.
Northwestern (6-6) vs. Pittsburgh (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Russell Athletic Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Miami (8-4) vs. West Virginia (10-2), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Foster Farms Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
Indiana (6-6) vs. Utah (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (FOX)
Texas Bowl
Houston
Kansas State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 29
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
AAC vs. SEC, 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
Virginia Tech (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Colorado (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Georgia Tech (8-4) vs. TCU (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
El Paso
North Carolina (8-4) vs. Stanford (9-3), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Tennessee (8-4) vs. Nebraska (9-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
Air Force (9-3) vs. South Alabama (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ASN)
Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Florida State (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2), Miami Gardens, Fla., 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 31
Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
LSU (7-4) vs. Louisville (9-3), 10 a.m. (ABC)
TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Kentucky (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (8-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
CFP Semifinals Peach Bowl
Atlanta
Alabama (13-0) vs. Washington (12-1), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
Clemson (12-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 2
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Florida (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4), Noon (ABC)
Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
Western Michigan (13-0) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), Noon (ESPN)
Rose Bowl Game
Pasadena, Calif.
Penn State (11-2) vs. Southern Cal (9-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Oklahoma (10-2) vs. Auburn (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 9
College Football Championship
Tampa, Fla.
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 21
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
West vs. East, 2 p.m. (NFL)
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
National vs. American, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 1:30 p.m. (NFL)

Matsuyama holds on in Bahamas for 3rd straight win

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — Hideki Matsuyama was only 5 when he first saw Tiger Woods, watching on videotape that 1997 Masters victory. Even sweeter was standing next to Woods in his Sunday red shirt to receive yet another trophy.

Right now, the Japanese star can't seem to lose.

The return of Tiger Woods ended with Matsuyama winning his third straight tournament, and fourth out of his last five, in the Hero World Challenge.

"I can't say that I played well today, but I did win Tiger's tournament," Matsuyama said. "And what a great honor that is."

Matsuyama had a few nervous moments on the back nine at Albany when his seven-shot lead at the start of the final round was reduced to two shots over British Open champion Henrik Stenson with two to play.

Matsuyama closed with two pars for a 1-over 73 and a two-shot victory.

Woods found plenty of positives from his first tournament in more than 15 months, though the final round featured three double bogeys and a 76 — the highest score of the tournament — that dropped him to 15th place out of 17 players.

"It feels good to be back out here playing again, competing and trying to beat the best players in the world," Woods said. "I missed it. I love it."

Matsuyama is moving up in class quickly.

His big run started with a three-shot victory in the Japan Open. He was runner-up in Malaysia, then became the first Asian to win a World Golf Championships title with a seven-shot victory over Stenson and Daniel Berger in the HSBC Champions.

Lynne Sladky/Associated Press

Hideki Matsuyama, of Japan, watches his tee shot from the 16th hole during the final round at the Hero World Challenge golf tournament Sunday in Nassau, Bahamas. Matsuyama won the tournament.

Two weeks later, he won the Taiheiyo Masters on the Japan Golf Tour by seven. And except for a few mistakes on the back nine at Albany, this was another runaway.

"It's going to give him a boat load of confidence going into next year, and he's going to be one of the top guys to beat for a very long time," Woods said.

Matsuyama, who finished at 18-under 270, won $1 million and remained at No. 6 in the world. He ended his streak of 17 consecutive founds in the 60s, though all that mattered was the trophy presentation with Woods.

"It's tough with a seven-stroke lead," he said. "But somehow I was able to pull it off. Hopefully, this experience will help me in the future."

Stenson, playing with him in the final group, closed with a 68 and made Matsuyama work hard for this title.

Matsuyama still had a six-shot lead going into the back nine when he went bunker-to-bunker around the 10th green and made double bogey. Then, he three-putted from about 18 feet on the 14th hole, where Stenson made birdie for a two-shot swing.

Just like that, the lead was down to three with four holes remaining. And it looked like it would get even closer on the par-5 15th. Matsuyama was in a greenside bunker in two and didn't quite reach the green. Stenson had a 45-foot eagle putt. But the Swede left it about 10 feet short and three-putted for par, and Matsuyama matched him.

Stenson also three-putted the 10th, costing him another chance to get closer.

"Whatever he gave me on 14, I gave it straight back to him on 15," Stenson said.

Stenson drilled a 4-iron into 4 feet on the 16th for another birdie, and Matsuyama's approach barely cleared the bunker, leading to par to stay two ahead.

The tournament was still in doubt on the 18th hole. Matsuyama's shot from the rough bounded over the green, while Stenson had 12-feet for birdie. If the Swede made and Matsuyama failed to get up-and-down, it was headed for a playoff. The Japanese star steadied himself with a good pitch to tap-in range, and that wrapped it up.

"He hit a very classy chip there," Stenson said.

Matsuyama now heads home to Japan for a break, though he won't put the clubs away for long. He starts back in Hawaii the first week of the new year, and already he is thinking ahead to April and Augusta National.

"Starting next week all my focus and preparation will be for the Masters," he said. "Hopefully, along the way I can play well on the PGA Tour. But the Masters is my next goal."

DIVOTS: Matsuyama borrowed the caddie of good friend Hiroshi Iwata this week, Mei Inui. He said she helped keep him positive when his lead was shrinking. His regular caddie, known as Dice-K, returns to work in Hawaii. ... Rickie Fowler (69), Matt Kuchar (70) and Dustin Johnson (71) tied for third.

Hero Challenge Scores
Sunday
At Albany Golf Club
Nassau, Bahamas
Purse: $3.5 million
Yardage: 7,267; Par: 72
Final

Hideki Matsuyama, $1,000,000	65-67-65-73—270
Henrik Stenson, $400,000	67-71-66-68—272
Rickie Fowler, $191,667	68-70-68-69—275
Dustin Johnson, $191,667	66-66-72-71—275
Matt Kuchar, $191,667	67-67-71-70—275
Brandt Snedeker, $140,000	72-64-69-72—277
Jordan Spieth, $140,000	68-69-70-70—277
Bubba Watson, $140,000	72-63-75-67—277
Louis Oosthuizen, $125,000	67-67-73-72—279
Patrick Reed, $120,000	72-69-71-68—280
J.B. Holmes, $115,000	64-73-70-74—281
Zach Johnson, $110,000	72-69-70-71—282
Brooks Koepka, $108,500	72-68-72-71—283
Jimmy Walker, $108,500	70-74-66-73—283
Tiger Woods, $107,000	73-65-70-76—284
Russell Knox, $106,000	69-72-71-74—286
Emiliano Grillo, $105,000	70-72-75-72—289

Big names in play as winter meetings open

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — Andrew McCutchen, Chris Sale, Miguel Cabrera and Justin Verlander could be available for the right price.

