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The Dallas Cowboys push toward clinching a playoff berth.

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Between "The Nutcracker," Yuletide at the Yucca and other holiday-related events, there's no shortage of things to do this weekend. Read about it in Heat Index inside Weekender.

Inside

Data clouds view of area's economic health

Job loss was significantly worse than previously believed, Ingham says

By Mella McEwen
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Just where Midland-Odessa's economic bottom is amid the low oil price-fueled downturn has come into question with the October Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index.

Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index for the Midland Development Corp., explained that new, more accurate employment data indicates Midland and Odessa have not only not seen the end of job losses, but the two cities suffered sharper job losses than previously believed.

The index is calculated using monthly Current Employment Statistics provided by the Texas Workforce Commission based on employer reports filed with the commission. In addition, the commission also publishes its Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data. Ingham said the two numbers have diverged significantly and "unfortunately the bad number is the correct one."

The census through the second quarter is now available and shows sharper job losses in Midland and Odessa.

For example, the June 2016 monthly CES estimate indicates total payroll employment in Midland-Odessa of 163,900, a decline of 2.4 percent, compared to the June 2015 estimate of 168,000, Ingham said. However, he said, the census series indicates a June 2016 payroll employment estimate of 150,950 — 12,950 fewer jobs than the CES estimate, and a decline of more than 8 percent. This is compared to the June 2015 monthly estimate of 164,385, which is also down from the June 2015 CES estimate by about 3,600 jobs.

Based on the census estimates through June 2016, more than 25,000 jobs were lost in Midland-Odessa between the employment peak in December 2014 and June 2016, Ingham said. About 12,000 of those jobs were lost in Midland, and 13,000 in Odessa.

By comparison, in the downturn of 2008-09, Midland-Odessa lost a combined 18,000 jobs.

The current downturn "is a big economic event there," he said. "The job loss pain was worse than we thought. This is a serious event in Midland-Odessa alone, with 25,000 jobs lost — never mind Permian Basin-wide, in an 18-month period," Ingham said.

Before the downturn, the region had enjoyed two spectacular periods of growth: 2003-2004 to 2008 and 2010 to 2014. And while the downturn has resulted in significant loss of economic activity, business revenues, personal income and jobs, the downturn won't undo all those gains, he said.

Meanwhile, the Midland-Odessa index continued its double-digit decline in October, coming in 11.3 percent below October 2015.

Double-digit declines also continued in consumer spending and hotel-motel activity.

Retail sales were down 19.6 percent from last October and are down 20.3 percent so far this year compared to the first 10 months of 2015.

Automotive spending was off 21.6 percent from a year ago, and to date this year

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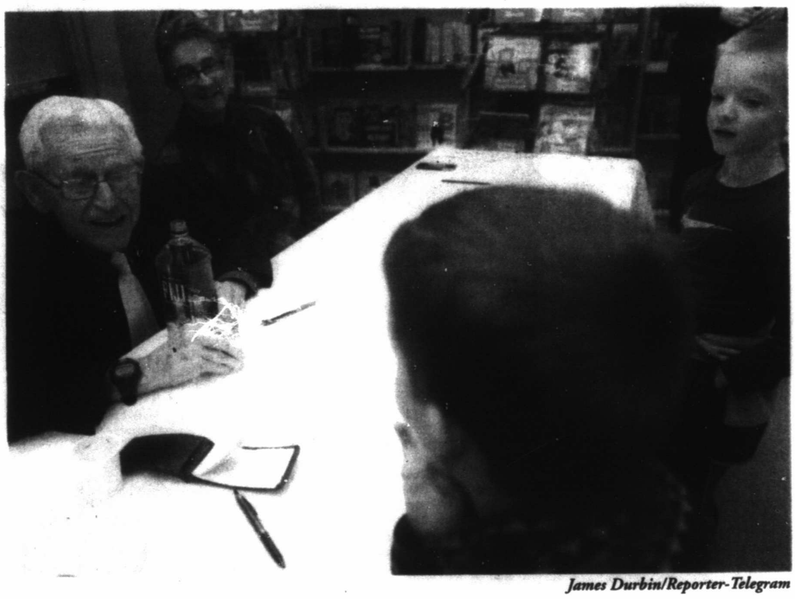

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Jim Henry and Jimmy Patterson signed copies of "Stella Star," the third book in their adventure series, Wednesday at Barnes and Noble book store.

Wells Fargo customers struck by 'smishing' scam

■ Text message claims locked account, can lead to identity theft

By Trevor Hawes
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The Midland Police Department and Wells Fargo are alerting the public to be aware of an identity theft phishing scam being perpetrated through text messages.

MPD posted a warning about the scam on its Facebook page at about 11:15 a.m. Wednesday with a screenshot of what the text looks like.

In speaking with the Reporter-Telegram about an hour after the posting, Det. Daniel Stief said MPD had received 16 complaints so far at that time.

Stief said indications are that the SMS phishing, or "smishing," scam seems widespread.

The identity theft scam tells users that their bank accounts have been locked because of too many failed login attempts. They are given a shortened link to click, which then takes the user to an authentic-looking webpage that requests a username, password and various other personal information.

The webpage lacks an SSL certificate, which all banking websites have. The lack of an SSL certificate is identifiable in the URL.

Jason Menke, Wells Fargo vice president of corporate communications, told the Reporter-Telegram by email that phishing scams are not a new phenomenon.

MPD and Wells Fargo warn people who receive this text message to not click the link. If you are a Wells Fargo customer who received the message and clicked the link, Menke said to immediately call the bank at 866-867-5568.

Stief said that after customers call the bank, they should contact MPD to file a report and get an identity theft packet. Identity theft report also can be filed with the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov.

Other tips from Wells Fargo:

■ Use caution if you receive an email or text expressing an urgent need for you to update your information, activate your online banking account or verify your identity by clicking on a link.

■ If you receive an email or text message requesting sensitive information, do not respond. Delete it.

■ If you receive a suspicious phone call requesting your information or access to your account, hang up and contact the company using a legitimate source such as a phone number on the company's website.

For more information on identifying fraud and guarding against it, consumers can visit www.wellsfargo.com/privacy-security/fraud.

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes.

City reports nearly flat sales tax collection

■ December collection ends 15-month run of double-digit percentage drops

From staff reports

The city of Midland has apparently arrived at the bottom of the nearly two-year sales tax collection drop.

The city reports that December's collection decreased just 0.52 percent from the same month last year.

And while the streak of consecutive months of declining sales tax collections reached 22 months, spending inside the city was great enough to end a 15-month run of double-digit percentage drops. Those decreased sales tax collections limited funding for roads this past fiscal year and played havoc with the creation of this year's city budget.

The city reports collecting $2.782 million from the state Comptroller's Office. This amount was a $14,962 decrease from December 2015. It was also the lowest figure for a December going back to fiscal year 2012 ($2.669 million).

The end of double-digit percentage increases provided a break to the city's year-to-date revenue drop. The city reported that in the first three months of the fiscal year, it has received $8,397,850. One would have to go back to FY 2012 to find such a low three-month stretch to start the year ($7,990,259).

Fiscal-year-to-date drops, however, were 15.2 percent in October and 16.74 percent in November. Last fiscal year, the average monthly decrease was 19.39 percent, so improvement has occurred. The city, in its budget for fiscal year 2017, expected the sales tax collection to be flat, which requires some growth over the last nine months to meet its projection.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection; December collection is based on October sales.

More information

Monthly sales tax collection decreases
December 2015 ..... 25.77 percent
December 2016 ..... 0.52 percent

Last three months
October ..... 15.2 percent
November ..... 16.74 percent
December 2016 ..... 0.52 percent

Fiscal year average: 11.47 percent decrease

Source: City of Midland

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The big number
There has been a
19-fold increase
of students filing for exemption from immunizations. 2A

Word of the Day: aesthete
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Obituaries

D. D. "PeeWee" Poynor

On December 3, 2016, PeeWee passed away peacefully, from a brief illness.

He was born Dean Dorman, Jr., November 21, 1929, at home in Ranger, Texas, to Dean Dorman, Sr. and Nancy Jane Kiser Poynor. PeeWee graduated from Ranger High School and took a bus that very night to West Texas where he started working the next day. He started his career as a truck driver early and hauled cattle/sheep for Arky Glidewell before settling down in Big Lake, Texas.

PeeWee married Darlyne Miller on August 17, 1950; they remained in Big Lake and together raised a family of four boys.

In 1957, due to his strong work ethic and determination, he purchased a single bulldozer that he successfully transformed into a family business known as D.D. Poynor Construction. Over the years, he worked his sons and raised them around the business, where they shared his same values and principles. He also employed several family members and gained life-long friendships with other employees and businessmen around West Texas. He was a one-of-a-kind role model and friend.

Throughout his time, PeeWee served as a Director at Reagan State Bank and was named Businessman of the Year by the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. He was known throughout West Texas for his hard work, generous spirit, and his love to sit and share stories. He was an avid Cowboys fan and enjoyed many years of season tickets, especially during Tom Landry's time. He also had a soft heart for animals and brought home many strays, including dogs, cats, goats, deer, rabbits, and even prairie-dogs.

He is rejoicing in Heaven with three sons, Buddy, Wayne, and Winn Poynor; his parents; three brothers, Willie, Wesley, and Jack Poynor; and a special nephew, Ricky Poynor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Darlyne; one son, Joe D. Poynor and wife Debbie of Breckenridge, Texas; two daughters-in-law, Letha Poynor of Big Lake, and Marla Poynor and husband Britt, also of Big Lake; his beloved grandchildren, J.D. Poynor and his wife Carrie of San Angelo, Texas, Shane Poynor and his wife Sarah of Breckenridge, Amy Poynor Evans and her husband Kelly of Midland, Texas, Shawn Poynor and his wife Anita of San Angelo, and Whitney Poynor Brandon and her husband Jacob of San Angelo; nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth Franklin of Graham, Texas; as well as several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, J.D. Poynor, Shane Poynor, and Shawn Poynor; grandsons-in-law, Kelly Evans and Jacob Brandon; and great-grandsons, Zane Poynor and Alex Evans.

Honorary pallbearers include J.L. Allen, Dale Fisher, Norman Guess, Tommy Holt, Mikel Jones, Terry Jones, Everett Miller, Britt Poynor, Bill Schneemann, Wayne Smith, C.R. Sproul, and John Wilha.

A viewing will be held Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Big Lake. Directly following, at 2:00 p.m., will be a memorial service to celebrate and honor his life.

Edgar King

Edgar King, 83, of Midland, passed away November 30, 2016 in his home.

Services will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of First Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Otto Martin; mother, Marshall Martin of Elk City, Oklahoma; and brother, Roy King of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ed is survived by his wife, Delores; son, Michael King and wife Sheree of Houston; son, Jeff King and wife Terri of Jacksonville, Florida; daughter, DeeAnna Murfello and husband Ray of Cullowhee, North Carolina; grandchildren, Paul King, Ryan Kilgore, Alex King, and Rachel Murfello; great-grandchildren, Dustin King, Brittany King, Carli Kilgore, Quinn Kilgore, and Kara Kilgore; and great-great-grandchild, Alex King.

Ed was born in Elk City and he grew up in a rural Oklahoma town with his parents and brother Roy. Ed played football in high school and received a scholarship to play in college for Cowboys at Oklahoma State University. He was a geologist for over 50 years and was well respected in the oil community. He traveled extensively; he was generous, genuinely loved people, little children and animals. He was an avid reader.

During the last 13 years, Ed was a dialysis patient; he never came for treatment without bringing treats for the entire center. He quickly became known as the 'Candy Man.' Ed never complained, displaying courage and strength through any challenge or illness. He was fun loving, kind and knew a little bit about everything.

Ed loved his family and many friends and they all loved him. He was a coach, mentor and influenced so many of us. He was our hero. We are forever grateful. He and Delores attended church at the First Baptist Church and loved his John class. He will miss the companionship of the class.

The family wishes to extend gratitude to the staff at the Dialysis Center on Golf Course for their care, kindness, and compassion for Dad during his treatments.

Ed would tell us all to be kind, love one another, and most of all trust in God. He would want us to know he has no pain, but is now with our Lord.

In lieu of flowers, anyone wanting to make a contribution, please send to First Baptist Church in Midland, in memory of Ed King.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Edom "E.J." Johnson

Edom "E.J." Johnson left the cares of this world behind on December 6, 2016.

He was born in Bremond, Texas on November 28, 1920 to Oscar Johnson, Sr. and Sarah Bradley Johnson. He accepted Christ at an early age and attended school in Bremond. He later moved to Midland where he married Ollie Williams; one daughter, Willie Rene, was born to this union. He later met and married Annie Pearl Hawkins; this union remained until her death.

E.J. made a career of caring for people and their animals. He worked for Shannon Animal Hospital in Midland for 35 years. After his retirement, he continued to care for animals throughout the community. His loving nature and unmatched sense of humor endeared him to anyone who was blessed to know him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and seven siblings.

To carry on his legacy of love, he leaves his sister, Ora Williams; his daughter, Willie Rene Cooper (Peter); grandchildren, DeLancy, Eric (Rose) and Monica and Candi (Monte); great-grandchild, LaDerika (Darrell); and nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Viewing is Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Funeral services are Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Mt .Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 303 E Shannon, Midland, TX.

Services under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Flora White

A private service was held for Flora White, who passed away on November 28, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Price; her husbands, R. V. West and Sam White.

Flo is survived by her daughter, Cynthia West and granddaughter Summer Keller; her sons, Tom White and Mark West, his wife Alma, their son Andre, his wife Sarah, and grandchild Anaya. She is also survived by step-daughter, Debra White and her children, Crystal and Cody; and step-son, Sam White, his wife Merrily, and their children, Samantha & Travis White. We thank all of our mother's dear friends for their kindness and love.

LaQuetta "Quettie" Ann Floyd

LaQuetta "Quettie" Ann Floyd, 70, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, December 10, 2016, at West Kentucky Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m. with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating. Please have all floral arrangements directed to West Kentucky Baptist Church, 1507 W Kentucky Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

LaQuetta was born on Christmas Day in 1945 to R.L. O'Neil and Vivian Clark in Midland, Texas. She was a very kind woman that never knew a stranger. Quettie always had a smile on her face and had a wonderful sense of humor. She loved the lottery, but not as much as she loved her family and her dog, Baby Darlin'. She was an incredible woman who will be deeply missed by all that knew her.

Left to cherish LaQuetta's memory are her son, Wally Reeves and wife, Sandy; daughter, Shanna Reeves; beloved pet, Baby Darlin'; sister, Brenda Runyan and husband, Danny; brother, Russell "Rusty" O'Neil and wife, Barbara; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; aunts, Juanita Smith, Betty O'Neil, Shirley O'Neil, and Betty Bagwell; and by five nieces, one nephew, many cousins, and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, William "Pappy" Floyd.

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Zackary Allen Baer

Zackary Allen Baer, 27, left this world too soon on December 5, 2016.

Zack was a beloved son, a loving brother, and a devoted father. He loved working on cars, playing video games and board games, and was an active part of Amtgard. Zack had a stubborn streak, and he did things his own way, and he was dearly loved, both for that and in spite of it.

He leaves behind his father, David Baer of Odessa; his mother and step-father, Deanna Baer Stephens and Joseph Stephens of Midland; his sister, Ashley Baer of Midland; and his son, Kyson Alexander Baer of Midland. He also leaves behind dozens of uncles, aunts, grandparents, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his Pepaw, Jerry Hill, who probably met him at the Pearly Gates with a fishing pole in hand.

The family would like to thank the hospital staff in Midland and Odessa for tirelessly working to keep him with us as long as you could.

Visitation is Friday, December 9, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services are Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

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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Carolyn Nicholas

Carolyn Nicholas, 84, of Midland was passed away on November 20, 2016.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com* .

Death Notices

Hazel Boomer

Hazel Boomer, 87, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, December 7 2016.

Private services will be held at a later date with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Hobert Boomer; and by two sons, Robert Boomer and David Boomer.

Mary Ann Coolidge

Mary Ann Coolidge, 84, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

She is survived by her husband, Donald D. Coolidge; two daughters, Judy Galbraith and Cynthia Rodrigues; one brother; one sister.

The family will be receiving visitors today at American Heritage Cemetery/ Funeral Home/ Crematory between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., followed by a burial at American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/ Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Marguerite Susan Olsen

Marguerite Susan Olsen, 84, of Goldsmith, Texas, passed away on Monday, December 5, 2016.

She is survived by two sons, Charles J. Olsen and Jon T. Olsen; one daughter, Jamie O. Waters; one brother; two sisters.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 N. Grimes, Giddings, Texas, 78942.

Mary Louise Patterson

Mary Louise Patterson, 87, of Carrollton, Texas, passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2016.

She is survived by two sons, Bobby R. Patterson and Billy Dean Patterson; one daughter, Mary Ann Mansell; three brothers; two sisters.

A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Texas eyes immunizations as more kids file exemptions

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas could be the epicenter for the nation's next major fight over stricter requirements for immunizations as rates of schoolchildren who refuse shots for non-medical reasons climb in America's second-largest state.

The number of Texas kindergarten through 12th grade students who reported filing conscientious exemptions for at least one immunization last school year increased 19-fold since 2003 — though that is still less than 1 percent of enrolled students, according to the Immunization Partnership, a pro-vaccination Texas nonprofit. Texas requires parents to approve immunizations, rather than mandating shots and having families opt out if they object to them.

Some Texas state lawmakers said Wednesday they want to create a system where students who oppose immunizations would have to opt out of otherwise standard immunizations — and could only do so after watching a video on the medical effectiveness of vaccines.

The most common immunizations protect against measles, mumps, and rubella, or German measles, as well as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio and hepatitis A and B.

Texas and 17 other states allow philosophical exemptions to vaccines. California used to let students forgo vaccinations for similar reasons — only to approve some of the country's strictest vaccine requirements last year. That law eliminated religious and personal beliefs as reasons for opting out of mandatory immunizations.

Deborah Cannon/Austin American-Statesman via AP

State Rep. Sarah Davis speaks about the vaccination and cancer issues in regards to the HPV vaccine in the state during a news conference at the Capitol on Wednesday in Austin. Texas could host the nation's next major fight over stricter requirements for immunizations as its rates of schoolchildren who refuse to get shots for non-medical reasons rises.

The small group of Texas lawmakers that wants to make changes isn't planning to go that far when the GOP-controlled Legislature heads back into session Jan. 10.

"The fact is that people have a choice to not immunize, but we need the herd effect," Rep. Donna Howard, an Austin Democrat who has filed an immunization "opt-in" bill, told reporters Wednesday. "We need a significant number to be immunized to not only protect themselves but to protect the larger community."

Past efforts to improve immunization rates in Texas mostly have been stymied by opposition from conservative legislators who are immunizations skeptics, as well as a political group called Texans for Vaccine Choice. They point to discredited studies linking immunizations to health problems including autism.

Texans for Vaccine Choice did not respond to requests for comment Wednesday.

Preparations for a legislative clash come amid a mumps outbreak south of Fort Worth, where immunization refusal rates in school districts are higher than the state average.

Neighboring Arkansas has reported nearly 1,900 confirmed or suspected cases of mumps this year, though many of those involved children who got vaccines. That outbreak has nonetheless centered in an area where opt-out rates exceed those in other parts of Arkansas, according to that state's Department of Health. Like Texas, Arkansas allows parents to claim medical, religious or philosophical exemptions from school vaccination requirements.

In Texas, nearly 45,000 kindergarten through 12th grade students reported filing conscientious exemptions to vaccinations last school year, which represents 0.84 percent of the number of students reported enrolled by schools in an annual survey, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. But as recently as the 2008 academic year, only about 12,600 public school students reported filing conscientious exemptions to immunizations, or 0.28 percent of that year's reported enrollment total.

State Rep. Sarah Davis, a suburban Houston Republican who is sponsoring a proposal to mandate an online class for Texans who get non-medical exemptions to school immunizations, said that "for some reason, there's a growing movement afoot to question the science and effectiveness of vaccines."

"Discredited research offered by discredited sources has nonetheless gained traction," Davis said Wednesday. "It has created doubts in parents and uncertainty among the public. We're here because it's time to fight back."

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aesthete
1. a person who has or professes to have refinedsensitivity toward the beauties of art or nature.
2. a person who affects great love of art, music,poetry, etc., and indifference to practicalmatters.

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Nightclub victims' kin: Oakland fire families face long road

By Michelle R. Smith
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Authorities investigating the California warehouse party fire that killed 36 people have said they are considering a criminal case — even murder charges. But as relatives learned after a nightclub fire killed 100 people in Rhode Island, any prosecution would be a long and complicated road that may not end with a feeling of justice.

The 2003 fire at The Station in West Warwick was started by pyrotechnics for the rock band Great White, which set fire to foam that lined the walls as soundproofing. It was actually highly flammable packing foam, never approved for such a use, and the crowded club became an inferno in seconds.

In Oakland, investigators have said they're looking at electrical appliances as possible causes in the Friday night fire in the warehouse packed with wooden structures, where electricity was provided by cords that snaked through the space.

Relatives of those killed and lawyers involved in the Rhode Island case said they see troubling parallels.

In both fires, there was a lack of proper permits and loads of highly flammable material inside. In both, the operators were accused of ignoring safety standards, such as providing adequate fire exits. As in Rhode Island, there are suggestions that officials in Oakland didn't do enough to inspect and monitor the building, leading to the deadliest fire in the U.S. since the 2003 blaze.

At The Station, inspectors failed to note the foam in their reports. They also raised the club's capacity, so people were allowed to pack inside.

A nearly 10-month grand jury investigation resulted in involuntary manslaughter charges for three people: the club's owners, Jeffrey and Michael Derderian, and the man who set off the pyrotechnics, Great White tour manager Daniel Biechele.

But many were outraged that the town's fire marshal and Great White leader Jack Russell were not charged.

Dave Kane, whose son, Nicholas O'Neill, died in The Station fire, said he believes he is seeing in Oakland what he saw in Rhode Island: a rush to blame the operator of the space and to protect public officials.

"The elected officials, the fire officials, they're the responsible ones," Kane said, adding a message to families in Oakland: "Don't get your hopes up, because too many people have to cover themselves, and that's the problem."

Jeff Pine, a former Rhode Island attorney general who represented Jeffrey Derderian, said The Station fire represented a "perfect storm" of things going wrong simultaneously.

In such cases, when there is no malicious conduct or criminal intent, manslaughter is more likely, he said. Authorities said Wednesday there is no evidence of arson.

But Robert Weisberg, a Stanford law professor, said under California law, second-degree murder could be proved if a person knows there is an extreme risk of death and goes forward anyway for selfish reasons.

"They're hard to win, but it's legally plausible," he said.

Tom Briody, who defended Biechele, said establishing criminal intent is a high burden, but there is a tendency to lower it when so many people are killed.

"The reality is that when you have a large death toll, the cases get investigated more aggressively. Ultimately, I think the burden somehow lowers itself," he said. "Somehow, it becomes a lot easier to convince folks that someone's to blame than when there's a smaller amount of damage or harm."

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley has said Oakland investigators are looking into "Who knew what? Who ignored what, and who completely disregarded what?"

Warehouse operator Derick Ion Almena deflected questions from NBC's "Today" about whether he should be held accountable, but said he signed a lease for building that was "to city standards, supposedly," and said his three children slept there at night. The night of the fire they were staying at a hotel.

Biechele ultimately pleaded guilty to 100 counts of involuntary manslaughter and served less than two years in prison. The Derderians pleaded no contest to the same charges without admitting guilt. Michael Derderian spent less than three years in prison, and Jeffrey Derderian got community service.

"That was rather devastating," said Chris Fointaine, whose son, Mark, died, and whose daughter was badly injured. "The fact that one brother walked away with basically no time, and the other with what we considered a slap on the wrist."

She said relatives of those killed became their own sort of family and drew support from each other in the years that followed.

"They need to be prepared for this to be dragging for a long, long time," she said of the families in Oakland. "I think the only comfort that we found was in each other."

In Rhode Island, the criminal case took more three years, and the civil cases against dozens of people and companies took six. The settlements totaled $176 million.

Fontaine called those settlements the most insignificant thing that happened in the case.

"To me, that was the least important. To me, seeing justice served would have been the most helpful," she said. "We never got that justice served. And we never will.

Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle via AP

Former first lady Barbara Bush, left, holds hands with her husband, former President George H.W. Bush as he sits with former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kansas, during the playing of taps at a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony at the George Bush Presidential Library on Wednesday in College Station.

WWII vets George H.W. Bush, Bob Dole at Pearl Harbor event

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Hundreds of well-wishers applauded World War II veterans George H.W. Bush and Bob Dole on Wednesday during a patriotic Texas ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.

The ex-president, who is 92 years old, and the 93-year-old former Kansas senator attended the event at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station.

Bush and Dole, both using wheelchairs, waved to the crowd that welcomed them during ceremonies at the complex on the Texas A&M campus. Bush spokesman Jim McGrath said the commemoration, attended by about 800 people, included flyovers by vintage WWII planes.

"Pearl Harbor did change President Bush's life. It certainly changed my life later. But that's the price we pay for freedom. We love our country. We want to keep our freedom," said Dole, who lost much of the use of his left arm because of war injuries.

Dole, who received the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service, said working with Bush to get the Americans with Disabilities Act passed in 1990 was one of his proudest public service moments.

Texas A&M student, Sigma Phi Epsilon member, dies at house

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Investigators say a 20-year-old Texas A&M student and Sigma Phi Epsilon member has died at the fraternity house where he lived.

The Brazos County Sheriff's Office says other members Tuesday afternoon found Matthew Hayes of Beaumont unresponsive in his bedroom. Autopsy results are pending.

A sheriff's statement says Hayes attended a formal event Monday night in Bryan, then returned to the house and was last seen alive early Tuesday. Other fraternity members believed Hayes was asleep, but he missed an afternoon function and that's when his body was discovered.

The national Sigma Phi Epsilon has expressed sympathy and said the organization was cooperating in the investigation.

It's the second A&M fraternity student death this year. Sigma Nu member Anton Gridnev died of an accidental drug overdose in August.

Appeals court throws out conviction of Waco man on death row

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas' highest criminal court threw out the conviction of a Waco man sent to death row for the 2011 ambush slayings of two men, saying Wednesday that a proper search warrant wasn't used to obtain text messages that tied him to the killings.

The texts were used against ruled 29-year-old Albert Leslie Love Jr. at his capital murder trial.

"The strongest evidence of his guilt came from the improperly admitted text messages," the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said in a 6-3 ruling, but those messages "could not be obtained without a probable-cause warrant."

Love is one of two men on death row for the fatal shootings of 17-year-old Tyus Sneed and 20-year-old Keenan Hubert, who were among four people sitting in a car who were shot in what prosecutors said was a gang-related ambush in retaliation for another killing. The slaying victims each had eight gunshot wounds.

"Text messages are analogous to regular mail and email communications ... We hold that (Love) had a reasonable expectation of privacy in the contents of the text messages he sent," the court said.

McLennan County prosecutors had argued they obtained a "court order" to secure 37 pages of phone records showing about 1,600 text messages and the judge at Love's trial allowed the text messages into evidence over the objection of Love's attorneys.

The appeals court, however, said the order pertained to other laws covering phones and was "inapplicable" to this case. It also said prosecutors could not compel Love's cellphone provider to turn over his messages "without first obtaining a warrant supported by probable cause."

Love's appeals attorney, Ariel Payan, called the ruling "kind of a once-in-a-lifetime deal."

"It was a little bit of a surprise, to be honest," he said, particularly after appeals court judges asked questions during oral arguments that gave him the impression of "a lot of resistance" to the appeal.

McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna did not immediately respond to a message from The Associated Press.

A jury in 2013 convicted Love of capital murder and then deliberated about 90 minutes before deciding he should be put to death rather than serve life without parole. His trial, moved to Georgetown because of publicity, came a year after a companion, Rickey Donnell Cummings, was sentenced to die. The appeals court a year ago upheld Cummings' conviction. Neither Cummings, 27, nor Love has had an execution date.

Police: NM Deputy killed in crash wasn't wearing seat belt

Associated Press

LOS LUNAS, N.M. — A Valencia County sheriff's deputy ejected and killed in a crash apparently wasn't wearing a seat belt when he lost control of his patrol vehicle and it overturned, authorities said Wednesday.

According to the New Mexico State Police, a preliminary investigation indicated 30-year-old Ryan Thomas of Belen was responding to a call Tuesday night when the single-vehicle crash occurred in the Belen area.

State police said Thomas apparently lost control of his vehicle and it went off the road and overturned. He died at the scene.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Gary Hall said Thomas was on a priority call but that he didn't know its nature.

Sheriff's Office's policy requires personnel to use seat belts but deputies in a rush sometimes fail to engage the safety devices "and they think they've got it hooked and it didn't get hooked," Hall said.

He said he didn't think officers consciously decide to not wear seat belts.

Thomas joined the he Sheriff's Office about a year ago after serving in the military and then working for the Alamogordo Police Department, Hall said.

"It's a tragic loss to our department," Hall said. "He had the makings to be a very good officer. We got a lot of compliments from the public about how he handled situations."

Hall said Thomas had a young daughter and that his wife is pregnant.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime at the Library,10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., The American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

■ #Hangovertodays, 7 p.m., Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

■ "Spirited Away: 15th Anniversary" 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $14.88. Fathomevents.com.

■ Karaoke, 9 p.m., The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

Note: For more information on the weekend entertainment scene, check out the Weekender section in today's Reporter-Telegram.

Holiday events

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

■ A Blue Christmas service is an ecumenical service for those who find the holidays a difficult time, 7 p.m., St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N. stnimcksmt.org

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

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30-7:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net

Stolen property to be on display

■ The Midland Police Department will give residents an opportunity to retrieve stolen property at a public viewing scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the department's armory building, 3900 N. Lamesa Road.

The items recovered were most likely taken during the last few months and include power tools and equipment and lawn and garden tools.

Anyone wishing to view the items must have the corresponding case report number and a valid driver's license. Any individual who does not have a case number but has been a victim of theft may call MPD at 685-7108 to file a report.