As baseball teams gathered for the start of the winter meetings Monday, star players were dangled along with the usual crop of free agents.

"When clubs take a dramatic change in direction or even a subtle one, that type of player can become available — although often it's just talk," New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said Sunday. "We'll see what happens."

Having retained outfielder Yoenis Cespedes last week for the biggest deal thus far this offseason, $110 million over four years, Alderson is listening to offers for Curtis Granderson and Jay Bruce.

The other New York team made a splash with a free agent Sunday.

The Yankees agreed to a $13 million, one-year contract with outfielder Matt Holliday, a person familiar with the negotiations said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been announced.

On the eve of the meetings, former Commissioner Bud Selig was elected to the Hall of Fame along with John Schuerholz, architect of the Atlanta Braves teams that won a record 14 straight division titles.

Only about one-sixth of major league free agents have agreed to contracts, and the unsigned group includes closers Aroldis Chapman, Kenley Jansen and Mark Melancon; slugger Edwin Encarnacion, major league home run leader Mark Trumbo and outfielders Jose Bautista, Ian Desmond and Dexter Fowler.

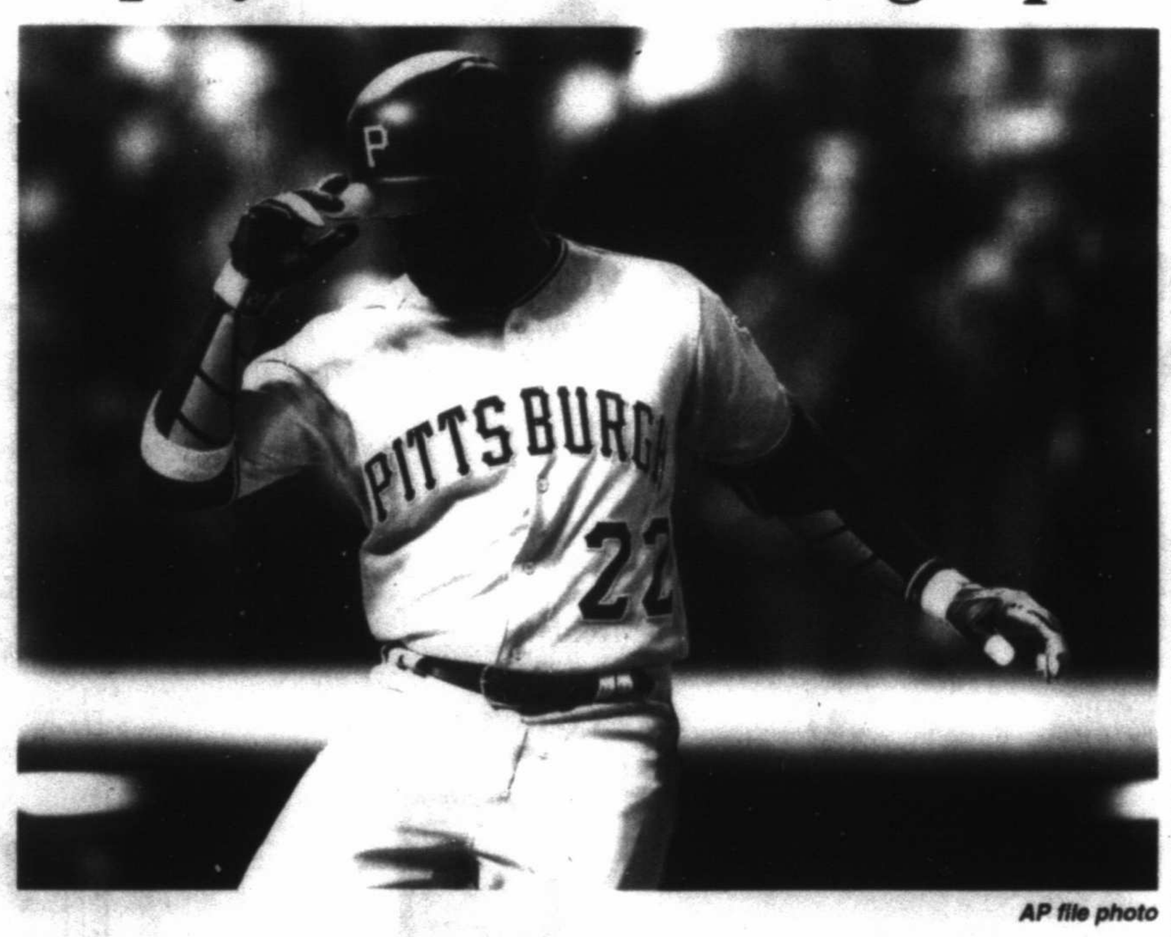
Negotiations usually gain pace during the winter meetings, when nearly all of baseball is gathered in one hotel.

The offseason was framed last month when general managers met.

Detroit made clear it had shifted into payroll-paring mode.

"We chose to be transparent," Tigers GM Al Avila said then. "We chose to tell the players the possibility of things happening."

McCutchen, who revived somewhat in the late stages of last season, could become a free agent a year from now. Rather than get only a draft pick in return then, the Pirates are likely to be proactive.



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Pittsburgh Pirates' Andrew McCutchen tips his helmet as he crosses home plate after hitting a three-run home run off Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Christian Bergman in the sixth inning of a baseball game April 26 in Denver. As baseball teams gathered for the start of the winter meetings Monday, star players were dangled along with the usual crop of free agents.

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he said. "And, yes, I believe in those years as commissioner, that's the most change in baseball history."

There was no variance, however, once Schuerholz took over as GM of the Braves in the winter of 1990.

Atlanta had never won even a single playoff game in its 25-season existence before going from worst-to-first in its first year under Schuerholz, starting an unprecedented run of 14 straight division titles.

The Braves were boosted in that time by their Big Three of Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz, and manager Bobby Cox, all of them already in the Hall. Star third baseman Chipper Jones is expected to join them soon enough.

Schuerholz was the first GM to run clubs that took World Series crowns in both leagues, winning with Kansas City in 1985 and Atlanta in 1995.

"I loved to build teams," he said.

In 26 years as a GM, his teams won 16 division titles and six pennants.

"I always had aspirations to be a successful general manager," Schuerholz said.

The 76-year-old later became president of the Braves and is currently a vice chairman with the team, helping prepare for its move to SunTrust Park next season. His son was a minor league infielder with the Braves and works in their front office.

Born in Baltimore, and the son of a former Philadelphia Athletics minor league second baseman, Schuerholz played the same position at Towson University in his hometown. He was teaching eighth-grade English and world geography in 1966 when, during a class break, he wrote a letter to the president of the Orioles, saying he really wanted to work in baseball and hoping for a chance.

"It all started with that letter," he remembered.

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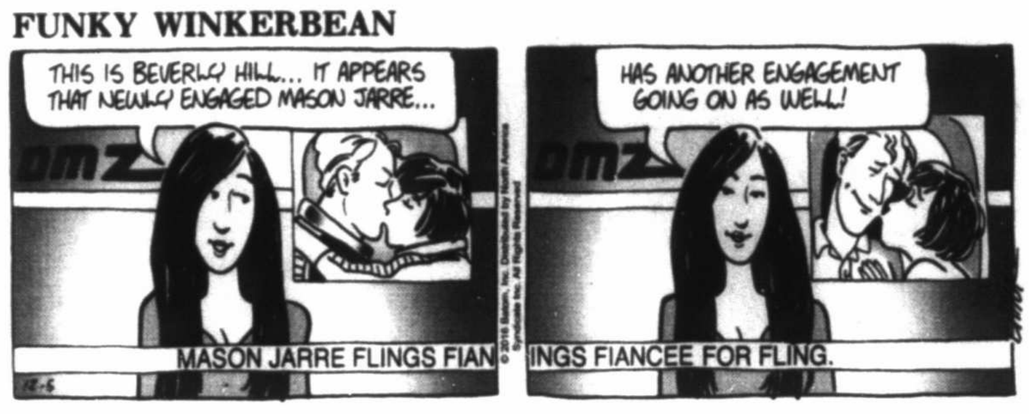

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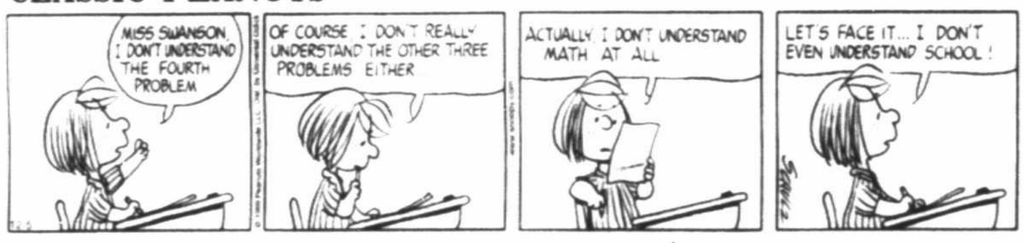

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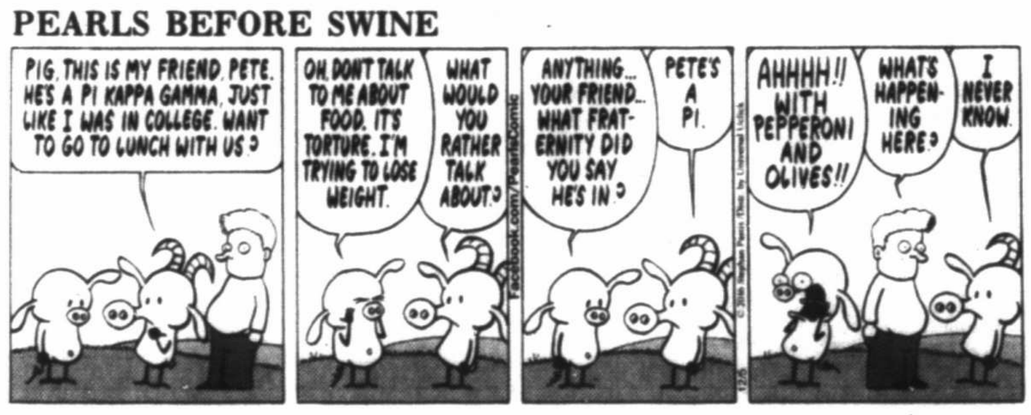

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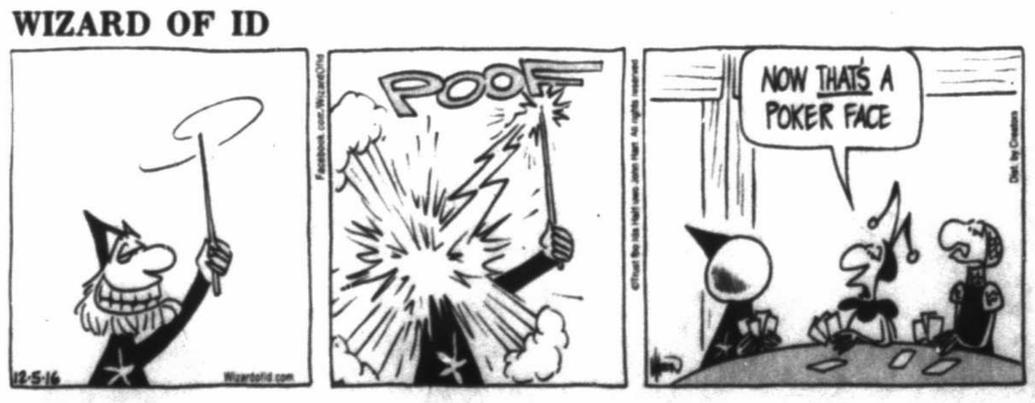