Source: City of Midland

Book drive

The Midland County Public library is conducting a children's book drive for the benefit of Casa de Amigos and High Sky Children's Ranch.The goal is to collect 5,000 books through Dec.17.

New or gently used books may be dropped of at the children's department of either branch 10 a.m.-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.

When it's open

Midland County Tax Assessor/Collector
2110 N. "A" St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Friday
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
688-4810

Midland Central Appraisal District
4631 Andrews Highway
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday
699-4991

Department of Public Safety: Driver's License Office
2405 South Loop 250 West
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
498-2100

U.S. Postal Service
Downtown, 100 E. Wall St. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Village, 2315 W Louisiana Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday
ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

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Pick 3 morning: 9-5-8
Pick 3 day: 1-7-6
Pick 3 evening: 7-3-3
Pick 3 night: 7-5-0
Daily 4 morning: 7-7-7-1
Daily 4 day: 5-9-1-9
Daily 4 evening: 5-7-3-9
Daily 4 night: 9-2-2-8
Cash Five: 4-9-14-25-30
Lotto Texas: 4-5-29-34-40-53
Powerball: 41-48-49-53-64 PB: 20
Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 01-03-10-11-12-14-15-16-17-20-23-24
All or Nothing day: 01-07-08-10-12-16-17-18-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 02-03-04-05-06-12-13-17-19-20-22-24
All or Nothing night: 2-5-10-11-13-15-17-18-20-22-23-24
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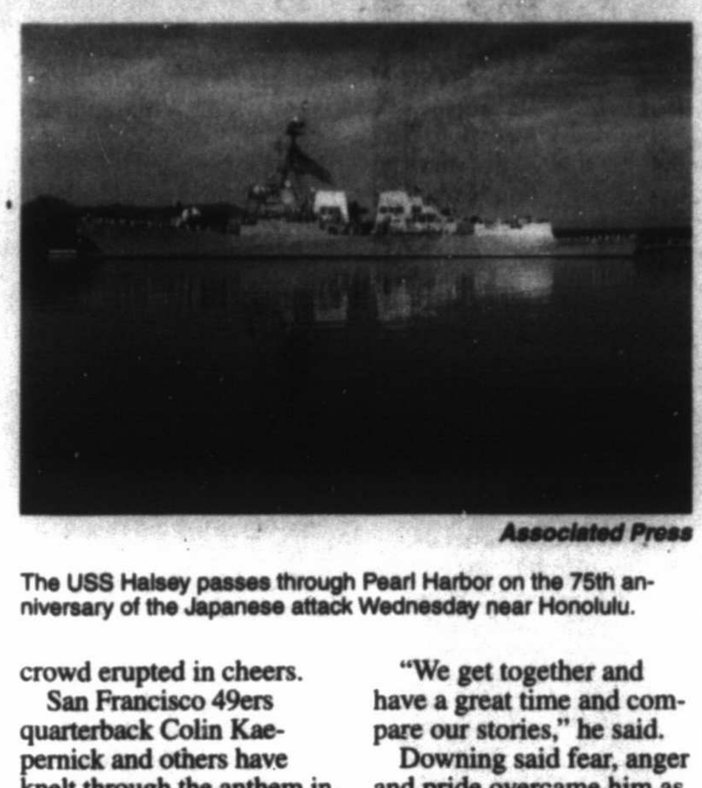
Crowd honors 'gift of freedom' from Pearl Harbor servicemen

By Audrey McAvoy
Associated Press



Associated Press

The USS Halsey passes through Pearl Harbor on the 75th anniversary of the Japanese attack Wednesday near Honolulu.

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Thousands of people observed a moment of silence before fighter jets streaked across the sky during a ceremony Wednesday at Pearl Harbor marking the 75th anniversary of the attack that plunged the United States into World War II and left more than 2,300 service people dead.

The crowd bowed their heads at the precise moment decades ago when Japanese planes began their assault on the harbor's U.S. naval base. And they stood and clapped when survivors joined active-duty servicemen and women and National Park Service rangers in dedicating wreaths to those killed.

Attendees also gave a lengthy ovation to Adm. Harry Harris of the U.S. Pacific Command when he spoke in favor of standing for the national anthem.

The anniversary is a tribute to "what freedom does when it is faced with fascism," said Paul Hilliard, incoming chairman of the board of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

The ceremony started with the USS Halsey sounding its whistle to mark the start of the moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. F-22 fighter jets then flew in formation overhead.

Harris told the crowd the servicemen attacked at Pearl Harbor "engaged the enemy as best they could," and there is sorrow for those who died. "Yet we are also inspired by their great gift to the world — the gift of freedom itself," he said.

Harris also said: "You can bet that the men and women we honor today" never failed to stand for the national anthem. The crowd erupted in cheers.

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick and others have knelt through the anthem in recent months to protest police brutality and the treatment of minorities, drawing criticism and acclaim.

Reached for additional comment later, Pacific Command spokesman Robert Shuford said Harris' remarks "speak for themselves."

The ceremony wrapped up with Marines firing a gun salute and the Pacific Fleet band playing taps.

Laura Stoller accompanied her adoptive grandfather and Pearl Harbor survivor Stan VanHoose of Beloit, Wisconsin, to the event. VanHoose, 96, served on the USS Maryland.

Stoller was pleased to see people jostling for autographs and photos with survivors.

"All of these men who for so long didn't get the recognition they deserve — they're soaking it up. And it's so fun to see," she said.

Survivor Jim Downing of Colorado Springs, Colorado, said he returns to Hawaii for the anniversary commemorations to be with his shipmates.

"We get together and have a great time and compare our stories," he said.

Downing said fear, anger and pride overcame him as Japanese planes bombed Pearl Harbor. Then a newlywed sailor, he recalled a Japanese plane flying low in his direction as he rushed to his battleship from his home after learning of the attack.

The next aviator might have better aim, Downing remembers thinking. And with nowhere to hide, "I was afraid," he said.

His ship, the USS West Virginia, was hit by nine torpedoes.

"We were sinking, and everything above the water line was on fire," he said.

Downing said he felt proud while watching sailors balance the capsizing ship by allowing water to seep in. The tactic let the giant battleship slide into mud below.

The West Virginia lost 106 men. Downing, who also served as the ship's postmaster, spent two hours fighting fires and checking the name tags of the dead so he could write their families personal notes about how they died.

Pearl Harbor events took place across the country Wednesday.

Business leaders are preparing to clash with bigots in Austin

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Texas business leaders are preparing for battle with bigots in the Legislature.

The Texas Association of Business threw down the gauntlet on Tuesday, demanding that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and his allies stop trying to a pass so-called bathroom bill that would do nothing more than humiliate transgender women and turn Texas into an object of ridicule.

"Discriminatory legislation is bad for business," said Chris Wallace, president of the Texas Association of Business. "We cannot slam the door on the Texas Miracle of openness, competitiveness, economic opportunity and innovation."

I use the word bigot because it best describes people who hold blindly and intolerantly to particular opinions, who are narrow-minded and prejudiced against those they don't understand.

Supporters of these bills across the country won't accept that transgender people have always been 1 percent of humanity. Or that many cultures, and major corporations, accept and respect them.

Today, transgender people are fighting hard for their liberty, which is why bigots are proposing unnecessary laws to deny them the ability to live as they wish.

Patrick proudly proclaims that a bathroom bill is a top priority. Typically such a measure requires men to use public facilities that match the gender on their birth certificate. That would make it illegal for transgender women, who were born male but live as a female, from using a women's public restroom, no matter how much gender reassignment they've undergone.

Patrick said in an interview with the Chronicle that he did not include a ban on transgender men using men's rooms "because men can defend themselves." Apparently Patrick hasn't read the University of South Dakota research that shows between 19 percent and 34 percent of men report being traumatically coerced into sex, mostly by women.

Patrick claims the bill will target sexual predators, which is an equally bizarre claim since there are plenty of laws to prosecute a person of any gender who commits a crime in a bathroom. There are also no documented cases in Texas of a transgender person abusing anyone in a public bathroom. If anything, transgender people experience far more harassment.

Bathroom bills, though, create all kinds of economic problems. A similar law cost North Carolina $395 million in lost revenue, according to a study by Wired magazine. PayPal, Deutsche Bank and other companies canceled expansions in the state, costing the state more than 1,000 jobs, according to the News & Observer in Raleigh.

The NCAA moved the Final Four basketball tournament out of the state, taking with it $91 million. And the NBA moved the 2017 All-Star Game, taking away $100 million more.

A Texas Association of Business study released Tuesday found that a Texas bill would trigger economic losses ranging from $964 million to $8.5 billion and put 185,000 jobs at risk. A boycott would severely damage the convention and tourism sector, which generates more than $6 billion in state and local tax revenues.

So why is this bill so important to Patrick?

Because lawmakers will need to cut up to $10 billion from the state budget because Patrick gave away too much in property tax cuts.

Because cutting those billions will leave cities and counties with hundreds of millions in new, unfunded mandates.

Because while Patrick was the chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the state denied special education to hundreds of thousands of kids who needed it and must now start paying for it.

Because the state doesn't have enough money to pay for Medicaid, the health program for the disabled and for the women, children and elderly who live in poverty.

Because in 2015, the state cut funding for physical therapy for special- needs children.

Because Child Protective Services has failed to monitor hundreds of children living in abusive households, and some were murdered.

Patrick doesn't want you to think about those issues. Instead, he wants you to worry about whether transgender women, who spend their lives mocked and humiliated, can use a public restroom.

"Texas needs to continue to strive for excellence in education, infrastructure, and health," said state Rep. Sarah Davis, a Houston Republican who opposes such a bill. "Those priorities — not divisive issues that won't move our state forward — deserve our time and attention."

Republican House Speaker Joe Straus has said the bathroom bill is not one of his priorities. But Patrick's team has spread the word that he will hold critically important bills hostage until the Legislature gives him his prize. Everyone also knows that Patrick is aiming for higher office, and he plans to use this bill to rally social conservatives to his side.

These are the times that try business communities' courage. The TAB is standing up for Texas values and the economy rather than caving to a bill designed to boost Patrick's political future.

Contact your state senator and say you want real solutions to real problems. Lawmakers need to know you don't want them wasting time on this kind of tripe.

CRIMEBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested on robbery charge

A Midland man was arrested Dec. 1 after allegedly causing bodily injury while committing a theft, according to court documents.

Hernandez

Antonio Alfredo Hernandez, 26, was being held Wednesday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of robbery.

Police were dispatched in reference to a disturbance at about 3:20 p.m. Dec. 1 at King's Beauty and Fashion.

A man was sitting in a vehicle near the store when a man — later identified as Hernandez — pulled him out of the vehicle, according to his arrest affidavit. Hernandez allegedly injured the man and attempted to drive off in the vehicle. The man pulled the keys out of the ignition before Hernandez could drive off, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Hernandez could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

City to mark completion of Fairgrounds Road Project

From staff reports

City of Midland officials will mark the completion of the Fairgrounds Road project with a ceremonial activation of the traffic signal at Fairgrounds Road and Wadley Avenue at 2 p.m. Friday.

The recent improvements increase capacity on Fairgrounds Road from the original two lanes to five lanes for a distance of approximately 1.3 miles — from Pecan Avenue to Loop 250. There now is a continuous five-lane roadway from Business Interstate 20 to Loop 250.

Sidewalks on both sides of Fairgrounds Road between Pecan and Wadley, in addition to new traffic signals, cross walks and pedestrian ramps at the Fairgrounds Road and Wadley Avenue intersection will make the area safer and more accessible for pedestrians, according to a press release from the city.

Recreational opportunities are also available through an off-street hike-and-bike path that runs parallel to Fairgrounds Road north of Wadley Avenue.

This project was a collaboration between the city, Texas Department of Transportation and the Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization. Approximately $3.4 million were provided by the city, and federal funding accounted for another $2.8 million of the project's total cost of about $6.2 million.

TxDOT has plans to begin construction of an overpass on Loop 250 at Fairgrounds Road as early as summer 2017. The Permian Basin MPO Policy Board named the overpass as a top priority for next year, and the project will receive funding from the federal, state and local levels. The overpass project is estimated at this time to cost $20.6 million.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DETROIT

Prosecutor drops charges in death of college officer

Prosecutors dropped murder charges Wednesday against a man in the killing of a Detroit college police officer who was shot in the head while on duty, but did not elaborate on why they no longer consider him a suspect.

DeAngelo Davis' defense attorney said authorities lacked evidence and "dropped the ball" in their handling of the case.

Police and prosecutors say they're committed to finding the person who shot Wayne State University officer Collin Rose on Nov. 22.

Davis, 31, of Detroit, had been jailed without bond since his arrest the night of the shooting. He faced charges of first-degree murder and murder of a police officer. Worthy did not say why the charges were dropped and did not take any questions from reporters during the news conference.

In a statement after he was charged, Worthy said Davis was riding a bicycle when Rose stopped him. Rose was shot shortly after requesting help from other officers.

DATA

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is down 18.4 percent from last year.

Hotel-motel tax collections also continued to sink amid the contraction in the oil and gas industry and the overall economy, falling 37.9 percent in the third quarter.

Construction activity gained in October, with the valuation of all building permits up 11.8 percent over last October. For the year, however, valuations are down 27.6 percent compared to the same period last year. New housing permits issued by both cities were down 5.7 percent in October and are down 16.4 percent so far this year from a year ago.

Existing home sales in October were down 2.8 percent from last October, which was down more than 30 percent compared to October 2014. Sales are down 3.4 percent so far this year compared to the first 10 months of 2015.

The average sales price dropped 5.3 percent to $241,473 from $254,950 last October. Prices so far this year have inched up 0.1 percent to $243,036 from $242,697 last year.

Ingham said that housing prices climbed 42 percent between 2010 and 2014. "We need to lose, and will lose, some of that real estate price," he said. "We want prices to fall a little further and faster and they're unwilling to do that."

He predicted the housing market won't see a dramatic and troublesome loss in value but the market is not seeing the tremendous upward pressure on prices seen in 2010-2014.

Midland-Odessa "went through a long period where we had no idea how long this contraction would last," Ingham observed. "We have some sense now."

Updated, more accurate employment figures and crude oil production volumes in the coming months will help provide a clearer picture of the state of the Midland-Odessa economy and where the end of the contraction may fall, he said.

"We're closer to the end of it than the start," he said.

Trump's search for diplomat revives Romney, Huntsman rivalry

By Laurie Kellman and Brady McCombs
Associated Press

AP file photo

In this July 4, 2011, photo, then-Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, left, greets fellow candidate Jon Huntsman Jr., before the start the Fourth of July parade in Amherst, N.H.

SALT LAKE CITY — They are distant cousins, courtly would-be presidents and scions of Mormon dynasties once enmeshed in long and unsuccessful races to the White House. Now, Donald Trump, the brash Manhattanite who got there first, may have revived the rivalry between Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman by considering each of them for secretary of State.

"Here they are again," said LaVarr Webb, a former Republican strategist who worked for former Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt. "How personal it is, how deep it goes, I don't know."

The very prospect of revisiting the Romney-Huntsman competition gives the subject the sensitivity of a toothache among Utahns — where Romney beat out Huntsman to head the 2002 Olympics — and awkwardness in national politics, where the two have vied for years. Among their similarities: Both men have issued searing criticism of a president-elect who values loyalty above all else.

Trump's plan to bring jobs home from China and Japan? "Flimsy at best," Romney has said. On national security? "Alarming." Trump's conduct toward women? "Corrupt(s) America's face to the world."

"When it comes to foreign policy, he is very, very not smart," the 2012 GOP presidential nominee said of Trump in March.

Huntsman in October called on Trump to drop out of the presidential race after the release of a recording on which Trump brags about groping women.

"The time has come for Gov. Pence to lead the ticket," Huntsman told the Salt Lake Tribune.

And yet Trump is apparently considering both men among others to be his secretary of State. Romney and Huntsman have since been model diplomats on the subject of the president-elect.

Trump on Wednesday insisted that Romney is still in the running for the post and said he's likely to announce his pick next week.

"We've come a long way together, we had some tremendous difficulties together," Trump told NBC's "Today" on Wednesday. "It's not about revenge," Trump added of his very public audition if Romney. "It's about what's good for the country, and I'm able to put this stuff behind us — and I hit him very hard also."

That Trump has let the prospect of Romney's nomination twist for weeks suggests to some that the 2012 Republican presidential nominee's star has dipped — if it ever had truly risen. It's equally unclear whether Trump is really interested in Huntsman — and vice versa. Huntsman, who at 56 is much younger than Romney, 69, said last week he's considering a run for U.S. Senate in 2018, a decision that in part will depend on whether Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, runs again.

But the mention of a new showdown resurrects a legendary rivalry among sons of families whose ties go back centuries and are deeply personal. Huntsman and Romney share a many-times great-grandfather, and Huntsman has been quoted as saying two other ancestors fished together in Idaho. Huntsman's uncle Bruce once dated Romney's sister, Lynn. And Huntsman's mother lived for two years with Romney's sister Jane while they were both at the University of Utah. Both men served as governors — Huntsman in Utah and Romney in Massachusetts.

Then came the shattering effect of the 2008 election.

Romney ran for the GOP presidential nomination, winning the backing of Huntsman's father. But Huntsman Jr. endorsed the eventual GOP nominee, Sen. John McCain, who went on to lose to Democrat Barack Obama. Both men ran for the Republican nomination in 2012. Romney won the title, but lost the general election to Obama.

"You haven't seen any recent photos of them hugging each other or sitting at the same table," said Tim Chambless, a political scientist at the University of Utah.

Dakota Access pipeline company fighting small state fine

By Blake Nicholson
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — The company building the Dakota Access oil pipeline is fighting North Dakota regulators' efforts to impose a fine of at least $15,000 after working on land where Native American artifacts were found without running it by the commission that oversees pipelines.

The Public Service Commission maintains that Dakota Access LLC, a subsidiary of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, failed to get its approval before proceeding with construction on private land in October in southern North Dakota.

Crews diverted construction so the artifacts weren't disturbed — a plan with which the State Historic Preservation Office concurred. North Dakota chief archaeologist Paul Picha has told The Associated Press that the site was properly handled.

The company disputes it did anything wrong, and asked the PSC on Nov. 30 to dismiss the complaint.

"There is nothing to suggest Dakota Access has not been acting in good faith," company attorney Lawrence Bender said in the motion.

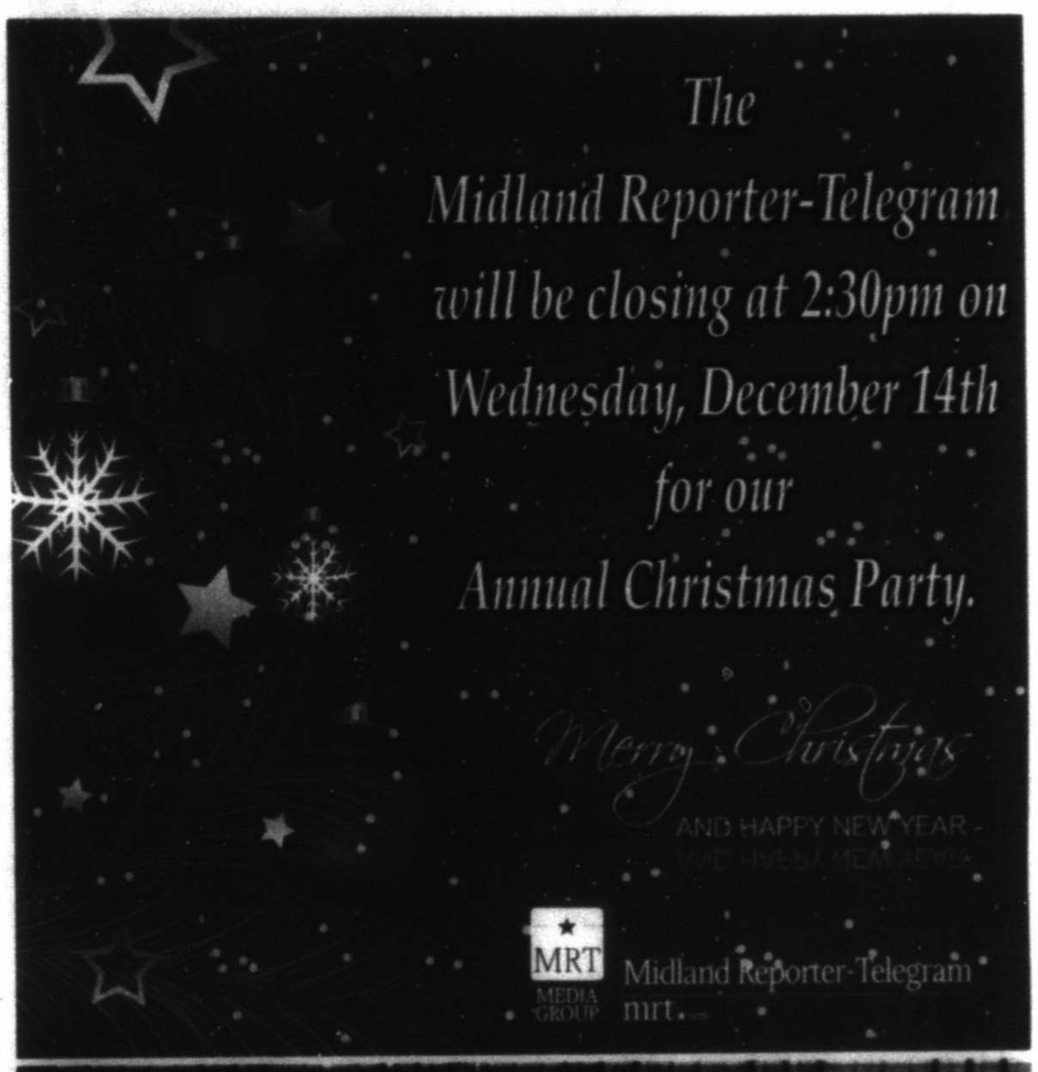
The PSC contends the company also should have asked it for clearance because it regulates pipelines. The commission filed a complaint Nov. 7 calling for a fine. Chairwoman Julie Fedorchak declined comment Wednesday, citing the active case.

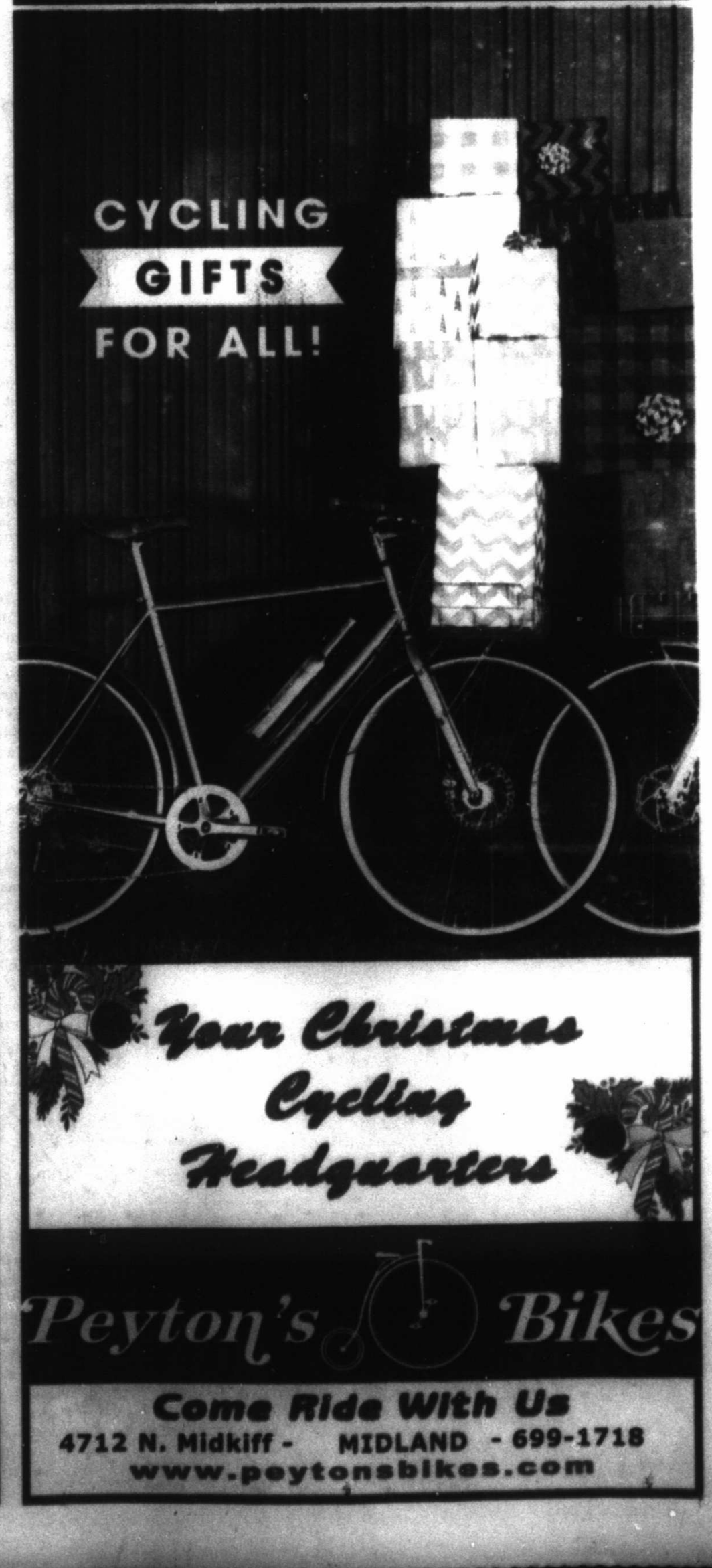
The 1,200-mile pipeline is to carry North Dakota oil to a shipping point in Illinois. It is mostly finished, though construction under a Missouri River reservoir is on hold. The Standing Rock Sioux tribe and its supporters have protested the project for months, maintaining it threatens drinking water and also cultural sites. ETP disputes that.

ETP asserts that under state law there needs to be a willful violation of PSC orders — something it was not accused of doing and did not do.

Fedorchak was critical of the company during a Nov. 2 PSC meeting, saying she was "extremely disappointed" that the company didn't follow the proper procedure after the artifacts were found. The company's motion quotes some of Fedorchak's public comments, and counters that "the commission does not have carte blanche to impose penalties or fines for actions the commission merely finds 'disappointing.'"

The PSC will decide whether to grant the company's motion to dismiss the case or schedule a hearing before an administrative law judge.





Can we take Trump seriously, not literally?

■ What president says matters because credibility is finite resource

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It would make a perfect clickbait ad "Learn this one simple trick to stop worrying about Donald Trump and Make America Great Again."

What's the trick? All you have to do is take Trump seriously, but not literally.

The formulation is credited to reporter Salena Zito, who, in an article for the Atlantic last September, noted that the news media take Trump's more outlandish statements literally but not seriously, while his supporters do the inverse.

Even the president-elect's team has declared this a kind of Rosetta Stone for deciphering Trumpspeak.

"This is the problem with the media," Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign manager, said recently at a post-election conference at Harvard. "You guys took everything Donald Trump said so literally. The American people didn't."

Peter Thiel, a major Trump backer, made the same point at the National Press Club in October. The "media always is taking Trump literally. It never takes him seriously ... I think a lot of the voters who vote for Trump take Trump seriously, but not literally."

Trump has hinted that he buys this heuristic as well. Last week, he explained that he never really meant it when he said in April "we're not going to let Carrier leave."

"I said, 'Carrier will never leave,'" he admitted. "But that was a euphemism. I was talking about Carrier like all other companies from here on in."

As a defense of some of candidate Trump's statements, this distinction is not bad, and as an indictment of the media, it's pretty good. The press treated Trump as a joke, not appreciating the fact that for many voters the media's scorn is a badge of honor.

Of course, Trump isn't the only politician to expect "non-literal" status. Vice President Joe Biden has said some absolutely ludicrous things over the years. He said FDR went on TV after the stock market crash of 1929, when FDR was not yet president and TV did not yet exist. No one took him literally. Nor does anyone take him literally when he, literally, asks to be taken literally. He told a group of students, "You are the keystone to East Africa — literally, not figuratively — you are the keystone." In 2010, Biden said, "Before we arrived in the West Wing, Mr. Boehner's party ran the economy literally into the ground."

The non-literal approach to Biden is safe for two reasons. Because he is a well-known character in the Washington establishment, the public knows more or less what to expect from him. And, as a vice president, there's only so much harm he can do. (In other words, we don't have to take him too seriously.)

Trump is different. On his own terms he's an outsider and a "disrupter" who claims that political elites range from stupid to malevolent. He also has zero experience in foreign or domestic policy. What he says — and how he says it — takes on greater importance precisely because he lacks a track record in public office to put his language in context.

This seriously-not-literally thing is a great analytical insight into how then-candidate Trump communicated with his supporters. But it is fairly ridiculous hogwash as a prescription for how to treat an actual president, or president-elect, of the United States.

When Trump says millions of people voted illegally, how should the news media go about taking that indefensible claim "seriously but not literally"? Should reporters assume that some number of people voted illegally, but not millions? Or that millions of people voted, but not illegally?

When Trump says he spoke on the telephone with the president of Taiwan, should China be expected to take what it sees as a grave violation of diplomatic norms "seriously but not literally?" What does that even mean?

Perhaps we shouldn't take the literally-seriously distinction too literally. Perhaps what Trump supporters really mean is that he should get a free pass whenever his mouth gets him in trouble?

Trump has said, "I know words, I have the best words." He's also said he could be more presidential than anybody, except maybe Abraham Lincoln. He'd be well advised to take his own words seriously, if not literally.

What a president says matters. And credibility — with citizens, allies, enemies and markets — is a finite resource, easily depleted when you think you'll never be held to account for what you blurt out.

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OUR VIEW

Electoral College members have no business going rogue

We hope that when the state Legislature meets in January, our representatives pass a law requiring electors to vote for the person Texans selected in the general election.

It seems like a silly thing for lawmakers to give attention to. After all, who would disregard the will of Texas' voters?