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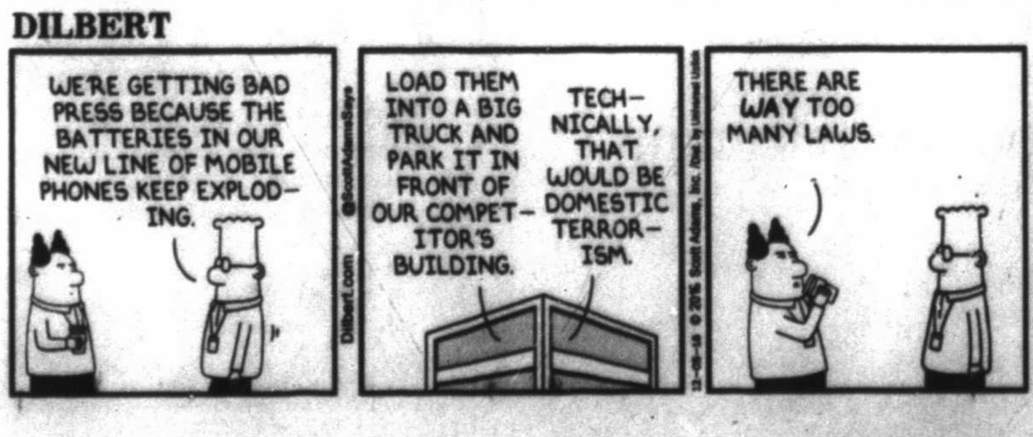

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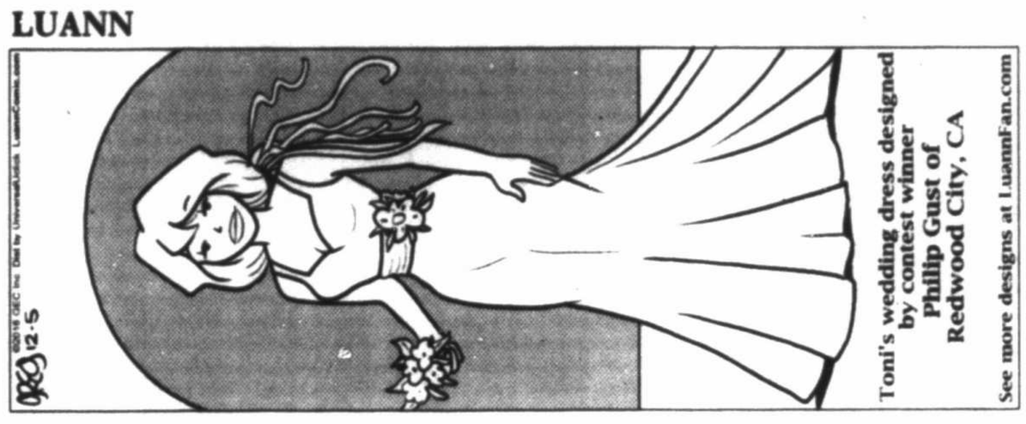

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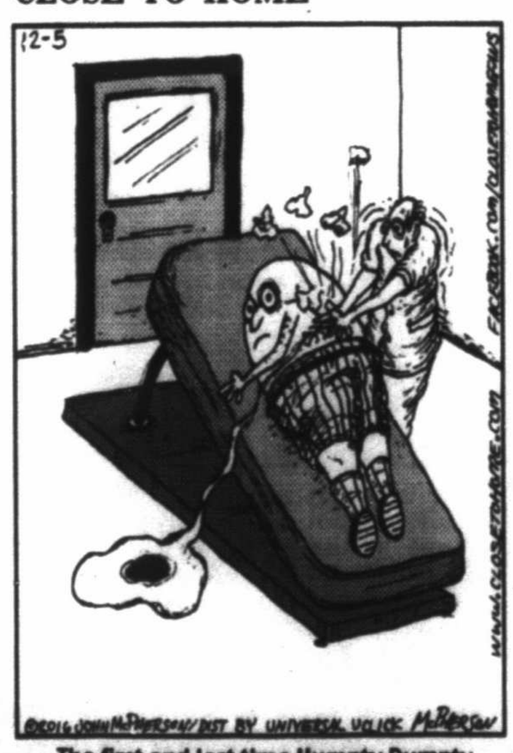

The first and last time Humpty Dumpty went to a chiropractor.

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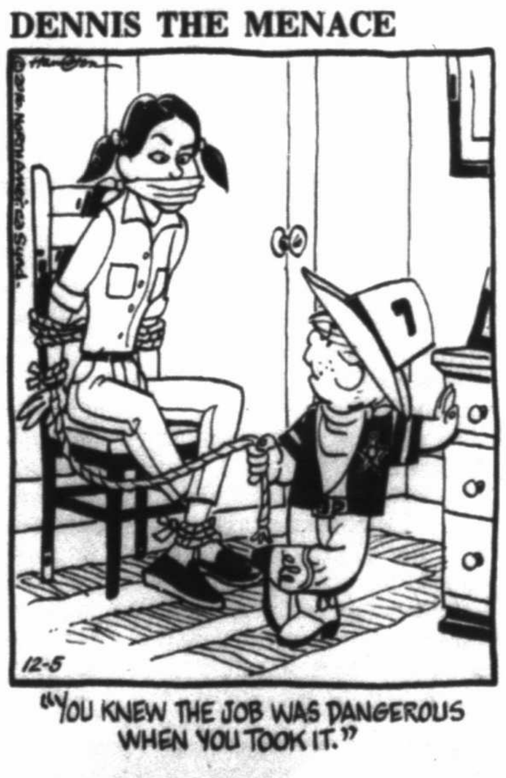

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FAMILY CIRCUS

"Putting Baby Jesus in swaddling clothes was the first Christmas present wrapping."

TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 59 Low: 41

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 56 Low: 41

WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 61 Low: 26

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 37 Low: 25

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 45 Low: 33

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 59 Low: 39

Local forecast

Forecasted highs this week are below normal and will be near freezing Thursday, according to the National Weather Service. There is a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms this morning.

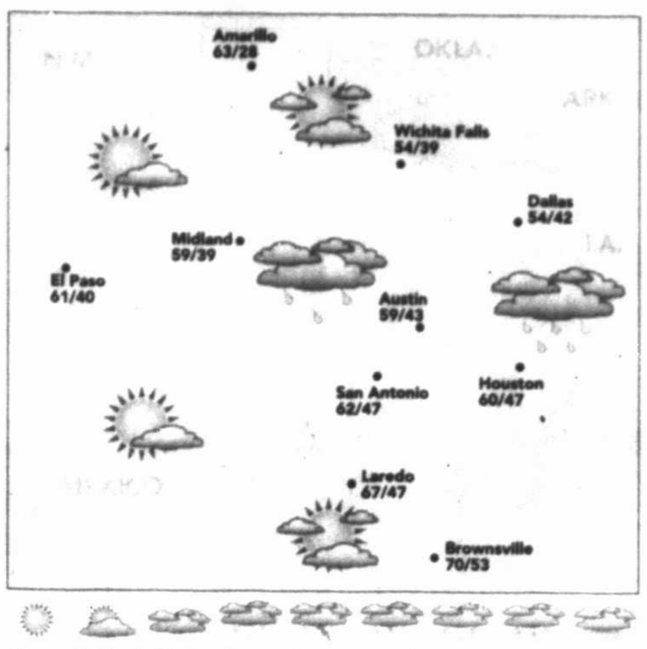
The record high for Dec. 4 is 85 set in 1954. The record low is 14 set in 2006. On Dec. 4 of last year, the high was 60 and the low was 32.

Climate brief

Warm temps slow Arctic Sea ice growth to a crawl

A strange thing is happening in the Arctic. After dipping to its second-lowest extent on record in September, sea ice has struggled mightily to rebound in October.

Freakishly mild weather coupled with a warmer-than-normal ocean are in large part responsible for the great sea ice slowdown of 2016. It's just the latest piece of evidence that 2016 is on another level when it comes to signs that the climate is changing.



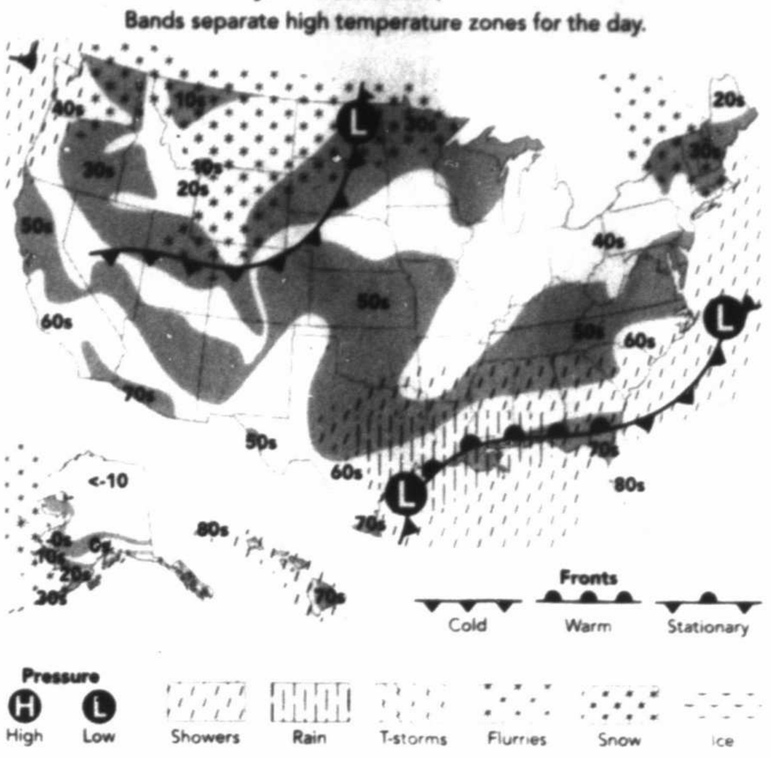
Precipitation	
Sunday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.28 in.
Month total	0.33 in.
Year total	15.10 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.08 in.

Sunday's temperatures	
High	49
Low	42
Normal high	60
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:35 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Monday, December 5, 2016

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Mom stressed by one child should not try for another

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter asked me if she should have another child, and based on what I have observed with her first, I definitely feel she shouldn't. I want a polite way to respond without hurting her feelings, but can't find the words.

She loves her child, but loses patience quickly. She can't handle it when her 2-year-old whines or cries. Sometimes she needs to leave the house. Can you help? — **DEFINITELY NOT IN OREGON**

DEAR DEFINITELY NOT: Every parent feels this way sometimes. That's why God invented grandparents and baby sitters. However, if you feel your daughter can't handle the stress, be honest with her and tell her why you have concerns.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has been friends with twin girls for several years. Their parents are divorced, and we've always known that money is tight in their family. We invite them over to eat as often as we can, and they know our home is their home and a safe place.

The girls are now all applying to colleges, but the twins have repeatedly expressed concern that they don't have enough money to pay the ACT submission fees or the college submission fees. They are both working long hours and trying to save money for college.

We are in a position to help them submit these applications, but don't know how to approach the topic. We are not close with either of their parents. Most important, we don't want to risk a parent telling the girls they can't spend time at our home. How can we help? — **ENOUGH TO SHARE**

DEAR ENOUGH TO SHARE: You are generous and compassionate to want to do this. Because the girls spend so much time at your home, it's likely their parents already know their daughters are friendly with your family. I do not think it would be offensive if you were to call the parents and make the offer. If they are reluctant to accept, you could propose it as a loan that can be repaid after the girls graduate.

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law died a couple of months ago, and since then my mother-in-law insists that one of her kids spend the night with her. She told them that people have told her she should not spend a night alone for at least a year.

This is causing grief and bitterness because my husband has explained to her that when he stayed the first two weeks, he left me at home alone, and it was time she started facing things and move on.

What are the obligations of the children when a parent dies? His mother doesn't need them financially. Are we being too hard on her, or does she need to seek help with moving on? We are afraid that if she keeps this up, she's going to push herself into an early grave or drive her kids away. — **TIRED OF SLEEPING ALONE**

DEAR TIRED: My deepest sympathy to your mother-in-law for her loss, but it is not the responsibility of an adult child to leave his (or her) spouse to sleep with Mama for a year. A week or two, perhaps — but certainly not a year.

His mother should talk to her clergyperson or doctor about joining a grief support group to help her through this difficult time. And if she's afraid to be alone in the house — and she's an animal lover — a solution to that could be for her to adopt a dog from an animal rescue organization.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

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

♠ K 6 5 ♡ 9 ◇ K Q 10 6 2 ♣ K 8 7 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1◇	Pass
1♡	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — A jump to two no-trump by responder at his second turn shows an invitational hand with 11-12 points. We like that better than jumping in clubs. Bid two no-trump.

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

♠ Q J 9 ♡ K 7 5 2 ◇ K 9 7 3 ♣ K 6

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

A — You might risk a takeout double with this hand over a one-diamond opening, but not one heart. Pass.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K J ♡ K Q 9 8 7 ◇ A ♣ Q J 10 5 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	2◇	3◇*	Pass

*Limit raise or better in hearts

What call would you make?

A — This is a good hand, but don't go overboard. We would bid four diamonds and pass four hearts if that's all partner can give us.