Well, his name is Christopher Suprun. The Dallas paramedic and member of the Electoral College told Texas voters in a New York Times op-ed of his decision to not vote for President-elect Trump. Suprun didn't do the honorable thing and excuse himself from being an elector, as did fellow Texan Art Sisneros.

Sisneros, an East Texas Republican elector, told the Texas Tribune that he believed voting for Trump "would bring dishonor to God," and he decided to remove himself from voting. We don't completely understand his logic, but we appreciate Sisneros being responsible enough to do the right thing. Not so with Suprun.

Each candidate running for president in a state has his or her own group of electors, according to the National Archives and Records Administration. The electors are generally chosen by the candidate's political party, but state laws vary on how the electors are selected and what their responsibilities are.

The National Archives also reports that through history, more than 99 percent of electors have voted as pledged. A person who votes against the winner of the popular vote is called a "faithless elector," and according to a report from Austin television station KXAN, 14 states have had it happen to them. Twenty-six states have laws requiring electors to vote the way the people voted. Texas isn't one of them.

The Founding Fathers established the Electoral College in the Constitution as a compromise between election of the president by a vote in Congress and election of the president by a popular vote of qualified citizens, according to the National Archives. The system has worked well for our nation, and we haven't heard a good enough reason to change it now.

But what Suprun is doing is putting himself above the system that all Texans — no matter their party — expect to be followed. It wouldn't matter if Trump or Democrat Hillary Clinton had carried Texas.

Trump won, and electors from the state of Texas should act responsibly when they meet on Dec. 19. The National Archives and Records Administration says it shall perform its duties as prescribed by federal law. Suprun believes this means following his conscience. We believe this means respecting the tradition that Texans have followed since the winner-take-all system was put into place.

Trump will be the 45th president of the United States. There will not be a last-minute reprieve that will change this reality. People like Suprun need to get over that. The job they signed up for requires following the will of the people, and nothing else.

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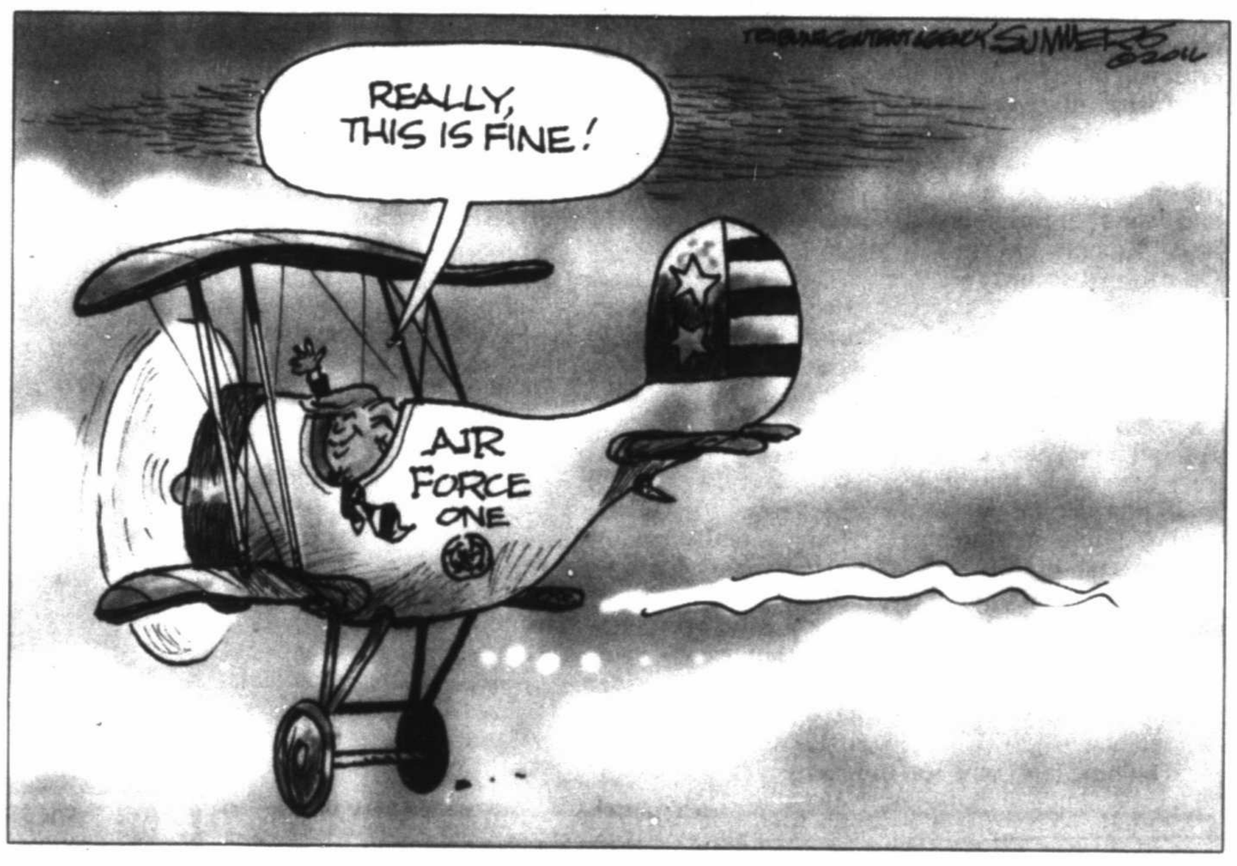

Voters buck their electoral duties

■ Texas Electoral College members will put up a last stand, but it won't do any good

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

I told you last week that East Texas welding supply salesman Art Sisneros, who can't bring himself to back Donald Trump, decided to quit the Electoral College rather than become our state's first-ever "faithless elector" -- the tag given to the rare Electoral College member who opts not to cast a ballot for the presidential nominee who carried his or her state.

So Sisneros will not be the first Texan to get that label. It looks as if Dallas paramedic Christopher Suprun will be.

Suprun announced and defended his decision in a New York Times op-ed published Monday. And his reasoning is solid, though challenging to the very notion of what an Electoral College member is supposed to do.

Suprun wrote that he, like most of the 538 Electoral College members, has been fielding pressure about his upcoming Dec. 19 vote ever since Election Day when there was a solid Electoral College victory for Donald Trump and a solid popular vote win for Hillary Clinton.

"I do not think president-elects should be disqualified for policy disagreements," Suprun wrote. "I do not think they should be disqualified because they won the Electoral College instead of the popular vote. However, now I am asked to cast a vote on Dec. 19 for someone who shows daily he is not qualified for the office."

He prefaced his reasoning by noting that 15 years ago, as a firefighter, "I was part of the response to the Sept. 11 attacks against our nation. That attack and this year's election may seem unrelated, but for me, the relationship becomes clearer every day."

Suprun called President George W. Bush "an imperfect man" but one who unified the nation when it needed it most.

"I watch Mr. Trump fail to unite America and drive a wedge between us," Suprun wrote. "Mr. Trump goes out of his way to attack the cast of 'Saturday Night Live' for bias. He tweets day and night, but waited two days to offer sympathy to the Ohio State community after an attack there. He does not encourage civil discourse but chooses to stoke fear and create outrage."

All of that, Suprun concluded, "is unacceptable." Trump, he wrote, "lacks the foreign policy experience and demeanor needed to be commander in chief" and had "urged violence against protesters at his rallies."

Suprun also had harsh words for some of the people Trump has chosen to surround him at the White House, including Steve Bannon and Gen. Michael T. Flynn. And Suprun is beyond uncomfortable about the Trump business entanglements that should make us all beyond uncomfortable.

"Mr. Trump could be impeached in his first year given his dismissive responses to financial conflicts of interest," Suprun wrote. "He has played fast and loose with the law for years. He may have violated the Cuban embargo, and there are reports of improprieties involving his foundation and actions he took against minority tenants in New York. Mr. Trump still seems to think that pattern of behavior can continue."

Indeed, he does.

One thing Suprun is wrong on is his conclusion that "the election of the next president is not yet a done deal." It is, despite his solid reasoning about why maybe it should not be.

"Electors of conscience can still do the right thing for the good of the country," he wrote. "Presidential electors have the legal right and a constitutional duty to vote their conscience. I believe electors should unify behind a Republican alternative, an honorable and qualified man or woman such as Gov. John Kasich of Ohio. I pray my fellow electors will do their job and join with me in discovering who that person should be."

Too little, too late.

"Fifteen years ago, I swore an oath to defend my country and Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic," Suprun concluded. "On Dec. 19, I will do it again."

I look forward to watching him doing just that when the state's electors convene in the Texas Capitol.

"I am here to elect a president," Suprun told The Associated Press, "not a king."

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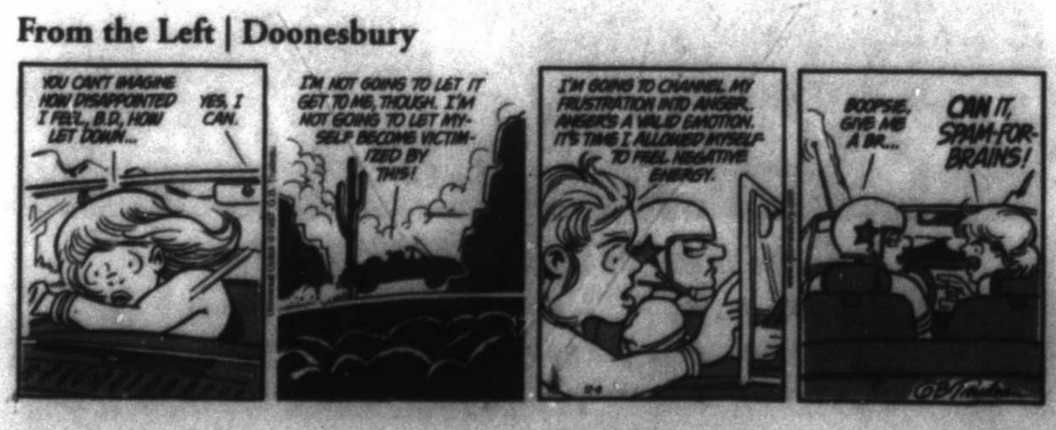
From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Trump chooses hardliners but talks softer on immigration

By Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump embraced new Cabinet officers Wednesday whose backgrounds suggest he's primed to put tough actions behind his campaign rhetoric on immigration and the environment, even as he seemed to soften his yearlong stance on immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

It's clearer by the day, underscored by Trump's at-times contradictory words, that his actual policies as president won't be settled until after he takes his seat in the Oval Office.

Retired Marine Gen. John Kelly has been selected to head the Department of Homeland Security, and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, a climate-change denier whose policies have helped fossil fuel companies, is to be announced as head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Separately, Trump named the former chief executive of World Wrestling Entertainment, Linda McMahon, to head the Small Business Administration.

Trump's long presidential campaign was in large part defined by searing rhetoric and his steadfast promises to build an impenetrable wall on the border with Mexico and crack down on immigrants living in the U.S. illegally. But he struck a softer tone in an interview published Wednesday after he was named Time Magazine's "Person of the Year."

"We're going to work something out that's going to make people happy and proud," Trump said. "They got brought here at a very young age; they've worked here, they've gone to school here. Some were good students. Some have wonderful jobs. And they're in never-never land because they don't know what's going to happen."

He offered no details about a policy that would make that clear.

During the campaign, Trump's tough comments — including a vow to overturn President Barack Obama's executive orders on immigration — have led to fears among immigrant advocates that he will end Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Hundreds of thousands of young immigrants have gained work permits and temporary protection from deportation under the 2012 program, which aides to Trump have said would be revisited.

Others continue to press the immigrants' case. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel presented Trump a letter Wednesday from 14 big city mayors urging him to keep the program intact.

"They were working hard toward the American dream," Emmanuel told reporters in lobby of Trump's skyscraper. "It's no fault of their own their parents came here. They are something we should hold up and embrace."

Though some immigrant advocates hope Trump's words were an olive branch, others were skeptical.

"We've seen this movie before," Frank Sharry of the immigrant-rights group America's Voice said in a statement. "Unfortunately we expect no pivot and no softening."

Meanwhile, Trump moved toward making another addition to the collection of generals in his Cabinet, settling on Kelly to head Homeland Security, according to people close to transition. Gen. Kelly, who joined the Marine Corps in 1970, retired this year after a final command that included oversight of the Guantanamo Bay detention center.

He has a reputation as a border hawk after a time in the Southern Command, which is based in South Florida and regularly works with Homeland Security on missions to identify and dismantle immigrant smuggling networks.

Trump also picked Pruitt, a longtime critic of the EPA, to head that same agency, according to person close to Pruitt who was not authorized to speak publicly about the choice before it was announced. The move comes just after Trump met with former Vice President Al Gore, who is an environmental activist, and said he had "an open mind" about honoring the Paris climate accords.

That gave hope to some environmentalists, but on Wednesday Trump's apparent decision was denounced by Democrats.

"Mr. Pruitt's record is not only that of being a climate change denier, but also someone who has worked closely with the fossil fuel industry to make this country more dependent, not less, on fossil fuels," said Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

But Oklahoma Sen. Jim Inhofe, a Republican, said Pruitt "has proven that being a good steward of the environment does not mean burdening taxpayers and businesses with red tape."

Also Wednesday, Trump said he planned to name his secretary of state next week and insisted that former rival Mitt Romney still had a chance. Trump, who has met twice with the 2012 GOP nominee, denied he was stringing Romney along to make him pay for saying the former reality show star was unfit to be president.

"No, it's not about revenge. It's about what's good for the country, and I'm able to put this stuff behind us — and I hit him very hard also," Trump said in a telephone interview on NBC.

Those close to the selection process have said that Trump has begun moving away from both Romney and another former front-runner, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Bob Corker and former CIA Director David Petraeus had also been previously identified by transition aides as part of the final four though Trump has now expanded the pool.

The president-elect also announced his selection of Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad as the new U.S. ambassador to China. Trump and Branstad are expected to appear together in Iowa today.

Before that, Trump will meet with some of the victims of last week's car-and-knife attack at Ohio State University. He has denounced immigration policies that allowed the apparent attacker into the country.

Trumps taps retired Marine general for homeland security

By Lolita C. Baldor and Julie Pace
Associated Press

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Gen. John Kelly speaks to reporters during a briefing at the Pentagon. President-elect Donald Trump is tapping another four-star military officer for his administration. He has picked Kelly to lead the Homeland Security Department, according to people close to the transition.

WASHINGTON — Retired Marine Gen. John Kelly carved out a reputation as a highly respected, but often outspoken commander who could roil debate with blunt assessments or unpopular directives on issues ranging from women in combat to the treatment of detainees at the Guantanamo Bay detention center.

But the man chosen by President-elect Donald Trump to lead the Department of Homeland Security holds a more somber distinction. The battle-hardened veteran, who served three tours in Iraq, is the highest-ranking officer to lose a child in combat in Iraq or Afghanistan.

That status, as part of what the military calls a Gold Star family, puts him in the Cabinet of a presidential candidate who verbally attacked a Gold Star family: the Khans, Muslim-American immigrants who lost a son in Iraq and had criticized Trump at the Democratic National Convention.

Kelly's son, Marine 1st Lt. Robert Kelly was killed in November 2010 in Afghanistan.

Trump's choice, who joined the Marine Corps in 1970, retired this year, wrapping up a three-year post as head of U.S. Southern Command, which spanned some of the more fractious debate over the Obama administration's ultimately failed attempt to close Guantanamo.

Transition officials confirmed Trump's pick of Kelly on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly before any official announcement.

If confirmed by the Senate, Kelly would take over the nation's newest federal agency. The department was formed after the Sept. 11 terror attacks to get the U.S. government better-positioned to prevent and respond to incidents.

Kelly would be the fifth person to lead the department, which includes agencies that protect the president, respond to disasters, enforce immigration laws, protect the nation's coastlines and secure air travel.

His selection bolsters concerns about an increase in military influence in a Trump White House — and as Trump moves forward on his signature issue to build a wall along the southern border and go after people living in the country illegally.

In Kelly, Trump would have another four-star military officer for his administration. James Mattis, a retired four-star Marine general, is Trump's pick for defense secretary.

Immigration enforcement is a familiar issue for Kelly. Southern Command, based in South Florida, regularly works with DHS to dismantle immigrant smuggling networks. It has partnered with Immigration and Customs Enforcement in an operation targeting human smuggling into the U.S. and helped with the rescue of children arriving alone at U.S. borders.

If Trump follows up on campaign promises to toughen immigration enforcement, the department will be charged with beefing up the screening of immigrants allowed to come into the U.S., and finding additional resources to track down and deport people living here illegally. It will also need to find a place to house these immigrants while they're awaiting deportation.

Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said she hopes "that Gen. Kelly is willing to stand up for facts, families and the Constitution."

"America will not be made great by dragging parents away from their children, by squandering billions of dollars on a wall that does little to secure the border, or by rejecting freedom of religion and echoing the darkest chapters of persecution," she said.

Scraping for federal funds and equipment to battle such problems will not be a new challenge for Kelly. At Southern Command, he was often blunt about his need for more resources to fight the drug trade.

During a 2014 hearing, he told the Senate Armed Services Committee that he didn't have the ships or surveillance assets to get more than 20 percent of the drugs leaving Colombia for the U.S.

The most contentious issue Kelly faced, though, was the push to close the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention center, and proposals to bring detainees to a facility in the U.S. if they could not be sent to other nations. Lawmakers opposed closing Guantanamo, arguing it is the ideal location for terror suspects captured in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

The Pentagon faced criticism for not moving more quickly to release detainees to other countries. Those decisions largely rested with the defense secretary, but Kelly absorbed some of that anger even though his job was simply to carry out the transportation of the detainee after the decision was made. He also raised concerns about the costs of moving detainees to the U.S.

While commander there, he also placed more limits on media access to Guantanamo and restricted information about hunger strikes. He believed prisoners were eating just enough to be considered hunger strikers without endangering their health in order to manipulate public opinion.

In his final Pentagon news conference, he spoke about the loss of his son — a topic he didn't often discuss publicly.

"To lose a child is — I can't imagine anything worse than that. I used to think, when I'd go to all of my trips up to Bethesda, Walter Reed, I'll go to the funerals with the secretaries of defense, that I could somehow imagine what it would be like," Kelly said.

But, he added, "when you lose one in combat, there's a — in my opinion — there's a pride that goes with it, that he didn't have to be there doing what he was doing. He wanted to be there. He volunteered."

Kelly said he gets "occasional letters from Gold Star families who are asking, 'Was it worth it?' And I always go back with this: It doesn't matter. That's not our question to ask as parents. That young person thought it was worth it, and that's the only opinion that counts."

Trump's choice for top China diplomat has long ties to Xi

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — It may seem odd for the governor of a lightly populated agricultural state to be chosen as U.S. ambassador to China, especially amid escalating talk of a trade war with the major U.S. trading partner.

But Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad boasts a 30-year relationship with Chinese President Xi Jinping, the most powerful Chinese leader in decades.

"Given Xi's penchant to keeping things close-hold, it is important for the U.S. to have a reliable and direct communication channel to him," said Bonnie Glaser, senior adviser for Asia at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Branstad has met Xi periodically since 1985 and has a personal relationship with him that could be very useful."

This relationship, begun when both men were political upstarts, could be put to the test in coming months if Branstad is confirmed.

President-elect Donald Trump, who announced his choice of Branstad on Wednesday, said during the campaign that his administration would make closing the U.S. trade deficit with China a top priority. Through the first 10 months of the year, government figures show the United States is running a $288.8 billion deficit with China on the trade of goods, a sharp decline from the same time a year ago.

But since his election Trump has suggested imposing 45 percent tariffs on Chinese products and has labeled the country a "currency manipulator." Chinese officials have warned that the U.S. is bound by World Trade Organization rules, which restrain countries from imposing sanctions without making a persuasive case.

In that way, Trump's selection of Branstad appears to be savvy.

Patrick Cronin, senior director of the Asia-Pacific security program at the Center for a New American Security, said that by selecting an ambassador who has forged commercial ties between his state and China, Trump was signaling to Xi that as leaders they will have the same fundamental priority in seeking economic growth.

In 1985, Branstad was nearing the end of his first term as governor, then the nation's youngest at age 39. Xi was a rising leader seeking ideas in Iowa for crop and livestock techniques to help his own agriculturally rich region.

In 2013, he returned to Iowa as China's incoming president and met with Branstad for a formal dinner in Des Moines between meetings in Washington, D.C., with President Barack Obama and a trip to California.

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Trump a winner in spending bill; retired miners out of luck

By Donna Cassata
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump emerges as a winner in the final version of the must-pass spending bill as congressional Republicans tacked on an expedited process for ensuring his nominee for defense secretary can serve.

Michigan's city of Flint, struggling with lead-tainted water, gets some financial relief in the legislation and so does southern Louisiana, hard hit by flooding this summer.

Retired coal miners and their families, who had counted on a decades-old guarantee for their pensions, are out of luck. And New York City is getting far less money than it requested for providing security around Trump Tower in Manhattan.

The House is scheduled to vote on the bill today; the Senate by week's end. The legislation would keep the government operating beyond Friday's deadline through April 28. Here's a look at the winners and losers:

Fast-track Pentagon pick

Retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis, Trump's pick for defense secretary, is a well-received choice who should easily win confirmation from Senate Republicans and Democrats. The GOP used the stopgap spending bill to put him on a glide path.

Law requires a seven-year wait for former members of the military to serve in the civilian post of defense secretary, and Mattis retired in 2013. Ignoring complaints from Democrats, Republicans inserted provisions in the bill that would accelerate the process for changing the law in January.

The legislation to grant the legal exception Mattis needs will still take 60 votes, but the GOP has limited debate in the Senate to no more than 10 hours. And to ensure the bill is not bogged down in committee, the provisions direct that it be put on the Senate's calendar for action within five days after being introduced.

Democrats argued that using the spending bill to expedite a change in the law sets a terrible precedent.

Congress to New York: deal with it

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio asked the government for $35 million to reimburse the NYPD for security costs around Trump Tower on busy Fifth Avenue from Nov. 8 to Jan. 20. The spending bill would provide just $7 million.

Help for Flint, Michigan

The bill would provide $170 million to communities struck by contaminated drinking water, contingent on passage of a separate water bill authorizing the funds.

Flint's drinking water became tainted when the city switched from the Detroit water system and began drawing from the Flint River in April 2014 to save money.

Regulators failed to ensure the water was treated properly and lead from aging pipes leached into the water supply.

Louisiana and other states dealing with damage from floods and drought will get $4.1 billion in disaster relief.

Miners' guarantee slips away

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman brokered an agreement to guarantee miners' lifetime health and retirement benefits, averting a lengthy strike. A significant portion of that promise is slipping away.

The spending bill includes $45 million to temporarily protect health care benefits for about 16,500 retired coal miners, mostly in Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, whose benefits are set to expire at the end of the year. The deal, led by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., only lasts until April, when the bill expires, and does not protect pension benefits.

Democrats and some coal-state Republicans had pushed for a bipartisan bill that would protect retirement and health care benefits for about 120,000 retired coal miners and their families.

That bill would have ensured that retired miners receive more than $250 million a year in benefits at risk amid the coal industry's steep decline and bankruptcies of several large companies. Some of the funds could run out of cash by next year, according to the United Mine Workers of America.

McConnell and other GOP leaders are wary of bailing out unionized workers. Republicans also say the bill could pressure Congress to offer similar help to other cash-strapped pension funds.

No sleep till Cleveland

The trucking industry and Republicans scored a major victory as the bill suspends regulations issued by the Obama administration requiring truckers to take two nights off to rest after a work week of up to 75 hours.

Truckers are required to take a 35-hour break at the end of a work week. But the trucking industry objected to requirements that the 35 hours include two periods from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. Sleep scientists say rest during the early morning hours is critical for people to feel refreshed. The suspension means truckers can head out on the road again during those hours if the 35-hour break has elapsed.

Another regulation that prevents truckers from working 75 hours, followed by a 35-hour break, and then resume driving again in the same week was also suspended.

Trump is Time magazine's Person of the Year

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Time magazine on Wednesday named Donald Trump its Person of the Year, bestowing what the president-elect called an "honor" even as he derided the idea that he'll lead "the Divided States of America."

That was a reference to Time's cover line — "Donald Trump: President of the Divided States of America" — that was positioned next to the cover photograph of the president-elect sitting in his private residence at Trump Tower.

"I didn't divide 'em," Trump said on NBC's "Today" show. "We're going to put it back together and we're going to have a country that's very well-healed."

Time editor Nancy Gibbs said the publication's choice was a "straightforward" choice of the person who has had the greatest influence on events "for better or worse."

Trump climbed from fiery underdog in the race for the GOP presidential nomination to winning the White House and defeating Democrat Hillary Clinton in the Nov. 8 election. Trump won 306 electoral votes, easily enough to make him president when the electors meet on Dec. 19. Clinton won the popular vote.

He won in part by articulating in blunt, populist terms the racial, economic and other factors that divide Americans, many of whom have not felt the nation's recovery from recession. Trump stomped campaign traditions and social norms, including by insulting women, Muslims, Republican leaders, a reporter with disabilities and more. He also praised Russian President Vladimir Putin and last week irritated China and broke diplomatic norms by speaking by phone with the leader of Taiwan.

"When have we ever seen a single individual who has so defied expectations, broken the rules, violated norms, beaten not one but two political parties on the way to winning an election that he entered with 100-to-1 odds against him?" Gibbs said.

Clinton was the No. 2 finalist, Gibbs said. She said Clinton "came closer than any woman ever has to winning the White House, and in the process revealed, I think, both the opportunities and the obstacles that women face in the public square."

"The Hackers," ranked after Clinton. Gibbs said that referred to "a new cyber security threat we saw this year of state-sponsored hackers looking to delegitimize an American election." She said this was "something new this year and something very disturbing."

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

COWBOY CHRISTMAS Spend "Christmas the Cowboy Way" with Riders in the Sky, a throwback show of music and comedy at the Wagner Noel. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MAGIC AND MUGGLES Dress like your favorite character for the Barnes and Noble Harry Potter Magical Holiday Ball. 7 p.m.

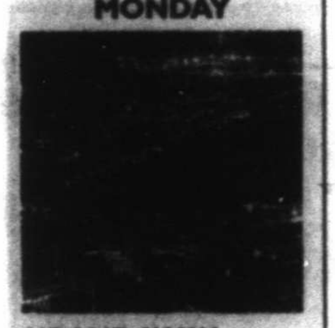
SATURDAY

MUSEUM MADNESS Start the day with the Ugly Sweater Christmas Run at 11 a.m. and then stay for the open house and gingerbread workshop at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY

MOVIE NIGHT TCM Big Screen Classics brings the Oscar-winning film "From Here to Eternity" back to theaters with this event screening at Regal Tall City 2 and 7 p.m.

MONDAY



UP AND AWAY High Sky Wing begins its 12 Night Flights of Christmas. See the holiday lights from the sky through Dec. 23. Visit highskywing.org for information or to make your reservations.

ONLINE

Visit mrt.com for a list of all upcoming holiday events.

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MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "The Bounce Back," "Miss Sloane," "Nocturnal Animals," "Office Christmas Party."
Closing: "Almost Christmas," "Arrival," "Bad Santa 2," "Doctor Strange," "Moonlight," "Rules Don't Apply."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Office Christmas Party."
Closing: "Arrival," "Rules Don't Apply."

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 4

HEAT INDEX: Get some good cheer this weekend with these events

By Rich Lopez
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Yuletide at the Yucca

This dance extravaganza is also a seasonal favorite. The annual event will feature performances by Absolute Dance, Ballet Folklorico, Pickwick Players and Aloha O Hawaii Dance Group. With dancers that range from young children to adults, Yuletide is like an old-fashioned variety show live and in color.

7 p.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $6-$20. mctmidland.org.

Friday Night Funnies at Kamiposi

Local promoters Tilted Halo Comedy presents San Antonio comedian Aaron Long to headline a night of laughs at the art venue. The event will also feature West Texas Battle Roast champion Anthony Chavarria. Midlander Willy Olguin will emcee the night and likely throw out some of his own punchlines for the audience.

8 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

Midland Cyclocross at Beal Park

The third annual race mixes grass, cement and mud for daring riders taking on the 1.6 mile-long course. Watch racers take on elevation changes and downhill turns with pure speed on their cyclocross and mountain bikes. Surely the chilly weather won't be a problem for the participants. The race is hosted by Midland YMCA.

10 a.m. Saturday at Beal Park, 5200 W. Wall St. webscorer.com.

Midland Rockin' Christmas Parade

As the Midland Christmas tree moves to the duck pond, so goes the annual Christmas parade. The changes this year are because of the construction in downtown. This year's parade gets vintage with '50s- and '60s-themed floats and a new route. Start scouting your seats and parking now. The parade will follow "A" Street from Ventura Avenue by Windlands Park and conclude at Midland High School.

6:30 p.m. Saturday. Midlandtexas.gov.

"The Nutcracker" at Wagner Noel

Among the holiday traditions in Midland is this annual performance of Tchaikovsky's classic "The Nutcracker" by the Midland Festival Ballet. This year's performance will feature guest principles Yumelia Garcia as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Mauro Villanueva as the Cavalier, along with members of Ballet San Antonio and returning MFB alum. Some

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Storytelling Festival celebrates 25 years with fresh voices

By Rich Lopez
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Storytelling may seem like a generational art — especially in an age of quick, digital news and communication. Young adults and teens may prefer to tell their stories via Instagram or Snapchat. Seventeen-year-old Kenzy Martin may be like that, but she's also embraced the art of the spoken word.

The home-schooled senior is one of this year's winners in the Midland Storytelling Festival's youth contest. She, along with fellow winners Kara Fithian, 6, and Charisma Waters, 12, will present their winning orations Friday

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New kitchen brings food to Beer Garden

By Rich Lopez
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In addition to its impressive selection of draft beer, Beer Garden will celebrate its new kitchen service with a grand opening on Friday. The plan has been more than a year in the making, but time can be a good thing when it comes to food. Owner Jorge Hernandez is ready and confident to bring a new dining spot to Midlanders.