Q 4 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 3 2 ♡ A ◇ A 10 8 6 5 ♣ A K 6 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Another good hand that calls for restraint. Bid two clubs. It's OK to have a maximum once in a while.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 5, 2016:

This year friends surrounded you in nearly all areas of your life. Good news usually stems from a friendship. Your people skills continue to grow. You have unusual drive and energy. Your biggest issue will be a sense of illusion, which could prevent you from being realistic. Feedback from trusted associates needs to be listened to. If you are single, you'll meet someone through your day-to-day routine. You don't need to make an extraordinary effort to have this happen; it just will on its own. If you are attached, you will benefit from conversations with your significant other. PISCES can be vague.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might be encouraged by the positive vibes from a loved one. If you're trying to blaze a new trail, you will meet some resistance. You'll want to back off for a while. Follow your gut for now; you will experience success if you do. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You relate well to someone who has been overly serious as of late. You have a way of warming up the moment with this person. Be open about your feelings, and keep your thoughts flowing. Express what you know to be the truth. Tonight: Try to follow through on a goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ A partner or loved one demands one-on-one time. How you feel about a friend could change substantially. Your fiery style draws others toward you. News from a distance seems to demand your time and attention. Take action. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ A conversation begins a new process that could change your direction. You are dealing with a fiery person who easily could lose it when you have an important decision to announce. Feel free to distance yourself. As a result, you'll be happier. Tonight: Break past barriers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Know what you desire. Zero in on what you want, and you are likely to get it. Your creative streak emerges when dealing with an assertive friend or loved one. A partner could surprise you with an imaginative response. Tonight: Make a point of taking the high road.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your imagination encourages you to take a risk. Good news heads in your direction. Many associates and friends might question whether you can accept all the terms of a specific offer. You have a little too much energy for your own good right now. Tonight: Pace yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You are in your element, and you're not ready to back down on any matter of importance. As the day goes on, you might decide that being more diplomatic could work. Your creativity surges, and in some sense you can't seem to rein in it. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You are full of energy, and you can't help but throw yourself 100 percent into whatever you do. Family matters are a high priority. A disruptive element runs through your day. Know what you want, and don't allow anyone to throw you off track. Tonight: Fun and games.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You are likely to say exactly what you want. Someone around you could be in a sour mood, so don't be surprised by this person's reaction. You might want to maintain a serious attitude for now. You will see that conversations are heated. Tonight: Stay close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Be careful with money, as you are likely to make an error right now. Understand what is expected of you. Consider what you want to give and how much. Try to make your perspective align with someone else's. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You have high energy and are not able to slow down. In any case, proceed as you want. By late afternoon, you might look at a situation differently. New information comes forward. Be careful not to resort to sarcasm. Use your listening skills. Tonight: Do some shopping.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Slow down, and don't pressure yourself to do anything that you would prefer to postpone. Please note whether any anger or frustration pops up from out of the blue. Deal with your feelings as soon as possible, before they get out of control. Tonight: Get lots of sleep.

BORN TODAY

Former U.S. President Martin Van Buren (1782), musician Little Richard (1932), entrepreneur Walt Disney (1901)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Poets
6 Ocean breaker
10 Former Iranian ruler
14 From another planet
15 Golfer's club selection
16 Golfer's target
17 What the star gets on a marquee
19 Express checkout lane unit
20 "__ Haw"
21 Contemptuous manner, in slang
22 "Pet" annoyance
23 Dejected
26 Wrap tightly, as in bandages
30 Poker holding
31 Charged atoms
32 Madame of physics
34 Guy's partner
37 Level of optimal accomplishment
41 Bygone jet, briefly
42 Act with passion
43 Caution
44 Song at the Met
45 Like most peanuts
47 Meeting of world leaders
52 Name on rented trailers
53 Lane with a nose for news
54 Pasta suffix
57 Dirt road grooves
58 Honorable ... and like the starts of 17-, 23-, 37- and 47-Across
61 Emancipated
62 Pigmented eye layer
63 Watchdog warning
64 Part of NIMBY
65 Swiss capital
66 Foul, weather-wise

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1 It's drawn in a tub
2 Natural skin soother
3 Unlike green tomatoes
4 Star of the ball
5 Tattletale
6 Witty Oscar
7 Astrological Ram
8 Maria __ Trapp
9 Subj. with grammar
10 Handheld not gear
11 Marriott facility
12 Advil competitor
13 Macho guys
18 Tempt
22 "The Hunger Games" nation
24 Severe pang
25 Carnival
26 Drinks that make a drink last
27 Troubles
28 Vet sch. course
29 Disdainful click
32 Zagreb native
33 N.Y.-based educators' union
34 Insect in a dusk swarm
35 Realtor's lot unit
36 Allow to borrow
38 Danger
39 Give out
40 Tapered tool
44 Tickled
45 Less than 1%?
46 Give, as homework
47 Like the beach during a storm
48 "Star Trek" lieutenant
49 Alma __
50 Rags-to-riches author Horatio
51 Lindsay who played Liz in "Liz & Dick"
54 Wedding promises
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56 Relaxed way to sit by
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59 "__ been thinking"
60 Org. promoting hunter safety

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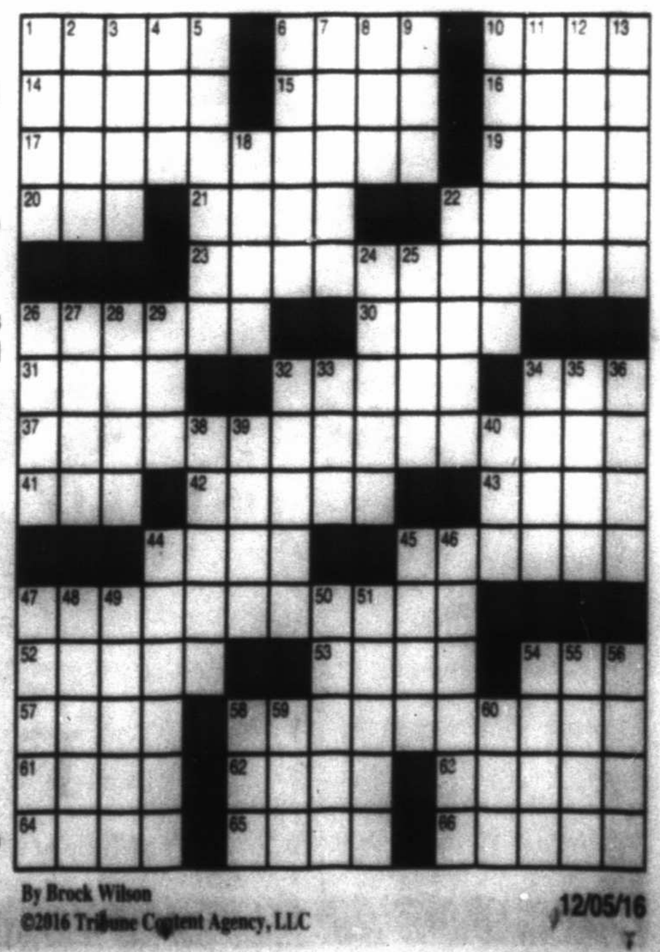

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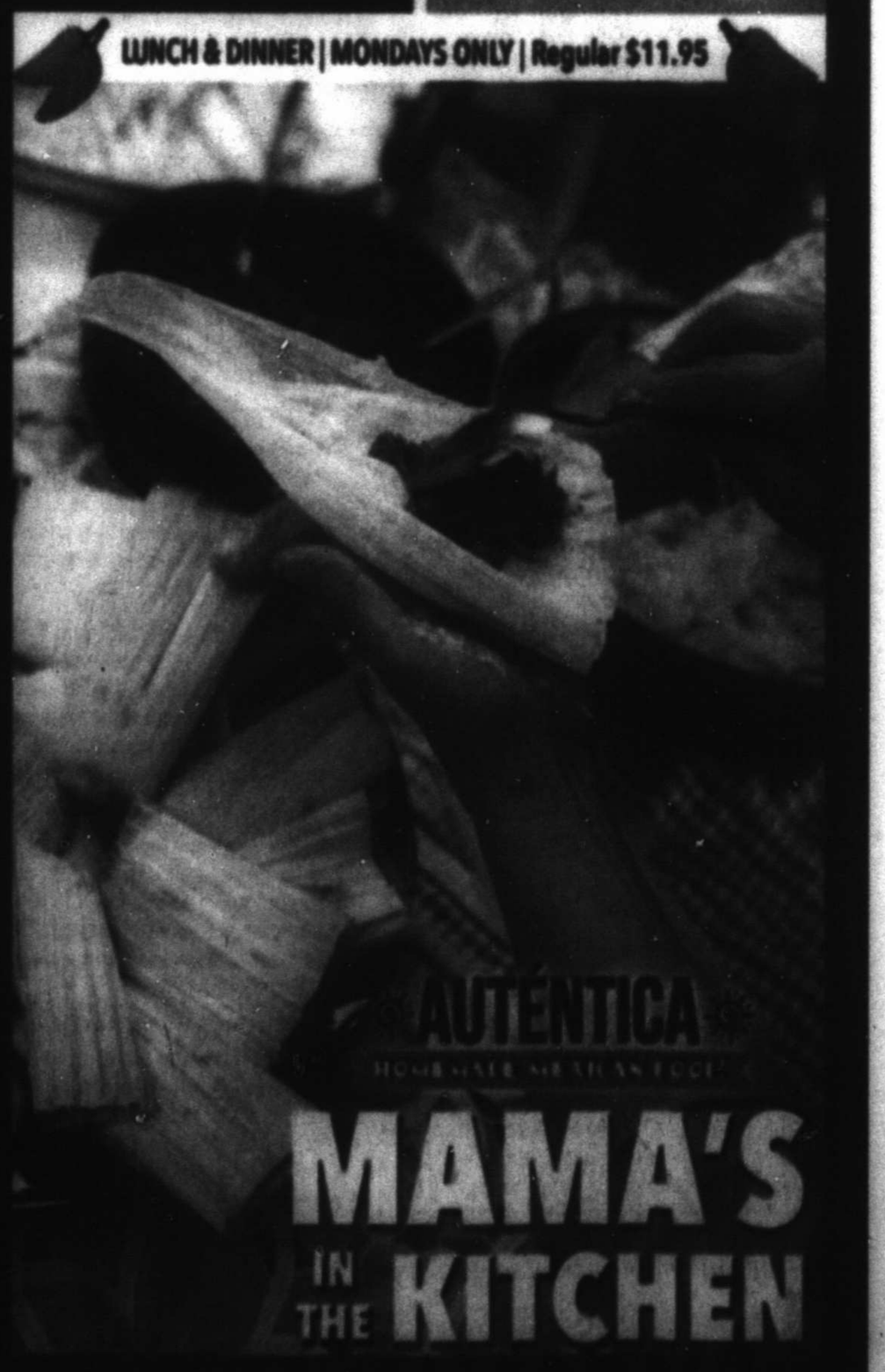

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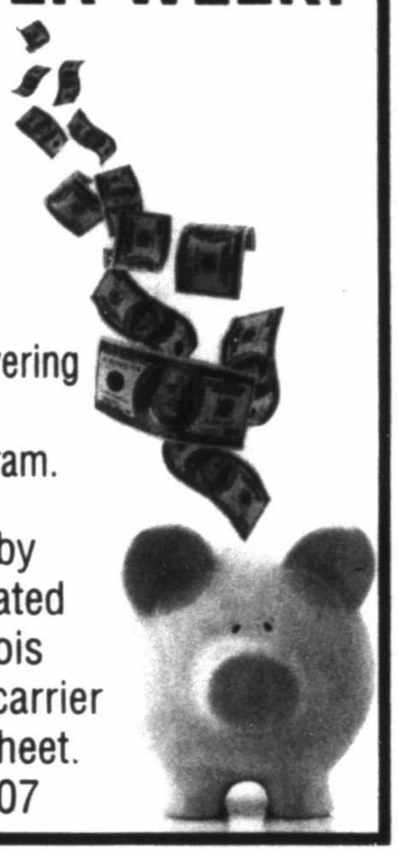