"There were some logistical hurdles that kept the kitchen delayed, but we wanted everything set to roll out," he said. I feel confident that menu is strong and people enjoy the food."

Hernandez describes the cuisine as southwest-international. His intention is to put a new twist on classic southwest cuisine. Along with a craft brew, patrons will be able to dine on menu items such as wonton nachos, tempura shrimp tacos and classic menudo served in an oregano Indian naan

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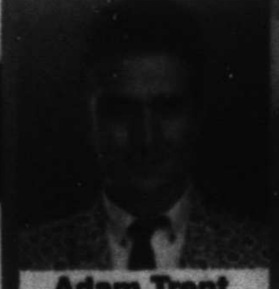
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Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 2:30 pm
"Phenomenal" - The Today Show

Mark Collie
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm
"...raw rockabilly sound, superbly crafted songs and high-energy live show!" - The Tennessean

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

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

Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays open house. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Works by artists Cynna Guerrero, Callie Deming and Andrea Valencia. Fridays throughout December at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"The Nutcracker" by Midland Festival Ballet, Saturday and Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $20-$59. midlandfestivalballet.org.

Arts Council of Midland Sculpture Garden Dedication. ACM welcomes "Tree Full of Wisdom" by Joe Barrington as the first piece in the FMH Foundation Sculpture Garden with a reception. 4 p.m. Wednesday at ACM, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Girlfriends Dance Club with snacks, wine and line dance and cha-cha lessons. 7 p.m. Wednesday at Contre Tempo Dance Studio, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $15. 664-5400.

"Visions of Santa" by Billy Keen on display at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Richie Pena: Persona" student show presented by Arts Council of Midland. Through Sunday at 1506 W Illinois Ave. Free and open to the public. artscouncilmidland.com.

"Mars: Adrift on the Hourglass Sea" featuring the collaborations between Nicholas Kahn and Richard Selesnick through Saturday0 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. Noelartmuseum.org.

EVENTS

Midland Nativity Festival will feature a vast display of nativities, live music, children's craft room and a private Bible collection spanning seven centuries. Friday-Sunday at 4805 Gateway St. Free. midlandnativityfestival.com.

Harry Potter Magical Holiday Ball, 7 p.m. Friday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W Loop 250 N.

Merry and Bright Vendor Fair hosted by High Sky Wing and UTPB Students in Philanthropy. All proceeds go to area nonprofits. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Commemorative Air Force Museum, 9600 Wright Drive.

Midland Rockin' Christmas Parade with '50s and '60s themed floats with a new parade route. The parade will follow A Street from Ventura Ave. by Windlands Park and conclude at Midland High School. 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Midlandtexas.gov.

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.

Sunday Funday Holiday Bazaar will feature more than 20 local vendors and products along with area food trucks. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday at TownePlace Suites Midland, 5508 Deauville Road.

The Twelve Night Flights of Christmas. Fly in vintage aircraft while seeing the Christmas lights of Midland and Odessa from the sky. Flights are every 30 minutes. Riders must be 5 years or older; all children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Passengers must be able to enter and exit the aircraft under their own mobility. Arrive 30 minutes before your flight and dress warm. Complimentary refreshments will be offered. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday through Dec. 23. To book your flight, email rides@highskywing.org or call 432-703-3142. High Sky Wing, 9600 Wright Drive. $75-$145. Highskywing.org.

Very Merry Midland: Walking in a Winter Wonderland will feature a walking tour of holiday window displays, hot chocolate, a giant snow globe and more. Wednesday through Dec. 23 in downtown Midland. goyourcity.us/wonderland.

FAMILY FUN

"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" Storytime, 11 a.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W Loop 250 N.

Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays Gingerbread Workshop. 1 p.m., Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Santa Land features free visits on Friday and Saturday nights. 7-9 p.m. Through Dec. 17 at McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road, Odessa.

Pretend and Play provides a structured environment for caregivers and their children. For ages 2-6. 10:30 a.m. Mondays at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Thursdays. Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years) Fridys at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Every other Friday. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Fridays 6-10 p.m., Saturdays noon-8 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

FOOD & DRINK

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

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

GAMES

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. todays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Fridays at The Detour.

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $3. permianbridgeclub.com.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and todays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Basin Burger House.

$2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

MUSIC

AMERICANA SINGER-SONGWRITER

Chris Wayne Band, 8 p.m. Saturday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

BLUES

The Blue Star Blues Roots Rock Revue with Samantha Fish, Mike Zito, Tommy Castro, Luther Dickinson, Deanna Bogart. 7 p.m. Wednesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $20-$50. Wagnernoel.com.

COUNTRY

Prophets and Outlaws, 7 p.m. Saturday at Rolling 7s Ranch Event Center, 11700 W. County Road 122, Odessa.

Matt Mason, 10 p.m. Saturday at The Lone Star Bar.

DJ/DANCE

#Hangovertodays, 7 p.m. today at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St. Odessa.

HOLIDAY

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

Hee Haw Country Christmas with special guest LaDonna Gatlin. 6 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. fbc-midland.org.

Christmas Concert by the Midland Community band, 7 p.m. Saturday at Midland College - Allison Fine Arts Center, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

KARAOKE

Karaoke, 9 p.m. today at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

ROCK

Freeride, 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Three Bad Jacks, The Texicano Folk Rock Punk, 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Riley's Bar and Grill, 3421 W. Wall St. Free. rileysbarandgrill.com.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Star Party, dusk, Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Walk with a Doc, sponsored by the Texas Medical Association, is a one-mile walk around Midland College to raise awareness of obesity and related diseases. Prior to the walk Dr. Manoher Gurru will give a brief lecture. 9 a.m. Saturday at Midland College Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Third Annual Midland Cyclocross 2016 Race, 10 a.m. Saturday at Beal Park, 5200 W. Wall St. webscorer.com.

Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays fourth annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run. 11 a.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Register on active.com.

OSW's Jingle Brawl. Old School Wrestling's event is also a fundraiser for the Kermit High School band. Proceeds from the event will go toward the band's trip to perform in San Antonio. All wrestlers will be in attendance for a VIP meet and greet. 5 p.m. Saturday at Kermit High School Gymnasium, E. Tommy Thompson St., Kermit. $5-$15.

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Saturdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m. Saturdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 A Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"Spirited Away: 15th Anniversary" 7 p.m., today at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $14.88. Fathomevents.com.

"A Christmas Carol." This is the 25th production of the holiday favorite by Midland Community Theatre. Through Dec. 18 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Aaron Long, Anthony Chavarria will perform along with area comedians. Presented by Tilted Halo Comedy. 8 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

The Met: Live in HD 2016-17 Season: "L'Amour de Loin," 11:55 a.m., Saturday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $25.17. Fathomevents.com.

TCM Big Screen Classics: "From Here to Eternity," 2 and 7 p.m., Sunday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $14.88. Fathomevents.com.

Indie Lens: "Meet the Patels" screening by Basin PBS. The screening will be followed by a humorous panel featuring the Colorado Players. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Free. basinpbs.org.

"George Takei's Allegiance," the Broadway musical on the big screen. 7:30 p.m., Tuesday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $20.84. fathomevents.com.

COMING SOON

DECEMBER

Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays Christmas Luncheon. Noon, Dec. 15 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $35 per person, $250 per table of eight. museumsw.org.

Third Thursday Reading will feature the book "Home for Christmas" with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Winter Art Opening, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. A St.

Robert Earl Keen's Merry Christmas from the Fam-O-Lee, 8 p.m. Dec. 15 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $27-$52. wagnernoel.com.

Tim Kreitz Band, 5 p.m. Dec. 16 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Permian Basin Christmas Celebration 2016 featuring Sandi Patty, Veritas and the Celebration Choir and Orchestra of FBC. Dec. 16-18 at First Baptist Church Odessa, 709 N. Lee Ave. $10. fbcodessa.com.

Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays open house. Dec. 17 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Daddy Daughter Dance, 6 p.m. Dec. 17 at Contre Tempo, 4400 Big Spring St., Suite C38. $25 per adult, $25 per child. dancestudio-pro.com.

Justin Kemp Band, 7 p.m. Dec. 16 at Rolling 7s Ranch Event Center, 11700 W. County Road 122, Odessa.

A 3D Christmas Experience: Printing 3D Snowflakes is an all ages event. 11 a.m. Dec. 17 at Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

William Clark Green, 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $12 advance, $15 door. dosamigos.com.

Tiffany and the Lump, 8 p.m. Dec. 17 Beer Garden.

"God is with Us" Christmas musical during morning service. 10:45 a.m. Dec. 18 at Second Baptist Church, 711 E. 17th St., Odessa. 2bcodessa.com.

Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Cookies with Santa. Visitors can also enjoy photo opportunities. 2-4 p.m. Dec. 18 at Cafe Nitro Cold Brew and Eatery, 5701 Starboard Drive.

MOSC Lone Star Brass: A Lone Star Brass Christmas. 3 p.m. Dec. 18 at Rea Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Christmas Cookies adult class with Becky Ferguson. 6 p.m. Dec. 19 at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. SOLD OUT. Hightfoods.com.

Cookie decorating with Santa. Visit website to register for a time slot. Dec. 21-23 at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $45. Hightfoods.com.

Karaoke Challenge No. 7 with cash prizes. 7 p.m. Dec. 21 at Rolling 7s Ranch Event Center, 11700 W. County Road 122, Odessa.

Kaffee Haus is a night of acoustic performances and coffee. 6 p.m. Dec. 22 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. Noelartmuseum.org.

Randy Rogers - acoustic, 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $17 advance, $20

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EVENTS & MORE

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ABOVE: Jorge Hernandez, owner of the Beer Garden at Garden View, poses by the main bar and covered seating area Wednesday. **BELOW:** Outdoor seating and stage are shown.

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bread bowl.

"America makes the best beer in the world today," he said. "The U.S. is the best because brewers fuse classic Bavarian recipes with new ingredients and innovative techniques. We wanted to do something similar with our food. We take classic southwest favorites and add something unexpected. It's funny how a little tweak can change a culinary experience""

The current plan is to serve lunch only during the weekends to test out both the service and the crowds. The coming cold weather also won't be a problem he said.

IF YOU GO

Grand Opening, 11 a.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. midlandbeergarden.com.

"A big misconception about us now is that everything is outdoors, but we will have heated greenhouses for diners to eat," he said.

And beer won't be the only drink on the menu. Tea and soft drinks will be available.

Hernandez is well aware of his unique location along Business 20. As a drinking spot, Beer Garden is a popular evening destination. For lunch, he's hoping to find an untapped market.

"There are lots of businesses along this corridor but nothing that close," he said. "I'd like to tap into that audience to check us out. I'm listening to customers all the time to see what they want."

He admits he's biased in liking everything on the menu — which can be found online — but if he had to recommend one thing, he knows what it is.

"The wonton nachos are amazing," he said. "They are so crispy and topped with homemade chili. They really are awesome."

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older company members have recently studied at Burklyn Ballet Theatre and the National Choreography Institute so they will be adding a new level of skill to their performance. Of course, we can't wait to see Michael Fields in his perennial role as Mother Ginger.

7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Road 1788. $20-$59. Midlandfestivalballet.org.

IF YOU GO

Midland Storytelling Festival, Friday and Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Free. midlandstorytellingfestival.com.

FESTIVAL

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evening at the festival.

Martin will recount her original story "If I Were a Firefly."

"My friend Deborah Carr gave me the idea. She hadn't seen any fireflies before we went to camp this year. Later, when we were about to go to sleep, my mother told everyone in the cabin that different fireflies have a different glow to attract a mate. Then Deborah said, 'If I were a firefly, I'd have a very unusual glow.'"

The comment made cabin mates laugh but sparked an idea in Martin. Appropriately, her story is about imagination.

"It's actually about not letting your imagination go too far," she said. "Sometimes children let their imagination wander. I daydream a lot."

As she developed her story, Martin learned how to express herself differently among her characters.

"I enjoy expressing my childish side while I'm telling a story. In the story, Sydney and her parents have their own unique southern accent. When Korra and her mother, the Witch of Fashion, are talking, I just use my own voice. But when the mother is mad, I make my voice deeper," Martin said.

This is a big year for the festival, which is celebrating 25 years. The event will feature three storytelling concerts with a cast that includes Antonio Rocha, Donald Davis, Charlotte Black Alston and festival president Sue Roseberry, who has been with MSF for 16 years.

"The festival provides an inspirational link with literacy and continues to promote telling of stories as a vital means of communication and preservation of the oral tradition," she said. "We are working to broaden the scope of the festival so that everyone in the surrounding areas will be able to take advantage of the wonderful programming that Midlanders have enjoyed for 25 years."

The Youth Storytelling contest was a collaborative effort with the Midland County Public Library with the potential of growing in future festivals.

"We were very concerned about creating something to ignite a spark with youth, so having that be a part of the 25th-year event was really important to us," Roseberry said. "The contest is something that we certainly want to see grow and continue."

Kara's family learned about the festival through the library. Her mother, Ashley Fithian, said the contest and festival have been an invaluable experience for the Midland Classical Academy first-grader.

"The ability to communicate to an audience will always be a necessary skill. Sue Roseberry has given the children an education in public speaking that most don't learn until adulthood," Fithian said. "This has been an extremely encouraging experience for Kara."

The same can be said for Charisma, a Pease Communication and Technology Academy sixth-grader. Initially, she was a shy girl.

"She's not anymore," her mother, Queen Waters, said. "I tell her and her brother that this is an opportunity to speak well and in front of people. She wants be a doctor, and to learn this now is a great thing for her to stand up and articulate what needs to be said."

And clearly, Martin, Charisma and Kara are proof that storytelling won't become a lost art.

"I loved writing this story because it's the first story I've ever finished, and I was nervous at first. When everyone was laughing with me I couldn't stop smiling," Martin said. "I encourage the younger generation to come out of their shell by expressing themselves."

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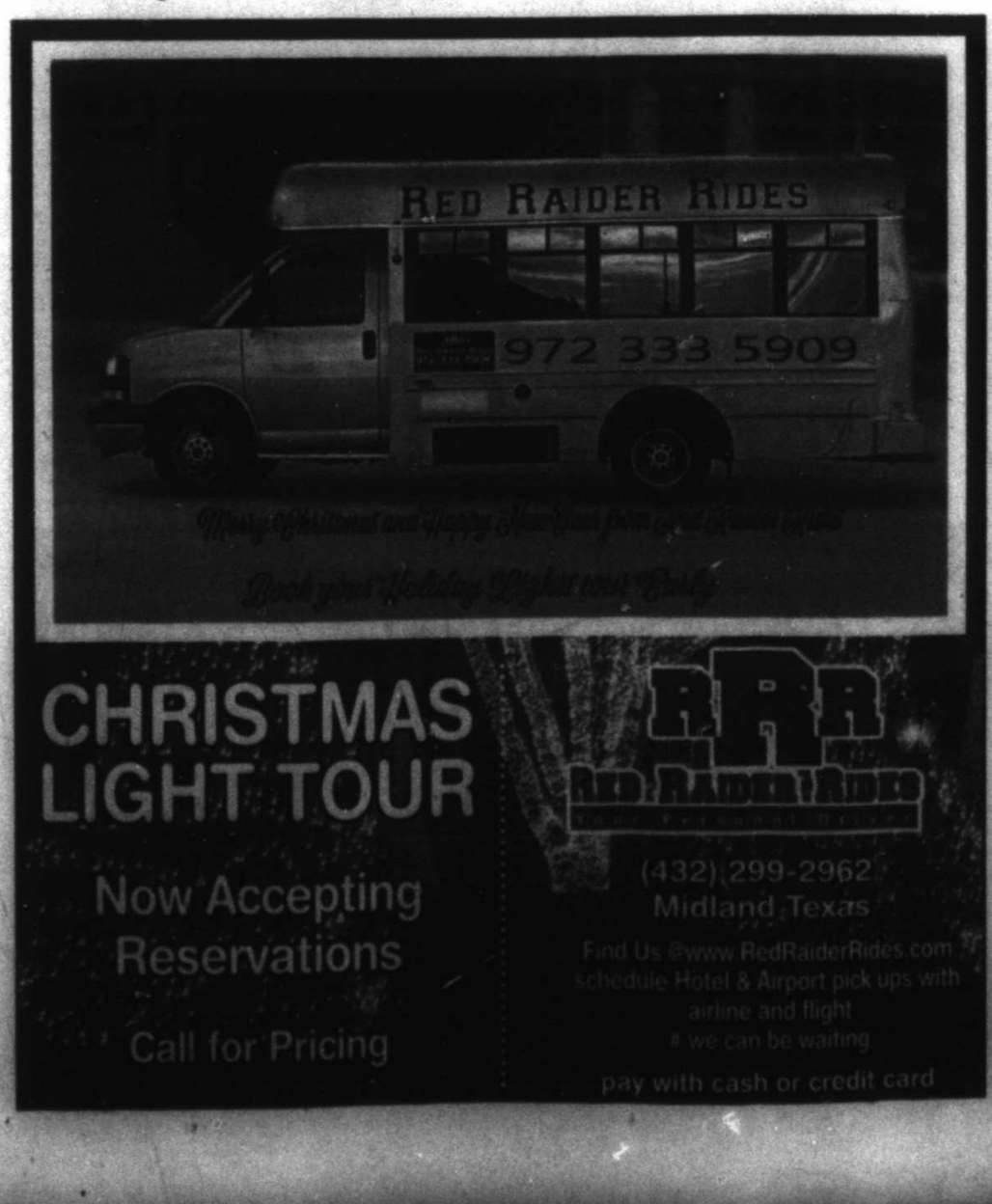

ON SCREEN

FILM CAPS

"Allied." (R) Brad Pitt and Marion Cotillard team up in this World War II romance, set in Nazi-occupied Morocco and blitzed Britain, and rife with espionage, intrigue, dubious French accents (Pitt's, as a Québécois intelligence officer) and tips of the beret to Casablanca. Robert Zemeckis directs.

"Almost Christmas" (PG-13) In the spirit of the holiday, a family patriarch asks his family to get along for five days. With Kimberly Elise, Omar Epps, Danny Glover, Romany Malco, Mo'Nique, Nicole Ari Parker, J.B. Smoove, Gabrielle Union, Jessie Usher and DC Young Fly. Written and directed by David E. Talbert.

"Arrival" (PG-13) Amy Adams stars as an expert linguist who leads a team attempting to communicate with an alien spacecraft as the world teeters on the brink of war. With Jeremy Renner, Forest Whitaker. Written by Eric Heisserer. Directed by Denis Villeneuve.

"Bad Santa 2." (R) Life is surely cruel, making us wait 13 years for the sequel to the Yuletide classic starring Billy Bob Thornton as a hard-drinking, foulmouthed, pocket-picking department store Mr. Claus. Well, here it is, and it's sure to be a subtle, sophisticated, and heart-warming thing. Tony Cox is back as the butt of a lot of little-people jokes, and Oscar-winner Kathy Bates, sporting fake tattoos and a sneer, joins the fray, playing Thornton's Willie T. Stokes' tough, tattooed mom.

"Doctor Strange" (PG-13) Benedict Cumberbatch takes on the role of the world-famous neurosurgeon severely injured in a car accident and transformed through mysticism into a potent superhero magician. With Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams, Benedict Wong, Michael Stuhlbarg, Tilda Swinton. Written by Jon Spaihts and Scott Derrickson & C. Robert Cargill. Directed by Derrickson. Imax 3D.

"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" (PG-13) Eddie Redmayne stars as Magizoologist Newt Scamander, whose misadventures in New York City include the escape of recently collected creatures. With Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol, Ezra Miller, Samantha Morton, Jon Voight, Ron Perlman, Carmen Ejogo and Colin Farrell. Written by J.K. Rowling. Directed by David Yates.

'OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY'

"Hacksaw Ridge" (R) U.S. Army medic and conscientious objector Desmond Doss saves 75 men without using a weapon during the bloody Battle of Okinawa in World War II. With Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington, Luke Bracey. Written by Robert Schenkkan and Randall Wallace and Andrew Knight. Directed by Mel Gibson.

"Incarnate" (PG-13) A scientist uses his subconscious powers in order to rescue a young boy possessed by a powerful demon. With Aaron Eckhart, Carice Van Houten, Catalina Sandino Moreno. Written by Ronnie Christensen. Directed by Brad Peyton.

"Moana." (PG) A Polynesian princess (well, a chief's daughter, anyway) joins forces with a shape-shifting demigod (no, not a shape-shifting demagogue) to bring peace to a troubled South Pacific isle. Songs are sung, cutesy sidekicks are introduced, oceanic canoe trips are taken, in Disney's 56th animated feature. With the voice talents of 2016's sexiest man alive, Dwayne Johnson, and Auli'i Cravalho in the title role.

"Moonlight" (R) Superb filmmaking and an exceptional level of emotional honesty universalizes a very specific coming-of-age experience, that of a gay black man growing from child to adult starting in 1980s Miami's crack cocaine epidemic years.

"Office Christmas Party" (R) The brother of a CEO plans an epic holiday celebration to land an important client and prevent his sister from closing his branch. With Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn, T.J. Miller, Jillian Bell, Courtney B. Vance, Kate McKinnon and Jennifer Aniston. Written by Justin Malen and Laura Solon, story by Jon Lucas & Scott Moore and Dan Mazer. Directed by Will Speck & Josh Gordon.

"Rules Don't Apply." (PG-13) Warren Beatty stars as the famously reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes in what is essentially a love story, between a starry-eyed ingenue (Lily Collins) signed to Hughes' stable of aspiring actresses and a young, ambitious Hughes employee (Alden Ehrenreich). Beatty wrote, produced, and directs — his first behind-the-camera job since 1998's "Bulworth."

"Trolls" (PG-13) Animated comedy featuring the happily musical title creatures as they avoid being eaten by the perpetually dour Bergens. With the voices of Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Russell Brand, Zooey Deschanel. Directed by Mike Mitchell, co-directed by Walt Dohrn.

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Reel & Stream

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Disney's reimagined 'Pete's Dragon' is terrific

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Pete's Dragon" (PG) Despite feeling manipulated by the way the film tugs at the heart, it is far and away the better film than its 1977 counterpart. The cast — and in particular young star Oakes Fegley — are outstanding in selling the big green CGI dragon to the audience. As for Elliott, he couldn't be any more lovable. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"One Nation Under Trump" (unrated) Let's set aside the idea that the title alone is somewhat blasphemous. The documentary starts off as a traditional biopic, telling us about President-elect Donald Trump's upbringing and business career. It is quite brief, however, and most unsatisfying, as though it was hastily compiled by someone merely trying to cash in on the phenomenon, not trying to be accurate or thorough. From there, it lets the man himself tell the story with bits and pieces taken from his campaign rallies over the past year. Nothing in this film enlightens or informs. The bio stuff and the speeches are easily found all over the internet. So, as the saying goes, "why buy the cow"? **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Absolutely Fabulous the Movie" (R) Fans of the series will revel in this feature that lives up to the title in every way. Those not familiar with the BBC show that ran from 1992-2012 may not be as appreciative but will still glean a laugh or two. **B+**

"Anthropoid" (R) Film based on true story of Czechoslovakia's struggles after Nazi Germany took it over during World War II is taut and thrilling, though its length and unnecessarily fabricated melodrama keep it from being a great film. **B**

"The BFG" (PG) It's funny and charming, so there is nothing really wrong with this film aside from its length. At just shy of two hours, it is ridiculously long. Steven Spielberg may be the greatest director in the history of cinema, but this one won't rank near the top of the list. **B-**

"Don't Breathe" (R) The summer's surprise smash isn't what you expect, which is what makes it so unique in the thriller genre. **A-**

"The Intervention" (R) Clea DuVall wrote, directed and plays a supporting role in this clever dramedy that reunites her with "But I'm a Cheerleader" co-star Natasha Lyonne. **B**

"The Wild Life" (PG) Eliminating the racist element from Daniel DeFoe's "Robinson Crusoe" by animating it, changing the man Friday to a parrot named Tuesday does not bring any new life to the story. **C**

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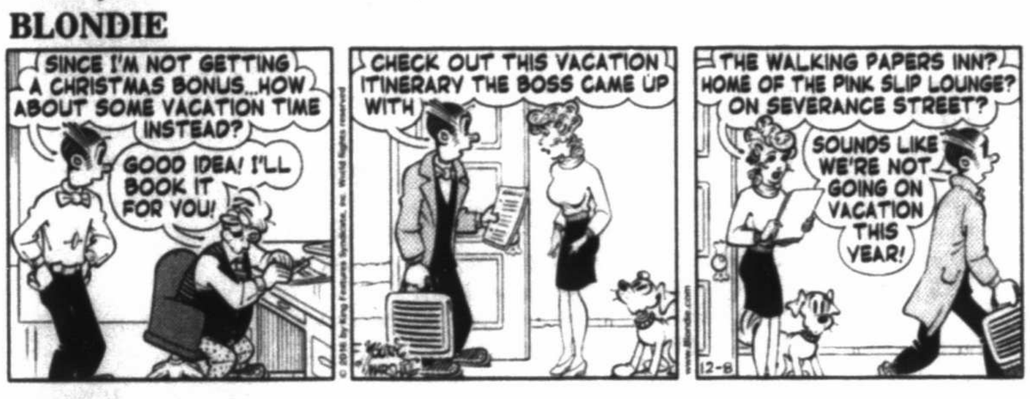

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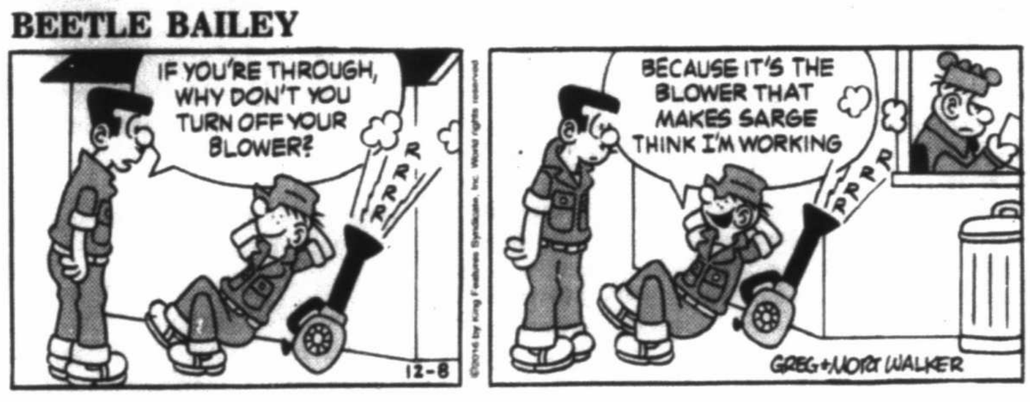

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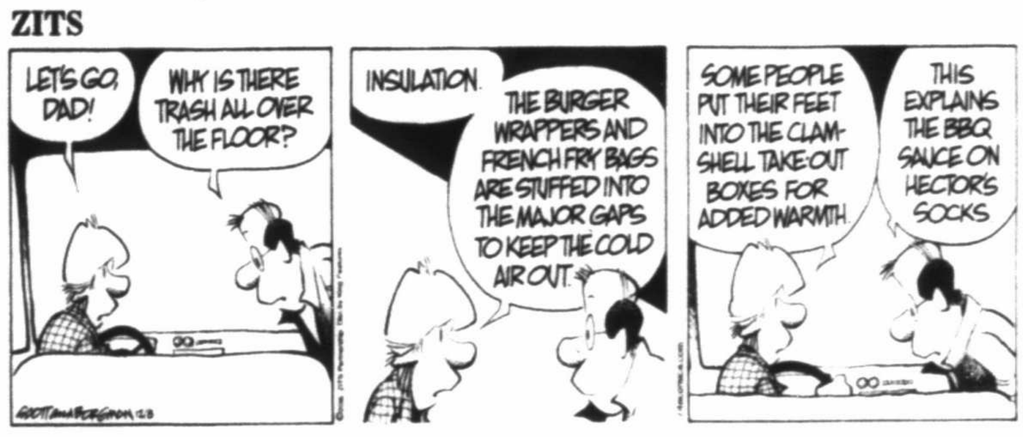

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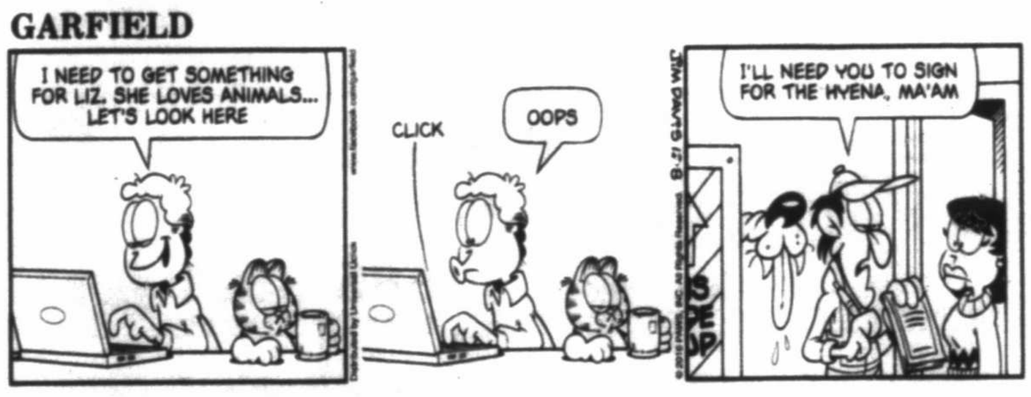

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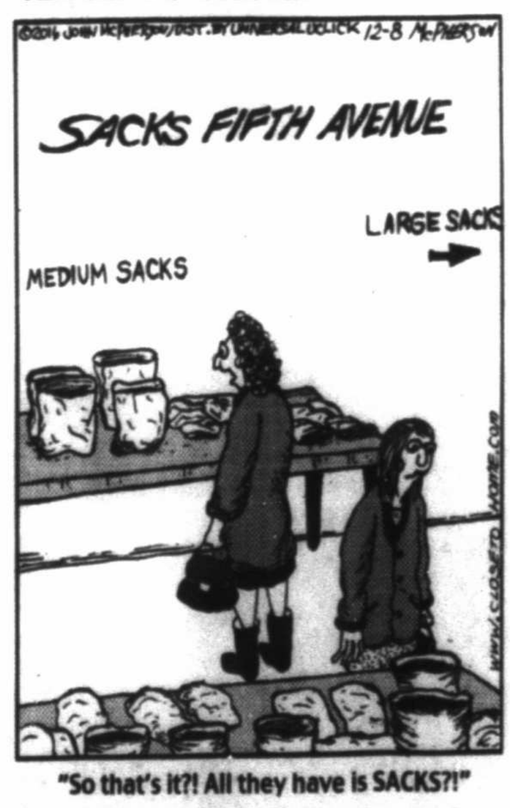

"So that's it?! All they have is SACKS?!"

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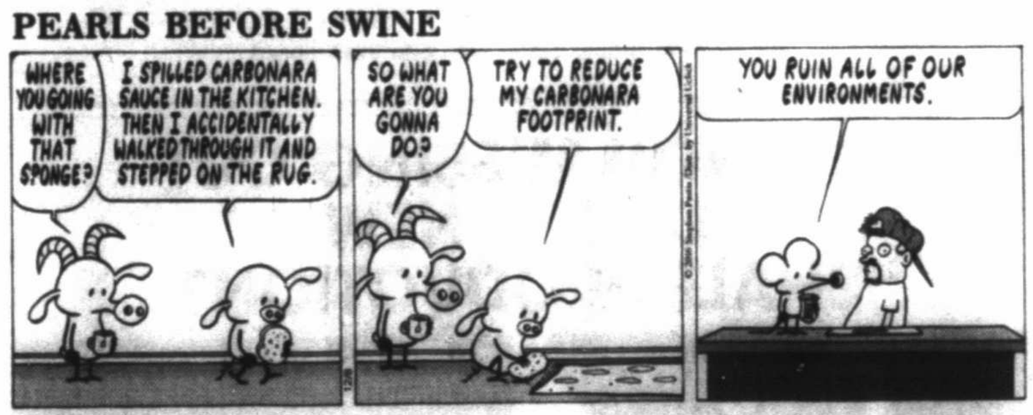
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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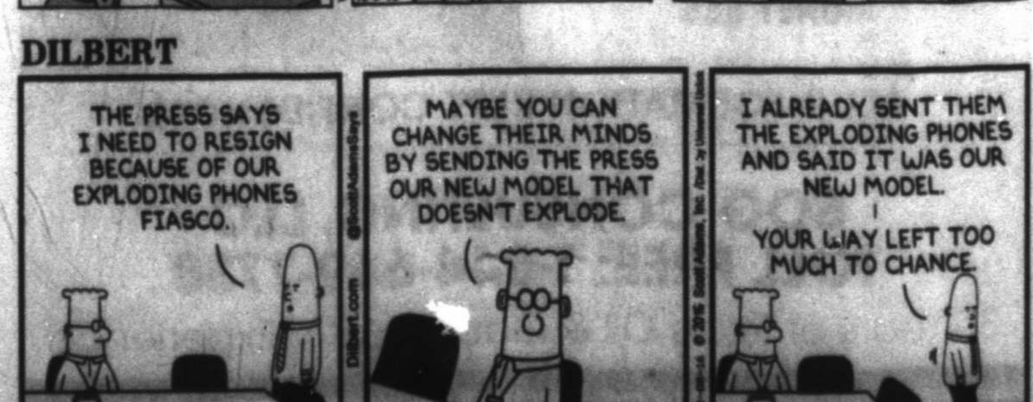

DINING

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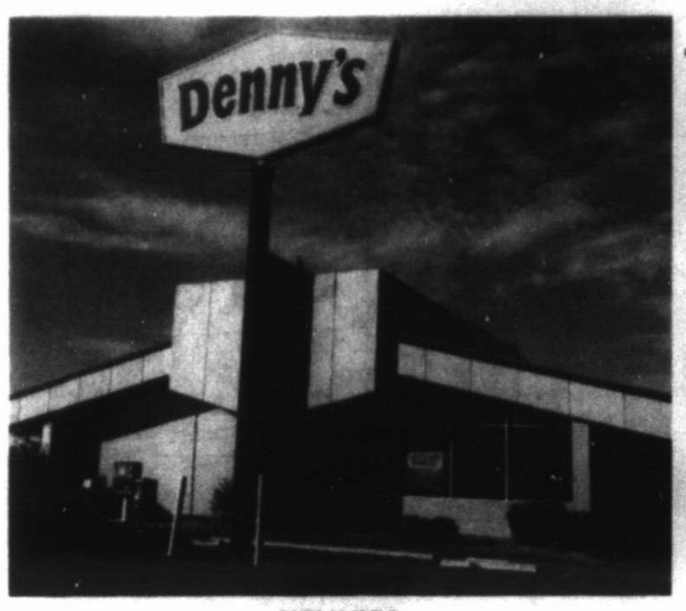

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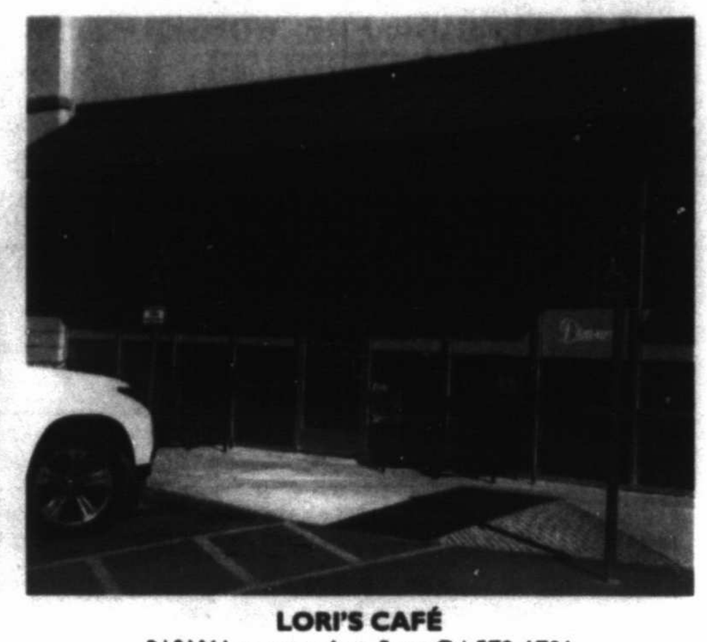

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AMERICAN & GRILL

ADDIE'S DINER Great burgers and salads with a '50s diner vibe. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. 304 E. Florida Ave. 686-2044. | $ | 4 spoons

BUFFALO WILD WINGS Grill and Bar Sports bar with more than 40 TVs inside serves wings, burgers, sandwiches and snacks. Try one of the wraps with your choice of more than 14 sauces. Smoking allowed inside. 5107 W. Wadley Ave. 694-9400 | $ | 3 spoons

BUSH'S CHICKEN Save room for the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Fried chicken with traditional sides. Iced tea by the gallon. Three-lane drive through. 2210 N. Big Spring St. 687-7090 www.bushschicken.com | $ | 3 spoons

THE CAFÉ AT CRESTVIEW Quiet cafe inside Crestview Baptist Church is open to the public and serves fabulous desserts. Sandwiches, soups, burgers, Tex-Mex dishes. 301 N. Loop 250 West. 681-8200 www.crestviewmidland.org | $ | 3 spoons

CAFÉ AT THE GARDENS Want to feel like you've left West Texas? Enjoy a cup of soup next to a koi pond inside a green house. Sandwiches and burgers on freshly baked bread, quiche, salads. Open for dinner and drinks on Thursday night. 3300 Fairgrounds Road. 687-1478 www.alldredgegardens.com | $ | 4 spoons

CHILI'S Featuring comfort food and a full-service bar, the chain is famous for its baby-back, baby-back, baby-back ribs. The broccoli cheese soup is some of the best around, as are the Southwestern eggrolls. 2100 Loop 250 Frontage Road, 687-3744 | $$ | 3 spoons

CLEAR SPRINGS CAFE One of the few places in Midland specializing in seafood claims to have the best onion rings and catfish in "Texas, the World and the known Universe." This Texas chain also has locations in Tyler, New Braunfels, Nacogdoches and San Antonio. Seafood, steaks, burgers, salads. 5707 Andrews Highway 522-1188 www.clearspringscafe.com | $$ | 3 spoons.

COTTON PATCH CAFE Casual dining chain restaurant off of Loop 250. Specials include fried catfish. Soups, salads, steaks. 2320 W. Loop 250 N. 618-0070. www.cottonpatch.com | $ | 2 spoons.

CRACKER BARREL Breakfast all day. Chicken and dumplings, meatloaf, smoked ham, fried fish. Old Country Store sells candy, toys, rocking chairs, decorative items. 3108 N. Loop 250 West. 689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com | $ | 3 spoons

DENNY'S Open 24 hours a day, Denny's is one of very few options for people looking to grab a bite to eat at 3 a.m. Breakfast, burgers, snacks, pies and coffee. 3701 W. Wall St. 520-5306 www.dennys.com | $ | 2 spoons

EDDIE'S CATFISH COMPANY When you open a catfish restaurant, why mess around with anything else? Except maybe fried shrimp, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and onion rings. That's the menu at Eddie's Catfish Company. All you have to do is decide how many pieces you want. 301 N. Lee St. 684-4422. www.eddiescatfishco.com | $ | 3 spoons.

FURR'S CAFETERIA One of Midland's oldest eateries, the restaurant has served the Tall City since the 1960s. The all-you-can-eat buffet lets you choose from an assortment of salads, entress, vegetables, breads and desserts, which includes the chain's world-famous pies. 1116 N. Midkiff Road 520-9629 | $ | 3 spoons

GRAHAM PHARMACY Refreshingly simple menu makes this a hot spot for lunch. Good luck finding a parking space. Try the pimento cheese sandwich and treat yourself to homemade fudge for dessert. Two locations 1601 W. Wall St. 684-5756, 4906 Briarwood Ave. 684-4479 www.grahampharmacy.com | $ | 3 spoons.

JOJO'S EATERY Possibly the best desserts in town. Buy pies and cakes by the slice or take one home. Oh yeah, and the sandwiches, salads and burgers aren't bad either. Downtown inside the Petroleum Building. 214 W. Texas Ave. 682-3134 | $ | 3 spoons.

LORI'S CAFÉ Homestyle, diner cooking with a few surprises like wild boar sausage served with two eggs and toast. Breakfast items, lunch menu. Lori's uses locally-sourced food when available. 210 W. Longview, Ave., Suite G, 570-1701 www.loriscafe.net | $ | 3 spoons.

MAIN STREET DINER Breakfast and lunch eatery feature fresh comfort foos such as chicken and dumplings. One Yelp review said "If you are traveling through and really want to experience a local place with the spirit of Midland, Main Street is it." 611 S. Main St, 682-5970 | $ | 4 spoons

MULBERRY CAFE The third restaurant under the Morales family banner, which also includes Gerardo's Casita and Gerardo's Bistro, is an ideal place for a relaxing Saturday or Sunday breakfast or a quick weekday lunch. The lunch and dinner menu features soups (the broccoli cheese soup is a filling meal), salads, wraps, sandwiches and burgers. The wraps, sandwiches and burgers come with homemade chips. 2101 W. Wadley Ave. | $$ | 4 spoons

THE RANCH HOUSE Stop by for a sandwich or pick up a whole ham or turkey for holidays. Sandwich options include chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. 5103 W. Wadley Ave. 699-0695 www.goldenglazedhams.com | $ | 3 spoons.

STANTON DRUG AND OLD-FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN Drive about a half-hour away from Midland for a hamburger or sandwich at Stanton Drug Store. Get there early. The owners close shop when they run out of meat for the day. 201 N. St. Peter, St., Stanton. 432-756-3731 | $ | 3 spoons

STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFE Try the Santa Fe wrap. All organic menu with daily specials, sandwiches, wraps, smoothies. Soup and salad bar. If you can't find a table or need a quick lunch, check out the section of foods 'to go' inside the Natural Foods Market. 2311 W. Wadley Ave. 684-5869 www.naturalfoodsmkt.com | $ | 4 spoons

TATER WORLD The menu centers around this local restaurant's namesake. If you're hungry, go for the huge baked potatoes stuffed with brisket or steak. The menu has more than just potatoes. Ask around town and you'll hear Tater World has some of the best catfish in Midland. 802 S. Garfield St. 682-9111 | $ | 4 spoons

THE BAR Arguably the best burgers in town. Go during the fall or winter for the chili and cornbread. Live music and drink specials in the evenings. Try a bloody Mary with Saturday brunch. 606 W. Missouri Ave. 685-1757 www.thebarmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

TRIPLE THREAT SPORTS BAR & GRILL Philly cheesesteaks are the star of the menu but this sports bar also offers popcorn shrimp, chicken tenders, salads and appetizers. Smoking is permitted inside. 12 Meta Drive 683-5300 | $ | 4 spoons

THE TURN SPORTS BAR & GRILL The former Sedona is all new, featuring a sports-themed look and an American classics menu, including a chicken fries staek that ranks among the best in town. 2101 W Wadley Ave., 695-6240 |$ | 4 spoons

WING STOP Nine wing sauce flavors range from mild to atomic. In the middle are lemon pepper, Hawaiian and garlic parmesan. 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105 694-WING (9464) www.wingstop.com | $ | 4 spoons

STEAKS & SEAFOOD

BILL'S BISTRO Locally-owned fine dining establishment featuring steaks and fresh seafood specials for dinner service and salads and burgers for lunch. Located next to The Wine Rack, diners may sit inside Bill's Bistro or The Wine Rack for lunch service. Appetizers from the restaurant are offered in the evenings at The Wine Rack. 4610 N. Garfield St. Suite D3 | 218-7383 | $$$ | 4 spoons

CATTLE BARON Western-themed steakhouse with prime rib, fresh catfish and Alaskan king crab. The salad bar is worth the trip. 418 Wadley Ave. 683-2334. cattlebaron.com | $$ | 3 spoons

CHURRASCA BRAZILIAN STEAK HOUSE Churrasca serves meat — from chicken to lamb and pork to beef — directly at the table in an all-you-can-eat style. 4610 N. Garfield St., 618-1110 | $$$ | 4 spoons

GARLIC PRESS Fine dining with menu items including hand-cut steaks, seafood and pasta. Or try something from the small plates menu. Dessert menu changes weekly. 2200 W. Wadley Ave. No. 6 Oak Ridge Square | 570-4020 | thegarlicpress.net | $$$ | 4 spoons

LOGAN's ROADHOUSE American standards like burgers, steaks and ribs, plus signature cocktails and all the peanuts you can shell and eat, the chain's Midland location has had some issues with slow service and cold food but things look to be on the mend. 609 N Loop 250 W 689-6464 | $$ | 2 spoons

RANCHLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB Renovated club restaurant doesn't require a membership. Go for breakfast or try steak seafood at dinner. 1600 E. Wadley Ave. 682-3729 www.Ranchlandhills.com | $$ | 4 spoons

SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE Midland's only restaurant from the Landry's chain specializes in steaks. For something different, try the warm steak salad that includes grilled veggies and steak piled on top of a bed of greens. 4511 W. Loop 250 699-0476 www.saltgrass.com | $$ | 4 spoons

STEAK 42 Locally-owned steakhouse with fine dining menu and occasional live music and special events. Look for quarterly pop-up brunches. 911 S. Big Spring St. | 704-5242 | not yet reviewed

STEAK EXPRESS Surprisingly good steaks and burgers for take-out or delivery. Burgers are a meal by themselves. Steaks come with traditional sides. 3316 W. Illinois Ave. 694-4040 | $$ | 4 spoons

TEXAS ROADHOUSE Call-ahead seating is available for busy chain restaurant on Loop 250 offers steaks, burgers, sandwiches and more. 4512 W. Loop 250 N. 689-7427 | $$ | 4 spoons

WALL STREET BAR & GRILL Arguably the best steak and seafood in Midland. If you're in the mood for something else, try the chicken fried steak or the Dijon chicken. And save room for the Gold Brick dessert. 115 East Wall St. 684-8686 | $$ | 5 spoons

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Cowboys to keep driving even if home field clinched

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Rookie sensations Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott made the playoffs with four games to spare in Dallas.

The Cowboys and their young stars could clinch everything else — topped by home-field advantage throughout the playoffs — with three games remaining if they beat the New York Giants on Sunday night and get some help.

Coasting isn't part of the plan for the NFL's best first-year quarterback and the league's leading rusher.

"That's never been our mindset is to coast at any point," Prescott said Wednesday. "We get up in games, it's not, 'Let's coast this game out and finish this win.' It's, 'Keep the pedal on the metal and get things done.'"

Dallas (11-1) has a shot at a 12-game winning streak, the longest in franchise history , against the only team to beat the Cowboys — the Giants (8-4) in the opener. A win will wrap up Dallas' second NFC East title in three years, and the Cowboys can clinch a first-round bye with either a Detroit loss or tie or a Seattle loss.

If both those things happen with the Lions and Seahawks, a Dallas win would mean the Cowboys don't play another meaningful game until the divisional round of the playoffs in five weeks. That's a lot of time for things to grow stagnant.

"We don't know how to coast," linebacker Justin Durant said. "Check out our practices. You'll see that it's no coasting involved. We're always pushing each other at practice, trying to get the best out of each other. So I'm not worried about that at all."

Durant was with the Cowboys two years ago when they had little chance to change their playoff positioning in the finale at Washington. Coach Jason Garrett chose to play quarterback Tony Romo and most of the regulars on the way to a four-game winning streak to end the regular season.

The Cowboys beat Detroit in a wild-card game at home before falling to Green Bay in the divisional round on the road.

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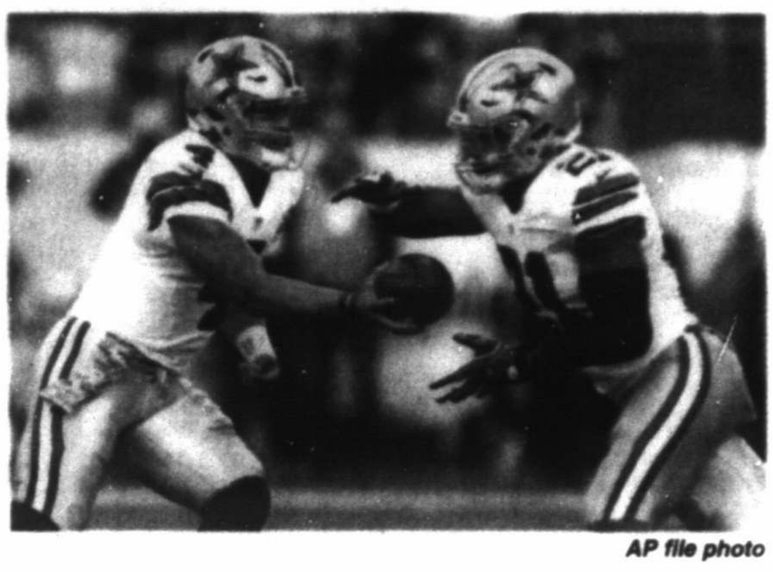

AP file photo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) hands the ball off to running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) during the first half of a game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Pittsburgh.

Baylor's new Rhule-r

Waco Tribune Herald via AP

Matt Rhule is introduced as Baylor University's new football coach during a public event at the Ferrell Center on Wednesday in Waco. Rhule replaces Jim Grobe, who led the Bears to a 6-6 record as interim coach this season after Art Briles was fired May 26.

Bears introduce coach in campus celebration

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Matt Rhule views his new job at Baylor as a calling, and with the passion of a pastor delivered a message of moving forward with the Bears.

The son of a minister and football coach, Rhule was formally introduced Wednesday as coach at the world's largest private Baptist university, and a Big 12 Conference program that has dealt with the fallout of a scandal.

"When the call came to come here, we came," Rhule said, talking for more than 15 minutes after being introduced to a crowd about 2,000 Baylor supporters. "And we came because we have one purpose ... to develop and work with these young people. I'm here to coach football, and I'm here to be the best partner that I can for Baylor."

The 41-year-old Rhule got a seven-year contract from Baylor after back-to-back 10-win seasons at Temple, where he spent 10 of the past 11 seasons. On the same day he was introduced in Waco, Rhule ran full-page ad in the Philadelphia Inquirer thanking Temple University, Owls fans and the city of Philadelphia.

His immediate task at Baylor is to start recruiting since the Bears, already with a depleted roster, have only one player verbally committed for signing day in February. There are only days before a quiet period in recruiting starts Monday.

"Kids are reaching out left and right, they want to come to Baylor," Rhule said after the formal introduction. "They just needed some answers first."

After a search with many rumored candidates, athletic director Mack Rhoades said Rhule, who the AD knew from his days at Houston and in the same conference with Temple, was the "only person we offered the job to."

Rhoades, who became Baylor's AD in August, said he texted Rhule after Temple beat Navy last weekend to congratulate him on winning the American Athletic Conference title. They later met, and Rhoades said it took only about 30 minutes before he knew in his gut, his heart and his mind that he had found the Bears new coach.

"This is a strong leader," Rhoades said. "This is somebody with great vision who's going to demand excellence, demand accountability. I love the tough-

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Cubs get closer Davis, Nats trade 3 young pitchers for Eaton

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — The champion Chicago Cubs closed their only real need, getting All-Star reliever Wade Davis. The Washington Nationals, well, they opened quite a debate by trading not one, not two, but three talented, young pitchers for outfielder Adam Eaton.

Ian Desmond wound up in a new spot, reaching a $70 million agreement with Colorado, and there were a couple other lesser deals Wednesday during the last full day of the winter meetings.

"The free agent market and the trade markets have both been a little slow," Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said. "Things are picking up a little bit."

Closers Aroldis Chapman and Kenley Jansen were still in play, and Pittsburgh didn't trade — not yet, anyway — outfielder Andrew McCutchen.

As expected, the Cubs completed a deal for Davis. To get a closer who's been dominant for the last three years, the World Series champions sent outfielder Jorge Soler to Kansas City.

Davis, who finished out the Royals' win that clinched their 2015 title, moved right into the ninth-inning role Chapman held at Wrigley Field.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon avoided any assessment of who was best. Instead, he offered: "They're just different kind of pitchers."

But the opinions weren't so blurred after the NL East champion Nationals made their deal with the Chicago White Sox.

A day after missing out on White Sox ace Chris Sale, Washington traded top prospect Lucas Giolito, strong-armed Reynaldo Lopez and 2016 first-round draft pick Dane Dunning to get Eaton.

Right away, Nats fans lit up Twitter, wondering why their team paid such a hefty price. Washington GM Mike Rizzo didn't blink at swapping the trio.

"We feel comfortable with the deal. We've done a lot of deals. I like win-win deals," he said.

"I think the White Sox did a great job of acquiring good, potential upside players. We got ourselves a good, young skillful player that we can control at below-market values for five seasons. And, again, you got to give to get," he said.

Eaton, who turned 28 on Tuesday, batted .284 with 14 home runs and 59 RBIs, stealing 14 bases and hitting an AL-leading nine triples. He topped the majors with 18 outfield assists.

"We see the arrow still going up with him," Rizzo said.

Praised Nationals manager Dusty Baker: "He's not afraid to get dirty and

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No longer the underdog, Oklahoma QB Mayfield still has fire

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Baker Mayfield arrived on Oklahoma's campus as an unpredictable gunslinger with a chip on his shoulder.

Mayfield

He's still an emotional spark-plug, but he has reined in his play and evolved into one of the most efficient quarterbacks in college football history.

Mayfield made his name as an underdog with something to prove. He started his college journey as a walk-on at Texas Tech, then transferred to Oklahoma and became a star. Last season, he finished fourth in Heisman Trophy balloting and led the Sooners to the College Football Playoff.

Now, after an even better season, he's bound for New York as a Heisman finalist. Though nobody is slighting him anymore, Mayfield's competitive fire has pushed him to new heights. His efficiency rating of 197.8 is the highest in FBS history, ahead of the record of 191.8 set by Russell Wilson in 2011.

"I've had a good year," Mayfield said. "A lot of that is a credit to my teammates. The way we've practiced and the way we've executed every week, every day, just the way we've worked — it's shown just by our undefeated conference run."

Mayfield still likes to have fun. He sported a horseshoe mustache during the Oklahoma State game, saying there's a new sheriff in town as a dig at the rival school's Cowboy mascot. In what amounted to the Big 12 championship game last Saturday, Mayfield wore a shirt under his uniform proclaiming the Sooners the 2016 conference champions during the game.

"Typical Baker," Oklahoma running back Samaje Perine said. "There's nothing wrong with being confident, and he has all the confidence in the world. He has more confidence than he needs. It's him."

When it's time to get serious, though, Mayfield is all business.

"He's always been coachable," Oklahoma offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley said. "A lot of guys have success early. The guys that continue to improve and don't believe all the hype — they continue to work and continue to have that inner drive. He certainly has that, and that's why he's gotten better and better."

Mayfield entered this season among the favorites to win the Heisman, but started relatively slowly, with average performances by his standards in losses to Houston and Ohio State. He came back in conference play and completed 73.5 percent of his passes with 31 touchdowns and just six interceptions for a

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Football Awards, 6 p.m., ESPN

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Missouri at Ohio State, 6 p.m., BTN

GOLF

PGA: Franklin Templeton Shootout, 1st Round, 1 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: UBS Hong Kong Open, 2nd Round, 8 p.m., GOLF

LEPGA: Omega Dubai Masters, 3rd Round, 3 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Fordham at St. John's, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Vanderbilt at Middle Tennessee, 6:30 p.m., CBSSN

Iowa State at Iowa, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Nicholls at Florida State, 8 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa: Villarreal vs. FC Steaua Bucuresti, 9:40 a.m., FS2, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: Qarabag FK vs. ACF Fiorentina, 9:40 a.m., FSP

UEFA Europa: FC Zorya Luhansk vs. Manchester United FC, Noon, FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: FC Astra Giurgiu vs. AS Roma, Noon, FS2

UEFA Europa: Feyenoord vs. Fenerbahce FK, Noon, FSP

UEFA Europa: Southampton FC vs. Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC, 2 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: FC Red Bull Salzburg vs. FC Schalke 04, 2 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: Standard de Liege vs. AFC Ajax, 2 p.m., FSP

Liga MX Final, Leg 1: Club America vs. Tigres UANL, 8 p.m., UDN

NBA

Minnesota at Toronto, 6 p.m., TNT

San Antonio at Chicago, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NBA D-LEAGUE

Delaware at Westchester, 6 p.m., ESPNU

NFL

Oakland at Kansas City, 7:20 a.m., NBC, NFL, NBCU

NHL

Nashville at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UTRGV at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP

Texas A&M at TCU, 7:30 p.m., FS1

ON RADIO

NAHL HOCKEY

Wichita Falls at Odessa, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

NBA

San Antonio at Chicago, 8:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lee, MHS at Concho Classic, San Angelo

Midland Christian at Crane Tournament

MCA at San Angelo Lake View Tournament

Andrews, Big Spring, Grady at Andrews' Kristen Corbin Classic

Coahoma, Stanton at Hooptown Tournament in Colorado City

Garden City at Mertzon Tournament

Forsan at Borden County Tournament

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lee, MHS, Midland Christian at CatClaw Classic, Abilene

Greenwood at Dimmitt Tournarnent

MCA at Crane Tournament

Andrews, Grady at Andrews' Gym Bice Tournament

Coahoma, Stanton at Hooptown Tournament in Colorado City

Forsan at Borden County Tournament

NAHL

Wichita Falls at Odessa, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Promoted Todd Claus to global scouting supervisor. Rolando Pino to coordinator of Latin American scouting. Adrian Lorenzo to assistant director of international scouting. Jonathan Cruz to assistant supervisor for Dominican Republic scouting and Harrison Slutsky assistant director for pro scouting. Named Brett Ward coordinator of Pacific Rim operations. James Kang international scouting assistant. Alex Gimenez baseball operations assistant. Marcus Cuellar player personnel assistant. Edgar Perez player personnel crosschecker. Brandon Agamennone North Texas area scout. Mike Ganley senior baseball systems development lead. Eric Edvalson senior baseball systems developer. Ethan Faggett assistant director of baseball systems and Adrien Tapia mental skills coordinator.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Traded OF Adam Eaton to Washington for RHPs Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo Lopez and Dane Dunning.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Traded RHP Wade Davis to the Chicago Cubs for OF Jorge Soler.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with OF/DH Matt Holliday on a one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Acquired RHP Chris Heston from San Francisco for a player to be named. Designated INF-OF Richie Shaffer for assignment.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS — Recalled G R.J. Hunter and Fs Doug McDermott and Paul Zipser from Windy City (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed CB Charles Gaines to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed DB Derrick Kindred on the reserve/non-football injury list. Signed DB Trae Elston. Signed DB Justin Currie to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed LB Luke Rhodes from the practice squad and S Stefan McClure to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed RB Khiry Robinson. Signed RB Brandon Wilds from the practice squad and DL Claude Pelon to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Reassigned C Kory Lichtensteiger from injured reserve to injured reserve-designated for return. Signed CB Dashaun Phillips to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — D John Scott announced his retirement.

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled RW Stefan Noesen from San Diego (AHL).

ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned D Dysin Mayo and Justin Hache from Tucson (AHL) to Rapid City (ECHL).

BOSTON BRUINS — Assigned C Noel Acciari to Providence (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned D Klas Dahlbeck to Charlotte (AHL) for conditioning.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned C Tomas Nosek and G Jared Coreau to Grand Rapids (AHL). Activated G Jimmy Howard from injured reserve.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled F Nicklas Jensen from Hartford (AHL). Reassigned F Adam Chapie from Greenville (ECHL) to Hartford.

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Assigned G Jamie Murray from San Jose (AHL) to Allen (ECHL).

COLLEGE

CLARKE — Removed the interim tag on men's soccer coach Chad Hollmer.