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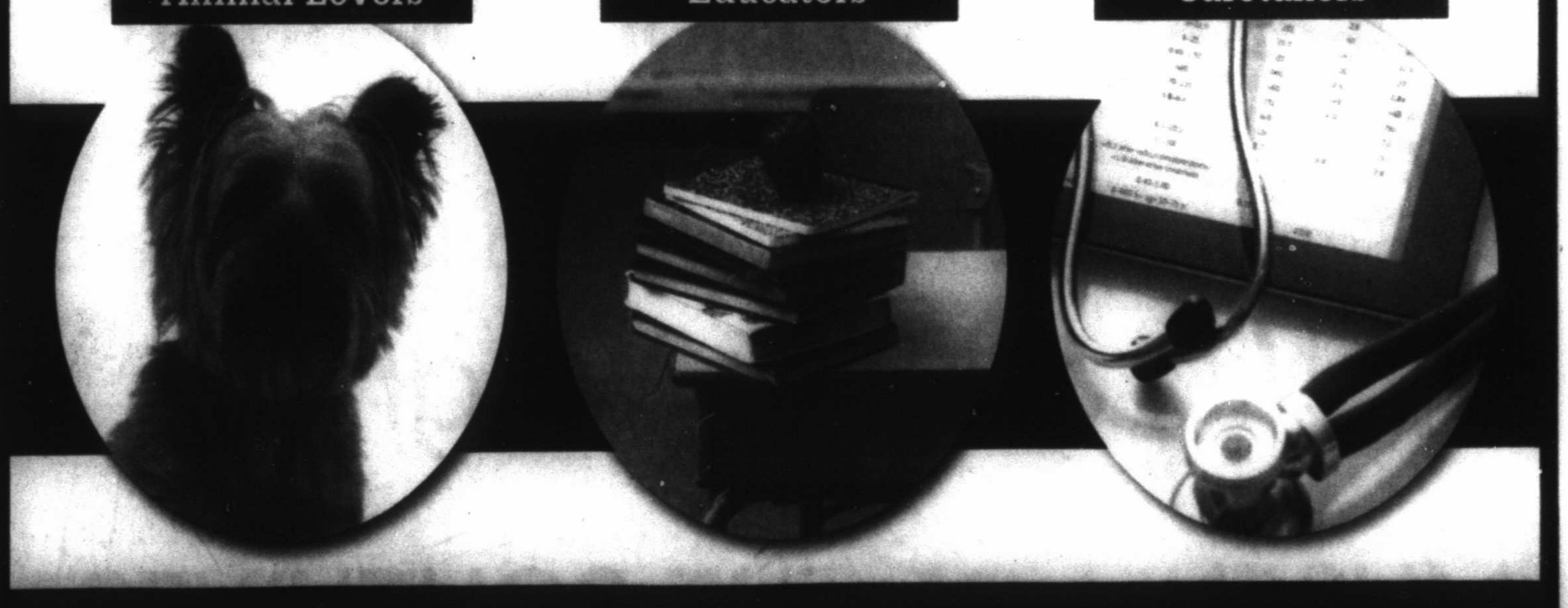

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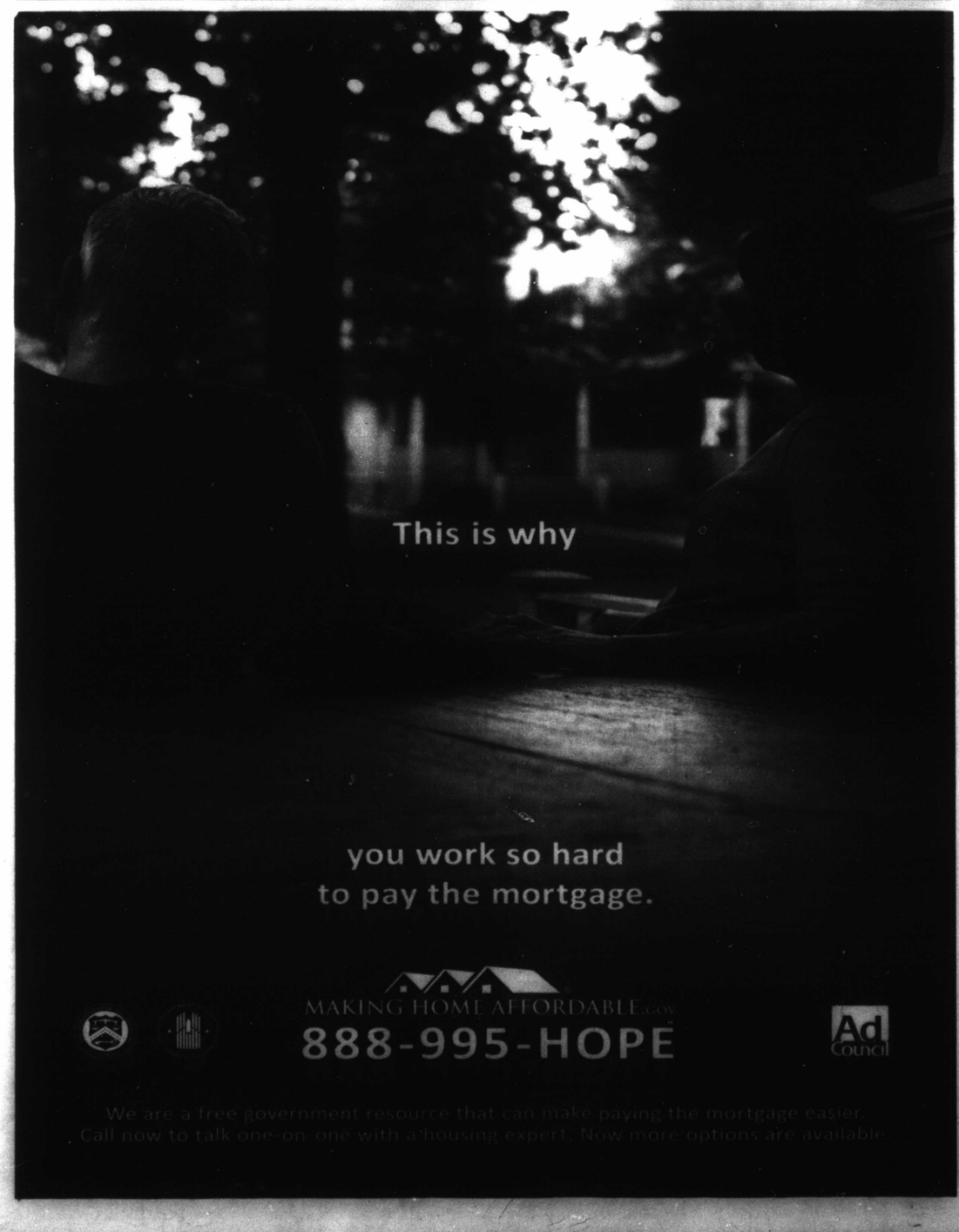
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