LSU — Signed defensive coordinator and associate head football coach Dave Aranda to a three-year contract.

OREGON — Named Willie Taggart football coach.

RANGER — Announced the retirement of men's basketball coach Billy Gillispie.

SAN JOSE STATE — Named Brent Brennan football coach.

SOUTH FLORIDA — Named co-offensive coordinator T.J. Weist head football coach for the Birmingham Bowl.

STANFORD — Announced RB Christian McCaffrey will enter the NFL draft.

XAVIER (NO) — Announced the resignation of women's volleyball coach Hannah Lawing.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear main lake, stained up river and creeks; 49-55 degrees; 1.5 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, wacky worms and shakyheads with finesse worms at first light. Spoons are producing all day on fish schooling in 25-50 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on juglines with goldfish, perch or minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 49-56 degrees; 0.67 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 12.67 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 50-56 degrees; 0.32 feet low. Black bass are fair on shakyheads, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 51-55 degrees; 0.46 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: 49-55 degrees; 1.15 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and chatterbaits. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 48-56 degrees; 9.47 feet low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 49-56 degrees; 34.11 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 48-55 degrees; 0.02 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, Texas rigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 50.06 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 0.16 feet low. Black bass and crappie are fair to good, but mostly undersized. White bass are fair to good on minnows and Rooster Tails. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 45-52 degrees; 19.3 feet low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 72-76 degrees; 16.73 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits, shallow running crankbaits, Senkos, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on slabs and jigging spoons under birds. White bass are good on slabs and jigging spoons. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained; 68-72 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastics and spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained; 67-71 degrees; 0.58 feet high. Black bass are good on dark soft plastic worms in coves. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on slabs. Crappie are good on minnows at night. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	26	17	6	3	37	76	59
Ottawa	26	15	9	2	32	64	67
Boston	26	15	10	1	31	63	58
Tampa Bay	27	14	11	2	30	77	72
Detroit	27	13	11	3	29	69	72
Florida	27	12	11	4	28	65	70
Buffalo	26	10	10	6	26	55	68
Toronto	25	10	10	5	25	74	80

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	26	16	7	3	35	88	80
N.Y. Rangers	27	17	9	1	35	97	69
Columbus	24	15	5	4	34	77	53
Philadelphia	28	15	10	3	33	90	87
Washington	24	14	7	3	31	61	55
New Jersey	25	12	7	6	30	66	68
Carolina	25	10	10	5	25	58	65
N.Y. Islanders	25	10	10	5	25	66	73

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	28	17	8	3	37	78	68
St. Louis	26	15	7	4	34	72	72
Minnesota	25	13	8	4	30	69	53
Winnipeg	29	13	13	3	29	77	85
Nashville	25	12	9	4	28	75	69
Dallas	27	10	11	6	26	67	87
Colorado	24	9	14	1	19	52	73

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	28	14	10	4	32	83	74
San Jose	25	15	9	1	31	60	51
Calgary	29	14	13	2	30	73	83
Anaheim	26	12	9	5	29	67	67
Los Angeles	25	13	10	2	28	66	66
Vancouver	26	11	13	2	24	60	78
Arizona	25	8	13	4	20	57	80

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

Scores and schedules

Wednesday's Scores

Minnesota 3, Toronto 2

Boston at Washington, 8 p.m.

Carolina at Anaheim, late

Ottawa at San Jose, late

Today's Games

St. Louis at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Edmonton at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Colorado at Boston, 6 p.m.

New Jersey at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

Nashville at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Calgary at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Carolina at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Stephen brothers invited to bowl

From staff reports

Bryan

Jacob

Midland's Jacob Stephen and Bryan Stephen have been invited to participate in the 11th Annual Offense-Defense Bowl to be held at Kennesaw State University's Fifth Third Bank Stadium in Atlanta, Dec. 26-31.

Jacob, 15, is a sophomore offensive and defensive lineman for the Midland Christian varsity and junior varsity football teams. He earned a selection to the bowl after being named Offensive MVP at an Offense-Defense camp in Dallas over the summer.

Bryan, 11, is a fifth grader at MCS who plays for the GMFL Junior Varsity Patriots. He earned Defensive MVP honors at an Offense-Defense camp in Dallas during the summer.

Jacob and Bryan are the sons of Jill Stephen and are the third and fourth student athletes from MCS to be invited to the Offense-Defense Bowl this year, joining third grader Cole Michael Marshall and eighth grader Joshua Keating.

HoopTown tourney to be held in Colorado City

From staff reports

For the first time in nearly 20 years, Stanton's annual HoopTown boys and girls basketball tournament will be held outside of Buffalo country.

Due to renovations inside Stanton's home gym, this year's tournament will instead be played at Colorado City High School. The 26th edition of the tournament is set to begin at 9 a.m. today and will run through Saturday.

Additionally, Andrews' annual Gym Bice Classic (boys) and Kristen Corbin Classic (girls) is scheduled to begin today at the Mustang Performing Arts Center.

Long time Stanton boys head basketball coach Doug Gordon, now in his 16th year with the program, said HoopTown's switch was expected as far back as the summer. Remodeling the locker rooms and the concession stand — which had been operating inside the high school cafeteria — are major projects that prevented Stanton from hosting the three-day event.

The tournament has been a central part of the community since 1991 and when the decision to move was finalized, it was a difficult reality to face.

"It's still a disappointment because you know you're missing out on something," said Gordon. "If we couldn't host the quality of tournament we've come to expect, we wanted to make sure the tournament was still well taken care of."

Sixty miles east of Stanton, Colorado City is home to a brand new basketball facility that Gordon believes is well-suited to host the 16-team tournament.

"They're in the tournament, they want to see the tournament continue and it's convenient," Gordon said.

Gordon that his players, particularly the Buffaloes' (7-1) five seniors, have handled the situation in a mature manner and are just ready to play basketball this weekend.

"They've embraced playing wherever we're going to play," Gordon said. "They're good players, good leaders and they love to play the game."

Gordon said if the renovations remain on schedule, the Buffaloes should be able to host the tournament again next year.

HS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

Stanton Hooptown Tournament

At Colorado City HS

Boys

Thursday

Game 4: Stanton vs. Sands, 10:30 a.m.

Game 6: Coahoma vs. Pecos, 1:30 p.m.

Game 2: San Angelo Central JV vs. Christoval, 4:30 p.m.

Game 8: Water Valley vs. Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Semifinals

Game 4 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 4:30 p.m.

Game 2 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Consolation bracket

Game 12: Game 4 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 1:30 p.m.

Game 10: Game 2 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday

Championship, 7:30 p.m.

Third-place, 4:30 p.m.

Consolation

Game 22: Game 12 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 1:30 p.m.

Game 18: Game 12 loser vs. Game 10 loser, 10:30 a.m.

Girls

Thursday

Game 1: Coahoma vs. Snyder, 9 a.m.

Game 3: Stanton vs. Colorado City JV, noon

Game 5: Sweetwater vs. Pecos, 3 p.m.

Game 7: Sands vs. Colorado City, 6 p.m.

Friday

Semifinals

Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 3 p.m.

Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 9 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Consolation

Game 9: Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, noon

Game 11: Game 5 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 9 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Saturday

Championship, 6 p.m.

Third-place, 3 p.m.

Consolation

Game 21: Game 9 winner vs. Game 11 winner, noon

Game 17: Game 9 loser vs. Game 11 loser, 9 a.m.

Boys

Gym Bice Classic

at Andrews Performing Arts Center

Pool Play

Thursday Pool A

Denver City vs. Andrews, 8 a.m.

Amarillo Caprocl vs. Denver City, 2 p.m.

Andrews vs. Kermit, 8 p.m.

Thursday Pool B

Snyder vs. Grady, 11 a.m.

El Paso Riverside vs. Shallowater, 5 p.m.

Friday Pool A

Andrews vs. Amarillo Caprock, 11 a.m.

Kermit vs. Denver City, 5 p.m.

Friday Pool B

Grady vs. El Paso Riverside, 8 a.m.

El Paso Riverside vs. Snyder, 2 p.m.

Snyder vs. Shallowater, 8 p.m.

Saturday Pool A

Kermit vs. Amarillo Caprock, 8 a.m.

Grady vs. Shallowater, 11 a.m.

Saturday bracket play

(Based on pool seeding, TBA)

4th place pool A vs. 4th place pool B, 2 p.m., downstairs gym

3rd place pool A vs. 3rd place pool B, 2 p.m.

2nd place pool A vs. 2nd place pool B, 5 p.m.

Championship game, 8 p.m.

Girls

Kristen Corbin Classic

at Andrews Performing Arts Center

Bracket Play

Thursday

Game 1: Grady vs. Denver City, 9:30 a.m.

Game 2: Kermit vs. Shallowater, 12:30 p.m.

Game 3: Odessa Permian vs. Big Spring, 3:30 p.m.

Game 4: Andrews vs. Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Consolation bracket

Game 7: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 9:30 a.m.

Game 8: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 12:30 p.m.

Winner's bracket

Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 3:30 p.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Consolation bracket

Game 12: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 9:30 a.m.

Consolation championship

Game 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 12:30 p.m.

Winner's bracket

Game 11: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 3:30 p.m.

Championship

Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6:30 p.m.

MLBTRADESROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MARYLAND

Gomez agrees to $11.5M deal to stay with Rangers

OXON HILL — Carlos Gomez is staying with the Texas Rangers.

The outfielder agreed to an $11.5 million, one-year contract, a deal subject to a successful physical.

"Many of the objectives of the Rangers for Carlos go beyond one year," his agent, Scott Boras, said Wednesday. "Certainly Carlos really enjoyed the team and the environment and feels he's got a great chance to win. So I think both parties' objectives were met by that deal."

Gomez, who turned 31 last weekend, figures to play center as general manager Jon Daniels structured an outfield that includes Shin-Soo Choo in right and Nomar Mazara in left. Ian Desmond left Wednesday for a $70 million, five-year deal with Colorado.

AP source: Desmond, Rockies agree to $70M, 5-year contract

OXON HILL — All-Star free agent outfielder Ian Desmond and the Colorado Rockies have agreed to a $70 million, five-year contract, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the agreement had not been announced.

A versatile 31-year-old, Desmond hit .285 with 22 homers and 86 RBIs this year in his lone season with Texas, earning his first All-Star trip since 2012. He played shortstop from 2011-15, then was shifted to the outfield by the Rangers. Colorado may move him to first base.

AP source: Rodney, D-backs agree to $2.75M, 1-year contract

OXON HILL — Closer Fernando Rodney and the Arizona Diamondbacks have agreed to a $2.75 million, one-year contract, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the agreement is subject to a physical.

Rodney was an All-Star for the third time this year, saving 25 games in 28 chances with San Diego and Miami, which acquired him on June 30. While he had a 0.31 ERA for the Padres and was perfect in all 17 chances, his ERA climbed to 5.89 in 39 games with the Marlins, who declined a $2 million option and paid a $400,000 buyout.

Yanks finalize Holliday, try to add Chapman or Jansen

OXON HILL — Matt Holliday has won a World Series title and a batting championship. He's played in All-Star Games and been lauded by adoring home fans.

A month shy of his 37th birthday, he still has some baseball adventures left.

Holliday and the Yankees finalized a $13 million, one-year contract Wednesday, the first major league contract New York agreed to with a free agent since the 2014-15 offseason. He figures to be primarily a designated hitter, although he could see time in the outfield and at first base.

MEETINGS

From 1C

grimy, greasy, nasty — do everything there is to beat you."

The 22-year-old Giolito was the Nationals' first-round pick in 2012. He made his big league debut in June and was 0-1 with a 6.75 ERA in six starts in the majors.

Lopez is also 22, and went 5-3 with a 4.91 ERA in 11 games last season. The 21-year-old Dunning was drafted out of Florida.

"We view all three of them, actually, as having the potential to become front-end-of-the-rotation pitchers," White Sox GM Rick Hahn said. "There's still a fair amount of development with each of them."

In other deals, San Francisco agreed to trade pitcher Chris Heston to Seattle Mariners for a player to be named, a person with knowledge of the talks told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been finalized.

Heston pitched a no-hitter in going 12-11 as a rookie in 2015, but spent most of this year in the minors.

Also, the Marlins reached agreements with pitcher Jeff Locke and catcher A.J. Ellis.

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The Dallas Morning News via AP

SMU forward Ben Moore (00) goes up for a shot against TCU forward Vladimir Brodziansky (10) during the first half of a game in Dallas on Wednesday.

TEXASCOLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS TECH 87
UTSA 50

LUBBOCK — Niem Stevenson and Keenan Evans had 16 points apiece in Texas Tech's 87-50 drubbing of the University of Texas-San Antonio Wednesday.

Stevenson's total is a career high and teammate Matthew Temple scored a career-high 13 points.

Justin Gray and Anthony Livingston finished with 10 points apiece for Texas Tech. Devon Thomas added seven points, six rebounds and six assists.

Texas San Antonio (2-7) was led by 10 points from Jeff Beverly and eight points from Byron Frohnen and Giovanni De Nicolao.

The Red Raiders, which never trailed, won the points off turnover margin 23-8. Texas Tech outrebounded the Roadrunners 36-27. Chris Beard, in his first season as Texas Tech's coach, has his team on a five-game winning streak.

TEXAS A&M 80
DENVER 58

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M guard JC Hampton scored a season-high 21 points on 7-of-10 shooting as the Aggies defeated Denver 80-58 on Wednesday night.

The Aggies (6-2) led 34-23 at halftime and the Pioneers (3-5) never threatened their larger opponent from the Southeastern Conference in the second half. A&M forced nine turnovers while committing only four of their own in holding a 16-4 advantage in points off turnovers.

Hampton, a senior transfer from Lipscomb, made 5 of 7 3-pointers, while the rest of his teammates made 2 of 19 from the 3-point line. The Aggies dominated inside, holding a 30-12 edge in points in the paint.

Tonny Trocha-Morelos added 15 points in making all six of his field-goal attempts, and he was the only Aggie besides Hampton to score in double figures. Joe Rosga led Denver with a game-high 24 points — no other Pioneer scored in double figures — and A&M's Tyler Davis snagged a game-high eight rebounds.

SMU 74
TCU 59

DALLAS — Semi Ojeleye scored 23 points and Shake Milton added 17 points to lead SMU over TCU 74-59 on Wednesday night.

The Horned Frogs (8-1), who lost for the first time this season, led 3-1 a minute into the game before SMU (7-3) went on an eight-point run in the next two minutes and led the rest of the way. The Mustangs are 6-0 at home.

SMU shot 44 percent from the field, including 13-of-24 shooting in the second half, and outscored TCU 28-20 in the paint. TCU made six of 22 3-pointers.

Jaylen Fisher scored 10 points, and Kenrich Williams had eight points and 13 rebounds for the Horned Frogs. Vladimir Brodziansky and Alex Robinson added 12 points apiece off the bench.

It was the 191st meeting between the schools, who are separated by 40 miles. SMU leads the series with 106 wins against its former Southwest Conference and Western Athletic Conference rival.

No. 1 UConn beats No. 2 Notre Dame 72-61 for 83rd win in row

By Tom Coyne
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A month into the season Connecticut doesn't look quite as vulnerable as many people thought. Not after beating No. 2 Notre Dame. Not after winning its 83rd straight game.

Two days after narrowly earning the top-ranking in The Associated Press poll, the Huskies easily secured that title on the court with a comfortable 72-61 victory over the Fighting Irish on Wednesday night, their third straight victory over a ranked team.

Coach Geno Auriemma said the Huskies (8-0) wouldn't know their winning streak stretched to more than two years if not for the media.

"I would think if this was the first time our program had ever been here, we'd be acting a little bit different. You don't want to sound like you don't appreciate it — but we did win 90 in a row," Auriemma said.

Napheesa Collier scored 14 of her 20 points in the second half after playing just nine minutes in the first half because of foul trouble, Gabby Williams had 19 points, 12 rebounds and six assists, and Katie Lou Samuelson added 18 points to pace the Huskies.

The Huskies trailed for about 2 minutes in late in the second quarter, but played with the lead most of the game as they controlled the inside, outscoring the Irish 42-30 in the paint and finishing with a 35-32 edge in rebounding.

"I was really disappointed in everything, execution, the inability to get the ball to Bri. Completely ineffective offensively," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said.

Brianna Turner led the Irish (8-1) with 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Lindsay Allen added 11 points.

After Notre Dame tied it at 42 with just under 2 minutes left in the third quarter, the Huskies forced a pair of turnovers leading to layups by Samuelson and Williams. Collier added a pair of free throws to give Connecticut led 50-43 at the end of the third quarter.

"We knew they were going to hit us hard at times and we just had to hit back harder," Williams said.

Auriemma said that stretch was the key.

The Huskies stretched it to 65-54 on a 3-point play by Samuelson with 3:06 left to put the game away.

Big picture

UConn: The Huskies have beaten five ranked teams, including No. 2 Notre Dame and No. 3 Baylor, and have staked their claim as the clear No. 1.

Notre Dame: The Irish faced adversity for the first time this season and couldn't respond as they struggled, going 3 of 14 on 3-pointers and making just 4 of 8 free throws. The Irish lost to the Huskies for a sixth straight time and have work to do if they hope to challenge Connecticut by the end of the season. No one on the roster has ever beaten the Huskies.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KINGS 120
MAVERICKS 89

DALLAS — DeMarcus Cousins had 24 points and 14 rebounds, and the Sacramento Kings snapped a three-game losing streak with a 120-89 victory over the last-place Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

Rudy Gay scored 19 as the Kings wrapped up a six-game road trip that started with a win at Brooklyn before an overtime loss at Washington on a back-to-back and a postponement in Philadelphia over poor floor conditions.

It was the second road trip of at least five games for the Kings, who play 21 of the first 35 games away from their new Golden 1 Center.

Deron Williams had 20 points for the injury-plagued Mavericks, who dropped to 4-17 in what is shaping up as their worst season in more than 20 years. Four rotation players were out, most notably Dirk Nowitzki (strained right Achilles tendon).

Cousins had his 10th double-double and finished with a season high-tying seven assists.

ROCKETS 134
LAKERS 95

HOUSTON — Eric Gordon made a career-high eight 3-points and scored 26 points to help the Houston Rockets cruise to a 134-95 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night.

James Harden added 25 points in three quarters for the Rockets. They scored a season high and extended their winning streak to a season-best four games.

The Rockets were up by 12 in the third quarter, then had a 22-6 run to make it 96-68 and put the game out of reach with about 3 minutes left in the quarter. Houston made four 3-pointers and got a nifty one-handed dunk from Clint Capela in that run to pad the lead.

CAVALIERS 126
KNICKS 94

NEW YORK — LeBron James scored 25 points, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love also surpassed 20, and the Cleveland Cavaliers crushed the New York Knicks 126-94 on Wednesday night.

James had nothing to say Wednesday morning about Knicks President Phil Jackson and not much more about his decision to not stay with the team in a Donald Trump-branded hotel, but he and the Cavs made a loud statement at Madison Square Garden.

It was their second straight win after a three-game skid, and they handed the Knicks their worst loss of the season. Irving led Cleveland with 28 points, and Love scored 21, 16 in the first quarter.

Brandon Jennings scored 16 points for the Knicks. He started for Derrick Rose, who missed his first game of the season with lower back pain.

It was the first meeting since James was angered when Jackson referred to his friends and business partners as a "posse" last month in an ESPN interview. James refused to answer questions at the Cavs' shootaround about Jackson, who watched the game from his usual seat a few rows back of center court.

New York had its four-game winning streak snapped and lost for just the third time in 10 games.

BUCKS 115
TRAIL BLAZERS 107

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo had his second triple-double of the season to lead Milwaukee past Portland.

Antetokounmpo had 15 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists for his seventh career triple-double — second-most in franchise history — and is the only NBA player averaging at least 20 points, eight rebounds, five assists, two blocks and two steals this season.

Jabari Parker added 27 points for Milwaukee.

Damian Lillard had 30 points, seven rebounds and six assists for Portland.

HAWKS 103
HEAT 95

ATLANTA — Dwight Howard had 23 points and 17 rebounds, Paul Millsap added 21 points and Atlanta beat Miami to snap a seven-game losing streak.

The Hawks had lost 10 of 11 and had gone 14 days without a victory.

Tyler Johnson scored a career-high 27 points for Miami, and Goran Dragic added 21. The Heat have lost three straight.

HORNETS 87
PISTONS 77

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, and Nic Batum had 14 points and 14 rebounds for Charlotte.

The Hornets won for the third time in four games despite being held to 38 points in the first half on 27 percent shooting. Marvin Williams returned to Charlotte's starting lineup after missing the last six games with a hyperextended knee. He had 12 points and five rebounds.

NETS 116
NUGGETS 111

Brook Lopez scored 24 points, Sean Kilpatrick had 22 and Brooklyn held off Denver.

Brooklyn led by as many as 29 points midway through the third quarter, but Denver closed to 103-99 on Kenneth Faried's layup with 4:31 left. Bojan Bogdanovic and Kilpatrick each made two foul shots in the final 13 seconds to help secure the win for the Nets.

Wilson Chandler led the Nuggets with 27 points and 15 rebounds.

CELTICS 117
MAGIC 87

ORLANDO, Fla. — Avery Bradley scored 23 points to help Boston rout Orlando.

Terry Rozier added 16 points, Jae Crowder had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Amir Johnson, Jaylen Brown and Marcus Smart each had 13 points. D.J. Augustin scored 15 points for Orlando.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	14	7	667	—
Boston	13	9	591	1½
New York	12	10	545	2½
Brooklyn	6	15	286	8
Philadelphia	4	18	182	10½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	13	9	591	—
Atlanta	11	12	478	2½
Orlando	10	13	435	3½
Washington	7	13	350	5
Miami	7	15	318	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	15	5	750	—
Milwaukee	11	9	550	4
Chicago	11	10	524	4½
Detroit	12	12	500	5
Indiana	10	11	476	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	4	818	—
Houston	15	7	682	3
Memphis	15	8	652	3½
New Orleans	7	15	318	11
Dallas	4	17	190	13½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	14	8	636	—
Utah	14	9	609	½
Portland	12	11	522	2½
Denver	8	14	364	6
Minnesota	6	15	286	7½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	18	3	857	—
L.A. Clippers	16	6	727	2½
L.A. Lakers	10	14	417	9½
Sacramento	8	13	381	10
Phoenix	6	15	286	12

Scores and schedules

Wednesday's Scores

Boston 117, Orlando 87
Charlotte 87, Detroit 77
Atlanta 103, Miami 95
Brooklyn 116, Denver 111
Cleveland 126, New York 94
Houston 134, L.A. Lakers 95
Milwaukee 115, Portland 107
Sacramento 120, Dallas 89
Indiana at Phoenix, late
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Denver at Washington, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND TOP 25 FARED

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Houston Baptist 62, St. Peter's 47
Incarnate Word 78, Texas Lutheran 71
Oklahoma 92, Oral Roberts 66
SMU 74, TCU 59
Texas A&M 80, Denver 58
Texas Tech 87, UTSA 50
Tulsa 70, Illinois St. 68
UAB 84, Stephen F. Austin 73

SOUTH

Allen 122, Union (Ky.) 80
Bellarmine 79, Christian Brothers 60
E. Kentucky 80, Jacksonville 76
Emory & Henry 127, Johnson 101
Gardner-Webb 69, Hampton 63
Georgia Tech 76, VCU 73, OT
Kentucky 87, Valparaiso 63
King (Tenn.) 83, Tusculum 78
Louisiana-Lafayette 94, Loyola NO 60
Louisville 74, S. Illinois 51
Mercer 98, Oglethorpe 41
N. Kentucky 80, E. Illinois 70
Point (Ga.) 89, Tenn. Wesleyan 87
The Citadel 144, Toccoa Falls 94
Tulane 84, Southern U. 75
Virginia Tech 75, Md.-Eastern Shore 59

FAR WEST

Seton Hall 60, California 57

MIDWEST

Akron 87, Coppin St. 63
Bethel (Minn.) 99, St. Mary's (Minn.) 82
Calvin 92, Grace Bible 70
Carleton 62, Macalester 59
Cleveland St. 85, W. Michigan 62
Davenport 78, Concordia (Mich.) 67
Elmhurst 69, Carroll (Wis.) 56
Hamline 74, St. Thomas (Minn.) 61
Indiana St. 72, Butler 71
Kent St. 100, Niagara 72
Loyola of Chicago 77, Wright St. 64
Marygrove 87, Madonna 85
Missouri St. 79, SE Missouri 71
N. Iowa 86, S. Dakota St. 58
North Dakota 74, N. Dakota St. 56
Rio Grande 72, Texas St. 61
Ripon 79, Beloit 67
Siena Heights 90, Northwestern Ohio 70
St. John's (Minn.) 91, Augsburg 74
St. Norbert 76, Lawrence 45
St. Olaf 69, Gustavus 65
Toledo 73, Detroit 65
Wis.-Stout 66, Northwestern (Minn.) 64
Wisconsin 78, Idaho St. 44

EAST

Albany (NY) 78, Marist 66
Army 79, Air Force 71
Binghamton 73, Colgate 64
Canisius 87, Boston U. 77
Gannon 81, Bowie St. 67
George Mason 85, Penn St. 66
George Washington 66, Temple 63
Harvard 74, Boston College 66
Iona 90, Fairleigh Dickinson 73
Maine 55, Holy Cross 53
McDaniel 75, Washington (Md.) 64
Montclair St. 65, William Paterson 40
Penn 81, Lafayette 52
Pittsburgh 84, Buffalo 79
Quinnipiac 99, Hartford 79
St. Francis Brooklyn 69, Mount St. Vincent 51
Stockton 69, Rutgers-Camden 55
Towson 70, Loyola (Md.) 53
UMBC 78, Mount St. Mary's 70
Vermont 73, Dartmouth 58
West Virginia 90, W. Carolina 37

TOP 25 FARED

Wednesday

1. Villanova (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Notre Dame, Saturday.
2. UCLA (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Saturday.
3. Kansas (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.
4. Baylor (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Southern University, Wednesday.
5. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: at UNLV, Saturday.
6. Kentucky (7-1) vs. Valparaiso. Next: vs. Hofstra, Sunday.
7. North Carolina (8-1) vs. Davidson. Next: vs. Tennessee, Sunday.
8. Gonzaga (8-0) vs. Washington. Next: vs. Akron, Saturday.
9. Indiana (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Houston Baptist, Saturday.
10. Creighton (8-0) at Nebraska. Next: vs. Longwood, Friday.
11. Louisville (8-1) beat Southern Illinois 74-51. Next: vs. Texas Southern, Saturday.
12. Saint Mary's (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. UT Arlington, Thursday.
13. Xavier (7-1) at Colorado. Next: vs. Utah, Saturday.
14. Virginia (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Robert Morris, Saturday, Dec. 17.
15. West Virginia (7-1) beat Western Carolina 90-37. Next vs. VMI, Saturday.
16. Butler (8-1) lost to Indiana State 72-71. Next: vs. No. 22 Cincinnati, Saturday.
17. Wisconsin (8-2) beat Idaho State 78-44. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.
18. Purdue (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Cleveland State Saturday.
19. South Carolina (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Monday.
20. Arizona (7-2) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
21. Florida (7-2) did not play. Next: at Florida State, Sunday.
22. Cincinnati (7-1) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Butler, Saturday.
23. Notre Dame (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Villanova, Saturday.
24. Oregon (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Sunday.
25. Iowa State (6-2) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 68, Butler 50
Oral Roberts 78, Missouri St. 56
Texas Tech 84, Houston 60

SOUTH

Bryan 86, Columbia (SC) 45
Davidson 81, High Point 72
Georgia Tech 70, Mercer 50
Hampton 71, Temple 65
King (Tenn.) 60, Virginia-Wise 56
North Carolina 75, Marshall 53
Stephen F. Austin 60, Louisiana Tech 58
Tenn. Wesleyan 60, Point (Ga.) 56
Transylvania 71, Hanover 60
Union (Ky.) 83, Allen 72
VCU 75, Furman 61
Virginia Tech 81, CCSU 47

FAR WEST

BYU 73, Weber St. 64
Long Beach St. 66, Pacific 56

MIDWEST

Alverno 60, Dominican (Ill.) 44
Bethel (Minn.) 69, St. Mary's (Minn.) 56
Bowling Green 82, Ohio Valley 46
Calvin 71, Alma 64
Carthage 82, Carroll (Wis.) 69
Cleveland St. 66, E. Illinois 56
Concordia (Wis.) 68, Lakeland 54
Creighton 82, Omaha 45
Davenport 89, Concordia (Mich.) 70
Gustavus 79, St. Olaf 61
Harvard 69, Kansas 59
IUPUI 65, Miami (Ohio) 53
Indiana-East 78, Roosevelt 65
Iowa 88, Iowa St. 76
Kansas St. 62, Texas-Arlington 49
Kent St. 79, Wright St. 69
Macalester 68, Carleton 58
Madonna 94, Marygrove 52
Milwaukee 68, Illinois St. 60
Milwaukee Engineering 58, Edgewood 40
Missouri 72, SIU-Edwardsville 60
Ohio St. 108, Southern U. 73
Ripon 65, Beloit 55
Siena Heights 65, Northwestern Ohio 53
South Dakota 77, Illinois 68
St. Norbert 71, Lawrence 32
St. Thomas (Minn.) 80, Hamline 32
UConn 72, Notre Dame 61
UMKC 60, Missouri-St. Louis 45
W. Illinois 118, Graceland 40
Wis. Lutheran 85, Marian (Wis.) 38

EAST

American U. 66, George Washington 61
Boston College 71, Yale 64
Bridgeport 103, Chestnut Hill 75
Bridgewater (Va.) 84, Hood 66
Columbia 66, Providence 64
Dartmouth 61, Boston U. 49
Delaware 47, Loyola (Md.) 45
Hofstra 71, UMass 55
Iona 55, Fordham 46
La Salle 58, Penn 56
Maine 68, Northeastern 49
Manhattan 55, St. Francis Brooklyn 52
Md.-Eastern Shore 63, Mount St. Mary's 52
Morgan St. 69, UMBC 61
Navy 93, Goucher 40
Niagara 75, Hartford 62
Penn St. 84, Holy Cross 48
Princeton 65, Lafayette 27
RPI 51, Utica 47
Seton Hall 77, LIU Brooklyn 59
St. John's 65, Rutgers 39
Syracuse 76, Coppin St. 30
Washington (Md.) 68, Bryn Mawr 39

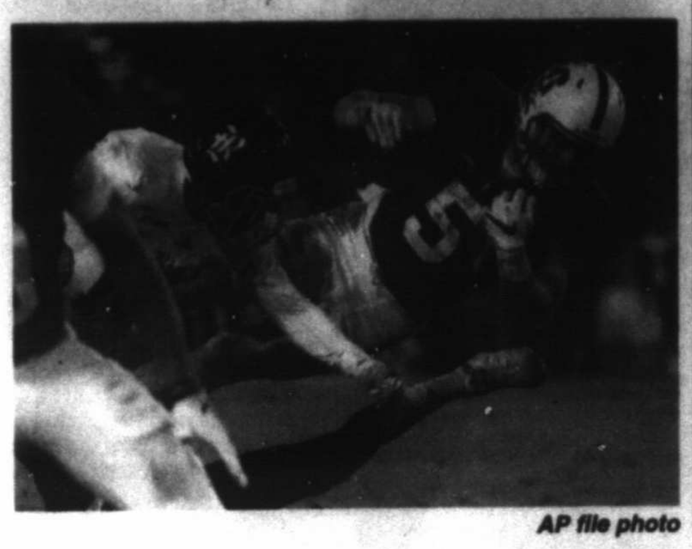
TOP 25 FARED

Wednesday

1. UConn (7-0) at No. 2 Notre Dame. Next: at Kansas State, Sunday.
2. Notre Dame (8-0) vs. No. 1 UConn. Next: at No. 16 DePaul, Saturday.
3. Baylor (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Winthrop, Thursday, Dec. 15.
4. Maryland (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Peter's, Thursday.
5. Mississippi State (8-0) did not play. Next: at Southern Mississippi, Saturday.
6. South Carolina (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Sunday.
7. Florida State (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Florida, Thursday.
8. Louisville (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Sunday.
9. UCLA (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Sunday.
10. Stanford (8-1) did not play. Next: at Tennessee, Sunday, Dec. 18.
11. Washington (8-1) vs. Cal State Northridge. Next: vs. Boise State, Sunday.
12. Ohio State (6-3) vs. Southern University. Next: vs. Canisius, Sunday.
13. West Virginia (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina Upstate, Saturday.
14. Miami (8-1) did not play. Next: at FIU, Friday, Dec. 16.
15. Kentucky (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Middle Tennessee State, Friday.
16. DePaul (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Notre Dame, Saturday.
17. Texas (2-4) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Sunday.
18. Colorado (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado State, Thursday.
19. Oklahoma (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas-Rio Grande Valley, Thursday.
20. Syracuse (7-3) beat Coppin State 76-30. Next: vs. Niagara, Saturday.
21. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Elon, Thursday.
22. South Florida (6-0) did not play. Next: at Arkansas State, Sunday.
23. Florida (6-2) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Florida State, Thursday.
24. Oregon State (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Utah, Saturday.
25. Virginia Tech (9-0) beat CCSU 81-47. Next: vs. Bowling Green, Sunday.

Stanford's Christian McCaffrey to leave school for NFL draft

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press



AP file photo

Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey (5) leaps into the end zone on a 23-yard touchdown reception during the first half of a game against Rice, in Stanford, Calif., on Nov. 7.

STANFORD, Calif. — After gaining more than 6,000 yards the past two seasons, setting an NCAA record and finishing as the runner-up last year in the Heisman Trophy balloting, Christian McCaffrey was ready for his next challenge.

McCaffrey announced Wednesday that he will skip his senior season at Stanford and enter the NFL draft.

"I'm ready," he said. "My body is in the position it needs to be in to go out there and play at the next level. I've had some success in my college career."

McCaffrey, the son of longtime NFL receiver Ed McCaffrey, talked extensively with his father and other family members, as well as coach David Shaw, before making his decision. He announced it by releasing a long statement on Stanford's website titled "My Next Step," before holding a news conference.

McCaffrey said he made the announcement now so the decision wouldn't overshadow Stanford's upcoming Sun Bowl appearance against North Carolina on Dec. 30. McCaffrey said he plans to return to school to get his degree.

He said he's dreamed of playing in the NFL ever since he was the age of 6 and he believes his all-around talents will suit the NFL game well.

Despite his prolific numbers in college headlined by breaking Barry Sanders' record for all-purpose yards in a season with 3,864 yards in 2015, some doubters have questions about whether the 6-foot, 200-pound McCaffrey can handle the rigors of the NFL as a featured back.

Shaw, who coached in the NFL as an assistant for nine years and has served as a draft analyst for NFL Network, finds that laughable, pointing out the numerous times McCaffrey ran through tackles in college and used his strength routinely to turn 4-yard gains into 8-yard runs.

Then there's the speed and elusiveness that made McCaffrey such a big-play threat in college and has Shaw comparing him to stars like LeSean McCoy, LaDainian Tomlinson and Marshall Faulk.

Shaw said he'd be surprised if McCaffrey was not taken in the first round.

"There are a lot of teams right now that are licking their chops for a guy who is a Swiss Army knife of a human being," he said. "There's just not much he can't do, and not just do it but do it extremely well."

Longtime Cowboys linebacker Dave Edwards dies at 76

Associated Press

WHITNEY — Former Dallas Cowboys linebacker Dave Edwards has died. He was 76.

Edwards' brother, Tim Edwards, tells The Associated Press that Dave Edwards died in his sleep Monday night at his home near Lake Whitney, Texas, about 65 miles south of Dallas. Tim Edwards says his brother was recently diagnosed with a heart condition and was set to undergo surgery this week.

Edwards played for 12 seasons in Dallas from 1963 to 1975 and was a key cog in the Cowboys defense. He won one Super Bowl with the team and played in two others.

Before coming to Dallas, the Alabama native was an all-SEC linebacker at Auburn.

COWBOYS

From 1C

"I think it's just the mentality that we have as a team and what coach preaches," Durant said. "And that's, you get out of it what you put into it. We have to work in order to get good results. That's what we come in here every day and do."

This time, the question figures to come up much earlier. But Garrett's answer isn't likely to change much.

"Yeah, we're just focused on Wednesday," he said. "Locked in on our meetings this morning. And now we're getting ready for practice. That's the world we live in."

There will be an interesting twist if the Cowboys have the luxury of games they don't have to win. Romo is backing up Prescott after the rookie's sensational run put the 10-year starter on the bench when he was ready to return from a preseason back injury. As soon as the Cowboys clinch everything, Garrett will face a new round of Romo questions over whether the Cowboys should protect Prescott by playing the franchise leader in yards passing and touchdowns.

"A mentality is something you've built up to get to this point. It's something that is your character. If you're the type of guy who coasts, you're the type of guy who coasts. But we don't have those type of guys in this locker room. I don't have any worries about that."

Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas Cowboys running back

But that issue can wait. For now, the question is whether the Cowboys can keep their edge.

"A mentality is something you've built up to get to this point," Elliott said. "It's something that is your character. If you're the type of guy who coasts, you're the type of guy who coasts. But we don't have those type of guys in this locker room. I don't have any worries about that."

The Cowboys are likely to be tested, though.

RHULE

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ness. So it was all of those things wrapped up."

Acting head coach Jim Grobe got a standing ovation when he was introduced.

Grobe and his staff, assistants retained from former coach Art Briles' staff, will coach the Bears (6-6) when they take on Boise State in the Cactus Bowl on Dec. 27, the same day Temple plays Wake Forest in the Military Bowl.

Rhule becomes the full-time replacement for two-time Big 12 champion coach Briles, who was dismissed after a scathing report over the university's handling of sexual assault complaints, including some against football players.

An investigation by the Pepper Hamilton law firm determined that the school mishandled assault claims for years. The firm's report in May led to the immediate suspension of Briles, who had eight years left on his contract and reached an undisclosed settlement with the school a month later.

A former Penn State linebacker (1994-97) under Joe Paterno, Rhule said the possibility of NCAA sanctions for Baylor weren't even an issue for him.

"Just having lived through that at my alma mater, you never know what has to happen, what's going to happen," Rhule said. "I think I just trust our leadership and say, whatever happens, these kids need a good coach. I think I can be that coach for them."

Rhule, a professed Christian, was wearing a newly purchased green tie for the introduction that Baylor called a campus celebration.

The football team sat in section near the raised podium where Rhule spoke.

As for putting together a coaching staff, Rhule said he had about 480 text messages within two hours after his hiring had been announced. He said he hadn't had a chance to meet yet with the current Baylor assistants, and didn't rule out the possibility of some being retained.

MAYFIELD

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passer rating of 208.9. He never threw more than nine incomplete passes in any Big 12 game.

Riley said Mayfield bounced back by worrying only about competing and doing his best for the team.

"When you don't look at outside stuff, your situation doesn't matter," Riley said. "When you're focused on outside stuff, then you're going to be happy when people love on you and you're going to go into the tank when you lose a game like we did early in the year and everybody tells you you're terrible."

Mayfield said dealing with the spotlight during his breakout season last year helped him handle the increased scrutiny this season.

"It happened a little earlier just because of the year I had last year, so I've been able to just relax and not worry about whatever everybody thinks and just get my guys the ball and let them shine, too," he said.

Fellow Heisman finalist Dede Westbrook has been shining most brightly. Last season, Sterling Shepard was Mayfield's security blanket, but with Shepard now playing in the NFL for the New York Giants, Mayfield was forced to find a new go-to receiver. Westbrook stepped up with 74 catches for 1,465 yards and 16 touchdowns.

"He just has a knack for getting open," Mayfield said. "When you have a guy like that, especially with his speed, you really can't overthrow him. It's kind of a situation where you see him and he's 1-on-1 coverage, you can literally just throw it deep to him and let him go run under it."

Westbrook, also up for numerous major awards, believes Mayfield should win the Heisman.

"I think Baker is the best quarterback and best player in the country," Westbrook said. "There is no doubt about it. Whenever he's out there, it's just his mentality and the fact that nobody can stop him and he's going to dominate in every phase of the game that he possibly could."

HEISMAN-DEFINING MOMENT: Oklahoma was coming off a loss to Ohio State and trailed TCU 7-0 early. The Sooners had the ball at the TCU 4-yard line when Mayfield faked to Perine, kept the ball and spun out of a tackle. He overpowered TCU's Niko Small at the goal line and stiff-armed him to the ground in the end zone . The offense has maintained that attitude ever since.

BEST GAME: Texas Tech quarterback Patrick Mahomes lit up the Sooners for an FBS-record 819 total yards, including 734 passing, but Mayfield was up to the challenge. He completed 27 of 36 passes for 545 yards with seven touchdowns and no interceptions and led the Sooners to a 66-59 win.

WORST GAME: Completed 17 of 32 passes for 226 yards, with two touchdowns and two interceptions in a 45-24 loss to Ohio State .

PRO PROSPECTS: Mayfield has said he will return for his senior season, and he will have a chance to boost his NFL stock. He is a bit short at 6-foot-1, but players like Wilson have paved the way for him to get a look.

"I think he's got a chance to be a great pro," Riley said. "What the guy is doing right now and the level he's playing at right now — not many people ever play at that level."

NFL GLANCE

Standings

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	9	0	.250	206	307
South						
Houston	6	6	0	.500	207	257
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	311	311
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	308	296
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	262
San Francisco	1	11	0	.083	234	370

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedules

Monday's Score
Indianapolis 41, N.Y. Jets 10

Today's Game
Oakland at Kansas City, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games
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.

HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
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 6A DIVISION II
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 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), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
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 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), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
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 Semifinals
Wall (11-3) vs. Mineola (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium
Mansfield (14-0) vs. Yoakum (10-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Austin's DKR Texas Memorial Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
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 Semifinals
Abernathy (12-2) vs. Crawford (13-1), 7 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium
Centerville (11-3) vs. Refugio (13-1), 8 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Rattler Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
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 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 Championship
Balmorhea (14-0) vs. Richland Springs (14-0), 4 p.m. Dec. 14, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

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KMID ABC 3 3 4 3 2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Toy Story	Shrek the Halls	Baking Show "Bread Week" (N)		Notorious "Taken" (SF) (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
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Caddie dies, 1st round stopped at Dubai Ladies Masters

By Adam Schreck
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A caddie collapsed and died during the Dubai Ladies Masters on Wednesday, forcing the suspension of the first round and shortening the tournament to 54 holes.

The Ladies European Tour said play was suspended at 10:30 a.m. after 56-year-old caddie Maximilian Zechmann fell ill on the 13th fairway of the Majlis Course at the Emirates Golf Club. It said a medical team at the golf course immediately treated him before he was rushed to the hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

Zechmann, an Austrian who had been based in Dubai, was caddying for French player Anne-Lise Caudal.

"Everyone at the Ladies European Tour is extremely shocked and saddened today by this sudden death and therefore we have taken the decision to suspend first-round play as a mark of respect," Tour chief executive Ivan Khodabakhsh said in a statement.

The first round at the season-ending tournament was scheduled to resume Thursday.

It is not the first time a caddie has collapsed and later died during tournament play.

In 2014, 52-year-old Ian MacGregor, a caddie of Alastair Forsyth, died of a heart attack on the ninth fairway at the Madeira Islands Open.

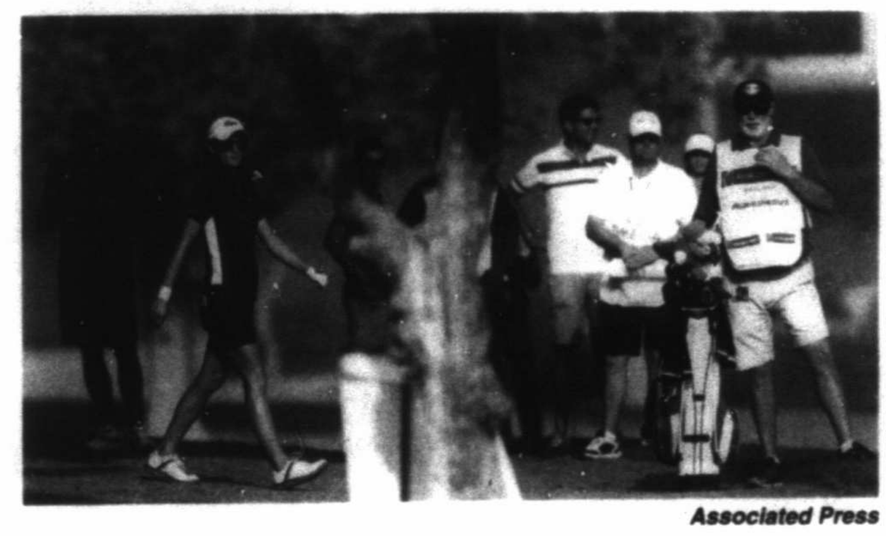
Ian Poulter was among the golfers paying tribute to Zechmann online.

"Very sad to see the passing of another caddie. Done many rounds with Big Max. #RIP thoughts go out to his family and friends," Poulter tweeted.

Carly Booth, who was playing in the same group as Caudal, called the death "horrendous."

"Thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Max," she wrote on Twitter.

Zechmann is survived by wife Elinor and three sons, Maximilian, Ryan and Marco, the Tour said.



Anne-Lise Caudal of France studies her shot next to her caddie, Maximilian Zechmann, first right, on the 10th hole during the 1st round of Dubai Ladies Masters golf tournament in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Wednesday.

Associated Press

IOC approves venues for 5 new sports in 2020 Tokyo Games

Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Yokohama Stadium will host the baseball and softball competition at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Yokohama was among the venues approved Wednesday by the IOC executive board for the five new sports on the Tokyo program, along with karate, skateboarding, sport climbing and surfing.

The Yokohama stadium, which was built in 1978 and has an artificial surface, is one of Japan's best known baseball venues.

"Yokohama Stadium with its downtown skyline will provide a spectacular backdrop for Olympic baseball and softball," said Riccardo Fraccari, president of the World Baseball Softball Confederation. "This is an exciting day that takes baseball and softball one step closer on the historic road to Tokyo 2020."

Discussions are continuing, meanwhile, on the possibility of staging some preliminary-round baseball games in the Fukushima region. Japanese organizers have proposed holding some events in the area to support the country's recovery from the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster.

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LEVEL

For each of the three words below, change one letter to a T, and then rearrange the letters to spell something used in building structures.

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Yesterday's Answer: THIGH, LOO; VIGOR, NTH

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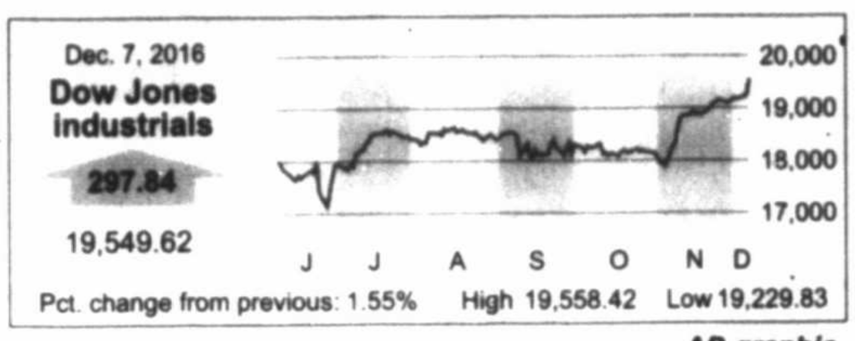
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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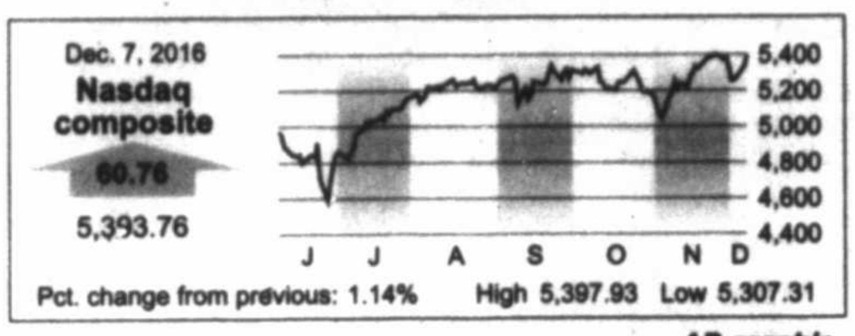

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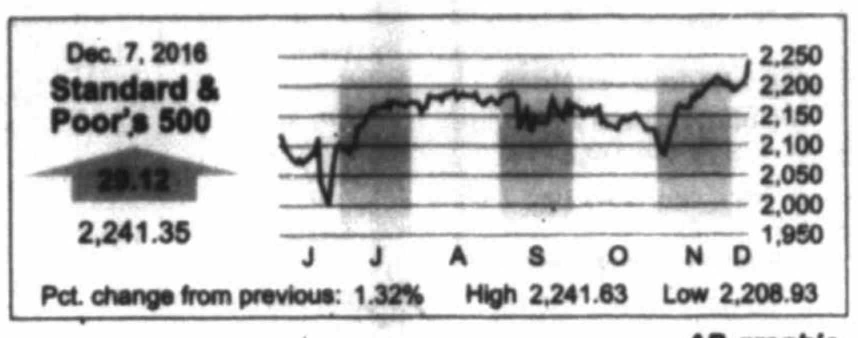

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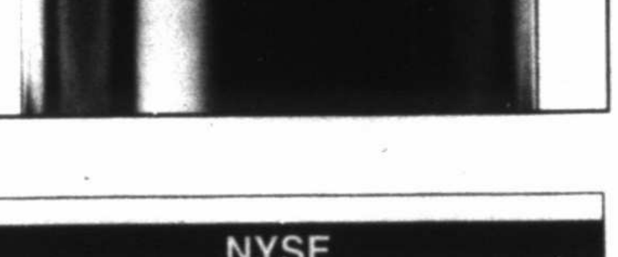
Wednesday:	$3.603
Previous:	$3.635



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1577985	22.57	+.41
SPDR Fncl	1180731	23.48	+.36
S&P500ETF	986171	224.60	+2.90
ChesEng	740216	7.58	...
iShEMkts	588420	36.20	+.60

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IntPotash	2.49	+.67	+36.8
Verso Cp	6.20	+.82	+15.2
CVR Engy	21.14	+2.65	+14.3
RubyTues	3.49	+.35	+11.1
B&N Ed n	10.95	+1.01	+10.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PionEnSvc	5.65	-1.05	-15.7
Flotek	11.10	-2.01	-15.3
DxBiotBll rs	35.90	-4.92	-12.1
UnivHlthS	111.36	-15.01	-11.9
OxfordInds	63.44	-8.28	-11.5

DIARY

Advanced	2,289
Declined	711
Unchanged	85
Total issues	3,085
New Highs	432
New Lows	12
Volume	4,348,422,758

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TherapMD	81802	6.66	-.30
NwGold g	53654	3.93	+.21
NDynMn g	52997	1.52	+.10
B2gold g	44746	2.54	+.04
PhrmAth	27280	3.20	-.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MilestnSci	2.10	+.60	+40.0
AltisrcAst	37.05	+4.05	+12.3
Skyline	15.98	+1.56	+10.8
VolitionRX	4.74	+.43	+10.0
GSE Sy	3.40	+.25	+7.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sifco	8.65	-1.95	-18.4
Pfenex	9.06	-.82	-8.3
InspMD rs	3.00	-.25	-7.7
MexcoEn	4.32	-.30	-6.5
PacGE pfB	28.05	-1.49	-5.0

DIARY

Advanced	225
Declined	135
Unchanged	18
Total issues	378
New Highs	20
New Lows	4
Volume	119,802,968

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	441304	20.44	+1.38
SiriusXM	312793	4.50	+.09
Apple Inc	291603	111.03	+1.08
Microsoft	289240	61.37	+1.42
Cisco	286545	29.95	+.62

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AntheraP h	2.03	+.56	+38.1
Emcore	8.45	+2.00	+31.0
Impinj n	36.83	+7.25	+24.5
PhotMdx rs	3.74	+.63	+20.3
CarverBc lf	5.38	+.89	+19.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SigmaDsg	5.60	-2.15	-27.7
Pavmed wt	5.78	-1.72	-23.0
PowellInds	39.93	-6.75	-14.5
ProDvrs h rs	8.80	-1.35	-13.3
VBradley	12.75	-1.92	-13.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,796
Declined	1,011
Unchanged	200
Total issues	3,007
New Highs	388
New Lows	32
Volume	2,038,085,398

Innovation or monopoly? Panel looks at ATT-Time Warner deal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senators questioning the logic of a proposed merger between AT&T and Time Warner turned their focus to the nickels and dimes of the issue, at least as to how the $85.4 billion mega-deal would affect Americans. OK, you say this huge merger will enhance, not quash, competition and benefit consumers. Will it actually reduce prices that consumers pay?

AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson assured the members of a Senate antitrust panel Wednesday that yes, "We will bring the consumers better price options than what they have today." He said, though, that it wasn't possible at this point to separate how much of the anticipated savings would go to customers of the company's DirectTV, broadband and mobile phone services.

Stephenson and Time Warner CEO Jeffrey Bewkes made the case that the combined company would push technology forward and lead to more choices for customers. "Together, AT&T and Time Warner will disrupt the entrenched pay-TV models, giving customers more options, creating more competition for cable TV providers and accelerating deployment of 5G wireless broadband," Stephenson testified.

In hours of questioning before the Senate Judiciary antitrust subcommittee, the skepticism of some senators seemed to deepen over what would be one of the largest media mergers ever.

"I have yet to be convinced" that the benefits of the merger outweigh the potential negative effects on competition, Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., told Stephenson and Time Warner CEO Jeffrey Bewkes.

Panel chairman Sen. Michael Lee, R-Utah said, "The potential anticompetitive favoritism that the combined firm could bestow on its own products is not limited to price or access, but extends to the quality of the offerings as well."

The deal must win approval from federal regulators. It would bind the second-largest U.S. telecommunications company with a media and entertainment conglomerate that owns CNN, HBO, the "Harry Potter" franchise and pro basketball. It's a big-time bet on a partnership between a company that distributes information and entertainment to consumers, and one that produces it.

Critics of the merger range from industry analysts and public-interest groups to President-elect Donald Trump, who promised on the campaign trail that he'd kill the deal "because it's too much concentration of power in the hands of too few."

Gene Kimmelman, a former Justice Department official who leads the consumer-advocate group Public Knowledge, crystallized those concerns.

"There are too few players in these markets already. They are heavily concentrated," he told the panel. The concentration of market power could "harm the democratic process" as well as consumers' pocketbooks, Kimmelman warned.

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>
> **Michael Lee**, Utah senator

Mark Cuban, the billionaire sports and media mogul who owns the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, played evangelist for the deal in a fast-moving world of media and entertainment content. Consider Facebook's mergers with WhatsApp, Snapchat and others, he testified: Those deals are driving innovation. Old media like Time Warner can't compete with the likes of Facebook if they can't merge.

What about Trump's avowed opposition?

Stephenson says he's confident the merger will be approved despite the president-elect's objection.

The Justice Department, and possibly the Federal Communications Commission under the incoming Trump administration, will put the proposed deal under close scrutiny. Even assuming the merger is approved, some experts believe regulators might saddle the combined company with so many conditions that the deal would no longer make sense.

Time Warner makes TV shows and movies, while AT&T gets that video to customers' computers, phones and TVs.

The concern is that AT&T might try to make its broadband service stand out by tying it to Time Warner's programs and films.

Because of Time Warner's shows and movies — including "Game of Thrones" and the "Harry Potter" films — and AT&T's ability to gather information about its tens of millions of customers, AT&T thinks it could do a better job tailoring ads and video to user preferences. It could then create more attractive subscription packages suited for phones, where people are increasingly watching video.

But many consumers already consider ads that know everything about them creepy or invasive, and digital-rights groups complain that any preferential deal AT&T could offer with, say, HBO, would hurt competition.

Dow, S&P soar to highs

The Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 indexes soared to their biggest gains since the presidential election on Wednesday and set all-time highs. Investors bought stocks that do well in times of faster economic growth, like technology and industrial companies, but they also snapped up stocks that pay large dividends.

Stocks moved steadily higher throughout the day after a mixed open. Phone and real estate companies made the largest gains, but the rally moved into high gear in the afternoon, as airlines, railroads and trucking companies soared.

Investors took the rally in transportation stocks as a sign of optimism about economic growth. Technology and consumer-focused companies also jumped. Biotech drug companies took steep losses after President-elect Donald Trump said he wants to reduce drug prices.

"The consumer has really been the engine of the economy," he said.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 297.84 points, or 1.5 percent, to 19,549.62. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 29.12 points, or 1.3 percent, to 2,241.35. The Nasdaq composite recovered from an early loss to rise 60.76 points, or 1.1 percent, to 5,393.76.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold rose $7.40 to $1,177.50 an ounce. Silver jumped 47 cents to $17.28 an ounce. Copper dipped 4 cents to $2.64 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $94.27 Down 4.80

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $142.50 Down 0.75

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.74 Down 0.06

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $105.39 Down 0.90

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.30 Down 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.54 Down 0.08

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $31.05 Down 1.10

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $42.31 Down 1.26

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.33 Down 0.18

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.66 Down 0.26

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		32	10.79	+.24	+381.7
AT&T Inc	1.96f	16	40.45	+1.10	+17.6
Abraxas	...	...	2.09	-.07	+97.2
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.57	+.15	-2.0
AMD	...	...	9.56	+.11	+233.1
AlonUSA	.60	...	11.03	+.62	-25.7
Ambev	.19e	...	4.91	+.06	+10.1
Amgen	4.00	13	141.19	-3.92	-13.0
Anadarko	.20	...	69.27	+1.06	+42.6
AntheraP h	...	...	2.03	+.56	-56.3
Apache	1.00	...	66.39	+.04	+49.3
Apple Inc	2.28	13	111.03	+1.08	+5.5
ApldMatl	.40	20	32.51	+.90	+74.1
ArcelorMit	...	31	8.65	+.31	+169.1
Archrock	.48f	...	13.75	-.25	+82.8
ATMOS	1.68	22	72.31	+1.25	+14.7
AutoData	2.28f	30	97.57	+2.14	+15.2
BP PLC	2.40a	...	35.89	+.32	+14.8
BakrHu	.68	...	66.14	-.75	+43.3
BcoBrad s	.54e	...	8.42	-.01	+92.5
BkofAm	.30f	18	22.57	+.41	+34.1
B iPVxST rs	...	...	26.22	+.07	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	16.14	-.19	-6.4
BarrickG	.08	36	15.79	+.30	+114.0
BasicEnSv	...	...	.46	+.01	-82.8
BerkHa A	...	16	246380.05	+4544.05	+24.6
BlkHillsCp	1.68	21	59.18	+.16	+27.5
BrMySq	1.52	39	55.24	-.79	-19.7
BrownFA s	...	29	46.75	-.44	...
BrownFB s	...	...	44.36	-.59	-12.0
CVS Health	1.70f	14	80.53	+1.11	-17.6
Caterpillar	3.08	26	97.33	+2.11	+43.2
Celestic g	...	10	12.33	+.09	+11.8
CntryLink	2.16	10	24.28	+.27	-3.5
ChesEng	...	...	7.58	...	+68.4
Chevron	4.28	...	114.44	+1.68	+27.2
Chicos	.32	35	16.13	+.34	+51.2
Cimarex	.32	...	142.61	-.64	+59.6
Cisco	1.04	14	29.95	+.62	+11.2
Citigroup	.64	16	59.06	+1.14	+14.1
ClayEng	...	...	94.27	-4.80	+218.8
CliffsNRs	...	24	10.39	+.12	+557.6
CocaCola	1.40	25	41.29	+.72	-3.9
ColgPalm	1.56	24	65.93	+.90	-1.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	1.00	22	37.79	+.17	+15.2
ConchoRes	...	...	142.50	-.75	+53.5
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	49.90	...	+6.9
CrackerB	4.60	22	167.40	+1.29	+32.0
CSVInvNG	...	...	3.92	+.16	-68.7
CSVelIVST	...	...	45.95	-.11	+78.1
CSVLgCrd rs		...	...	23.25	-1.26
...					
CredSuiss	1.21e	...	15.53	+.84	-28.4
CrosTim	1.09e	14	18.52	-.03	+42.4
DCP Mid	3.12	16	34.82	-.09	+41.1
DTE	2.92	21	96.90	+1.71	+20.8
Dataram rs	...	...	1.27	+.07	-35.9
DeutschBk	.83e	...	18.67	+.38	-22.7
DevonE	.24	...	47.55	+.24	+48.6
DrGMBll s	...	...	7.63	+.31	...
DxGBull s	...	...	8.63	+.30	...
Disney	1.5[illegible]	18	101.99	+1.33	-2.9
DowChm	1.84	18	56.90	+.68	+10.5
EOG Rescs	.67	...	103.53	-.44	+46.2
EmpDist	1.04	23	34.18	-.02	+21.8
Energen	.08	...	60.28	+.05	+47.1
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	34.58	+.32	+2.5
EnPro	.84	50	65.36	+1.12	+39.1
ENSCO	.04	...	9.92	-.66	-35.5
EntProdPt	1.62f	20	25.47	+.09	-.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	5.55	+.09	-42.2
ExxonMbl	3.00	35	88.07	+.51	+13.0
Facebook	...	33	117.95	+.84	+12.7
FiatChrys	...	...	8.47	+.20	-7.8
FordM	.60a	6	13.06	+.50	-7.3
FrptMcM	...	...	15.43	-.46	+127.9
FrontierCm	.42	...	3.60	+.07	-22.9
GATX	1.60	9	61.00	+1.09	+43.4
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.37	+.05	-1.7
GAInv	1.15e	...	31.21	+.25	+8.8
GenElec	.92	28	31.60	+.43	+1.4
GenMotors	1.52	6	36.30	+1.23	+6.7
Gerdau	.02e	...	4.10	+.21	+241.7
GtPlainEn	1.10f	16	27.01	+.41	-1.1
Groupon	...	...	3.96	+.14	+29.0
Hallibrtn	.72	...	53.54	-.48	+57.3
Hanesbds s	.44	14	22.57	-.29	-23.3
HP Ent n	.26f	15	24.68	+.72	+62.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Hilton	.28	18	27.04	+.73	+26.4
HuntBncsh	.32f	18	13.21	-.01	+19.4
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	33.28	+.60	+60.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	37.69	+.43	+6.8
iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.20	+.60	+12.5
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	58.52	+.86	-.3
iShiBxHYB	5.09	...	86.46	+.43	+7.3
iShR2K	1.77e	...	135.90	+1.31	+20.7
ImmuneP h	...	...	.28	+.02	-61.7
Intel	1.04	16	35.50	+.78	+3.0
InterDig	1.20f	14	83.20	+.80	+69.7
JD.com	...	...	26.98	+1.15	-16.4
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	84.07	+.38	+28.2
JohnJn	3.20	17	111.10	-.96	+8.2
KimbClk	3.68	19	114.34	+.87	-10.2
KindMorg	.50	48	21.29	+.17	+42.7
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.30	-.08	+31.4
Lubys	...	...	4.26	-.02	-4.7
McDnlds	3.76f	23	119.92	+.67	+1.5
Merck	1.88f	16	60.06	-.22	+13.7
MeritMed	...	34	25.80	+.30	+37.7
MexcoEn	...	...	4.32	-.30	+33.7
MicronT	...	...	20.44	+1.38	+44.4
Microsoft	1.56f	26	61.37	+1.42	+10.6
MorgStan	.80	17	42.64	+.13	+34.0
Nabors	.24	...	16.65	-.42	+95.7
NatGrid	3.35e	...	57.73	+.45	-17.0
NOilVarco	.20	21	39.38	+.01	+17.6
Neovasc g	...	...	2.14	-.28	-52.4
NSTFI3	.55a	...	14.09	+.16	-3.1
NTXQI	.65	...	13.80	+.26	-4.4
OcciPet	3.04f	...	68.64	-1.01	+1.5
OnSmcnd	...	21	11.82	+.46	+20.6
Oracle	.60	19	40.32	+.85	+10.8
ParTech	...	16	5.25	-.04	-22.0
ParkDrl	...	...	2.40	-.05	+31.9
PattUTI	.08	9	28.80	+.01	+89.7
Penney	...	...	10.44	+.42	+56.8
PennaRE	.84	83	19.96	+.61	-8.7
Prmian	.38e	20	7.14	+.03	+41.1
PetrbrsA	...	...	9.32	+.05	+174.1
Petrobras	...	...	10.81	+.04	+151.4
Pfizer	1.20	13	31.19	-.37	-3.4
PioNtrl	.08	...	185.78	+1.01	+48.2
PlainsAAP	2.20m	29	31.82	+.24	+36.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	118.36	+1.48	+5.8
Praxair	3.00	23	122.26	+3.24	+19.4
PrmEgy	...	...	51.50	...	-2.8
PUVixST rs	...	...	9.27	+.06	...
PrUCrude rs	...	...	10.49	-.36	-16.3
ProctGam	2.68	23	84.18	+1.27	+6.0
RangeRs	.08	...	38.22	-.17	+55.3
RegionsFn	.26f	19	14.46	+.29	+50.6
Rowan	.40	6	18.62	+.02	+9.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	80	52.85	+.48	+15.4
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	195.48	+2.99	+12.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	224.60	+2.90	+10.2
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.49	+.23	+7.6
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	42.90	+.20	+42.0
SabnR	1.93e	17	36.25	+.15	+38.0
SandersFm	.96f	14	86.26	+1.53	+11.3
Schlmbrg	2.00	55	84.35	+.39	+20.9
SiriusXM	.01p	38	4.50	+.09	+10.6
Smucker	3.00f	16	128.65	+1.90	+4.3
Sprint	...	...	8.90	+.73	+145.9
SP Engy	2.04e	...	75.95	+.60	+25.9
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.48	+.36	+21.3
SunocoLog	2.04f	49	23.11	+.12	-10.1
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	8.55	+.11	-22.7
Tesoro	2.20	12	92.00	+3.27	-12.7
3M Co	4.44	22	176.05	+4.25	+16.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Torchmark	.56	17	73.29	+1.00	+28.5
Transocn	...	...	14.55	+.30	+17.5
TriContl	.82e	...	22.02	+.20	+10.0
Twitter	...	...	19.48	+1.25	-15.8
TylerTech	...	52	147.73	+1.54	-15.3
UBSI	1.32	24	47.85	+.55	+29.4
US NGas	...	...	9.01	-.14	+3.9
US OilFd	...	...	11.09	-.20	+.8
USSteel	.20	...	37.49	+1.54	+369.8
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.16	+.35	+178.4
ValeantPh	...	17	15.08	-.55	-85.2
ValeroE	2.40	14	67.54	+2.82	-4.5
VanEGold	.12e	...	21.44	+.24	+56.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	36.70	+.54	+12.2
VerizonCm	2.31f	14	51.38	+1.02	+11.2
VulcanM	.80	46	129.92	+1.49	+36.8
WEC Engy	2.08f	19	56.31	+.89	+9.7
WalgBoots	1.50	19	84.99	+.28	-.2
Weathfintl	...	...	5.30	+.01	-36.8
WellsFargo	1.52	14	57.28	+1.73	+5.4
WDigital	2.00	18	69.15	+5.30	+15.2
WstnRefin	1.52	27	39.50	+1.26	+10.9
WhitingPet	...	...	12.12	-.19	+28.4
WmsCos	.80	73	31.60	+.41	+23.0
XcelEngy	1.36	19	39.35	+.58	+9.6
Xerox	.31	12	9.48	+.18	-10.8

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
19,274.85	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	19,549.62	+297.84	+1.55	+12.19	+11.76
9,144.62	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	9,371.61	+231.34	+2.53	+24.81	+22.86
723.83	547.22	Dow Jones Utilities	638.96	+7.58	+1.20	+10.58	+13.76
10,973.92	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	11,114.61	+143.83	+1.31	+9.57	+9.37
5,403.86	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,393.76	+60.76	+1.14	+7.72	+7.38
2,214.10	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,241.35	+29.12	+1.32	+9.66	+9.46
1,658.53	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,677.79	+19.51	+1.18	+19.96	+19.17
23,200.02	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,486.30	+290.62	+1.25	+10.95	+10.74
1,353.56	943.09	Russell 2000	1,364.51	+11.84	+.88	+20.13	+19.06

TODAY: Freezing drizzle	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 35 Low: 24	High: 44 Low: 32	High: 50 Low: 42	High: 64 Low: 36	High: 60 Low: 42	High: 66 Low: 38

Local forecast

There is a 30 percent chance of snow and freezing drizzle today, according to the National Weather Service. A high in the low 30s is expected. The highs will be back in the 60s by Sunday.

The record high for Dec. 7 is 79 set in 1966. The record low is 13 set in 2005. On Dec. 7 of last year, the high was 66 and the low was 35.

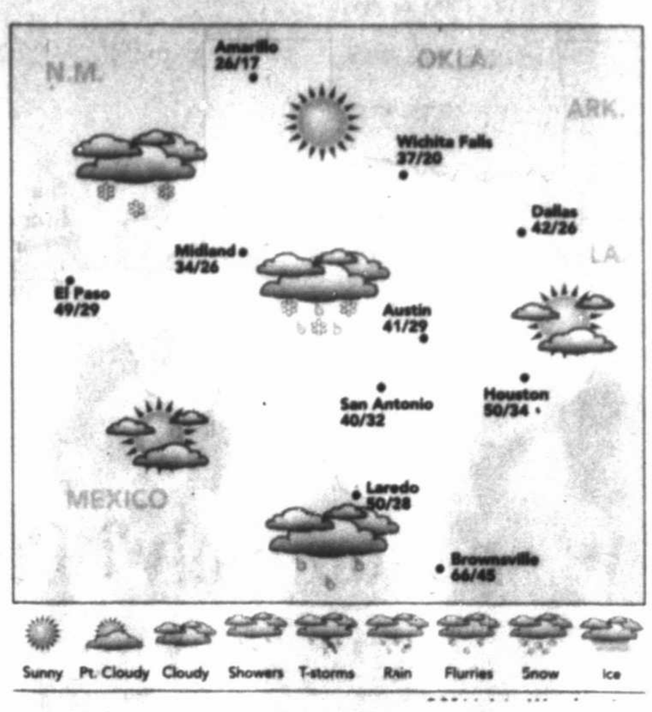
Weather brief

Groups sue feds to force Washington to protect Puget Sound

SEATTLE — An environmental group is suing the federal government to force Washington state to do more to protect Puget Sound from polluted runoff from roads, farms, logging and boats.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday, seeks to force the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to cut funding to the state for failing to protect coastal water quality.

A similar lawsuit by the same group resulted in the agencies cutting $1.2 million in grant funding to Oregon this year.



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Wednesday	0.00 in.	Low	35
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Year total	15.10 in.	Normal low	32
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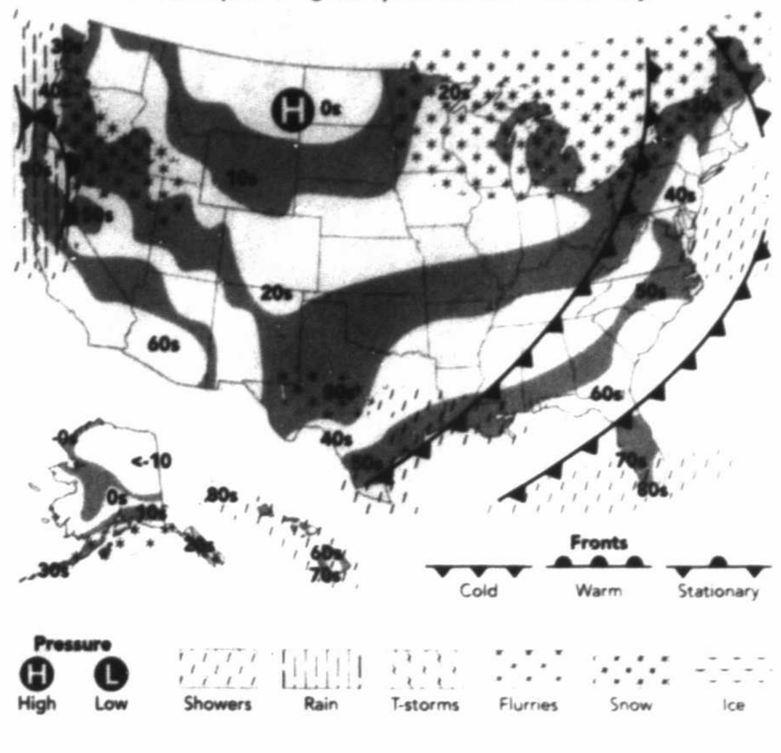

Girlfriend seeks the best way to nudge boy out of dad's bed

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 boyfriend and I have been together for two years. I moved in with him about a year ago. He has a 9-year-old son, "Todd," who stays with us every other week.

Todd is a great kid, but he has a genetic disorder and still often wets his bed. When it happens, he changes his pajamas and then climbs into bed with us. I don't mind, but I have told my boyfriend we need to start the process of his son not getting in bed with us three to four times a week.

Because I know it's going to be a process that is going to take time, I'm trying to get it started now. I really don't want an 11- or 12-year-old sleeping in our bed. How should I get this process started without nagging my boyfriend? — GREAT KID, BUT ...

DEAR GREAT KID, BUT ...: You have a point. Todd is a little too old to be climbing into bed with the two of you. What needs to be addressed — with the boy's pediatrician and possibly a urologist — is the issue of the bedwetting. After that's been resolved, suggest that your boyfriend have a talk with Todd and explain that he's old enough to sleep in his own bed.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single, 55-year-old man. During the last year, I have felt lost. My mother, my last close relative, passed away. My brother and sister died years ago, as did my father. We were a very close family. Now I am an orphan!

I don't have children and I'm not sure what I need to do. I'm in the process of selling the family home/office where I worked for the last 30 years, but I feel guilty about it. There's so much stuff to sort through — both business and personal — that I don't know where to start. I'm overwhelmed and having so many anxiety attacks I can't get the things done that I need to.

When I sell this place, I know I'm going to be devastated. I have been suffering with depression for more than 20 years, but now I seem to have hit bottom. My business is failing. I have a couple of friends, but they have their own families and problems. This is affecting my physical and mental health. How can I get past it? I'm not a religious person. — ALONE AND SAD

DEAR ALONE AND SAD: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. Grief after the death of a loved one is a normal emotion, and you might find comfort by joining a grief support group. This would not only give you a safe place to talk about your feelings, but also help you to feel less isolated.

If you haven't already done so, schedule an appointment with the physician who has been treating your chronic depression (assuming it has been treated) and ask to have your medications reviewed. If you have not received treatment, tell your doctor what has been going on and ask for a referral to a licensed therapist who works with a psychiatrist who can prescribe something appropriate.

And remember that while selling the house/office is closing a chapter in your life, it is also signaling the beginning of a new one. It may give you the renewed energy — as well as the financial means — to salvage your business or start one. Please know I wish you a happy future.

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 Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016:

This year you open up to a different way of life, one that is likely to be very rewarding. Opportunities seem to pop up from out of the blue. You could be quite serious when pushing others away. The unexpected runs riot in your life. If you are single, you could meet someone who sweeps you off your feet. Speak your mind, as this person need to know the real you. If you are attached, the two of you will be more into the fun of your commitment than you have been in a while. Emphasize the friendship within your bond. ARIES can cause a lot of uproar in your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You finally have cleared a difficult period in your life, and you finally feel good and relaxed. A conversation could go off the deep end, but know that it will return to some sort of sensible talk. A misunderstanding seems to come from out of nowhere. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You could be more inclined to see a situation differently. Understand where you are heading, especially now that you have extra energy and the willingness to be focused on a major project. Consider your alternatives carefully. Tonight: Do your best vanishing act.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your playful nature attracts many different people. You are more willing to make an extra effort, especially as you can make a difference. Relax and take care of yourself. You could be confused by everything you hear, and by how quickly you hear it. Tonight: Among friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Be more forthright in your choices. You know you can make a difference once you grasp the full dynamics of a situation. Extremes mark your thoughts. Indulgence marks your actions. You could be overwhelmed by what is happening. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You will want to indulge a child more than usual. You might think that heading in a new direction or choosing a new activity will make that easier. Allow a friend to see a situation from a different perspective. Be willing to give more information. Tonight: Meet a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Prepare to make a difference in a project that involves close relating. A family member could be unusually stern. You know what you want to do and won't hesitate, even if this person tries to interfere. Tonight: Listen to what is likely to be some significant feedback.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Be as responsive as you can be when others make a suggestion. You need to make sure you listen carefully. You don't always need to act on others' suggestions; just be open to the possibilities. You can only benefit from that type of thinking. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to see a personal matter from a different perspective. Do not take a risk. Be willing to go along with someone else's plan for now. You could feel more connected to others as a result. The more you share, the closer you will become. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You'll try to reconnect with a friend and have a long-overdue chat. If you're making a gift list for the holidays, know that you have a lot of ground to cover. Your imagination and ability to recognize what pleases others will result in the perfect gift. Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You could be deep into the moment, ready to make a change and reach a new level of understanding. Your ability to see past the obvious helps you through hassles. Remember this ability is a gift that many people do not have. Tonight: Listen to a roommate's whisperings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You will want to say something in order to acknowledge what you are hearing and/or understanding. Others might not be able to be as receptive and clear as you would like them to be. You are on your own when it comes to making an important decision. Tonight: Out late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ A possessive streak comes to the forefront. You might not be able to follow through on a friend's request. Remain sensitive to your opportunities, especially if you see a re-appearance of one. You'll want to say "yes" to what is being proposed. Tonight: Make it your treat.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Jim Morrison (1943), painter Diego Rivera (1886), basketball player Dwight Howard (1985)

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North-South vulnerable, South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 3
♡ K 9 7 2
♢ 9 8 4
♣ J 7 5 4

WEST
♠ J 9 5 2
♡ A Q 6
♢ 6 3 2
♣ Q 8 3

EAST
♠ 8
♡ 10 8 4 3
♢ K Q 10 7 5
♣ 10 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 7 6 4
♡ J 5
♢ A J
♣ A K 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♢

The opening diamond lead went to the queen and ace.

Needing to build a heart trick, South led the jack of hearts at trick two. West rose with his ace and continued with the six of diamonds to East's king.

East shifted accurately to a club, won by declarer with the ace.

South now led a spade to the ace and made the farsighted play of ruffing dummy's last diamond. He now cashed the king of spades, getting the bad news that he had a certain trump loser. Certain? Not so fast. South led a heart to the board's king and ruffed a heart. This was followed by the king and another club. West had to win this with the queen, and declarer's play of ruffing dummy's last diamond paid off. In this two-card ending, West was forced to lead a spade away from his jack into declarer's queen-10. Nicely played! Rather than end-playing West in clubs, South could have led the queen and another spade, forcing West to lead away from the queen of clubs.

The defense could have prevailed against four spades. Can you spot how? West could have simply covered the jack of hearts with the queen at trick two. South would not have had the entries he needed to ruff twice in his hand, and East would have had two entries to lead clubs through declarer. Would you have found that play?

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Throws the first pitch
7 Find fault
11 Bygone Ford
14 They may be hard
15 Tavern
17 Hunt's TV co-star
18 "Next subject"
19 Made dinner at home
20 "Sold!"
21 CIA predecessor
22 Historic Potomac estate
25 Son-gun connection
26 __ land: disputed territory
31 Rueful word
35 Quick snack
37 Simple home
38 With 40-Across, NPR broadcast since 1979
40 See 38-Across
42 Word with box or light
43 Levelheaded
45 Timer drizzler
46 Mussel habitat
48 Uno plus due
49 "Life of Brian" comedy group
56 Plant studied by Mendel
59 With 41-Down, tries for a long pass, in football lingo
60 Odor
61 First or last quarter ... and, literally, what can be found on either end of 18-, 22-, 38-/40- and 49-Across
63 Action scenes
64 Get-out-of-jail card?
65 Museum guide
66 32-Down contents
67 Fruity coolers
68 "Nothing to it"

5 Former Senator Lott
6 Lat. or Lith., once
7 Traffic enforcement devices
8 Take out __
9 Love Is On makeup maker
10 Upsilon follower
11 Hauls
12 Menu possessive linked to the Qing dynasty
13 Place in the woods
16 Tokyo-born artist
20 Gets the mist off
23 World Cup skiing champ Lindsey
24 "Moi?!"
27 Citi Field squad
28 Polynesian capital
29 Bright sign
30 Text command
31 "Time's Arrow" author
32 66-Across source
33 Covent Garden solo
34 Pretentious sort
36 Eight British kings
39 Agenda listing
41 See 59-Across
44 Shows up
47 Give to charity, say
50 Peter of Herman's Hermits
51 Webmail option
52 Copy exactly
53 Old Testament prophet
54 Future foretellers
55 Really bad
56 Carson forerunner
57 Nobelist Wiesel
58 Duck mascot company, on the NYSE
61 Starz rival
62 Kellogg School deg.
63 Some retirement acct. holdings

DOWN

1 Make a run for it
2 Connect with
3 Parting mot
4 Lacquer ingredient

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

T	I	D	A	L		R	A	T		O	D	I	U	M
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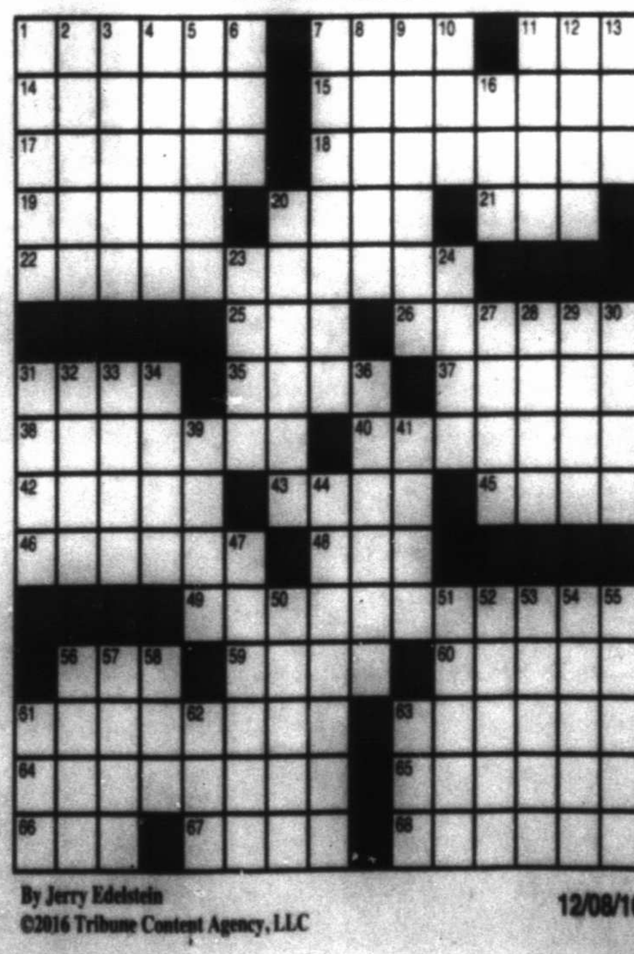

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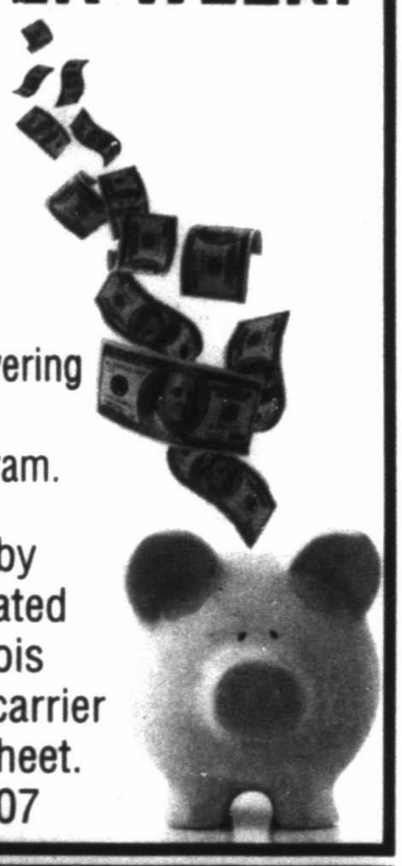

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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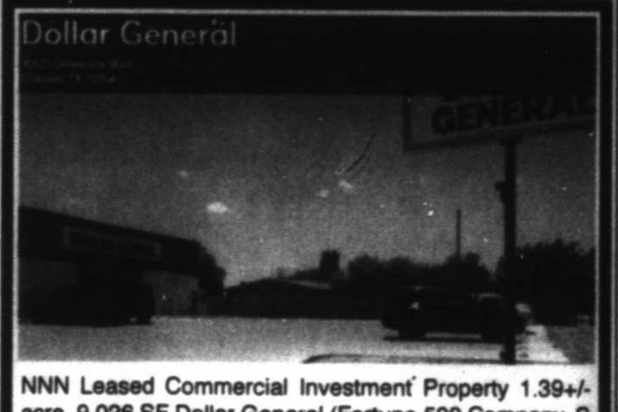

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The Gift of COLOR!

DANVILLE, Calif. – Have you ever wondered what happens to the crayons you get in restaurants to color while you are waiting for your food?

One day when Bryan Ware was at a restaurant with his children, he picked up one of their crayons and asked, "I wonder what happens to these crayons after we leave, if we don't take them home?"

How many crayons can you find on this page?

Bryan asked his server and was shocked and saddened to find out that the crayons were thrown away.

He took the crayons home that night. He thought the life of a crayon should not end after just one meal. Bryan thought about the thousands of kids that would enjoy these barely used crayons. That's when he came up with the idea of recycling unwanted crayons for children.

The Big Idea

Bryan started a non-profit called **The Crayon Initiative**. His organization collects unwanted or broken crayons and melts them down to make new crayons which are donated to children in hospitals.

Did you know?

More than 500,000 pounds of crayons end up in landfills every year. To date, The Crayon Initiative has donated over 15,000 packs of crayons to children's hospitals.

The crayons are made in Bryan's kitchen. His wife, kids and a lot of friends help sort crayons into color groups in their backyard. And volunteers from around the community as well as big corporations help sort crayons, too!

barely used crayons + kids who could use them = RECYCLING UNWANTED CRAYONS FOR CHILDREN

THE Crayon INITIATIVE

How The Crayon Initiative Works

Brand new crayons arrive at a restaurant.

Crayons are used by kids at tables.

Drop crayons from table into special collection box.

Used crayons melted down and made into new crayons.

Crayons shipped to children's hospitals.

The Crayon Initiative helps the environment and kids at the same time! Learn more at: thecrayoninitiative.org

CRAYON CONFUSION

Whoops! Use your crayons to unscramble the words on each crayon label to figure out which color to make each crayon.

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RANGEO	RAGY	LIVERS
EBUL	WONRB	CAPHE
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Extra! Extra!

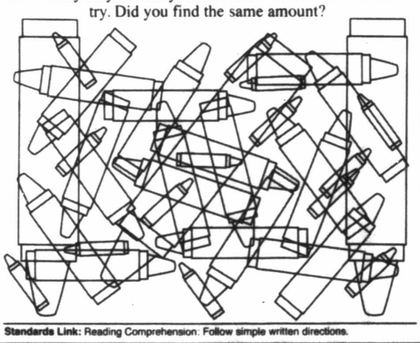
Caring Community

Look through the newspaper for one or more examples of how people in your community care for others. Write a letter to the editor thanking these caring people.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many crayons can you find below? Now have a friend try. Did you find the same amount?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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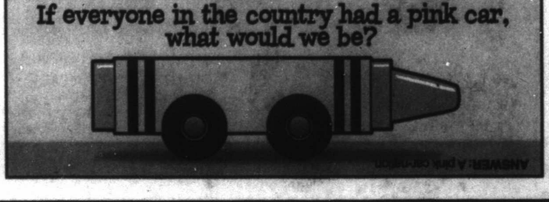
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Sequencing the News

Select a newspaper article and cut it up into three to five sections. Mix up the sections and give them to a friend or family member to read and put back in the correct order.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



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Resources That Help You Learn

Students describe resources they use for their schoolwork.

I use the library and the computer when I need more information for one of our projects like when I need to do a state report. I use pencils and paper and ink and a printer. I got some help from my teacher and my mom. I put it all together using scissors and glue and I put it in a binder.

Javier, 6th grade

We have a computer lab that we can go to at recess. This is the best resource for information for schoolwork. I can also ask my teacher for help and sometimes I ask my friends. I think they can be good resources because we can talk about the project and decide what we want to do.

Amber, 4th grade

My classroom is full of resources like crayons, markers and construction paper. We have a Reading Corner with a special chair and a mat. We have posters and maps and a projector with a screen and lots and lots of books.

Cody, 4th grade

There are high school students who come to our classroom to help us with reading and sometimes with math. When someone needs extra help, they will sit down with them and help them understand math problems or give them practice tests with spelling. We love our high school helpers.

Jasmine, 5th grade

We have a lot of resources at our school. We have a library, a computer room, an art room and a gymnasium.

Derek, 5th grade

The best resource I know for getting schoolwork done is my teacher, Mrs. Phillips. She is the best teacher because she can explain math really clearly and she sits down and helps you if you don't get it at first. She also lets us have special days if we all do well on a test, when we can bring in treats for the whole class.

Justine, 3rd grade

We use our textbooks and we have reference books in our classroom and in the library. We are also allowed to use the internet when we need to do some research.

Elena, 4th grade

Write On!

Start a New Business

If you could start a business, what would it be? How do you know if people need what your business offers? Explain why you would like to start this business.

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